

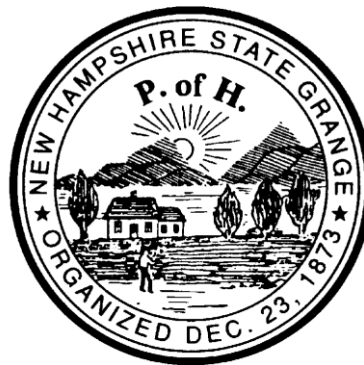
PROCEEDINGS

Of the

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINTH
ANNUAL SESSION

New Hampshire State Grange

Of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry



Held at

Hampton Beach, NH

October 25, 26, 27, and 28, 2012

Carolyn J. Ross, Secretary

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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

* *Deceased*

† *Present during Session*

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
OF THE ORDER OF THE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY
ASHWORTH BY THE SEA, HAMPTON BEACH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Thursday, October 25, 2012

The New Hampshire State Grange Officers marched in to officially open the 139th Annual Session at 7:00 PM.

Officers present were:

State Master Jim Tetreault called the session to order with the Grange opening in the Sixth Degree. During the opening Sharon and Lester Bradley led the group in singing "How Great Thou Art".

Roll call of officers found all present.

Master	James Tetreault
Overseer	Christopher Heath
Lecturer	Hannah West
Steward	Robert Trombi
Assistant Steward	Arthur Merrill
Lady Assistant Steward	Jane Trombi
Chaplain	Matthew Clark
Chaplain Emeritus	Hugh Clark
Treasurer	Gail Turcotte
Secretary	Carolyn J. Ross
Gatekeeper	Kathy Yardley
Ceres	Tricia J. Taylor
Pomona	Ida Hutchins
Flora	Ann Leger
Executive Committee	Wilber Heath
	Robert Haefner
	Beth Merrill
	Donald R. Ross
	Mark Collins
Musician	Lester Gibbs
Historian	Richard W. Patten

The Grange was then lowered to the Fourth Degree.

Roll call of Granges found a quorum present.

State Master Jim Tetreault introduced Chris Johnston, National Gatekeeper and his wife, Connie, First Lady Michigan State Grange. The Johnston's were escorted to the Master's Station and each spoke briefly.

A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Wilber Heath to dispense with the reading of the Convention Rules. The vote was in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Matt Clark and seconded by Chris Heath to accept the Convention Rules as printed in the delegate packets. The vote was in the affirmative.

**Standing Rules of the 139th Annual Convention
New Hampshire State Grange of the
Order of Patrons of Husbandry**

**Ashworth by the Sea
295 Ocean Blvd
Hampton Beach NH
October 25-28, 2012**

1. All persons, except special guests, shall be registered. Nametags and programs shall be issued.
2. Admission to the meetings shall be by nametag and password only. Upon giving proper password, the meeting Deputy will provide a colored sticker for the name badge to eliminate the need for giving the password again at this Session. If you are not wearing your nametag, you will be refused admittance.
3. As a common courtesy to all members, cell phones are to be turned off, or set on vibrate.
4. At least fifteen delegates shall constitute a quorum of the State Grange.
5. Every Subordinate and Pomona Grange in good standing shall be represented by the Master or his/her alternate and one other delegate from said Grange.
6. The voting body of the State Grange shall be all registered delegates.
7. Members attending as non-delegates may take part in discussion, with permission from the chair, but shall not make motions and shall not vote.
8. A member wishing to speak shall wait for recognition by the Master, and upon provision of a working microphone shall announce his/her name and Grange he/she is representing.
9. When two members rise to speak at the same time, the chair will first recognize the member seated the furthest distance from the Master's station.
10. No delegate shall speak more than two minutes on any question under discussion nor may speak a second time until all others who wish to speak have had the opportunity to do so.
11. All reports and other material for the permanent record, immediately on presentation, shall be given to the State Secretary, via a Scandisk which the State Secretary will provide and a paper copy of any report.
12. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the meeting in all cases where they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws and these Standing Rules.
13. These Standing Rules shall be presented to the members for adoption; a 2/3 vote shall be required for adoption.

State Master Jim Tetreault called a brief recess to prepare for the Memorial Service.

Meeting was called back to order and State Chaplain Matthew Clark conducted the Memorial Service.

Memorial Service 2012

Read - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones; and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

Prayer

Song – “He Leadeth Me”

Honor our troops and country

Reading - “I Am the Flag”

Read by: Wilber Heath

I AM THE FLAG

I am the flag of the United States of America. My name is Old Glory.
I fly atop the world's tallest buildings. I stand watch in America's halls of justice.
I fly majestically over institutions of learning. I stand guard with power in the world.
Look up and see me.
I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice. I stand for freedom. I am confident. I am arrogant. I am proud.
When I am flown with my fellow banners, My head is a little higher, My colors a little truer.
I bow to no one! I am recognized all over the world. I am worshipped. I am saluted.
I am loved. I am revered. I am respected. And I am feared.
I have fought in every battle of every war for more than 200 years. I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appamatox. I was there at San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, in the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome and the beaches of Normandy, Guam, Okinawa, Korea and KheSan, Saigon, Vietnam know me. I was there. I led my troops, I was dirty, battle worn and tired, but my soldiers cheered me and I was proud.
I have been burned, torn and trampled on in the streets of countries I have helped set free. It does not hurt for I am invincible. I have been soiled upon, burned, torn and trampled in the streets of my country.
And when it's done by those whom I've served in battle - it hurts. But I shall overcome - for I am strong.
I have slipped the bonds of Earth and stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space from my vantage point on the moon. I have borne silent witness to all of America's finest hours. But my finest hours are yet to come.
When I am torn into strips and used as bandages for my wounded comrades on the battlefield, when I am flown at half-mast to honor my soldier, or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving parent at the grave of their fallen son or daughter, I am proud.

Reading - “The Average American Soldier”

Read by: Bob Trombi

THE AVERAGE AMERICAN SOLDIER

I cannot help myself from feeling pride and being proud for all our service personnel each time I read this. Just heard Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld say today, "Our troops are ready to go. We just need the word

from the President," or words to that effect. The days ahead will bring a lot of hardship and death to many people on all sides. Only God can help them now, as it appears a war is written in the sand.

The average age of the Infantryman is 19 years.

He is a short haired, tight-muscled kid who, under normal circumstances is considered by society as half man, half boy. Not yet dry behind the ears, not old enough to buy a beer, but old enough to die for his country.

He never really cared much for work and he would rather wax his own car than wash his father's; but he has never collected unemployment either.

He's a recent High School graduate; he was probably an average student, pursued some form of sport activities, drives a ten year old jalopy, and has a steady girlfriend that either broke up with him when he left, or swears to be waiting when he returns from half a world away.

He listens to rock and roll or hip-hop or rap or jazz or swing and 155mm Howitzers.

He is 10 or 15 pounds lighter now than when he was at home because he is working or fighting from before dawn to well after dusk.

He has trouble spelling, thus letter writing is a pain for him, but he can field strip a rifle in 30 seconds and reassemble it in less time in the dark.

He can recite to you the nomenclature of a machine gun or grenade launcher and use either one effectively if he must.

He digs foxholes and latrines and can apply first aid like a professional.

He can march until he is told to stop or stop until he is told to march.

He obeys orders instantly and without hesitation, but he is not without spirit or individual dignity.

He is self-sufficient. He has two sets of fatigues: he washes one and wears the other. He keeps his canteens full and his feet dry.

He sometimes forgets to brush his teeth, but never to clean his rifle.

He can cook his own meals, mend his own clothes, and fix his own hurts. If you're thirsty, he'll share his water with you; if you are hungry, his food. He'll even split his ammunition with you in the midst of battle when you run low.

He has learned to use his hands like weapons and weapons like they were his hands. He can save your life - or take it, because that is his job.

He will often do twice the work of a civilian, draw half the pay and still find ironic humor in it all. He has seen more suffering and death than he should have in his short lifetime.

He has stood atop mountains of dead bodies, and helped to create them.

He has wept in public and in private, for friends who have fallen in combat and is unashamed.

He feels every note of the National Anthem vibrate through his body while at rigid attention, while tempering the burning desire to 'square-away' those around him who haven't bothered to stand, remove their hat, or even stop talking. In an odd twist, day in and day out, far from home, he defends their right to be disrespectful.

Just as did his Father, Grandfather, and Great-grandfather, he is paying the price for our freedom.

Beardless or not, he is not a boy.

He is the American Fighting Man that has kept this country free for over 200 years.

He has asked nothing in return, except our friendship and understanding.

Remember him, always, for he has earned our respect and admiration with his blood.

Pray for our troops

Song – “America the Beautiful”

Reading – from Grange manual

Once more our fraternal circle has been broken, but the Faith we practice and teach is our sustaining arm in this hour of mourning. We weep at the loss we have suffered in our earthly fellowship, yet not as those who are without Hope. All the teachings of Nature are our assurance, and the promise of the Master is our refuge – “Because I live, ye shall live also.”

Reading – “Not How He Died”

Not how did he die, but how did he live? Not what did he gain, but what did he give?
These are the units to measure the worth Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.
Not, what was his church, nor what was his creed? But had he befriended those really in need?
Was he ever ready, with word of good cheer, To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?
Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say, But how many were sorry when he passed away.

Roll call: Grangers who have graduated to the Great Grange above and received their welcome plaudit, “Well done, good and faithful servant.

2012 State Session Memorial List

Rochester #86	B. Franklin Hayes	PM NH State Grange, Past National Secretary, Member of Assembly of Demeter, PM Eastern NH Pomona #2 PM Rochester #86
Eastern NH Pomona #2	Carryl Heath	Past Pomona Deputy, PM Eastern NH Pomona #2 PM Wattannick #327
Harmony #99	Elizabeth Cotsibas	Past State Executive Comm, Deputy, Trustee of Trust Funds, PM Belknap County Pomona # 4 PM Harmony # 99

Riverside #137	Marylin Machia	Past Subordinate & Jr. Deputy, Past Matron, White Mountain Jr. PM Northern NH Pomona #5 PM White Mountain #50
Hampton Falls #171	Kenneth Pelton	Past State Agriculture Comm, PM East Rockingham Pomona #11 PM Hampton Falls #171
Golden Rod #114	Elizabeth Grant	Past State Contact Comm, PM Cheshire County Pomona #6 PM Golden Rod #114
Chichester #132	Russell MacCleery	PM Carlisle, MA
Chichester #132	Walter Sanborn	PM Chichester #132
Crown Point #65	Verna Foss	PM Crown Point #65
Granite #7	Elizabeth Wright	PM Hillsborough County Pomona #1 PM Hollis # 12
Halloween #317	Alta Hammett	PM Merrimack River #4, PM Rumford #109 PM Loudon Center # 173
Hampton Falls #171	Margaret Lovett	PM East Rockingham Pomona #11 PM Ocean Side #260
Harmony #99	Nicholas Cotsibas	Spouse of Elizabeth Cotsibas, Past State Executive Comm, PM Belknap County Pomona # 4 PM Harmony # 99
Park #249	Marion Boardman	PM Sullivan County Pomona #9 PM Cornish #25
Pleasant Valley #272	Maurice Libby	Spouse of PM Patricia Libby, Pleasant Valley #272
Prentice Hill #257	Genevieve Lounder	PM Ashuelot #129 & Matron of Ashuelot Junior Grange
Riverside #137	Beryl Boyle	PM Northern NH Pomona #5 PM Riverside #137
Riverside #137	Patricia Lennon	PM Riverside #137
Squam Lake #258	Kenneth Torsey	PM Squam Lake #258
Watatic #36	Angie Standley	Spouse of George Standley, PM Watatic #36
Watatic #36	Emilie Willard	PM Grand Monadnock Pomona #22 PM Miller #34
West Thornton #253	Dorothy Bradley	PM West Thornton #253

Wingold #308

Janet McLean

Spouse of PM David McLean,
Wingold #308

John Scott

Past National Master

Kermit Richardson

Past National Master

As each name was called a candle was lit and a flower added to the arrangement. Assisting were State Master, Jim Tetreault, State Flora, Anne Ledger, State Ceres, Tricia Taylor and State Pomona Ida Hutchins.

Reading – “As We Look Back”

Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on, and cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone. Those we love can never be more than a thought apart, for as long as there is memory, they'll live on in the heart. As we look back over time we find ourselves wondering, did we remember to thank you enough for all you have done for us? For all the times you were by our sides to help and support us..... To celebrate our successes To understand our problems And accept our defeats? Or for teaching us by your example, the value of hard work, good judgment, Courage and integrity? We wonder if we ever thanked you for the sacrifices you made. To let us have the very best? And for the simple things like laughter, smiles and times we shared? If we have forgotten to show our Gratitude enough for all the things you did, we're thanking you now. And we are hoping you knew all along, how much you meant to us. Do not stand at my grave and weep; I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glints on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry; I am not there, I did not die.

Reading – “I Am Not Dead”

Do not stand at my grave and weep; I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flights. I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry; I am not there, I did not die.

Song – “Blest Be the Tie”

Prayer

After the conclusion of the Memorial Service, State Treasurer Gail Turcotte was called upon to give her final report.

Treasurer's Annual Report

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Associate State Officers, Members of the Pink Sash Family, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters:

I am pleased to bring you my fifth and final report as your State Treasurer. I will not be accepting the nomination for the office of Treasurer for another term. During the past five years we have traveled many roads and paths some of which I would never have guessed would need to be traveled. I will not miss the challenges of dealing with the Internal Revenue Service on a regular basis any more. As usual, I will not give you complete details of our finances now, as those will be printed in the Journal. These are some highlights of our past year that I would like to share with you.

Sherrill Bokousky and the members of her fundraising team have been very busy once again during the year and I would like to thank them for all their efforts. Fundraising remains an important goal for this administration but unfortunately we were not able to meet our goal of \$6,000 as set forth in the budget approved last year. Legal counsel for ongoing matters significantly increased that line item and we had to withdraw a total of \$14,000 from invested principal during the year to cover our operating expenses.

Anne and Marty Boisvert continue to manage our building in Hooksett and they perform as much maintenance work themselves as possible to help control costs. Our custodian Chris Heath keeps our building clean so it always looks inviting to anyone attending a meeting or function there. Thank you Anne, Marty and Chris for your efforts.

Our invested funds remain with Morgan Stanley and after our annual review with our financial advisor John Habig, Don Ross and I recommended to the Executive Committee that we continue with our present investment and spending policy. Our investment plan currently allocates 60 % to equities, 38% to fixed income and 2% to cash and equivalents with combined goals of growth and income.

We continue to carry the value of the State Grange Building at the purchase price of \$87,500.00. The former Contoocook Grange hall is still on the market with one interested party seeking a variance for use from the Town of Hopkinton.

Wicwas Lake Grange was able to pay off their remaining loan balance of \$835 in full this year. Thank you Wicwas Lake members for your diligence and hard work. This leaves our accounts receivable with a balance of \$345 owed by Halloween Grange for their loan.

A quick review of the special funds shows that the Grange Services Department used \$4000 income from the Education Loan Fund to award scholarships this year. The Randall Richardson Memorial Youth Fund continues to accept donations and income earned is used to aid qualifying members to attend National Session. This year four members are eligible to receive assistance with travel expenses to Boise, Idaho

We opened a new Defunct Grange account when the former White Mountain Grange treasury was transferred to us last fall. Following our financial advisors recommendation this money was invested in an I series US Treasury bond.

We just completed a twelve page compliance report to the IRS that dealt with our group non-profit tax exemption ruling. Reviewing, discussing and answering the 80 questions in the report reinforced the need for complete and accurate financial record keeping as well as remaining an active community service organization. I strongly encourage each Grange to review your records and be sure that you are keeping enough information to successfully prove that you are in compliance with IRS non-profit guidelines and rules. Our non-profit status is a privilege not a right and if we do not comply with current guidelines and continue to be active in our local communities any Grange could lose its non-profit status. Please keep this in mind when planning your Grange activities for the new-year.

All Granges in NH are still required to file an annual report to the IRS and most are able to file electronically by using the 990-N. For those few Granges that are unable to file on line I have paper copies of the 990-EZ form available here at my station or I will mail the form to any Grange upon request. The due date for either report is February 15, 2013.

I also want to take this opportunity to remind the Granges that own their own building and/or land that each year they must file for a real estate tax exemption with the city or town they are located in. Most towns use the state forms BTL A-9 and A-12 available on the NH Bureau Tax Land Appeal website but a few cities use their own forms. Either way it is the responsibility of the Grange as applicant to file the forms even if the town does not send you any type of notice. The actual deadline varies with each town but it is always due sometime in April.

We will be discussing the proposed budget Saturday morning and I would like to encourage each Delegate to take the time to review this proposal if you have not already done so. I strongly encourage fiscal responsibility- the NH State Grange is not so different from the average family- if you spend more money than you earn you will have to withdraw from your savings. Unfortunately withdrawing money from savings or in our case invested principal can only last just so long and then you run out of money and possibly endanger the financial future of our organization. In my opinion goals, dreams and needs should be balanced by keeping at least one foot grounded in reality and if the money isn't earned or raised you shouldn't plan on spending it by withdrawing principal. I will be glad to answer any questions about the proposed budget prior to Saturday morning session.

I would like to thank Don Ross and Beth Merrill, finance committee members for assisting me during this past year. Don continues to attend meetings with our financial advisor and he assisted me with the IRS compliance report and both Beth and Don offer advice whenever called upon. Thank you Worthy Master for being willing to listen to my suggestions. Even when Jim and I don't agree on an issue he is always willing to consider a different point of view before making his decision.

I would like to extend a large thank you also to Carolyn Ross, State Secretary for her assistance with our shared duties. Carolyn's diligence in mailing reminder notices of bills owed has helped keep our uncollected dues, bonding and assessment fees very low. I know it is never pleasant to be responsible for sending overdue notices to Grange friends. On a personal note without Carolyn's cheerful help Wayne and I would not have been able to travel during the past two years or enjoy his retirement each winter in Florida. We are looking forward to many more happy trips and warm winter days.

Fraternally submitted,
 Gail M. Turcotte, Treasurer
 New Hampshire State Grange

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
 CHECKING ACCOUNT**

October 1, 2011	TD Banknorth Checking Account	4,555.02
	Income- Exhibit B	83,598.02
	Expense- Exhibit C	-81,934.79
September 30, 2012	Balance	6,218.25

Accounts Receivable

October 1, 2011	Balance	1,180.00
	Payment on loans	-835.00
September 30, 2012	Balance	345.00

State Grange Building Hooksett

October 1, 2011	Purchase Price	87,500.00
September 30, 2012	Purchase Price	87,500.00

Former Contoocook Grange Building

October 1, 2011	Town valuation	197,500.00
September 30, 2012	Town valuation	197,500.00

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

October 1, 2011	TD Bank Checking Account	520.34
	Income	
	Expenses	
September 30, 2012	Balance	369.37

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

October 1, 2011	Balance	125,591.50
	Transferred	33,680.00
	Earnings	4,667.20
	Realized Gain/Loss	1,466.22
	Quarterly Income Paid	-4,887.74
	Withdrawals	-14,000.00
	Fees paid	-1,652.85
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	14,079.82
September 30, 2012	Ending Market Value	158,944.15

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

October 1, 2011	Balance	41,658.76
	Earnings	1,544.25
	Realized Gain/Loss	2,715.84
	Transferred	-33,680.00
	Annual Income paid	-1,491.20
	Fees paid	-560.67
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	3,017.13
September 30, 2012	Ending Market Value	13,204.11

Note- one eligible account closed during year and transferred into operating account

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK
Defunct Grange**

October 1, 2011	Balance	75.28
	Interest	.03
	Annual Income Paid	-9.32
September 30, 2011	Ending Balance	65.99

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

October 14, 2011	Purchase Price	2,106.91
September 30, 2012	Ending Balance	2,106.91

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

October 1, 2011	Balance	463,209.79
	Earnings	17,528.77
	Realized Gain/Loss	9,272.21
	Paid Granges	-16,925.34
	Withdrawal	-4,000.00
	Fees Paid	-6,262.62
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	51,650.18
September 30, 2012	Ending Market Value	514,472.99

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

October 1, 2011	Balance	19,910.30
	Earnings	718.42
	Contributions	150.00
	Realized Gain/Loss	161.12
	Aid to Youth	-400.00
	Fees Paid	-261.33
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	1,593.91
September 30, 2012	Ending Market Value	21,872.42

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

October 1, 2011	Balance	116,414.63
	Earnings	4,441.95
	Realized Gain/Loss	1,152.33
	Scholarships	-4,000.00
	Fees Paid	-1,597.43
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	6,218.17
September 30, 2012	Ending Market Value	130,629.65

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

October 1, 2011	Balance	19,176.64
	Deposits	21,590.00
	Earnings	541.73
	Realized Gain/Loss	-538.12
	Withdrawals	-15,947.82
	Fees Paid	-184.20
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	2,439.03
September 30, 2012	Ending Market Value	27,077.26

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

October 1, 2011	Balance	39,401.09
	Earnings	1,471.56
	Deposits	140.00
	Donations	20.00
	Realized Gain/Loss	-210.20
	Aid to members	-1,226.00
	Fees Paid	-529.41
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	5,288.41
September 30, 2012	Ending Market Value	44,355.45

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

October 1, 2011	Balance	9,806.91
	Earnings	374.67
	Realized Gain/Loss	-38.28
	Fees Paid	-134.57
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	1,347.01
September 30, 2012	Ending Market Value	11,355.74

**NEW HAMPSHIRE GRANGE TRUST
CHECKBOOK SUMMARY**

October 1, 2011	Morgan Stanley Checking Account	312.14
Income	Donations	10.00
	Budget from State Grange	140.00
	Transfer from trust/aid to members	<u>1,226.00</u>
	Transfer from trust/filing fee	75.00
Total Income		1,763.14
Less	Aid paid to members	-1,226.00
Expenses	State of NH- charitable filing fee	<u>-75.00</u>
Total		-1,301.00
September 30, 2012	Ending balance	462.14

Exhibit B

New Hampshire State Grange

Income

Investments

Operating Account Income	4,887.74
Withdrawals from Principal	14,000.00
Special Funds	
Defunct Grange Accounts	1,500.52

Other Income

Accounts Receivable	835.00
Bonding Fees Subordinate/Pomona	3,442.00
Donation	0.00
Dues & Fees	40,323.50

Eastern States/Blueberry Pie	1,600.00
National Grange Session	1,844.00
Assessment	
NE Connection Assessment	922.00
Operations	
Fund Raising	2,772.00
<i>Granite State Granger</i> Donations	727.00
State Grange Building Use	3,000.00
State Session	4,093.75
Printing/Postage/Supplies	0.00
Sixth Degree Fees	110.00
Spring Fling	173.00
State Grange Building Fund	90.00
Donations	
Supply Department	
Materials for resale	375.03
Miscellaneous	355.65
Received from Granges for orders	93.25
White Mountain Treasury	2,106.91
Reimbursed returned check	90.00
Reimbursed bank service fee	15.00
Funds Past Publicist	241.67
Total Income	83,598.02

Exhibit C
 NH State Grange
 Expenses 2011-2012

Date	Paid To	Account Charged	Check #	Amount
10/6/2011	Statewide Fire Extinguisher	State Grange Building	1777	30.00
10/6/2011	NH State Grange Supply Act	Supply Department	1778	4.00
10/6/2011	Town of Hopkinton	State Grange Other Building	1779	130.00
10/9/2011	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	1780	75.40
10/14/2011	U.S.Treasury Direct	White Mtn Defunct	UST -1	2,106.91
10/20/2011	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1781	32.17
10/20/2011	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1782	49.91
10/23/2011	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1783	13.53
10/24/2011	NH State Grange Supply Act	Supply Department	1784	9.00
10/25/2011	Jean Abbott	Deputy Expenses	1785	152.10
10/25/2011	Joann Brandt	Deputy Expenses	1786	20.70
10/25/2011	Hugh Clark	Deputy Expenses	1787	68.10
10/25/2011	Marie Hall	Deputy Expenses	1788	40.20
10/25/2011	Dorothy Haskins	Deputy Expenses	1789	90.60
10/25/2011	Chris Heath	Deputy Expenses	1790	78.06
10/25/2011	Ida Hutchins	Deputy Expenses	1791	160.50
10/25/2011	Neil MacDonald	Deputy Expenses	1792	111.30
10/25/2011	Artnur Merrill	Deputy Expenses	1793	231.00
10/25/2011	Donald R Ross	Deputy Expenses	1794	106.80
10/25/2011	Stephen Tracy	Deputy Expenses	1795	28.80
10/25/2011	Stephen Tracy	Hall Rental/Print/Post/Sup	1796	40.00
10/25/2011	Jane Trombi	Deputy Expenses	1797	87.00
10/25/2011	Kathy Yardley	Deputy Expenses	1798	144.90
10/29/2011	Kim Bascom	State Session	1799	74.20
10/30/2011	Town & Country Motor Inn	State Session	DC-5	2,643.46
11/2/2011	Business Card	Print/Post/Sup/St Session	1800	372.45
11/2/2011	Hooksett Vlg Water Precinct	State Grange Building	1801	25.00
11/2/2011	Town of Hopkinton	State Grange Other Building	1802	130.00
11/3/2011	Donald F Whittum Law Ofc PLLC	Legal Expenses	1803	207.23
11/3/2011	Richard Belisle	State Grange Building	1804	50.00
11/3/2011	National Grange	Sixth Degree Fees	1805	27.50
11/3/2011	TD Bank	Returned check insuff funds		90.00
11/3/2011	TD Bank	Bank Service Fee		15.00
11/7/2011	Dan Bascom	State Session	1806	30.40
11/9/2011	Leone, McDonnell & Roberts	Accounting Services	1807	850.00
11/18/2011	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1808	46.64
11/18/2011	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1809	32.22
11/21/2011	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1810	13.53
11/21/2011	National Grange	Dues- National Grange	1811	4,038.00
12/3/2011	Business Card	Print/Post/Sup/St Session	1812	270.27
12/6/2011	Luke Weigle	Legal Expenses	1813	1,176.00
12/7/2011	Hannah West	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1814	240.48
12/5/2011	Jim Tetreault	Master's Expenses	1815	1,000.00
12/5/2011	Carolyn Ross	Secretary's Expenses	1816	650.00
12/5/2011	Gail Turcotte	Treasurer's Expenses	1817	500.00
12/10/2011	Donald F Whittum Law Ofc PLLC	Legal Expenses	1818	1,463.25
12/12/2011	Leone, McDonnell & Roberts	Accounting Services	1819	1,880.00

12/14/2011	Concord Monitor	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1820	308.54
12/16/2011	Chris Heath	State Grange Building	1821	300.00
12/16/2011	Chris Heath	State Grange Building	1822	18.00
12/16/2011	Carolyn Ross	Printing/Postage/Supplies	1823	71.36
12/19/2011	Gail Turcotte	Printing/Postage/Supplies	1824	102.79
12/19/2011	NH Fire Academy	Leader's School- December	1825	100.00
12/19/2011	Family & Community Services	Department Expenses	1826	315.00
12/19/2011	Grange Services	Department Expenses	1827	70.00
12/19/2011	NH State Grange Lecturer	Department Expenses	1828	385.00
12/19/2011	Legislative/Agriculture	Department Expenses	1829	315.00
12/19/2011	Membership	Department Expenses	1830	300.00
12/19/2011	Trustees of Trust Funds	Department Expenses	1831	70.00
12/19/2011	Lost Check	Department Expenses	1832	0.00
12/20/2011	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1833	56.98
12/21/2011	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1834	32.22
12/29/2011	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1835	13.53
12/31/2011	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	1836	1,196.84
1/11/2012	NH State Grange Supply Act	Supply Department	1837	2.00
1/12/2012	Donald F Whittum Law Ofc PLLC	Legal Expenses	1838	806.24
1/16/2012	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	1839	53.00
1/16/2012	Leone, McDonnell & Roberts	Accounting Services	1840	65.00
1/19/2012	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1841	32.26
1/23/2012	Belisle Machine Works Inc	State Grange Building	1842	50.00
1/23/2012	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1843	61.91
1/24/2012	Belisle Machine Works Inc	State Grange Building	1844	50.00
1/24/2012	Chris Heath	State Grange Building	1845	15.98
1/24/2012	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1846	13.54
1/25/2012	National Grange	Bonding Fees combined	1847	3,846.00
1/29/2012	Belisle Machine Works Inc	State Grange Building	1848	50.00
2/1/2012	Belisle Machine Works Inc	State Grange Building	1849	100.00
2/1/2012	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	1850	308.03
2/6/2012	MSA Group	State Grange Insurance	1851	2,271.00
2/8/2012	Hooksett Vlg Water Precinct	State Grange Building	1852	25.00
2/19/2012	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1853	59.89
2/19/2012	NH State Grange Supply Act	Supply Department	1854	22.75
2/23/2012	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1855	32.39
2/23/2012	P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1856	13.53
2/23/2012	Void		1857	
2/25/2012	Eastern Propane & Oil	State Grange Building	1858	100.00
2/23/2012	National Grange	Dues- National	1859	3,972.00
2/27/2012	Stephen Tracy	Deputy Expenses	1860	129.00
3/1/2012	Void		1861	
3/2/2012	Business Card	Print/Post/Sup/Supply Dpt	1862	588.29
3/9/2012	NH State Grange Supply Act	Supply Department	1863	5.00
3/9/2012	Belisle Machine Works Inc	State Grange Building	1864	50.00
3/13/2012	NH State Police-Criminal Records	Legal Expenses	1865	125.00
3/12/2012	Donald F Whittum Law Ofc PLLC	Legal Expenses	1866	117.50
3/9/2012	Jim Tetreault	Master's Expenses	1867	1,000.00
3/9/2012	Carolyn Ross	Secretary's Expenses	1868	650.00
3/9/2012	Gail Turcotte	Treasurer's Expenses	1869	500.00
3/12/2012	Hannah West	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1870	232.13
3/12/2012	Shaker Regional School District	Spring Fling	1871	100.00

3/13/2012 NH State Grange Youth Dept	Department Expenses	1872	450.00
3/21/2012 Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1873	32.39
3/21/2012 P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1874	64.34
3/21/2012 Chris Heath	State Grange Building	1875	5.47
3/21/2012 Chris Heath	State Grange Building	1876	300.00
3/26/2012 P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1877	13.53
3/27/2012 Business Card	Print/Post/Sup/Supply Dpt	1878	63.77
3/29/2012 NH State Grange Supply Act	Supply Department	1879	20.00
4/1/2012 Concord Monitor	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1880	305.87
4/5/2012 Donald F Whittum Law Ofc PLLC	Legal Expenses	1881	2,387.81
4/8/2012 Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	1882	53.00
4/14/2012 P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1883	53.98
4/19/2012 Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1884	33.45
4/25/2012 P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1885	13.69
4/25/2012 Town of Hopkinton	State Grange Other Building	1886	155.00
4/25/2012 NH State Grange Supply Act	Supply Department	1887	18.50
5/1/2012 Wayne Turcotte	Printing/Postage/Supplies	1888	97.95
5/1/2012 Business Card	Print/Post/Sup/St Session	1889	367.00
5/4/2012 Donald R Ross	Executive Comm Expenses	1890	107.76
5/4/2012 Donald R Ross	Executive Comm Expenses	1891	21.30
5/6/2012 Donald F Whittum Law Ofc PLLC	Legal Expenses	1892	5,669.18
5/6/2012 Hooksett Vig Water Precinct	State Grange Building	1893	25.00
5/10/2012 Shaker Regional School District	Spring Fling	1894	225.00
5/10/2012 Beth Merrill	Spring Fling/Print/Post/Sup	1895	45.00
5/11/2012 Stephen Tracy	General Deputy Expenses	1896	69.76
5/11/2012 Stephen Tracy	General Deputy Expenses	1897	108.00
5/11/2012 Harland Clarke	Printing/Postage/Supplies	ACH	29.50
5/16/2012 P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1898	50.00
5/20/2012 Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1899	33.41
5/20/2012 P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1900	13.53
5/20/2012 Luke Weigle, J.D.	Legal Expenses	1901	3,182.00
5/23/2012 National Grange	Dues- National	1902	3,924.00
5/23/2012 Jean Abbott	Deputy Expenses	1903	226.80
5/30/2012 Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	1904	27.75
6/3/2012 Donald F Whittum Law Ofc PLLC	Legal Expenses	1905	540.65
6/5/2012 Concord Monitor	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1906	305.87
6/5/2012 Jim Tetreault	Office Equipment	1907	17.50
6/5/2012 Anne Boisvert	State Grange Building	1908	429.06
6/5/2012 Chris Heath	State Grange Building	1909	32.96
6/5/2012 Hannah West	Bulk Mail Permit	1910	190.00
6/5/2012 Hannah West	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1911	225.95
6/11/2012 Jim Tetreault	Master's Expenses	1912	1,000.00
6/11/2012 Carolyn Ross	Secretary's Expenses	1913	650.00
6/11/2012 Gail Turcotte	Treasurer's Expenses	1914	500.00
6/17/2012 Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1915	33.41
6/17/2012 P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1916	51.17
6/18/2012 Lost Check	Department Expenses	1917	0.00
6/18/2012 Grange Services	Department Expenses	1918	70.00
6/18/2012 NH State Grange Lecturer	Department Expenses	1919	385.00
6/18/2012 Legislative/Agriculture	Department Expenses	1920	315.00
6/18/2012 Membership	Department Expenses	1951	300.00
6/18/2012 Trustees of Trust Funds	Department Expenses	1952	70.00

6/18/2012 NH State Grange Youth Dept	Department Expenses	1953	450.00
6/18/2012 National Grange	Nat'l Session Assessment	1954	1,873.00
6/18/2012 Northeast Connection	Nat'l Session Assessment	1955	936.50
6/22/2012 P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1956	14.06
6/28/2012 Business Card	Print/Postage/Supply/St Ses	1957	83.68
6/30/2012 Chris Heath	State Grange Building	1958	300.00
7/2/2012 Holiday Inn Concord	State Session Deposit	1959	500.00
7/4/2012 Donald F Whittum Law Ofc PLLC	Legal Expenses	1960	89.91
7/6/2012 Lavallee Oil Inc	State Grange Building	1961	1,917.30
7/15/2012 NH State Grange Supply Act	Supply Department	1962	7.00
7/15/2012 NH State Grange Supply Act	Supply Department	1963	5.00
7/16/2012 Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	1964	53.00
7/17/2012 P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1965	66.15
7/17/2012 Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1966	33.86
7/16/2012 Town of Hooksett	State Grange Building	1967	60.00
7/20/2012 Luke Weigle, J.D.	Legal Expenses	1968	400.00
7/20/2012 Lavallee Oil Inc	State Grange Building	1969	140.00
7/21/2012 P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1970	13.78
8/5/2012 Business Card	Print/Post/Sup/Supply Dpt	1971	812.32
8/5/2012 Orkin	State Grange Building	1972	7.50
8/5/2012 Arthur Merrill	General Deputy Expenses	1973	45.00
8/5/2012 Arthur Merrill	Deputy Expenses	1974	330.30
8/5/2012 Hugh Clark	Deputy Expenses	1975	84.90
8/5/2012 Arlene Fall	Deputy Expenses	1976	67.50
8/5/2012 Dorothy Haskins	Deputy Expenses	1977	113.70
8/5/2012 Chris Heath	Deputy Expenses	1978	321.00
8/5/2012 Ida Hutchins	Deputy Expenses	1979	209.70
8/5/2012 Neil MacDonald	Deputy Expenses	1980	88.80
8/7/2012 Donald F Whittum Law Ofc PLLC	Legal Expenses	1981	28.00
8/7/2012 Foremost Insurance Co	State Grange Other bldg ins	1982	1,814.00
8/11/2012 Hooksett Vlg Water Precinct	State Grange Building	1983	25.00
8/14/2012 Family & Community Services	Department Expenses	1984	315.00
8/20/2012 Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	1985	33.89
8/22/2012 P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	1986	131.04
8/25/2012 Joann Brandt	Deputy Expenses	1987	74.34
8/25/2012 Jane Trombi	Deputy Expenses	1988	150.60
8/26/2012 P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	1989	14.21
8/26/2012 National Grange	Dues - National	1990	3,948.00
8/31/2012 Business Card	Print/Post/Sup/St Sess/GD	1991	170.80
9/7/2012 Larissa Grant	Deputy Expenses	1992	83.40
9/7/2012 Andrew Savage	Deputy Expenses	1993	71.70
9/7/2012 Kathy Yardley	Deputy Expenses	1994	70.80
9/10/2012 Hannah West	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1995	222.62
9/10/2012 Concord Monitor	<i>Granite State Granger</i>	1996	305.87
9/10/2012 Eastern Propane & Oil	State Grange Building	1997	393.20
9/10/2012 Jim Tetreault	Master's Expenses	1998	1,000.00
9/10/2012 Carolyn Ross	Secretary's Expenses	1999	650.00
9/10/2012 Gail Turcotte	Treasurer's Expenses	2000	500.00
9/12/2012 Anne Boisvert	State Grange Building	2001	92.30
9/12/2012 Treas. NH Farm & Forest Expo	Farm & Forest Expo	2002	200.00
9/15/2012 Chris Heath	State Grange Building	2003	300.00
9/15/2012 Chris Heath	State Grange Building	2004	18.00

9/22/2012 Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	2005	33.83
9/22/2012 P.S.N.H.	State Grange Building	2006	58.71
9/22/2012 P.S.N.H.	State Grange Other Building	2007	14.04
9/28/2012 Business Card	Print/Post/Sup/Supply Dpt	2008	139.86

Total Expenses 81,932.79

**New Hampshire State Grange
Expense Annual Summary
2011-2012**

Total	
Accounting Services	2,795.00
Bonding Fee Sub & Pom	3,470.00
Bonding Fee State	376.00
Grange	
Bulk Mail Permit	190.00
Department Expenses	
Family & Community	630.00
Grange Services	140.00
Lecturer	770.00
Legislative	630.00
Membership	600.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	140.00
Youth/Junior	900.00
Deputies Expenses	3,342.60
Dues- National Grange	15,882.00
Executive Committee	129.06
Expenses	
General Deputy Expenses	223.86
Leader's School-	100.00
December	
Legal Fees	16,192.77
Master Expenses	4,000.00
Media	
Farm & Forest Expo	200.00
<i>Granite State Granger</i>	2,147.33
Publicist	0.00
Webmaster	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00
National Session	1,873.00
Assessment	
NE Connection	936.50
Assessment	
Office Equipment	17.50
Operations	
Fund Raising	0.00
State Grange Building	6,292.39
State Session	3,151.35
State Session Deposit	500.00
Printing/Postage/Supplies	3,572.79
Rental of Hall/Meeting	20.00
Space	
Secretary Expenses	2,600.00
Sixth Degree Fees-	27.50
National	
Spring Fling	356.50

State Grange Insurance	2,271.00
State Grange Other	1,814.00
Building Insurance	
State Grange Other	579.50
Building Expenses	
Supply Department	
Material for resale	386.89
Miscellaneous	372.09
Received from Granges	93.25
for orders	
Treasurer Expenses	2,000.00
White Mountain Defunct	2,106.91
Account	
Returned check	90.00
insufficient funds	
Bank Service Fee	15.00
Totals	81,934.79

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Secretary Carolyn Ross was called upon to give her final report.

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2012

Worthy State Master, National Representatives Chris and Connie Johnston, Associate State Officers, Committee Members, Delegates and Patrons:

I will be presenting my final report as your State Secretary as I have chosen NOT TO seek another term as Secretary.

This past year Squam Lake Grange #258 closed on December 17, 2011 and a new Grange - Hinsdale #358 was chartered on April 8, 2012. There are still more Granges out there that still need to consider on closing or consolidating with another Grange.

As of June 30, 2012 there are 11 Pomona Granges in the state with a total membership of 733, of which 213 are Golden Sheaf members. The largest Pomona is Merrimack County Pomona with 105 members.

As of June 30, 2012 we have 63 Subordinate Granges with a total membership of 1778, of which 427 are Golden Sheaf members. The largest Subordinate Grange is Wingold Grange with 69 members. The total membership number of 1778 that I reported does not include 20 charter members from Hinsdale as I did not receive any member's names and addresses until this past Sunday, October 21st.

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

Silver Star certificates – 14	55 -year seals - 12
Golden Sheaf – 14	60 -year seals - 18
30-year seals – 10	65 -year seals - 25
35 -year seals – 10	70 -year seals - 10
40 -year seals – 10	75 -year certificate - 2
45 -year seals - 9	80 -year letters - 3

This past year I have worked very hard trying to match Subordinate and Pomona numbers with my membership database. In doing this I was able to lower the amount of GSG's that were needlessly mailed out by approximately 150. Many thanks to all of the Secretaries that I most likely put through the wringer in my attempt to get our membership closer to reality.

A good Secretary just doesn't happen without a lot of support and help. With this said, I would like to say a Special thank you to the following people:

Pat Izzo and Lucia Savage – my undying gratitude for handling Credentials for the past four years. You both make such a good team, to the point where I just say do whatever needs to be done to register delegates for our Annual Session.

Marie Hall – thanks so much for printing the name badges for me. Also thanks for all the times you let me vent my frustrations.

Ken Berry - thank you for helping me put together all of the mailings I did and also for trucking all of the material to the US Post Office. Thank you also for helping me to prepare the packets for State Session.

Wayne Turcotte - as I've told Wayne many times before – **“You Rock!”** You have done a tremendous, amazing, extraordinary job getting information on the State Grange Website. I swear that frequently I will send Wayne an e-mail asking him to up-date something on-line and within 5 minutes or less I get a message back saying **“DONE”**.

Donald Ross – thanks for doing all of the lifting and lugging of boxes. Whenever I get orders from Secretaries Donald has to fill the orders for me as all of the bulky material is stored in our cellar. Thanks also for proofreading as no matter how hard I try you always find something that Spell Check does not catch. Many thanks for the support you gave me when I managed to go over the edge this past year.

Gail Turcotte – when Gail and I became Secretary and Treasurer 5 years ago we became a "team". Gail was my life line as without her vast knowledge of my office I would not have been able to cope with my duties. I will miss working with Gail but most of all but I will always think of her as a sister.

At the beginning of my report I said that this was my final report. For personal and health reasons I have chosen not to seek re-election. For those of you who think being Secretary is just taking minutes you are so **WRONG**. I have done my best to do my job in a timely and professional manner and had developed a good working relationship with the Secretaries in the state. However, the time has now come for me to move on!

My wish to all, is for a healthy and prosperous 2013.

Fraternally,
Carolyn J. Ross
NH State Grange Secretary

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Executive Committee Chairman Chris Heath gave his report as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

State Grange Executive Committee Report 2012

National Representatives, Pink Sash Members, Delegates and Patrons all:

It is with pleasure to stand here and give you the report as the Chairman of the Executive Committee. Your State Grange Executive committee has had a busy, productive and interesting year. We held five meetings throughout the year and dealt with many different aspects of Grange work. I know that all the granges across the state have received copies of all the minutes in detail so I will just give a brief overview of our year.

Our first meeting was held on Saturday October 29th after State session had closed for the day. During this very short meeting, I was elected as the Chairman of the committee and Mark Collins was elected the secretary.

The next meeting was held on December 8th, 2011 at the State Grange Building. Some of the items discussed at this meeting were Contoocook Grange Hall, Claremont Grange and the New Hampshire Grange foundation. We talked about the increase in the bonding rates, IRS documentation storage and the 10,000 dollar deficit budget approved by the delegates at state session.

Our second meeting was held on March 15, 2012. At this meeting some of the items that we talked about were the status of White Mountain Grange equipment and records, the possible organization of a junior grange at Wicwas Lake Grange and the organization of Hinsdale Grange. We had communications from Leroy Watson concerning some copyright issues with other groups within the state, a synopsis of the State Master's conference held in Atlanta GA and discussed the status of the storage closet being used by the NH Arms dealers at the State Grange Building.

On June 29th, 2012, the committee held its third meeting in Hooksett. Some of the things on the agenda for this meeting were Londonderry Grange, Croydon Grange and the future of Reunion Grange. The meeting with the our financial institution was reported on by Gail Turcotte and Donald Ross, the annual spending policy was approved by the committee and the contracts for this years state session were signed.

Our last meeting was held on October 5th, 2012. Some of the items discussed at this meeting were Rockingham Grange, Friendship Grange and Baker's River Grange. We approved the budget submitted by the State Treasurer, talked about a resolution concerning Legislative Policy Authorization, elected a second delegate to National Session and elected two new trustee's members for the Trust Fund.

The committee would like to thank the delegates for allowing them to serve the order for the past year and we look forward to the challenges we will face in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted
Christopher Heath
Chairman of the State Grange Executive Committee

NH State Grange Executive Committee Meeting December 8, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:22 pm at the NH State Grange Building in Hooksett.

Present: Robert Haefner, Wilber Heath, Beth Merrill, Donald R. Ross, Mark Collins, James Tetreault, Christopher Heath, Carolyn J. Ross.

Absent: Gail M. Turcotte.

Motion made by Beth Merrill that we have executive session at the end of new business, second by Wilber Heath. Motion Passed.

Last meeting minutes read from executive meeting at state session on Oct 29th.

Old Business:

- Contoocook: There has been no interest in building since we authorized lower sell price.
- Halloween Dues: Received September quarterly report and officer list, we have NOT received a check for June or September Dues. We have not received their bonding fee either.
- Prentice Hill: Can't build new building, no septic can be installed, there is a well there. They have decided to keep the property, dispose of building and then offer property for \$10k to the abutter. They will approach us again when they are ready to offer the land for sale. EC no longer needs to action, removed from project worksheet
- Claremont Grange: Master and General Deputy are going to make this a higher priority.
- Riverhill: Jim wrote letter to Patricia Reilly.

- White Mountain: Still haven't received Charter or Roll book. Jim will follow up on it.
- NH Grange Foundation: Executive Committee determined that we don't need to be involved with its workings. Removed this item from Project work sheet.
- Bob reported that election will be Dec 20th at 6:15, one director and full slate of officers. Ruth and Bob are acting on finances now. Bob is interim chairperson. See New Business regarding monies distribution question.
- Grange Closure List: Jim following up on it.

Reports:

Master:

No action with White Mountain
Reported on National Grange legal issues

Secretary:

Passed out report

Treasurer:

Chris read her report to the Committee.

- Annual IRS 990 Tax form completed and filed
- Submitted 990-N form for the Department Tax ID number has been filed
- Sent reminder out to all Granges reminding them to file their 990-N by February 15th, 2011

Motion made by Wilber Heath, Seconded by Bob Haefner to accept reports. Motion Passed.

New Business

- Project worksheet: We went over project worksheet, made changes as needed.
- Bonding: Rates have changed. This is the first time in 20 years that the premium rates have increased
The amount of coverage is as follows - NH State Grange \$500,000
– old premium \$209- new premium \$376- increase \$176 Most
Pomona's \$2,500- old premium \$25- new premium \$42- increase
\$17Subordinates \$5,000- old premium \$31- new premium \$50-
increase \$19 will cost an additional \$1,543.00 to pay the bonding at the new rates

Wilber made motion, Seconded by Jim to have the secretary send out bills to Granges requesting that they pay the difference between the old and new rates. Motion Passed.

- Bakers River: Last meeting in Oct they voted to start the process to close their Grange. Chris offered help from State Grange; they have decided to wait until June 2012 to proceed.

Next meeting will be on March 15th at 7:15 pm.

Motion made by and seconded by Bob @ 9:15. Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Collins, Secretary
NH State Grange Executive Committee

NH State Grange Executive Committee Meeting - March 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:29PM by Chairman, Chris Heath at the State Grange Building in Hooksett.

Present: Chris Heath, Jim Tetreault, Donald Ross, Bob Haefner, Beth Merrill and Carolyn Ross

Absent: Gail Turcotte, Wilber Heath and Mark Collins

A motion was made by Bob Haefner that we accept the minutes of the December 8th meeting, including Gail Turcotte' changes. Seconded by Don Ross. Motion passed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Riverhill: no up-date, Jim will once again try to contact someone from Riverhill regarding the status of the Grange.
- White Mountain: Jean Abbott is still trying to get the books from Everett Aldrich.
- Hinsdale: In the process of trying to reorganize a Grange. Matt Clark is working with Hinsdale.
- Wicwas Lake: They have started the process of forming a Junior Grange. 14 members of Wicwas Lake have recently joined Pemigewasset Valley Pomona. Wicwas Lake members are going to help Baker's River Grange out with their wood stove pipe that needs to be fixed.
- Londonderry: Chris Heath reported that Londonderry has 13 prospective new members.
- Croydon: Jim reported that Croydon is beginning to experience growing pains.
- Leroy Watson has sent the Bow Lake Association a letter regarding the trademark issue. Leroy is looking for confirmation from the Executive Committee that he is headed in the right direction. Chris Heath will get a copy of the deed for the Bow Lake Hall from the Strafford County Register of Deeds. Motion by Beth Merrill and seconded by Don Ross to give Leroy the OK to proceed as necessary.

Reports:

Secretary and Treasurer's quarterly reports were given out.

Motion made by Jim Tetreault, seconded by Don Ross to accept the reports. Motion passed.

7:52PM –Executive Session started

Motion made by Don Ross, seconded by Bob Haefner to adjourn at 9:18PM. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be on Friday, June 29th at 7:15PM at the State Grange Building.

Carolyn Ross
Acting Secretary

NH State Grange Executive Committee Meeting – June 29, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:13PM by Chairman, Chris Heath at the State Grange Building in Hooksett.

Present: Chris Heath, Jim Tetreault, Donald Ross, Bob Haefner, Beth Merrill, Carolyn Ross, Gail Turcotte and Mark Collins

Absent: Wilber Heath

A motion was made by Jim Tetreault and seconded by Bob Haefner that we accept the minutes of the March 15th meeting. Motion passed.

Old Business

- Contoocook: The realtor thinks that the State Grange needs to lower the asking price for the Contoocook building. Jim read a letter from the realtor requesting that we drop the current asking price of \$99,900. Motion made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Don Ross to drop the price to \$80,000. Motion passed.

- Gail received water quality report for Contoocook and it came back fine.
- Bow Lake: Leroy Watson has contacted them. Bow Lake Community Association has permission to use the Grange name. Once the agreement is signed we will get a copy for our records. Scammell: Leroy Watson has contacted the Town of Durham. The Town of Durham has been given permission to use the Grange name. Once the agreement is signed we will get a copy for our records.
- Warren Pond: The building they use to meet in still has the Warren Pond Grange sign; Jim Tetreault will contact Jane Trombi to see if they can get it removed.
- White Mountain: Jim reported that Jean Abbott sent letter, they have gone through equipment, lots of records, and they haven't sorted through them all yet. They want to give much of the stuff to the Littleton historical society. Jim will send her a disposal of property guidelines document.
- Londonderry: In May; Chris Heath obligated 5 new members. The general deputy (Arthur Merrill) and Chris Heath obligated another 6 members last week.
- Croydon: They are working through the kinks of getting started. Programs are progressing. They have done some fundraising and are building up their accounts. They received some money from the National Grange for hitting their new Grange milestones
- Friendship: Grange is still under suspension, waiting for new members to be obligated so they have the required minimum membership.

Secretary and Treasurer's quarterly reports were handed out.

- Outstanding bill from NH arms dealers. 2 notices have been sent for Jan to June, \$75/Month. There is \$450 outstanding. Cynthia Sullivan is the one that opens the hall for them and feeds them. They meet the 3rd Tuesday each month at 7:00 pm.

Report from Treasurer:

- Don Ross and Gail Turcotte had an annual meeting with John Habig on May 14th at this office (Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney Finance Co). For the period from January 2012 to May 2012 we have had earnings of 6.1%. John went over current market happenings. We have agreed to stay with our 3.5% spending policy
- Review annual spending policy: Jim made a motion which was seconded by Bob Haefner to stay with the current spending policy of 3.5%. Motion passed.
- Filing cabinet: We have a new 4 drawer cabinet. It currently has the State Treasurer and Secretaries records. Space has been allocated for the departments in another two drawer file cabinet for their records.
- A cash withdrawal request from Escrow principle was made by Concord Grange. Motion made by Jim Tetreault, and seconded by Don Ross to send them their check. Motion passed. 5 to 1 vote: Beth Merrill voted against

Motion made by Bob Haefner and seconded by Beth Merrill to accept the Master, Secretary and Treasurers reports. Motion Passed

New Business:

- Project worksheet: Chris will update it for the next meeting. He will also send us the link to the Google docs page that he is hosting this document on.
- Reunion Grange: Chris has contacted the pastor of the church that Reunion Grange met in. He has no interest in restructuring the Grange. Chris may be sending a revitalization team to Reunion Grange
- Holiday Inn contract for the 2013 Annual Session: Contract needs to be signed; they will need a \$500 deposit. Chris Heath signed the contract. Session will be Thursday Oct 24- Sunday Oct 27th - \$99 for a single to quad occupancy + room tax
- We had a discussion regarding the banquet details for 2012 session. Chris signed the banquet contract for Ashworth by the Sea for 2012 session
- Discussion was had about how the Executive Committee should deal with issues that impact the State Grange between sessions. Bob and Jim will create a resolution to put to the delegate body.

- Illegal website: <http://www.grangehemppolicy.info/>: Jim has discussed this with Leroy Watson Watson and is waiting for some guidance from National Grange how to deal with this site.
- Executive committee Policy book: Wilbur Heath is working on it.
- Storage Closet: Building committee will handle use of room. Some of the money from the John West memorial fund will be used to repair the door and replace the lock.
- The Filing cabinets, Safe and other records are being moved from the museum room to the storage closet.
- Occupancy permit expires July 22nd. The building committee will take care of getting it updated.
- Discussed having the New Hampshire Grange Foundation meet at the NH State Grange annual session so that a “loose” connection could be established between the two organizations; this will be shown by having them at the session and their reports will be included in the journal of proceedings. This is being requested to address a concern from the National Grange that the Foundation is using the Grange name but it really doesn’t have any other tie-in or association with the NH State Grange. Jim has put together a state session schedule which includes a time slot for the NH Grange Foundation to report at 3:00 on Friday of the session.
- Discussion was had regarding the hiring of a Professional Fund Raiser.
- Parking on property by next door neighbor: A motion was made by Don Ross and Seconded by Beth Merrill to use discretion to select a deterrent to go between the trees near the neighbor to see if we can keep them parking on our property.
- Education Loan fund Request: The education committee has an outstanding loan for \$1000 that they want to absolve and take off the books. Motion made by Beth Merrill and Seconded by Don Ross to let them write off the loan and put these in the public minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Motion made at 9:39 to enter Executive session by Beth Merrill and seconded by Mark Collins. Motion passed

Motion made by Bob Haefner and seconded by Jim Tetreault to leave the executive session.

Next meeting is set for October 5th at 7:15pm.

Motion to end the meeting by Don Ross and seconded by Beth Merrill at 10:44pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Collins, Secretary
NH State Grange Executive Committee

NH State Grange Executive Committee Meeting – October 5, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM by Chairman, Chris Heath at the State Grange Building in Hooksett.

Present: Chris Heath, Jim Tetreault, Donald Ross, Bob Haefner, Beth Merrill, Carolyn Ross, Gail Turcotte and Mark Collins

A motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner that we accept the minutes of the June 29th meeting. Motion passed.

Old Business: None

- Reports of Granges: Jim’s report of the following Granges has been included in the comments.
- Rockingham: Don Ross reported; all junk has been removed but the fences were still in place that the neighbor had put in. There are markers on the property corners. Luke Weigle a boundary expert we are working with said that it was ok to leave the fences as the deed and other paperwork

now have the correct boundary descriptions and have been recorded properly. Jim reported that we are in the final completion stages of Rockingham. Luke Weigle has been doing some additional work to get the property cleaned up.

Worthy Master Jim Tetreault commented that Don Ross has done an outstanding job following up on this matter and getting it resolved

- Warren Pond: No Changes.
- Halloween: Currently owes June quarterly report. No additional information
- Friendship: 5 members at meeting, 3 members obligated last meeting. Still no June quarterly report. Several of new members were at the Degree Day on the 29th of September. They continue to look for new members.
- Riverhill: No new information
- Bakers River: On July 27th they had two reinstatements. They have elected a new master. They have taken in 4 new members over the last few months. The Master, Tim Ray resigned and has requested a demit and it had been granted. Jeannie Horn has been elected and installed as their new Master.
- Hinsdale: They are an official Grange now that National Grange has granted their charter. Jim Tetreault will officially be presenting this at State Session. Since they are a new Grange Jim asks if the Executive Committee would consider waiving the Delegate fees for the their first Session. He believes that the application for nonprofit incorporation has been filed. Matt Clark is still working as their Deputy, and is in the process of gathering regalia for them.
- Reunion: No change
- Troy: Nothing new to report at this time.
- Londonderry: Jim was at their meeting on Monday night and General Deputy Arthur Merrill obligated 7 new members that evening. At the count they had a total of 33 Londonderry members present At this juncture Jim is unsure and reserving judgment. Jim has appointed Rick Bailey as a Special Deputy for Londonderry Grange, with the following instruction, to give instruction on the ritualism, keep an eye on what's going on and finally make sure that all members have a democratic voice and this Grange.
- Brookline/Wilton: Sherri Bokousky has been talking with Barbara Collins and they are going to explore consolidation with Granite.
- Granite State: No Action has been taken at this point.
- Contoocook Grange Hall: As we all know Jim Tetreault has signed a purchase and sales agreement for the purchase of this hall. Jim has also signed several letters for the Planning Board to move ahead with a change of usage for the buyer. Final agreed upon price was \$35,000
- New Hampshire Grange foundation: Jim spoke with Leroy Watson about this. He says that by having them hold their Annual Meeting during our session and with the acceptance of the reports and placing them in the journal this establishes the link between the New Hampshire State Grange and the New Hampshire Grange Foundation that he was looking for. He prefers this arrangement over offering the preferred Licensing Agreement with the National Grange.

Additional Report from State Master:

- I will be looking at State Grange to change the distribution of packets this year. I will be assigning State Officers to deliver to individual Granges hopefully establishing a better connection between the State Grange and our local Granges.
- New Hampshire Arms Dealers: I was unable to get to their meeting to talk to them.
- New Hampshire Grange foundation: I did speak with Leroy Watson about this and holding their Annual Meeting during our session and acceptance of the reports of the foundation and placing

them in the journal establishes the link between the New Hampshire State Grange and the New Hampshire Grange Foundation that he was looking for to offer the preferred Licensing Agreement with National Grange.

- Grange Hemp Policy Website: Because of some other more pressing issues Leroy has not had a chance to work on this.

Motion made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner to accept the masters report, motion passed.

Secretary's report:

520 Pomona Members

1777 Subordinate members of which 427 are Golden Sheaf.

Motion made by Bob Haefner and seconded by Wilber Heath to accept the secretary's report. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion made by Bob Haefner and seconded by Carolyn Ross to accept 3rd quarter Treasurers report.

Motion passed

Motion made by Mark Collins and seconded by Beth Merrill to accept 4th quarter Treasurers report.

Motion passed

New Business:

- Prentice Hill: A realtor looked at the property. Basically the property is in an unsellable state, recommends boarding it up and putting no trespassing signs on building while Prentice Hill Grange is working on the disposition of the property. Chris Heath and Beth Merrill are going to send a letter to Prentice Hill Grange; asking for an official letter of intent from them to sell the grange that was voted on by the Prentice Hill Grange members at a meeting with a quorum present.
- State Grange Parking: People are parking in lot still. Chris called police, they spoke to neighbor telling them that this is private property and they would be towed if they continue to use our lot as a parking lot.
- Election of 2 Trustees members for the trust fund: Rodney Huntoon and Ann Leger's term is up, we need to vote for new trustees, keeping in mind that we need people from each of the 3 geographic regions. Gail Turcotte and Ann Leger were suggested by Jim Tetreault. Carolyn made a motion and Beth Merrill seconded the motion to accept these two for a 3 year term each. 7 voted in favor. 0 against.
- Selection of second delegate to national Session: Arthur Merrill was suggested. A Motion was made by Jim Tetreault and seconded by Bob Haefner that Arthur Merrill be sent to National Grange as our second delegate. Motion passed.

2012-2013 Budget:

- The State Grange Secretary presented a proposed balanced budget for the ensuing year to the Executive Committee. A motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to pass the budget. During discussion a couple of minor changes were suggested. A motion was made by Bob Haefner and seconded by Beth Merrill to accept the proposed changes to the budget. Motion passed. The vote was then made for the initial motion. Motion passed. The Treasurer will present the budget to the delegate body during session for them to vote on it.

- Website: The NH State Grange webmaster Wayne Turcotte reported that the National Grange website rules will be put on the NH website per their suggestion.
- Hinsdale: Chartered April 8th but they won't be getting their charter until state session. A motion was made by Jim Tetreault and seconded by Don Ross to waive registration fees for Hinsdale grange members at the 2012 state session. Motion passed
- Resolution: Discussed resolution regarding Legislative Policy Authorization.

Resolution #7 Submitted by: The New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee
Subject: Interim Legislative Policy Authorization

Whereas, the Delegate Body of the New Hampshire State Grange has the responsibility of determining policy for the purposes of advocacy; and

Whereas, many important legislative issues that require immediate response arise during the year between the annual State Grange sessions; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Delegate Body of the New Hampshire State Grange authorize the NH State Grange Executive Committee to set interim legislative policy between state sessions. The Delegate Body can determine whether to make the policy permanent at the next annual session through the resolution process.

A motion was made by Jim Tetreault and seconded by Mark Collins to submit this resolution to the delegate body at state session. Motion passed

Project worksheet: Chris will update it for the next meeting. He will also send us the link to the "Google Docs" page that he is hosting this document on.

Committee books will be checked during the 6th degree rehearsal at 1:00pm in Hooksett.

Next meeting is set for October 28th after installation of officers

Motion to end the meeting was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Jim Tetreault at 10:34 pm. Motion passed.

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Bob Haefner and Tara Sad, both State Representatives and members of the State of NH Environmental and Agriculture Committee presented a program on Animal Rights Groups.

The first day of the 139th Annual Session of the New Hampshire State Grange closed at 9:20 PM. At the close of Thursday night's meeting the State Officers formed a receiving line.

Friday, October 26, 2012

The second day of the 138th Annual Session of the New Hampshire State Grange was called to order at 8:05 AM.

Roll call of officers found all present.

Roll call of Granges found a quorum present.

The minutes of Thursday evening's session were read and approved by the delegates.

State Master Jim Tetreault introduced Chris Johnston, National Gatekeeper and his wife, Connie, First Lady Michigan State Grange as our National Representatives.

State Master Jim Tetreault announced the Master's Address Committee: Bob Haefner, Chairman, Mary West, Andrew Savage, Carol Hill and Jerry Leclerc. The members of the Credentials Committee are: Pat Izzo, Chairman and Lucia Savage.

Rodney Huntoon was called upon to give the report for the Trustees of Trust Funds.

Trustees of Trust Fund Report

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Sisters,

The Trustees held their annual session last October.

The Trustees gave a hearty welcome to Rhoda Davis and Vicki Hussman as new members on the Trust Funds Committee for a term of three years.

During the past year we were able to assist three of our Grangers with assistance in purchasing hearing aids, eye glasses and general expenses for a total of \$1,226.00.

With regrets we had to turn down two applications; one due to it being a second request during the fiscal year and the other we felt that the financial statements did not warrant our accepting of the application. Both applicants were notified of our decision. One person acknowledged our decision and agreeing with us.

My term of office is up this year and I have decided not to take another term on this committee. I want to extend my thanks to the members of the Trust Committee for their support during my term of office and to wish all a successful future.

Fraternally submitted,
Rodney M. Huntoon, Chairman
Trustees of Trust Funds

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Stephen Tracy was called upon to give the report of the Organizing Deputy.

Greetings all:

This has been a year of accomplishments for the Organizing Deputy. All I will say to that is when a fellow Granger calls kao, kao, kao, please respond quickly with assistance before the issue mushrooms into some serious consequences.

I was able to work on reactivating Upper Coos Pomona and work on new Granges in Lempster, Sunapee and Claremont. These are still ongoing endeavors.

I also represented the Granges at public functions to give the Grange some PR especially in the aftermath of the Steve Taylor talks on the Grange. I attended one of his talks on One Room Schoolhouses and he speaks favorably of the Grange there.

Another option of positive PR that I am working on is television commercials to go to community television stations across the state. Kudos to all involved in the NH To Do Magazine article. I would like to suggest the State Grange appoint someone to be a PR person and search out more venues of advertising the Grange like these.

Due to getting the Grange into the public eye we have been hearing from communities wanting a Grange there. We have heard from Union and Troy and we have successfully opened a new Grange in Hinsdale. Congratulations the Cheshire County Pomona for their new Grange.

Arthur Merrill and I had the opportunity to speak to a group that resulted in many new members for Londonderry Grange.

Isn't it great to hear of all this growth? Grange fever is spreading. Are you ready? All these new members need friends. We all need to do our part to welcome them and keep them interested in staying in the Grange.

We have a resolution this year to try to correct the negativity of the Steve Taylor talks on the Grange. Some of us have attended those talks but need to do more. I am strongly supportive of Resolution #5

I recently got a phone call from someone in another prominent nationwide organization that was looking for something new as they are unhappy with the politics inside their organization and were looking for something new for their young people. We will be meeting next month and at the time of this writing they have 20 adults and 14 youth interested so far. They also have a strong interest in a Junior Grange. As word spreads within that organization we have the potential of some pretty serious growth. Will we be ready and able to handle this possible rapid growth?

We all give out time, money and talent to the Grange within our abilities. Working to build the Grange takes all these qualities. I would lovingly give more if I could afford it. A good friend of mine said that I am so frugal that I can pinch a nickel into a dime. Well I need help with those nickels. One month income was \$24 and I put it into the gas tank so I could attend 2 grange functions where I attained 3-5 new members. I am asking that the Grange find enough nickels to fund a Grange Growth Budget. Arthur Merrill said once that the Grange could not afford me but he has some suggestions to tweak the overall budget to make a small budget for this purpose. Please give him an attentive ear as he helps look to the future growth.

In the past Mark Collins made a similar adjustment to put money in the membership budget for this work and then I got moved so that was not available to use for the intended purpose. Thank you for seeing my abilities and try to fund those abilities into Grange growth.

Mark also tried to help by offering me rides to important meetings. His work schedule has grown to the point that he says he is unable to continue that. Are there others able to offer rides to future events or are there Granges or Grangers able to donate to the Grange Future Growth Fund? Even small donations add up. How about a Sunshine March once a quarter to be sent in with the quarterly dues?

At last years National Session all State Masters signed a challenge for growth of their individual states. Jim challenged us to organize or reorganize 1 subordinate and 1 junior Grange. I feel we are highly capable of trumping that challenge with more. We already have the new subordinate with more possibilities in the works. Even a Junior Grange! Wouldn't it be great to have NH State Grange honored at the National Convention next year here in Manchester!? Anyone here on board for this challenge?

Thank you and I look forward to working for you in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Tracy, Organizing Deputy
NH State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Matt Clark was called upon to give the report of Eastern States Trustees.

New England Grange Building Trustees Report 2012

Worthy Master, National Reps, Delegate Body, Brothers and Sisters all

This year found some changes to the New England Grange Building. The first change was the installation of the wireless fire alarm system unnoticeable to anyone who visits the building. The system and transmitter were placed in the attic out of site.

The second change which is very visible and drastic, was the removal of all the shrubs; and the reshaping of the bank to shed water away from the foundation on the northwest corner of the building in hopes to solve the water problem in the basement. We hope to continue this process with the remaining three corners over the next few years.

Once again this year we did a quilt raffle with all the money going to a pre-selected charity. The total money raised this year was \$5,084. The store did well this year as well with the crafts bringing in \$10,787.67, the store bringing in \$12,570.38 for a total of \$23,358.05. Thank you to all who made items to be sold in the store; with the hottest item being the scrubbies.

The Big "E" put into place a new ticket policy which requires us to give them a list of name and addresses of people who wish to get tickets, which need to be willing to work in the grange building or NH building. If you would like to work in the store, sit in the NH room, or work in the NH building for blueberry pie days, please submit your request to the State Master in plenty of time so the Big "E" can mail your tickets.

This past summer the building was used for the NEYC during which time the youth in attendance cleaned the building.

If anyone visits the building and has any suggestions to improve the building please share them with one of the trustees.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Clark
NEGB trustee from NH

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Past State Master Paul Davis was then escorted to Master's station to address the delegate body.

State Overseer Chris Heath was called upon to give his report.

National Representatives, Pink sash members, delegates and patrons all.

It is my pleasure to stand here and give my second report as your State Overseer. I have had a very exciting, productive and life changing year. I have seen an incredible growth in grange membership in a few granges that I have worked with over the past year. I hope that more granges across the state will catch the fever and get out there and get more new members.

Over the past year I have been very busy serving the state grange in many roles. I have been the custodian for the state grange building, served as a subordinate deputy, served as the chairman of the Executive committee, worked with two different subordinate granges to help build their membership and attended many events to support and promote the grange.

This year I attended North East Leaders conference, Deputy School, the three Area meetings, Spring Fling, Degree day in May, North East Youth Conference, North East Go To Church service, Grange Family weekend, North East Lecturer's conference and many other events throughout the state and Nation.

In my personal life I have had a few ups and downs. I lost my grandfather in November last year to Leukemia, my sister has battled with breast cancer and I got married to my wonderful wife Kerriann Nightingale Heath. I hope that in the future that my wife and I can bring a couple of new grange members into the world. We are excited to start our new life together and will always make sure that Grange is a part of it. I thank the delegates for the confidence that they have in me and I look forward to serving this great organization for a long time to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Heath, Overseer
New Hampshire State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Chaplain Matt Clark was called upon to give his report.

Worthy Master, National Reps, Delegate Body, Fellow State Officers, Brothers & Sisters all

What a year this has been. Last November, my wife and I traveled to Tulsa, OK to represent NH in the youth program as AS and LAS for the opening of session on Friday morning. On Thursday of session we toured the site of the Oklahoma City bombing and talked with the deputy chief of the Oklahoma City Fire Department, who was a line firefighter at the time of the bombing. After session was over my wife and I spent some time with my uncle and family there in Tulsa. That was valuable to me as he passed away shortly before Christmas last year.

My grange year activities this year included deputy school, degree days in Hudson and Meredith, NEYC, Go-to-church Sunday, and a few other meetings, when my schedule allowed, as well as my own subordinate and pomona grange meetings. My biggest task for this past year was organizing Hinsdale grange. This was an exciting journey and learning experience for me. With this experience and what I learned I will be ready and willing to help in opening a new grange.

Thank you Worthy Master for allowing me this opportunity. Thank you Worthy Treasurer for your help with the added paperwork.

I am looking forward to seeing what this year will bring. A few events on my schedule for this year are: national session in two weeks where I will be taking part in the youth legislative experience. As part of this experience I will be on the committee dealing with taxation and transportation resolutions as well as working with the legislation and media departments of the National Grange.

In July of 2013 I will be traveling to the Oliver Hudson Kelley farm with several other youth from the region to participate in the 1873 degree as Overseer for the first degree.

I thank you all for allowing me to serve as your Chaplain for the past four years and look forward to serving the State Grange for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Clark
NH State Grange Chaplain

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Master Jim Tetreault called a recess at 8:49 AM.

The meeting was called back to order at 9:00 AM.

A video from the National Master, Ed Luttrell was seen bringing his greetings from the National Grange.

Election of officers started and the following were appointed tellers: Linda Lauer, Fran Everard and Virginia Clark.

During the election Chris Johnston gave his greetings to the members.

State Musician Lester Gibbs was called upon to give his report.

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Officers, and Delegates of the New Hampshire State Grange, and Brothers and Sisters:

This has not been my most active year as State Musician, with only three major events on my calendar.

In June we participated in the Northeast Go-to-Church Service at the Cathedral of The Pines in Rindge, NH as Musician

The first week in August I served as Musician for the Northeast Lecturers' Conference and assisted Sister Hannah West, New Hampshire State Grange Lecturer, and Sister Linda Sanderson, Vermont State Grange Lecturer with the music in their programs.

September brought us together at Wicwas Lake Grange in Meredith Center, NH for the Degree Day. The attendees and participants produced the best Degree Choir in the Northeast!. It was a joy to play a piano that was in tune and in good working order.

I did attend the National Grange Master's workshop in Hooksett.

As always, it is an honor to assist with the music for the State Grange Annual Session, and I express my appreciation to our Worthy Master for the appointment to this position. It doesn't seem possible that this journey began six years ago.

Fraternally submitted,
Lester B. Gibbs,
State Grange Musician

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Gatekeeper Kathy Yardley was called upon to give her report.

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Brother & Sister Patrons

My second year of service as your gatekeeper has been a busy one! I've had the opportunity to travel to several granges and have been very encouraged by what I have seen. I've witnessed a new grange as it works to identify its purpose and place in the community and I've seen an established grange struggle with attendance and membership numbers and still do its best to ensure that the grange stays prominent in their town. Quite a difference in scenarios, yet all the while very similar.

My travels and experiences included:

- Area Directors meeting in Keene

- February Youth Rally, where I participated in activities, helped put on a workshop on how to do a sign-a-song and held an office during the meeting
- The National Master's visit in Hooksett
- Spring Fling
- Gathering Day, where I spent my money at the penny sale and participated and won best of show in the talent contest
- June Youth Rally, where I participated in the sign-a-song contest and public speaking contest
- Degree Days at Hudson Grange and Wicwas Lake Grange, where I served as Chaplain in the first degree and master in the fourth degree
- Northeast Youth Conference, where I participated in the group sign-a-song contest and won best of show for my speech about handbells
- Peterborough Grange's weekend series of workshops on developing a regional food system

I really enjoy my grange travels and sincerely hope that you enjoy yours too. It is truly a pleasure and an honor to represent the NH State Grange.

Also included in my duties is the exhibit room here at state session. It is my duty to see that there are tables ready for directors of the various departments to display their items and to see that the exhibit room is secure. Based on my past experience as Ceres and being in charge of the banquet, I imagine that I will probably have mastered this job just about the time that I retire from it!

Thank you to anyone and everyone who aided me in any way this past year, I sincerely appreciate it.

Fraternally submitted,
Kathy Yardley
Gatekeeper, NH State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Master Jim Tetreault recognized the first time delegates present in the hall.

State Pomona Ida Hutchins was called upon to give her report.

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Sisters all:

I am pleased to present my second report as your Sate Pomona. I assisted the Worthy Flora in the process of setting up and dismantling of her beautiful court and in the Memorial Service.

I attended the following State Grange functions: An area meeting, the Winter Youth Rally, Spring Fling, Variety Show and VT/NH Day. I also participated in the Northeast Lecturer's Conference and in both Degree Days.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Pomona.

Fraternally,
Ida Hutchins, Pomona
New Hampshire State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Grange Past Master Richard Patten was called upon to address the members.

State Master Jim Tetreault called a recess at 10:05 AM.

The meeting was called back to order at 10:24 AM

State Ceres Tricia Taylor was called upon to give her report.

Worthy State Master, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters,

It has been a pleasure serving as your State Ceres. This year I have traveled around the state attending wakes and a wedding reception/retirement party as well district meetings, degree days and the Ice Cream Social with the National Master.

Coordinating the registrations for the banquet has been interesting this year, particularly as we will have the largest attendance in recent years Saturday night.

On a personal note my family welcomed a new baby girl in February name Lily who visits me quite often and keeps me busy.

Fraternally submitted,
Tricia J Taylor
Ceres, NH State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Lester Bradley sang "There Goes the Farm".

State Flora Ann Leger was called upon to give her report.

Worthy State Master, State Officers, Honored Guests, Delegates and Patrons all:

It is with great pride and honor that I stand before you to give my second annual report as your State Flora. This second year of my term has brought many trial and many triumphs.

I have tried to fulfill the duties of being a Sate Officer to the best of my abilities – attending all of the state functions that have been possible, being active in subordinate and pomona grange, attending meetings in the Northern tier of the State when possible and trying to put a “face” on the state grange.

As Flora, the responsibilities are a bit more challenging. To assist the Chaplain with the Memorial Service by seeing to it that the flowers are ordered and making sure that the presentation goes smoothly. To oversee the court for the sixth degree, making sure the sound, lighting and curtains are on cue, that the court ladies are invited, in robes and in place, and that the roses are ordered, de-thorned and appropriately distributed. To arrange for music: the soloist and the musician, for the coach of the Rose Drill, and for the invitations to go out to all past State Lady Officers.

Yes it has been a challenging, but welcome one, and I tahnk you for the opportunity to serve.

Fraternally,
C. Ann Ledger
State Flora

The reported was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Lady Assistant Steward Jane Trombi was called upon to give her report.

Worthy Master, Honored Guests, Fellow State Officers, Brother and Sister Patrons,

It is with pleasure that I present to you my report as your Lady Assistant Steward for another year.

It's been a very busy year for me between Grange and all the other activities I am involved in. I did my best to attend as many Grange activities as possible. The year started with Deputy School in December and

the area meeting in January. I attended the Degree Days at Hudson Grange and Wicwas Lake Grange, serving as LAS with the State Officers, as well as helping out in other degrees. At the end of July I attended Grange Family Weekend in Colebrook, a long drive, but well worth it. September brought Blueberry Pie Day at the Big E and I was happy to spend some time with other NH Grangers selling all the yummy food in the NH Building. In addition to these, I attended meetings in my jurisdiction as a deputy.

Last Sunday, before state officer rehearsal, with the help of Mark Collins, I, along with the Steward and Assistant Steward loaded up the trailer with the State Grange belongings needed at our session. After session is over on Sunday, all items will need to be returned to Hooksett and stored in the closets.

Thank you again for electing me to serve in this office.

Fraternally submitted,
Jane Trombi
Lady Assistant Steward
NH State Grange

Sharon and Lester Bradley sang "Out Behind the Barn".

The following officers were elected before the closing of the morning session.

Master	James Tetreault
Overseer	Chris Heath
Executive Committee	Wilber Heath (3 years)
Executive Committee	Bob Haefner (3 years)
Lecturer	Hannah West
Steward	Bob Trombi
Assistant Steward	Arthur Merrill
Lady Asst Steward	Jane Trombi
Chaplain	Matt Clark
Treasurer	Dan Bascom
Secretary	Gerald Leclerc
Gatekeeper	Kathy Yardley
Ceres	Tricia Taylor
Pomona	Ida Hutchins
Flora	Ann Leger

State Master Jim Tetreault then released the Tellers from their duties.

State Master Jim Tetreault called a recess at 11:26 AM.

The meeting was called back to order at 1:35 PM.

State Master Jim Tetreault was called upon to give his Masters Address.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE STATISTICS REPORT:



AS OF JUNE 30, 2012

Total number of Subordinate Granges:	63
Total number of Pomona Granges:	11
Total number of Subordinate Grange Members:	1778
Total number of Pomona Grange Members:	733
Granges that own Grange Halls:	27
<i>Granges Closed this year:</i>	01
<i>New Granges this year:</i>	01
Granges with net gains in membership:	20

Brother Chris, Sister Connie of the National Grange, fellow State Officers and Brother and Sister Patrons:
It is an honor to deliver my second Masters Address of the New Hampshire State Grange.

This has again been a very busy year. It started in November of last year at National Grange in Tulsa Oklahoma where I had the opportunity to serve as Chairman of the Labor and Judiciary Committee. I also experienced my first strong earthquake it was a rocking experience!!

I was also pleased to have had the opportunity to work with many good and hard working grangers this year. Not only on a state level but on a Pomona and Community lever. Thank you to all who served as a Committee Director, Committee member or Deputy the work you have done on behalf of the State Grange is appreciated by all.

So, where do we stand for the future? At this point the State Grange has completed several cases in litigation. I want to take a moment and thank the State Grange Executive Committee for your assistance and guidance over the past year. Right now I need to be brutally honest with you. In my estimation our organization is struggling! As the elected leader of our organization I can no longer tell the membership that all is well that things are improving, when we all know that is not true. It is time for honesty. I have never seen such apathy in our organization. It almost seems that some members have given up! As I write this address I wonder what we can do to re-ignite the Grange spirit to move our organization forward. Do we as members need to re-adjust our attitudes? I worked with a Grange this year, and found that they were actually doing well, but the individuals that held leadership positions had given up! They were done so they believed their Grange should close. If you are standing in the way of your Grange being successful perhaps it is time to step back and let someone else take the reigns.

When I became State Master in October of 2010, I believed at that time setting Goals was important. The error that I made in my judgment was that I set the wrong the Goals. The primary goal should have been growing the Grange here in New Hampshire! Not only creating new Granges but helping existing Granges with the revitalization process.

We have had some positive signs of growth here in NH, Wicwas Lake Grange continues to take in members, Londonderry has taken in a large class of candidates, and seventeen other NH Community Granges and one Pomona have had net gains in membership and what I find exciting is we have a new Grange in Hinsdale NH. Some very positive signs are out their but we need to and we must do more.

I submit the following proposals:

1. The delegate body of the New Hampshire State Grange create a Grange Growth fund. The funds coming from the Claremont Grange escrow that are now available to the State Grange. I agree that it is nice to grow the State Grange invested funds, but what good does it do if we do not grow the Grange? It has

been nice and appreciated that members have been willing spend their own personal money to grow the Grange here in NH. We as an organization need to take financial responsibility if we are going to create new Granges and revitalize existing granges.

2. The delegate body of the New Hampshire State Grange create a Grange Growth Team that consists of the State Master, the State Membership Director and every Pomona Grange Master in the State.
3. The delegate body of the New Hampshire State Grange set a goal of creating at least one new Grange in each of the eleven Pomona Grange's by 2016.
4. The delegate body of the New Hampshire State Grange creates a financial incentive for each Pomona Grange to create new Granges, \$100.00 for the first Grange and \$150.00 for each additional Grange created in the individual Pomona's.
5. The delegate body of the New Hampshire State Grange, encourage each Subordinate and Pomona Grange to sign a "compact of agreement" partnering with State Grange that Grange growth is a shared responsibility.
6. The delegate body New Hampshire State Grange promote the planning of two Rally Days, one in the southern part of the State and one in the Northern Part of the State. These are to be used as both as a membership tool so Grangers could bring potential members, and as an opportunity for Grange members to socialize and to re-connect and reignite the Grange spirit we need to move forward.
7. The delegate body of the New Hampshire State Grange creates a Social Committee, that will help Grange members rediscover the spirit of fraternity to rekindle our original mission of fellowship.

As State Master for the last two years, I have had the Great opportunity to work with many people who are no longer seeking reappointment or re-election. Let me take a personal privilege to recognize them. Carolyn Ross, who retires this year as our State Secretary, Carolyn has served the State Grange as Membership Director, Chief Pomona Deputy, and as an Officer of the State Grange having served as Pomona, Treasurer and Secretary. Thank you Carolyn for your dedication and your hard work for the Grange, you have helped me with proofing, offering opinions, and I have appreciated your guidance. Gail Turcotte, retires this year as State Treasurer, Gail has served the State Grange as a member of the State Youth Committee, Home Economics Committee, and as an officer of the State Grange having served as Secretary, Treasurer and Flora, thank you for a job well done, your willingness to dig into the financial issues of our organization and offer suggestions has been appreciated by all.

Several of my Directors will either leave the Directors family or change position this year, Allissa Estes who has served as Co-Youth Director along with Andrea Goullett, thank you both for your hard work. Sister Alice Tuck- Co-Director of the Family portion of Family and Community Committee, Alice has decided that due to family issues to step away from being the Director of this Committee, thank for your hard work over the last two years.

In closing this report, I thank several people. First I want to thank my good friends Chris and Connie Johnston for being at our Session, I also want to thank the brotherhood of State Masters that I serve with, Jody, Steve and Matt we share idea, we vent on each other but we always support each other. While I was away at National Grange, my sister Kristine Carle, unexpectedly passed away after a very short illness. I was overwhelmed by the compassion and the outreach of our Brothers and Sisters at the convention and when I returned home to NH. Thank for your cards, e-mails and phone calls it really hit home as to why I continue to be a Grange member your kindness and compassion was truly felt. If during the first part of the year you did not receive a phone call, or return e-mail from me I hope that you can understand, it has taken several months to get back on track, after this life altering experience.

I look forward to serving you as your State Master over the next two years and I look forward to the opportunities of new Granges and new Grange members. Congratulations to the re-elected State Officers and to the newly elected State Officers I look forward to working with you.

Fraternally submitted,
Jim Tetreault, Master
NH State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Bob & Marg Sendewicz, past delegates of the CT State Grange were introduced and escorted to the Masters station. Both gave brief remarks.

Arthur Merrill was called upon to give his General Deputy's and Assistant Steward Reports.

GENERAL DEPUTY & ASSISTANT STEWARD REPORT

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters;

This is my second report to you as your General Deputy. The year started at the annual Leaders conference held in Concord. We went over districts, answered questions and did the signs that the Granges would be doing this year.

There are currently 11 Pomona Granges in the state. One Pomona has 9 subordinates, 2 have 3, and 1 Pomona has only 2 with just 19 members. Can we expect a Pomona Grange to do any work when there are only 19 members and 2 Granges to draw from?

I believe that we, as a State Grange must look at the Pomona Grange situation, and have a serious conversation about them. What do we expect a Pomona Grange to be? One idea I heard recently, is to have 2 or 3 Pomona Granges in the state. This is a starting point for our discussion, and I hope to hear your thoughts. Thank you to those Pomona's that worked the 5th degree this year, hopefully more will do this in 2013. The top scoring Pomona Grange for 2012 is Pemigewasset Valley. They took in 22 new members this year.

Subordinate Granges:

There are 63 Subordinate Granges in the state with membership from below the required 13 to 69 in 2 Granges. Since June 30, Wicwas Lake Grange has taken in 14 more, giving them 83. For the second year in a row Wicwas Lake is the top scoring Grange in the state.

The Deputies with some help, worked the first degree at the 2 degree days held this year, thank you to all who helped show our new members the beautiful lessons of our Grange ritual.

I conducted a workshop on the codebook at the Spring Fling.

Chris Heath has been working with Londonderry Grange, and they have taken in many new members. He has also been helping Friendship Grange as they start to grow.

Ida Hutchins continues to help at Wicwas Lake, and Matt Clark has been working with the new Hinsdale Grange.

That is this year, now, what to do in 2013 and beyond?

How many of you want your local Grange and the State Grange to be stronger and more active next year? In 5 years? In 10 years? This State Grange must change our thinking and place more emphasis and resources into membership development. We, as a State Grange should undergo a Visioning session, as many of our Subordinates have, to determine what we want the State Grange to be, where do we want it to go, and how to get there.

As to visioning, we have been scoring Granges the last two years, and will again in 2013. One addition to that will be any Grange, Pomona or Subordinate will receive 200 points for having a visioning or Growth Team come and work with them at a meeting. This team can be either from your Pomona , or contact Bob Trombi to have a state team come to your Grange.

Twenty of our Granges had a net gain in membership this year, congratulations to all of you. To have a net gain state wide, that number needs to double. Wouldn't it be great to be honored as a State Grange with a net gain the year we are hosting the National Grange session? This goal is within reach, we all must do our part to achieve it.

Some of our members have expressed a concern as to how we elect officers in the Subordinate and Pomona Granges. If you think you have a better way, write a resolution to attempt to change this most important part of Grange work, the choosing of our leaders.

The Deputy Force is always willing and able to assist Granges, to improve and strengthen them, and in turn the State Grange. Thank You, to the Deputies for your work this year, and I look forward to working with you in 2013 as we grow the Grange.

Fraternally Submitted,
Arthur Merrill
General Deputy & Assistant Steward,
New Hampshire State Grange

The reports were accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Richard Patten was called upon to give his Historian and Community Service reports.

State Historian Report 2012

Worthy State Master, State Officers, Honored Guests, and Patrons all!

It is a pleasure to present my report as your State Historian.

I can't believe that 2011-2012 is almost history. I read and read some more and can't believe how much this organization continues to do year after year. I read the journals of past years and it is amazing just how much of an influence this organization had throughout the years.

I get very upset when someone says how the Grange used to do this or do that. People who are not members are left with the feeling that the Grange has ceased to exist. This is very wrong. The Grange may have changed in some ways of what they are doing in the Grange Hall or in the community but they are still very active. The farms in many communities have changed as well. While some are bigger than ever, there are some that have stayed the same. You will also find that more people today are doing some kind of agriculture whether it is a large vegetable farm, organic farming, Christmas tree farming. Maple sugar farming or traditional cattle or horse farming.

The members continue to write history without knowing it. It saddens me to see some Granges just going through the motions until they reach their 10th or 125th anniversary. Many think the Grange has no place in today's world. This is so wrong, so wrong. I would be so happy to assist a Grange write their history or even make contacts. The State Grange Journals provide so much history and important information when someone calls looking for their relatives or Granges in their community.

This has been a busy year for the State Historian receiving telephone calls from people asking for information about their relatives or Granges they were involved in. I have had several calls about certain Granges in Center Harbor, Laconia, Canterbury, Orford, Piermont, Derry, Lebanon, and Sunapee. I am still doing research on the Sunapee area. I was attending the 75th Anniversary for the State Police and a gentleman sitting next to me asked me about his grandfather who came from Keene, but lived most of his life in Goshen and he knew he was member of Silver Mountain Grange.

I enjoy finding news items about the State Grange and how they were instrumental in filing legislation in our State Government. In the early days, much of the State Grange Session was dealt with legislative issues with regards to agriculture or education. In the early days there were very few committee reports given unless it was regarding education, transportation, education, or agriculture. I am hopeful that our Grange can make its mark again.

As I read the Memorial List this year for our Grange, I can't believe the names of the members who have been called to the Great Grange Above. It seems more and more members from our generation are being called to the serve our Great Master of the Universe. The following are members who never served in the Pink Sash Family.

Alta Hammett served her Grange well. She was a member and Past Master of Merrimack River Grange of Canterbury, Rumford Grange of East Concord, Loudon Center Grange and Halloween Grange of Concord Manor. She was a member of Suncook Valley Pomona and Merrimack County Pomona. She served on several State Grange Session Committees.

Marion Boardman was a Past Master of Cornish Grange and Sullivan County Pomona. She traveled throughout the area once broken her hip but she kept going. She will be missed in her area.

Genevieve Louder served Ashuelot Grange as a Master and Matron for Ashuelot Juvenile Grange. She continued to serve the Grange as a member of Prentice Hill Grange.

Emilie Willard was a dedicated member of Miller Grange serving as Past Master for Miller Grange and Grand Monadnock Pomona. She and her late husband George Standley were always coming to State Grange Session. I can remember the first time I saw them. It was in Concord at the Highway Hotel.

George would stand and share his opinions. He would suggest his good friend Raymond Willard for a State Office. When George passed away, in a few years, Emile would marry Ray Willard and continued to travel throughout the area.

Janet McLean was another quiet member who served her Grange well. Her brother was Donald Ross, a member of our State Executive Committee. Janet was a member of Wingold Grange. She surprised a lot of members when she participated in the public speaking contest. Janet and her late husband David participated in the annual State Grange Bowling Tournament for many years. Janet will be missed by many who knew her.

Walter Sanborn was a member of Chichester Grange. I can remember the first time when I met Walter. I attended a meeting of Chichester Grange because I was serving as Junior Director and I was hoping to organize a junior grange. I could see Walt's expression and it scared me a little. However, the Grange voted to reorganize their junior grange. Walt loved the Fire Department. He also enjoyed his antique vehicle riding in parades etc.

Elizabeth Wright was a member of Hollis Grange and Hillsborough County Pomona Grange. She was a very quiet member but a very dedicated member.

Pauline Haines won't be mentioned here because her name somehow didn't transfer from Loudon Surprise Grange to Pineconia Grange. I received a call from a local funeral director who was handling the arrangements. It was mentioned she belonged to a Concord Grange but no name. I went back and found her name in Loudon Surprise and when they merged with Pineconia, somehow her name got lost. She felt she was a 65 year member of the Grange along being a Past Master of Loudon Surprise Grange and a Past Matron of Loudon Surprise Juvenile Grange.

Carryl Heath was a New Hampshire State Grange as Deputy. He and his late wife Natalie were members of New Durham Grange, Mountain Laurel Grange, Wattannick Grange, and Eastern New Hampshire Grange, serving as Past Master in some of them. Carryl was a dedicated Grange member as well as a loving family man. He encouraged his family to become involved and committed to whatever they took on. They were always willing to help a Grange. The first time I met Carryl was in 1969 when I was Youth Chairman for Pineconia Grange. This was my second year and it was in February, a snowstorm was hitting the state. I didn't know what to do, do I cancel or keep it going. I received a call from this man who said they had two car loads coming. I also had several others coming. So, we held our youth night and Carryl Heath and his family along with several friends brought a lot of enthusiasm to our meeting. Carryl went on to serve the Florida State Grange in later years.

Elizabeth Grant was a typical mother and grandmother. She belonged to Golden Rod Grange as well as Cheshire County Pomona. Elizabeth traveled many miles with her daughter Carolee Barrett when she was a Junior Deputy and then Junior Director. Elizabeth served on the State Contact Committee. She will be missed by many in her area. I can remember many times she would hold her granddaughter Alana when Carolee was busy doing something.

Kenneth Pelton was a guy who loved his Grange and served it well. Ken would come to many Grange Family Weekends with corn from his garden. He would give corn away to anyone who would enjoy a dozen or so. Ken served as Past Master for East Rockingham Pomona and Hampton Falls Granges. He served the State Grange as State Agriculture Chairman.

B. Franklin Hayes shocked many when it was learned he has passed away in Florida. He had moved to Florida with his wife Ginny. Frank was a friend to many regardless of age. He took a big interest in youth work, began the annual bowling tournament, served the State Grange by holding offices of Gatekeeper, Assistant Steward, Steward, Overseer and Master. He served briefly on the Executive Committee as well as National Grange Secretary. Frank was someone that you could go to talk about a Grange problem or a personal problem.

I can't tell you how shocked I was when Jerry Leclerc called me on Thursday and said Marilyn Machia had

passed away. I was sick about this as I had just spoken to her about becoming a member of the Community Service Committee for next year. She said she would do serve and asked what district she would have. I told her and she was very happy to have been asked. She then asked about my family and how they were doing. We talked about the upcoming State Grange Session and she would be coming down with Jean Abbott. We then concluded our conversation. I met Marilyn in 1980 when I became Junior Director and she would serve as a Junior Deputy covering the Northern Sector traveling to Groveton, Lebanon and Lower Intervale. She was a tremendous help to my late mother at Junior Grange Camp weekend. She enjoyed working with junior grangers and never complained about anything. She and Roy loved their family and traveled many miles in Grange work. She loved her cards and horseshoes at Family Weekend. Marilyn will be missed by many people and I know she is with Roy and probably working on shoes as they owned and operated Roy's Shoe Shop in Littleton.

I finished the book I began writing three years ago, rewriting and rewriting. However I wanted to write a book that had a story to it, remembering funny moments, recalling games that were played at Youth Nights, and highlighted members that were so active played a major part in the State Grange. When I talk about past members, how many here remember Dorothy McLain, Scott Eastman, Ralph Emerson, Alton Carpenter, Herbert West, Everett Poore to name a few. Or how about Marjorie Emery, Betty Conery, Elizabeth Cournoyer and their dedication to their Granges especially the Junior Grange. The book has been edited and ready to be published. However, I do not have the funds to have it printed. So until someone comes along and decides it should be published, it is sitting in a folder. I have started another book talking about the history from 1998 to 2011. I will be focusing on the past administrations and what has transpired since then. I am also talking with our State Master about planning a few events to celebrate 140 years in 2013. I say this because look back and see how many celebrated the 125th and not here today. Now look to 150 and think who won't be here then, I know that it is important to celebrate every milestone.

I still have many printed history books that were printed in 1998 that could be donated to a local Library or Historical Society. I have also received calls from towns who have found Grange materials and not sure what to do with them. Please let me know if these are found. Most of the materials if in good condition can be taken to Hooksett.

In closing, I would like to thank our State Master James Tetreault for allowing me to continue my research as State Historian. A big thank you to State Secretary Carolyn Ross for giving me the deceased members list so I can include them in my report.

I enjoy serving as Historian realizing the importance of educating people about the fantastic history being written about in 2012.

I would like to wish everyone a very successful 2013 and remember you are writing history as you sit here today. How do you want to be remembered by your friends in the Grange?

Fraternally
Dick Patten, State Historian.

STATE COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Worthy National Representative, I can't resist what I am about to do. You know or don't know I am a diehard Michigan Wolverine fan. I was in Ann Arbor several weeks ago when they hosted Air Force. So being today is Game Day, I would like to present this token to you on behalf the Michigan Wolverines. And now for their Fight Song, Hail to the Victors!

Worthy State Master, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates, Patrons All,

This has been a very busy year for the Community Service Committee in New Hampshire.

I have been very pleased with the reports by Granges on the many projects they are doing in their community. The amount of volunteer hours has been astonishing. I am so proud of the volunteerism by you and the members of your Grange. To bring a smile to someone's face who didn't expect a card or gift,

helping your community by adopting a spot to beautify it, assisting with another organization to help make an event successful is wonderful and lastly the gratification of knowing you made a difference in someone's life gives you a feeling that is hard to describe.

In today's society, people of all ages are struggling to make each day worthwhile. What a great feeling of accomplishment when you know someone has enjoyed a meal when otherwise their plate would be empty. State Master James Tetreault gave us a challenge to donate 2012 cans of food either to the food bank or to a local food pantry. I have tried to get an accurate count, but I am sure we have gone over that total many times. Filling an Empty Plate has been done in Granges this year. Can you imagine sitting down to a full meal with dessert and beverage and a few miles down the road, someone has nothing in their plate to enjoy? Hopefully Granges will continue to support this project in 2013.

The committee has completed planning the new 2012-13 Community Service program. There are some changes one of which is the Dictionary program. This is an excellent project and I hope Granges will continue to work with their schools in their community to provide the third grade students with dictionaries. I hope if the Granges feel they can assist a neighboring town, private school whether it is a charter, religious, or project second start. If your Grange needs assistance in contacting assistance with this, please let me know. I would be very happy to assist you.

I am also bringing back the Teddy Bear program with slight changes. These will be explained in the program. There is definitely a need for comfort for someone who is very much alone. It is long overdue for the Grange to realize we have some very serious problems in our communities. Whether it is drugs, alcohol, or bullying, the Grange can take the lead in their community trying to seek solutions to them and not ignore them.

I am very pleased with the suggestions I have received for the recognition awards. I have offered to contact towns or schools for suggestions if the Granges felt uncomfortable in doing this. I know saying thank you to these professional people is the nicest thing we can do. They are putting their lives on the line every day. I did some letters to towns that didn't have Granges and was extremely pleased with the interest received. The same applies to the Correctional Officer Award that was proposed by Bob Trombi. I had several county facilities send in nominees again thanking the Grange for recognizing these individuals. These will be announced at the State Banquet Saturday evening.

As I stated earlier, I am extremely pleased with the amount of reports received and the booklets submitted. They contain a wealth of information for years to come.

Some Granges initiated outstanding projects in their communities. Some of these were projects that a community could no longer support while others may have been due to a Board of Selectmen or State Government Agency feeling it didn't have the funds to maintain a certain place. In reality it's a project that benefits people who needed this continued.

The results in this recognition section are:

1st place: Concord Grange # 322, this Grange took on a project that the city cancelled due to budget cuts; the event was called Splash Bash, and it is an evening of fun for children to swim, enjoy music, popcorn, soda, free of charge, provided balloons

2nd place: Winthrop Grange # 315 -Successful efforts to keep the Rest Area Building open, Route 2

3rd place: Pine Grove Grange # 298 This Grange is covering 10 towns to distribute dictionaries to 3rd grade students along with maintaining other community projects

4th place: Pembroke Grange # 111 – Having a Cool down & Relax Booth at Old Home Day with bottles of cold water given to people and lawn chairs provided to rest in.

Honorable Mention: Mohawk Grange # 217 – Supported many town projects, CHAD, GOT LUNCH,

Program, Rivers Ride for Cancer, etc.

Honorable Mention: Mount Hope Grange # 77 - maintaining two nature trails, care packages for the servicemen

Honorable Mention: Blow-Me-Down Grange# 234, numerous projects to support senior citizens.

I realize that many don't have the time or energy to do a booklet. However in order to be considered for an award from the National Grange, community service booklet must be submitted. The winning report has been sent to National Grange for judging.

Subordinate Grange Reports in Booklet Form:

First Place: Pine Grove Grange # 298
Second Place: Hudson Grange # 11
Third Place: Concord Grange # 322
Fourth Place: Joe English Grange # 53
Honorable Mention: Blow-Me-Down Grange # 234
Honorable Mention: Winthrop Grange # 321

Pomona Grange:

There were no booklets received in the Pomona Granges.

I was pleased with the Pomona reports that were received. I realize that in many cases the Pomona Granges may not have as many members to participate as the Subordinate Granges.

First Place: East Rockingham Pomona, Joann Brandt, Chairman
Second Place: Merrimack County Pomona # 3, Shelley Huntoon, Chairman
Third Place: Pemigewasset Valley Pomona, Dale MacDonald, Chairman

The single page Subordinate Grange Reports received were in some cases very informative. Although these were not in booklet form, I appreciate the time Grangers took to write out what their Grange did this year.

The following were judged and received ribbons and prizes

First place: Mohawk Grange # 217, Colebrook
Second place: Mount Hope Grange # 77, Landaff
Third place: Watatic Grange # 36, Amherst
Fourth place: Cocheco Grange # 81, Dover
Fifth place: Baker's River Grange # 290, Rumney

The reports for next year have been revised and I hope to have a report from every Grange. The projects each Grange spoke about are tremendous.

I would like to thank Norman Brandt for placing a display at Deerfield Fair, for which we received a Blue Ribbon and \$100.00 donation. The Community Service Committee does not have a budget. We had to rely on funds received from the Family Department to do our work and prize money. I would like to thank West Thornton Grange and Pine Grove Grange for their donations. I am hoping that next year we will have a budget as well as fund raising project.

I would like to thank Granges who have helped with banquet tickets for our honorees. It is not my choice to ask anyone to help us. However, I have no budget and must rely on donations or what the Family Committee had left from their projects to assist Community Service. I am sorry if a Grange felt ty should not have to assist. I can tell you the Grange has received many and I repeat many nice compliments about these awards. When I didn't receive nominations I did send out to various towns, schools, county governments and the result was overwhelming. I received more than anyone could imagine and praise that the Grange took the lead in recognizing these individuals.

In closing, thank you Worthy State Master Jim Tetreault for the confidence you have placed in me to do this position. Community Service has been my life for 40 years. I enjoy it when I can help someone. I would like to thank the members of my committee: Jerry Leclerc, Virginia Clark, Dale MacDonald, Fran Everard, Haven Haynes Jr, Rhoda Davis, and Norman Brandt.

Thank you to my wife Debbie for her assistance. We may not agree on things, but we are there to support each other.

Thank you Worthy State Master for your support, many times that we have discussed many topics and knowing we can work together to gain the right decision.

I look forward to continue serving you as Director for Community Service in New Hampshire.

Don't forget You Can Make a Difference in your Grange, Family, and your Community!

In closing, I would like wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and happy and healthy 2013.

Fraternally,
Dick Patten, Director
Community Service
New Hampshire State Grange

The reports were accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Master Jim Tetreault called a recess at 2:47 PM.

The meeting was called back at 3:04 PM.

The New Hampshire Grange Foundation then held their annual meeting consisting of Foundation Directors & Election of Officers.

Robert Haefner	President	2013
David Babson	Vice President	2014
Andrew Savage	Treasurer	2014
Ruth Holmes	Secretary	2012
Robert Bernstein		2012
Gail McWilliam	Jellie	2012
Sandra Salo		2013
John Porter		2013
Lorraine Merrill		2014
Linda Lauer		2014

Chris Heath made a motion, seconded by Carol Hill to accept the minutes and financial report of the Foundation Committee.

State Lecturer Hannah West was called to give her report.

My fellow Grangers:

The events of this year were overshadowed by planning for the Northeast Lecturers' Conference, which was held in New Hampshire at the end of July. The West Family had never been involved in hosting a conference before, so my experience bank was empty and my anxiety level was high. In the end everything fell into place and the conference ran more smoothly than I could have imagined. Gail Turcotte, who volunteered for service as registrar and spent countless hours counting room keys and solving housing and meal problems, deserves the credit for most of the conference's success. She also served as my driver to and from Nashua on more than one occasion. The conference staff at Rivier College in Nashua worked hard to keep everyone happy, and the other Northeast Lecturers filled their roles to perfection. Sherrill Bokousky and Camille Twiss organized evening snacks. Mary West and Kevin Belval wrote and staged the New Hampshire program on Constellations. Lester Gibbs contributed his skills as accompanist for the New Hampshire program and the Variety Show as well as providing devotions one morning. Bruce Croucher, High Priest of Demeter and husband of the New York State Lecturer, led the other set of devotions. New Hampshire attendees participated in the program and volunteered for a number of small tasks. I had nothing to do but stand around and wait for the problems which never occurred. My deepest thanks to all who helped out.

Chris Heath took charge of the Bowling Event in March. This year as prizes we used recycled trophies, which had been housed in the basement of the State Grange Building. It amused some of the bowlers to receive trophies which had originally been awarded before they were born! Chris does an excellent job in organizing this event, but he could use more help at the bowling alley. If you will not be bowling in March, 2013, please consider coming and giving him a hand with the scores.

The Variety Show was held in April this year with the addition of a Penny Sale to raise money for the Talent Fund. The Penny Sale raised \$118 dollars and provided activity while the judges were deliberating. I wish to thank all those who donated items for the sale and especially Rhoda Davis and Mary West who helped to set everything out and sold tickets. The Variety Show had high quality, but only eight participants. I hope we can better those numbers next year. Kathy Yardley was Best of Show with a flute solo. She will represent New Hampshire at the National Grange Convention in Boise, Idaho, in November.

Vermont/New Hampshire Day was held on May 5th at Middle Branch Grange in East Bethel, Vermont. It was very well attended with 85 people from Vermont and 35 from New Hampshire. Many folks from both states traveled over one hundred miles to get there. I saw friends from Vermont that I hadn't seen in years. New Hampshire presented a program called "A Journey by Car." Middle Branch Grangers served a bountiful chicken pie supper with an incredible array of pies for dessert. As the program began at 3 p.m. and supper was at 5, most people were able to arrive home before dark.

This was one of those years when, if you entered a contest, you probably won a prize. I wish I knew why participation was so low. There were only three entries in the Art Contest. The Creative Writing Contest generated two "Read the Book" essays and one poem. The Cinquains were more popular with 18 entries. There were very few "Create a Card" entrants. The Photography Contest seems to be the only one with an enthusiastic response and even that seems to be dwindling in number of participants. Do folks just not have time for hobbies anymore? Do we need different categories? What would motivate you to enter a Lecturer's contest? Please share your thoughts with me.

Thank you for supporting the State Lecturer's Talent Fund. Thanks to contributions from Granges and Grangers, the return of the money that Wilber Heath was unable to use last year, and the Penny Sale profits, we are able to give Kathy Yardley a check for \$700 to help her on her way to Boise. As next year's Night of Excellence will be held in New Hampshire, I will give you all a one year rest from Talent Fund contributions. If they arrive, I will bank them, but I am not actively seeking donations in 2013.

A Lecturer's booklet with program suggestions, contest rules, and useful information has been prepared. It will be distributed at the State Grange Convention or delivered to the Granges who are not represented at the convention. Please read it and use some of the suggestions. Sometimes I feel as if I am howling in the wilderness.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannah West, State Lecturer

I will now recognize the winners of this year's State Lecturer's contests by reading their names. Bowling and Talent winners already have their prizes, but I have envelopes for the other winners if they will see me at break time.

Here are the winners of this year's contests and events:

Bowling

Class A Men's

High Single - Kevin Belval score 104

High Triple - Kevin Belval score 293

Class B Men's

High Single - Andrew Savage score 133

High Triple - Andrew Savage score 314

Class C Men's

High Single - Norman Brandt score 99

High Triple - Norman Brandt score 251

Class D Men's

High Single - Forrest Decatur score 86

High Triple - Forrest Decatur score 244

Class A Women's

High Single - Mary Doves score 99

High Triple - Mary Doves score 285

Class B Women's

High Single - Sara Russell 95

High Triple - Sara Russell 250

Class C Women's

High Single - Kim Bascom score 89

High Triple - Joan Garland score 244

Class D Women's

High Single - Mary West score 87

High Triple - Mary West score 237

Team Standings

1. Rochester score 1202

2. Wingold score 1200

3. Centennial score 1179

Variety Show

There were four entrants in each category,
but the judges chose to award only first and second prizes.

Vocal

- 1st - Mary West, Chichester Grange
2nd – Marie Hall, Gilman Grange

Instrumental

- 1st- Kathy Yardley, Walpole Grange
2nd – Bob Haefner, Hudson Grange

Art

Oils & Acrylics

- 1st – Ruth Pelton, Hampton Falls Grange
Charcoal, Pastels, and Pencil

- 1st – Roberta Sliva, Hampton Falls Grange
2nd – Pamela Kimball, Meriden Grange

Digital Photography

Barns

- 1st – Bonnie Lampman, Rockingham Grange
2nd – Rodney Huntoon, Concord Grange
3rd – Steve Dame, sponsored by Concord Grange

People

- 1st – Beth Merrill, Antrim Grange
2nd – Amy Grant, sponsored by Arlington Grange
3rd – Wayne Turcotte, Rochester Grange

Wild Animals

- 1st - Diane Collins, Park Grange
2nd – Mark Collins, Park Grange
3rd – Bonnie Lampman, Rockingham Grange

Traditional Photography

Barns

- 1st – Rodney Huntoon, Concord Grange
2nd – Carol Hill, Rockingham Grange
3rd - James Jacobs, Rochester Grange

People

- 1st – James Jacobs, Rochester Grange
2nd – Carol Hill, Rockingham Grange

Wild Animals

- 1st – Rodney Huntoon, Concord Grange

Create-a-Card

Category I A

- 1st – Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange
2nd – Pamela Kimball, Meriden Grange

Category I C

- 1st – Sandra Baker, Pembroke Grange
2nd – Pamela Kimball, Meriden Grange

Category III A

- 1st – Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange
2nd – Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange

Category III B

- 1st – Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange
- 2nd – Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange

Category III C

- 1st – Lois Enman, Rochester Grange
- 2nd – Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange
- 3rd – Marion Woodworth, Rochester Grange

Category IV A

- 1st – Rodney Huntoon, Concord Grange

Category IV C

- 1st – Rodney Huntoon, Concord Grange

**Creative Writing
“Read the Book”**

- 1st – Camilie Twiss, Watatic Grange
- 2nd – Gabrielle Van Sant, Winthrop Grange

Poetry, category 1

- 1st – Janet Sherrod, Hampton Falls Grange

Poetry, Cinquains

- 1st – Nancy Bean, Antrim Grange
- 2nd – Judy Bailey, Rochester Grange
- 3rd – Beth Merrill, Antrim Grange
- Honorable Mention – Steve Fowler, Pembroke Grange
- Grace Leone, Rochester Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Membership Director Anne Boisvert was called upon to give her report.

Membership Report

The membership department’s year began with Deputy School in early December. The committee, including new committee member Arthur Tedford, met to plan the upcoming year. Most of our time was spent planning for our first event: the annual Farm and Forest Expo at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester in February. Our exhibit featured a cupboard with six doors following the Expo Theme of Opening Doors to Our Future. Passers-by were encouraged to open the doors to reveal applications, assorted information about the Grange, and even a mirror to show who would make a good Grange member. The Farm and Forest Expo also marked the first NH appearance of the National Grange mouse character that you may have seen at other events. Thank you to the Grangers who volunteered their time and effort at the Grange booth, greeting visitors with a friendly face and answering questions. This year’s volunteers were: Beth and Arthur Merrill, Norman Brandt, Bob Haefner, Kathy Yardley, Fran Everard, Dot Haskins, Marion T. Jones, Hannah West, Allyssa Estes, Lois Enman, and Gloria Davis. Our booth received the Joseph Battles award for the educational exhibitors, earning us a free booth for the 2013 Expo. Please keep February 8th and 9th 2013 in mind if you would like to help staff next year’s booth. The theme will be “Thirty Years Showcasing Success and Innovation” since it will be the thirtieth year for the Expo. The NH State Grange has reserved a double booth space in conjunction with the Northeast Connection and will be letting people know about National Grange coming to NH next fall. Ideas are welcome.

Another outreach the membership committee discussed at Deputy School was having a greater presence at the State Fairs. Norman Brandt took a step toward that end by putting a Membership exhibit in the Stratham and Deerfield fairs. He and JoAnn do a great job promoting the Grange at these fairs. This year

at Deerfield about one hundred fifty Grange balloons filled with helium were handed out to children, helping to make us visible on the fairgrounds.

At the request of the State Master, we had two degree days this year. The first was held at the Hudson Grange Hall in May. Thank you to Hudson Grange for inviting us. Heroes of the day included: Jim Tetreault for getting things started when I got lost on my way there, Beth Merrill for checking her cell phone, Jerry Leclerc for meeting me at the nearest landmark and leading me to the hall. I will not leave my GPS at home again. Thank you to all who took part in the degrees, especially JoAnn and Norman Brandt and Arthur Tedford for their help with the tableaux. Special mention goes to Marie Hall for playing the piano for all four degrees while in some cases holding other offices at the same time. Beth Merrill was an invaluable help to me in getting ready for the day. She was instrumental in the materializing of new member packets, which were given out at both of the degree days.

The second degree day was held at the Wicwas Lake Grange Hall in September. Thank you to Wicwas Lake Grange for hosting us. This degree day featured more than thirty candidates, making many of us nostalgic for the crowded Grange events we remember attending. The procession of new members being escorted to receive their packets was enough to impress anyone who might feel pessimistic about the Grange future. It was a proud day for Grange Growth.

The new member packets that were featured at degree days this year are available from the membership director at any time by request as are assorted individual membership materials which can be perused at the membership table in the display room. Most of these are provided free of charge. The role of your membership department is to promote the Grange to the public at events such as fairs and expos and just as importantly to provide the means for individual Granges to do promotion in their local area. Lately we have taken on the role of seeing that new members have the opportunity to experience the degree work so they will have a firm foundation in the roots of the Grange.

Speaking of Grange Growth, you may have seen the display at the membership table featuring New Hampshire Granges who had a net gain in membership in the year ending June 30, 2012. Congratulations to Antrim, Arlington, Blow Me Down, Centennial, Concord, Gilman, Halloween, Hampton Falls, Hudson, Jeremiah Smith, Londonderry, Lower Intervale, Meriden, Mohawk, Mt. Pistareen, Pembroke, Peterborough, Walpole, Wicwas Lake, and Pemigewasset Valley Pomona. That is nearly a third of the Granges in the state, and more than we had last year, which I think is very impressive. Let that be a lesson to the rest of us that Grange Growth is an achievable goal.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Boisvert,
Membership Director

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Bob Trombi was called upon to give the report of State Steward, Family Weekend and Visioning Deputy.

Worthy Master, Honored Guests, Brothers and Sisters,

It is with pleasure that I present to you my report as your Steward.

The year started with Deputy School in December and the area meeting in January. I attended the Degree Day at Wicwas Lake Grange, assisting in three of the four degrees. I coordinated Grange Family Weekend in Colebrook; I will speak more about that shortly. In September, I helped serve Blueberry Pie at the Big E. I attended some of the meetings of Wicwas Lake Grange with the Assistant Steward and the General Deputy. It's great to see the energy in this revitalized Grange. Some of us could take a lesson from them. I also met, along with the State Master, with a group who is interested in starting a Grange in Troy!

Last Sunday, before state officer rehearsal, our dedicated band of regalia elves met at the State Grange building in Hooksett to load up the property of the Grange that is required to make this room look like a

Grange meeting hall (Regalia Elves= Me, the Assistant Stewards and Mark Collins who generously donates his time, effort and trailer to the effort). Early Thursday, the Regalia elves (along with Diane Collins, the Turcotte and the worthy Flora) worked their magic to create the room you see here today.

While all of this was going on, it occurred to me that there might be others out there who would like to become a Regalia Elf, but were afraid it was an elite organization. Regalia Elfhood is open to anyone who has a desire to be helpful. There is no application process or monetary dues requirement. Just let one of us know you are interested and we will be glad to let you know when and how you can help. Thank you to all of my current regalia elves, especially Mark with his trailer.

Thank you for having confidence in me and electing me to serve in this office.

Family Weekend

This year, we traveled to the North Country! The Grange Family Camping Weekend was held on July 27-29 at The Notchview Resort in Colebrook NH. It was a long ride, but well worth the trip.

It was a great weekend of fun and fellowship with our Grange Family.

We had 22 Grangers and friends, in 5 Campers, and 4 tents. We even had one adventurous soul travel up for the day on Saturday! Members of Mohawk Grange #217 hosted an open house at their Grange Hall on Saturday, where we visited, snacked and learned some about the history of the area and of the many activities of Mohawk Grange.

Saturday evening was scheduled for a potluck supper at 5pm. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other plans. She decided to grace us with a liberal dose of "liquid sunshine". Fortunately, our Notchview hosts, Bill & Dona Sparklin, saved the day by preparing an area inside the Inn and joining us in this fellowship and sharing. Thank You Bill and Dona! I would also like to thank Ginger Jannenga, the Steward of Mohawk Grange, for suggesting this beautiful facility and coordinating the hospitality of Mohawk Grange.

Visioning

This year was a lonely year for the Visioning Deputy. Did you forget me? Are you scared?

Visioning is not a scary process (with the possible exception of having to endure having me standing at the front of your hall). Ask Wicwas Lake Grange. The start of their amazing progress was at a visioning meeting. If any Grange is at all interested in participating in this (mostly) painless process, give me a call. We can make it happen!

Fraternally submitted,
Robert Trombi
Steward,
Family Weekend Coordinator,
Visioning Deputy

The reports were accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Beth Merrill was called upon to give her report on National Session 2013.

Worthy Master, Honored Guests, State Officers, and Patrons:

I am pleased to give this report on the upcoming 147th National Grange Session to be held in Manchester, NH, November 12-16, 2013. We are excited to welcome the National Grange to our state for the first time since 1913 - yes, that's one hundred years ago!

National Grange conventions are held on a rotating basis among five regions around the country and hosting the national convention requires the combined efforts of the entire region. I will be serving as the

Region Coordinator, and Kerriann Nightingale Heath is our state coordinator and a member of the Host Committee.

The Host Committee met at the Radisson Hotel in April and had a tour of the facility. The entire session will be held at the hotel, including the Seventh Degree, which eliminates the expense of busing everyone to an offsite location. The Sixth Degree will be conferred by the NH State Grange, with some assistance from other states. The vast display area available to us offers possibilities for interesting and exciting exhibits about our region. We've decided to forego the Christmas Tree project that has become a tradition at recent national conventions and instead to set up a giant mitten, hat, and scarf tree. We're asking for donations of these handmade items from all members and at the end of session they will be divided among our seven states and delivered to schools and charitable agencies that are in need of warm clothing for their clients. Attention woodworkers! We are in need of a fabulous design for the framework of this "Mitten Tree".

At the April meeting, a team of four people was selected, which will travel to the convention in Boise next month to set up and staff a table to promote our convention and theme: "How Sweet It Is!" Kerriann and her newlywed husband, Chris Heath and Kathy Yardley will be sharing those duties as well as occasionally job shadowing the folks on the Western Region Host Committee.

We have also had a couple of Teamspeak meetings via the internet and expect these meetings to occur on a monthly basis very soon. We've had a bit of a problem getting everyone set up for this, but hope all those technical issues are behind us as we move forward with our plans. I and a couple of our Host Committee members have listened in on several of the monthly (10:00 p.m. eastern!) Western Region Teamspeak conferences and have gained some insight on plans we should be making and pitfalls to watch out for.

Each state has been assigned a day to provide volunteers for the registration table, the hospitality room, and deputies to stand at the gates during session. NH's day is Thursday. You can volunteer for one of these positions or you can help provide food items for the hospitality room. Gloria Davis and Diane Collins are the Hospitality Coordinators, so direct your offers and questions to them.

All seven states have been helping to raise funds to cover our regional expenses by selling T-shirts, polo shirts, and sweatshirts, water bottles and lunch totes, and glass ornaments. A number of folks in the NH State Grange have embraced the idea of "Grange Bucks" and have been collecting and turning in lots of one dollar bills with a "G" stamped on the left side of George Washington's picture. Thanks to all who have supported our fundraising efforts thus far, including the assessment contributions received by all seven State Granges.

Last year National Grange allowed us to temporarily use our maple tree convention logo selected in 2010 by the board of the Northeast Connection (comprised of Masters and Overseers of the seven states of the region) on souvenir items. This logo was designed by Kathy Yardley and was intended to accompany the winning theme suggestion "How Sweet It Is" entered by Hannah West. However, a new logo, designed by Connecticut State Grange's Terri Fassio, was approved last month by the National Master and is the new official logo from this point forward... So, our regional tree logo is being discontinued to allow the national office staff to design and sell their own version. Not having control over this logo has been a tough pill for many of us in the region to swallow, but in the end this IS the National Grange Convention, and the Washington staff should have the final choice in design. Shouldn't they?

There is a new batch of shirts available here at this session. Upon completion of our region's state conventions, we will pool the remainder of our T-shirts and sweatshirts to take to Boise next month to sell. After that, we will probably not place another order prior to the 2013 convention. If you've been meaning to purchase one of our logo items, now is the time! The polo shirts with the embroidered Grange emblem, however, may be continued even beyond the convention as they have been a big hit throughout the region. Unfortunately, the brand of polo shirt we were using for the last year has been discontinued, and the new brand of shirt does not offer the choice of so many colors as we have enjoyed until now. Did you know that you can special order a polo shirt in the size and color that you wish? Contact me for more details.

Our convention has a theme: "How Sweet it is!" There are plans in the works for ways to exemplify this theme to all our convention attendees, but the Host Committee will still welcome your ideas and suggestions as well. Here's what we're working on:

For Boise next month, we'll be offering complimentary bite size pieces of maple sugar to anyone that stops by our display table, where we will also be selling shirts and raffle tickets and providing brochures about Manchester and surrounding attractions. A NH FFA chapter is making the maple sugar pieces for us, but we can always use more if you have a contact that might be willing to provide them.

We'll also start selling tickets in Boise for our "How Sweet It Is" raffle. So far, we've acquired a custom-painted sap bucket and two painted sap bucket lids to offer as prizes. We'll add more prizes throughout the coming year before we draw the winners at the national convention. Each of our seven regional states is being asked to provide a basket filled with "sweet" products made in that state. Raffle items can be any non-perishable sweet-to-eat treat and they can also be anything that exemplifies the sweet quality of life that we enjoy in the northeast region - especially items that are geared toward the harvest season.

A team of three of our region's youth members have created a promotional video that will be shown in Boise during the Celebration Banquet. I thank NH's own Sarah Leclerc for her assistance with this project. (The video was shown following this report)

Besides supporting our shirt sales and the raffle, there are other ways you can help with our hosting duties. One way is by submitting one or more entries in our Centerpiece and Table Favor Contest. Details for this contest are available at our display table, in the September 2012 issue of the Granite State Granger, and on the State Grange website and on our face book page, "2013 Convention NH". The entries will be judged at the January 2013 Northeast Leaders' Conference in Maine, so get your entries to me or Kerriann by January 1st if you are not planning to deliver your entry personally.

It's become customary to assemble goodie bags to hand out to each member when he/she registers during the convention. We'll be soliciting items from each state to put in these bags. Whenever possible, we're asking for 500 pieces of each item. Please keep in mind that many of our visiting Grangers are traveling by air, so we'll want to keep the items to a minimum in size and weight. For example, one year in recent memory, delegates and members were given jars of pickles, which many opted to leave behind in their hotel room, rather than risk them breaking in their luggage. Another consideration is our attempt to make this convention as "green" as possible, so we're asking that we keep brochures and other paper propaganda items to a minimum.

As you've now heard, there's a lot going on and plenty of ways that all members can assist the Northeast Region in hosting the most fabulous convention ever! I hope that we'll see many of you in Manchester, NH in November, 2013!

Fraternally submitted,
Beth Merrill, Regional Coordinator
147th National Grange Convention

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

The Friday session of the NH State Grange closed in full form at 4:35 PM.

Friday Evening Session, October 26, 2012

The Friday evening session was called to order by State Master Jim Tetreault at 7:30 PM, preceded by the marching in of the State Officers. Larissa Grant served as Flag Bearer for the evening.

Roll call of officers found all present.

State Master Jim Tetreault opened the New Hampshire State Grange in the Sixth Degree.

Prior to the Sixth Degree the fifth Degree was obligated on 2 candidates.

State Secretary Carolyn Ross read the application: of Kevin Belval of Chichester Grange and 18 other candidates.

Cathy Snyder	Winthrop
Stuart Light	Londonderry
Judy Hickey	Hinsdale
Dennis Boulanger	Wicwas Lake
Luciene "Cookie" Boulanger	Wicwas Lake
Robert Greemore	Wicwas Lake
Barry Ladd	Wicwas Lake
Brian Phelps	Wicwas Lake
James Lowrey	Wicwas Lake
Jeanne Lowrey	Wicwas Lake
Linda Phelps	Wicwas Lake
Emily Sandblade	Londonderry
Nicholas Schwarz	Wicwas Lake
Kristin Durand-Schwarz	Wicwas Lake
Nicholas Durand	Wicwas Lake
Kimberly Durand	Wicwas Lake
Helga Paquin	Wicwas Lake
Jayne Greemore	Wicwas Lake

The Sixth Degree was exemplified in a most impressive manner.

Flora's Court 2012

Flora	Ann Leger	Winthrop Grange
Personal Attendants	Kimber Bascom	Past State Flora, LAS, Ceres Member Assembly of Demeter
Attendants	Patrice Lawlor	Past State Flora, LAS
	Patricia Bailey	Past State Flora, LAS
	Marie Hall	Past State Flora, Lecturer, LAS Pianist
	Gail Turcotte	Past State Flora, Secretary
	Dianne Collins	Past State Flora
	Marion T. Jones (in absentia)	Past State Flora, Lecturer, LAS, Executive Committee, Pianist,
Ceres	Tricia Taylor	Blazing Star Grange
Attendants	Jane Heath	Centennial Grange
	Ruth Pelton	
Pomona	Ida Hutchins	Baker's River Grange
Attendants	Dot Haskins	Past State Pomona
	Anne Collins	

Soloist		Mary West	Chichester Grange
Lights		Wayne Turcotte	Rochester Grange
Sound		Mark Collins	Park Grange
Rose Drill	Coach	Lynn Clark	Prentice Hill Grange
		Sarah Leclerc	Hudson Grange
		Emilie Leclerc	Hudson Grange
		Anne Boisvert	Chichester Grange
		Larissa Grant	Arlington Grange
		Matthew Clark	Prentice Hill Grange
		Andrew Savage	Wingold Grange
		Norman Brandt	Wingold Grange

Flora's Honor Court

Connie Johnson	First Lady Michigan State Grange
Marjorie Sendowich	CT State Grange, Assembly of Demeter
Debra Patten	Past State Ceres, Assembly of Demeter
Virginia Clark	Past State Pomona
Rhoda Davis	Past State Ceres, Assembly of Demeter
Rachel Scanzani	Past State Pomona

Master's Honor Court

Chris Johnson	National Grange Gatekeeper, Master Michigan State Grange
Bob Sendowich	Ct State Grange, Assembly of Demeter
Richard Patten	Past State Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Secretary, Executive Committee, National Community Service Director, Assembly of Demeter
Paul Davis	Past State Master, Overseer, Steward, Executive Committee, Assembly of Demeter
Rick Bailey	Past State Steward, Assistant Steward
Jerry Leclerc	Past State Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward
Dan Bascom	Past State Master, Overseer, Assistant Steward, Gatekeeper, Executive Committee, National Gatekeeper, Priest Archon, Assembly of Demeter
Rodney Huntoon	Past State Treasurer, Executive Committee
Hugh Clark	Past State Chaplain

State Master Jim Tetreault and Deputy Matt Clark presented 2 members of Hinsdale Grange #358 with their charter which was dated April 8, 2012.

Chris & Connie Johnston were called upon for remarks.

State Master Jim Tetreault closed the Grange in the 4th degree at 9:30 PM.

Saturday Morning Session – October 27, 2013

The third day of the 139th annual session of the New Hampshire State Grange was called to order by State Master Jim Tetreault at 8:05 am.

Roll call of officers found all present.

Roll call of Granges found a quorum present.

The minutes of the Friday session were read and approved by the delegates.

State Master Jim Tetreault called upon Chris Johnston, National Representative for morning remarks.

Hannah West was called upon to give the report of the Granite State Granger.

Granite State Granger

My fellow Grangers,

Again this year four issues of the Granite State Granger were mailed to members.

After the December issue was complete, I acquired a new computer and realized that new software was also needed. The Adobe In-Design which replaced my Adobe Pagemaker proved to be quite a challenge. Three issues later, I am still far from mastering it. Luckily, I have Anne Boisvert to solve the computer issues that are beyond me.

As always, I am very grateful for those who help to fold, wafer, and label the paper before I can mail it. Paul and Rhoda Davis are still willing workers. Kevin Belval has processed many boxes of papers, and Mary West, Anne and Marty Boisvert, Fred Carlson, Norma Neary, and Shirley Waters have helped as well.

I thank all those who have sent donations to help defray the costs of printing and postage. It warms my heart to receive donations which are often accompanied by words of encouragement. Clearly, the Granite State Granger is a valuable outreach tool. The amount of news sent in by Granges and Grangers has continued to increase. I rarely have trouble filling the twelve pages.

The e-mail service I call the “Grange Grapevine” is also seeing increased use. I generate my address lists from the State Grange Roster, but I am quite willing to add addresses of Grangers who aren’t listed in the Roster. Just send me an e-mail and ask to have your name added. If you receive the messages, please share the news with those who do not use e-mail. Many notices are time-sensitive and need to be passed along.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hannah West, Editor
Granite State Granger

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Anne & Marty Boisvert were called upon to give the report of the State Grange Building.

State Grange Building Report 2012

In last year’s report I mentioned that our goal for this year was to get the basement under control and to spruce up the building and landscaping. The opportunity for the latter presented itself quite literally to us when a wind storm in March dropped a large spruce tree from the neighbors on the hillside onto the back driveway. Luckily the building received no damage. In April a chipper was rented and we managed to clear up the fallen tree and also removed the large tree that was overhanging the side parking area. We also played Tarzan and removed as much of the viney underbrush as we could pull and untangle from the larger trees. The same day, with the assistance of Mary West and Hannah West, the ceiling of the main room was painted to help hide the water spots and holes from tape being used in the past. Trying to do a painting project and tree work while entertaining a baby was a challenge, but we got it all done just in time for National Master Ed Lutrell’s visit.

As for the basement, a committee met and cleaned out a lot of things that were being unnecessarily stored there such as expired canned goods and broken card tables. More needs to be done with regards to the historically significant documents stored there. The spare gavel blocks, implement cases, and staves need to be sorted and inventoried, but progress has begun.

One of the cupboards from the storage room formerly used by the Pansy Rebekah Lodge was moved to the women's bathroom to store supplies that belong to the Gun Club for their monthly dinners before meetings. The rest of the storage room is in transition. The lock on the door has been changed, but the room has not yet been re-appropriated.

Regular maintenance of the building continues as usual. The assembly permit was again renewed with the Town of Hooksett. After the replacement of one smoke detector, we passed the inspection without incident. Orkin Pest Control continues to check in on the building after an issue with carpenter ants a couple of years ago. Chris Heath has been doing summer lawn maintenance and cleaning the building. The furnace was cleaned this fall and the fire extinguishers will be inspected in a few weeks. The technician who cleaned the furnace seemed more concerned than in past years with the rust on the legs of the oil tank and recommended it be reinforced. We built a staging underneath the tank so that even if all the legs should give out at once, it won't fall more than half an inch. The tank was also sprayed with rust reformer to stave off future problems.

Hannah West has continued with taking reservations for the use of the building and arranging for the pick-up and drop-off of keys. Several groups have used the building for baby showers, birthday parties, and other such gatherings. Local Granges, the Gun Club, the NH State Grange Executive Committee, and the 2013 National Grange Hosting Committee have all been meeting at the building. Many other events such as the National Master's presentation and the Lecturer's Variety Show were held there.

Goals for the coming year include continued work on the basement, landscaping, and further beautification of the building in preparation for any visitors to National Session 2013 who may wish to check out our building. We are also in search of someone who would like to take on the responsibility of care of the gardens.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne, Marty, and Rebecca Boisvert
State Grange Building Maintenance Council

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Lois Enman was called upon to give the report of Grange Services.

Report of the Grange Services Committee 2012

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Sisters all:

I am pleased to give my report as director of this committee.

The financial information for the **Educational Loan Fund (ELF)** is as follows:

Education Loan Fund Balance Sheet
September 30, 2012

October 1, 2011 at Peoples United Bank	\$2,568.09
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Contributions:	
4 Pomonas	\$95.00
12 Subordinates	\$310.00
Total Contributions	\$405.00

Memorial Gifts:	
Elizabeth Cotsibas	\$50.00
Total Memorial Gifts	\$50.00

Income:	
Interest Paid	\$133.70
Principal Paid	\$321.00
Interest on Bank Accounts	\$2.88
Individual Donations	\$25.00
Morgan Stanley	\$4,000.00
Total Income	\$4,482.58

Expenses:	
Scholarships	\$4,000.00
Postage	\$53.00
Printing Annual Appeal Letters	\$7.20
Total Expenses	\$4,060.20

Balance Sept. 30, 2012 at Peoples United Bank \$3,445.47

We are grateful for the donations, memorial contributions and individual contributions we have received this year, but I am sad to report that only a quarter of our granges were able to contribute. Without your contributions the availability of funds will be greatly diminished.

Scholarships

These are available to Grange members in New Hampshire who have belonged to a Grange for at least one year. This scholarship/grant does not need to be repaid. The amount of available funds depends on the interest earned from our invested funds. The following members were awarded a scholarship at our annually meeting. Casey Doig, Robert C. Varnum and Hillary Ward. The State Grange wishes them well as they continue their education.

National Grange Benefits

Many benefits are available to you from the National Grange, just because you belong to a Subordinate Grange. To mention some there are, Travel Center, Choice Hotels, American Income Life, Life Line Screening, US Pharmacy Card (Scrip), RX Pharmacy CVS Caremark, Hertz Rental, Med Air Services also Beltone Hearing Aid, True Hearing and a Prescription Drug Coverage. Plus Wire fly – cell phone services, VIP Pet Insurance and LTC Financial Partners. These programs are updated regularly through the National Grange web site at www.nationalgrange.org and I hope Grange members will share this information at their regular meetings. Also a Grange that owns it building may obtain a policy for property and liability insurance through a Master Policy at National Grange.

This committee and the Membership Committee provided a new Membership/Benefits brochure this year and the Grange Services Committee recommends the State Grange provide it in limited quantities to Granges in need. This membership tool could help both the Subordinate and State Grange financially.

In closing this report I need to thank the members of my committee, Patrice Lawlor, Rodney Huntoon, David Boynton, Norma Neary, Mary Tyler and Christopher Heath for their diligence work through out the past two years, by helping to inform Grange members of the programs offered on the State and National levels.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois L. Enman, Director
Grange Services Committee

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Allissa Estes was called upon to give the Youth report.

2012 Report on Youth Activities

Worthy Master, National Representatives, Pink Sash Family Members,
Delegates, Brothers and Sister Patrons,

It is with pleasure that I present to you my final report as Youth Director.

The Youth Team was busy this year. I have made most of this information available in the Granite State Granger, so this will just be a quick recap of the year's events. In February, the Winter Youth Rally was held at Daniel Webster Grange with a variety of workshops and tons of food and fellowship. In March we had a great turn out at our first bowling event of the year; glow bowling in Keene, fun was had by all. In April, we held another glow bowling event a Stadium Ten Pin in Manchester. Also in April, two youth attended the Spring Fling, mentoring the juniors that showed. In May, the Youth participated in the 3rd degree. In June, the Team held the annual June Youth Rally at the State Grange Building with a luau. July found our youth on the road again, this time to the Big E, for the Northeast Regional Youth Conference where our drill team took fifth place and we had a nasty wake up call from the fire alarm. We took the summer slow and just enjoyed family time. September, the Youth went apple picking at Meadow Ledge Farm in Loudon, NH this was a really fun time. September also brought us to degree day; the youth had the 2nd degree. I would like to thank everyone who has helped me with planning and attending these events, without you I don't feel I could have made this year possible.

I received a great amount of grange youth reports this past year. At this time Worthy Assistant Steward and Worthy Lady Assistant Steward please escort Wingold Grange and Pemigewasset Valley Pomona Grange to the Masters station to receive the top Subordinate and Pomona Youth score.

The Youth Team is also very proud to have 2 representatives of NH State Grange Youth going to National Grange Session in Boise ID. The youth attending are Matt Clark for Legislative Experience and Lynn Clark as youth Lecturer. We also have Kathy Yardley who will be attending National Session for her Public Speaking.

At this time I would like following youth who will be attending the Special Degree Day at the Oliver Hudson Kelley Farm, when I call your name please rise to be recognized. Matt Clark (Overseer), Lynn Clark (Lecturer), Mary West (Flora) Anne Boisvert (Steward) Amy Schunemann (Pomona) Myself (Treasurer)

Before I end my report, I would like to thank my committee for helping out as much as possible even when you couldn't attend an event. Gail thank you so much for providing financial advice and information about the youth accounts; I would also like to thank Chris Heath, Fran Everard, Amy Schunemann, Jim Tetreault and everyone else who has been apart of me since I have joined the grange.

The reason I am resigning as Youth Director is my life has taken a different toll on me, I am under going health issues, and I have also returned to college. I want to leave you with my quote from last year. "You haven't seen the last of me".

Respectfully submitted,
Allissa Estes
NH State Grange Youth Team Director

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

Past State Master Dan Bascom was escorted to the Master's Station to address the delegate body.

Sherrill Bokousky was called upon to give the Fundraising report.

NH State Grange Fundraising

Worthy State Master, National Representatives, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters all:

Fundraising is a vital part of our organization's needs. Great efforts are being made by granges throughout NH to raise funds and be visible in your communities. The NH State Grange has also been active with a list of activities for the year. The first activity for the year began with the 1/20 club. This is a weekly drawing for a \$25.00 prize and continued for 20 weeks. At the end of the 20 weeks there were 4 additional cash prizes drawn. All winners' names were listed on the NH Website.

We will continue this fundraising activity for the 2013 year. It is a great way to raise funds and we can do this in the community as well as within the granges. We do need help with selling tickets.

Additional fundraising plans included a Breakfast and Plant Sale which was held in May at the State Grange Building in Hooksett. We did not have great success with breakfast attendees but did very well with the plant sale part of this event. When I asked for donations of plants grangers responded. I send my thanks to all for that and hope to see this event happen again. As a side note I will tell you that some of the folks who came out to help brought their green thumbs with them and were able to do a little sprucing up of the plants at the grange building.

During September our activity was the two days spent on serving Blueberry Pie at the Big E. This is the second time for me with this project so I am still a little nervous about it. But we did have the volunteers we needed and served blueberry pie and had fun doing it. Thank you to all who helped me, listened to me when I complained, and my very patient daughter who had to deal with me worrying so much about it.

The final fundraiser we have this year is a Silent Auction and the 50/50 raffle right after the Banquet on Saturday evening.

Worthy Master, thank you for asking me to lead these activities.

Fraternally
Sherrill Bokousky
Operations Committee
Fundraising Chairman

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Arthur Merrill was then called upon to explain the events that would be taking place July 2013. The Youth will be exemplifying the 4 degrees as they were done in 1873. This will all be happening in Minnesota.

Ken Berry was called upon to give the report of the Session Coordinator.

State Session Coordinator 2011-2012

Worthy Master, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters All:

Last year it was a pleasure to work with the Town & Country Motor Inn. Having the convention end with a snowstorm was not my way of thinking. Many of our Grangers went home to a lot of snow or even no power.

Here we are back at the Ashworth by the Sea. I did not expect that we would be back here so soon. As usual I called a couple of hotels to find out that they were booked already. One day I was talking to my sister Carolyn Ross and she said call the Ashworth and I did.

The Ashworth by the Sea turned 100 years old this past May. You will also notice since our last convention the Breakers and main dining room have been remodeled. You also may have noticed the new look to the

beach front. Over \$14,500,000 has been spent to make the much needed improvements. Along with the improvements comes the higher parking fee at the state owned parking spaces.

I found out that the hotel did not have a wedding or a group booked for this weekend. I then asked for a contract. I found out that the prices of the rooms had gone way up. I then prepared a letter and sent it to the hotel. I asked that the prices be changed and to my amazement they were changed for our group. This is the second time that I have renegotiated the price of the rooms. The first time was at the Best Western Sovereign in Keene.

As it turns out the hotel is very full this weekend. The hotel cut off my group contract three weeks ago. Now a three-night stay is \$585.00 and a Saturday night stay is \$216.00. Now you can see that the rates that I was able to acquire are very good.

Back in 2010 I had called the Holiday Inn in Concord. At that time the meeting rooms and restaurant were controlled by an outside company. As it turns out you had to rent the convention space. As we require a meeting room and display room we would have had to pay about \$1,000 for the three-day convention. Last year at State Grange Dick Patten asked me why we couldn't hold the convention at the Holiday Inn in Concord. He told me that the policies of the hotel had changed. Thanks to Dick Patton we will be back in Concord next year.

The last time we visited the Holiday Inn was back in 1994. That was the year Dick Patten was installed as Master of the NH State Grange. Back in 1994 our convention was really too large to be meeting at the Holiday Inn. Now that we have fewer Subordinate and Pomona Granges it will work out very well.

The hotel rates will be \$99.00 plus tax. As it turns out the rates are just about the same as they are here at the Ashworth. The only difference the Ashworth charged \$108.00 and the state tax is included.

The Holiday Inn is on a national reservation system. Our block of rooms will be cut off on October 2, 2013. Then the room rates will go up just like they have here at the Ashworth.

I would also like to thank the delegates at last year's convention for passing Resolution #2. I will be starting in the next few months looking for the location for the 2014 convention site. I will now be able to make a hotel reservation for the 3rd weekend in October if I should need too. As I stated last year I will not book a hotel for the 1st weekend in November as many of our Grangers attend the National Session.

I will continue to send out hotel and banquet information twice a year. With the cooperation of a new State Secretary, this information will continue to be included with the quarterly reports. All State Grange Convention information will also be included on the State Grange website and in the GSG.

This year is the 4th year that I have been in the position of the NH State Grange Session Coordinator. Every year I try to fine-tune the rooming lists. This year I found out that two weeks prior to the deadline my rooms count list was still very low. I was surprised at the people that should be on the list had not even registered with the hotel. Then shortly after that discovery an e-mail was sent out.

I am also very surprised about the counts at this year's banquet. There is a 45% increase in the counts. The payment method and due dates are going to be looked at this winter's directors meeting. This year there have been way too many banquet requests with no money to back up the reservations. I do not want to resort to the method that they have at the Massachusetts State Grange. They are required to make out a form with a check enclosed and send it to the State Grange Steward. I personally do not want to have to use this method.

In closing this has been another interesting year. I am already looking forward to the next directors meeting.

Fraternally,
Kenneth L. Berry

NH State Grange Session Coordinator

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Master Jim Tetreault called for a recess at 9:39 am.

The meeting was called back to order at 10:03 am.

State Master Jim Tetreault called upon Chris Heath, Chairman of the State Grange Executive Committee to give the State Budget report.

A motion was made by Matt Clark and seconded by Gloria Davis to accept the Income budget. The vote was in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Arthur Merrill and seconded by Arlene Fall to accept the Expense budget as presented.

A motion was made by Arthur Merrill and seconded by Matt Clark to amend the expense budget by changing the Secretary expense from \$2600.00 to \$1000.00, change the Treasurer expense from \$2000.00 to \$500.00 and change the Membership budget from \$450.00 to \$3000.00. After much discussion the vote to make these changes was in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Dan Bascom and seconded by Bob Trombi to move \$550.00 to Printing/Supplies account. The vote was in the affirmative to make this change.

A motion was made by Norman Brandt and seconded by Pat Izzo to increase the Family and Community Services budget by \$200.00. This motion was defeated.

Wayne Turcotte was called upon to give the report of the Webmaster.

State Grange Webmaster

Worthy State Master, State Officers, National Representatives and Grangers All:

This year I have added a few pages to the website as they have been requested by various Departments. There have also been some subtle changes to the appearance of the website.

National Grange has provided us with guidelines for websites and social media sites connected with the Grange. The New Hampshire State Grange website has been updated to comply with National Grange's website guidelines. I ask those Granges who have their own website or social media site to review the National Granges guidelines, available on the home page of the New Hampshire State Grange website, and ensure that their site complies with the rules.

You can send information, to be posted on the website, to me at webmaster@nhgrange.org or mail to Wayne Turcotte, 107 Oak Hill Rd., Barrington, NH 03825.

Fraternally submitted,
Wayne Turcotte
Webmaster, NHSG

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Bob Haefner was called upon to give the report of the Legislative/Agriculture Director and the Presidents report of the Foundation.

2012 Legislative and Agriculture Department Annual Report

During the fall, I traveled to Hanover, Croydon and Concord to give awards at local Granges for last year's Legislative and Agriculture awards. We did a Century Farm at Grafton Star, The Legislative awards to two folks at Croydon Grange and "A Friend of NH Agriculture" at Concord Grange.

The Committee, or at least some of us, met at Deputy School in December and planned the coming year. We did not do Grange day at the State House this past year, but will resume it in April and see if we can get the new Governor to attend. Speaking of attending, we need to get NH Grangers to attend the Big E and March in the Parade on Grange Day at the Big E. We only had 5 NH soles in the parade this year and 4 of them were from the same Grange. Please ask every Grange to send one or two folks next September. Every year, Connecticut has more than us and often Rhode Island does. The challenge: Out draw Connecticut.

In April we held our second annual Public Service Panel Discussion at Spring Fling. It was well attended and folks seem to enjoy it. Do you all want us to do it again? Changes? We had a couple of farm visits while deciding on this year's Agriculture award recipients.

Last May the worthy Master, My Grandson Matt and I Participated in the National Grange's Legislative Fly In to Washington. We lobbied all four members of our Delegation, getting to actually talk with two of them. We even went back the next morning and had coffee with Senator Shaheen. At the top of our list this year was to push the delegation to help us with State meat Inspection. I encourage every NH Granger to do the fly-in once. It is a great experience. Unfortunately it is expensive to make the trip, but still a worthwhile memory.

Respectfully submitted
Bob Haefner

Report of the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the NH Grange Foundation for 2012

Worthy Master, Fellow Officers, National Representatives, Delegates and Grangers all, thank you. Your charitable foundation is alive and well in spite of several challenges this past year. We lost three of our four officers and four of the five original Directors. That leaves a big hole in the organization. We had a very slow go at electing a new Treasurer. As a result, we filed our IRS 990 form late and will pay a penalty for that.

Your Foundation has now 10 members with the 11th to be elected at this annual meeting. I am proud to announce our Board of Directors and the Officers of the Foundation:

Bob Haefner –chair – Grange member
David Babson -Vice Chair
Andrew Savage – Treasurer – Grange member
Ruth Holmes – Secretary – Grange member
Lorraine Merrill
Gail McWilliams-Jellie
John Porter
Bob Bernstein
Linda Lauer – Grange member
Sandy Salo

With one new Director to be elected at the annual meeting which will be a Grange member.

I am proud of our board and think it is second to none. We have very experienced folks with diverse backgrounds. During this year we wrote and approved our policy on applying for and awarding scholarships and grants to applicants. Thanks to John Porter for his effort to accomplish that. Bob Bernstein is helping us now draft the policy for raising money for the Foundation. During this year that we are now starting, we will complete all policies and start fund raising and issue our first scholarship. We did this year receive a check targeted to a Grange and in turn paid the money out to the Grange. We did receive differing

legal opinions about granting money to fix up Grange halls. The Attorney General's office was a big help in sorting that out and putting us on the right course.

By having the Foundation's Annual Meeting at the State Grange Annual Meeting and by including the minutes of the Foundation's Annual Meeting in the record of the State Grange Annual Session, we are demonstrating a connection between our organizations, while keeping them as separate entities. This connection extends to the Directors voting in new Directors, electing Directors and Officers, voting Bi-Law changes, and by including the Treasurer's report in front of the State Grange Delegate body, we are demonstrating a close relationship to the organization that spun us off and whose name we proudly carry, NH Grange Foundation. This change came as a result of a couple of meetings with the Worthy Master, National Grange, and me.

Respectfully submitted
Bob Haefner, Chair
New Hampshire Grange Foundation

The reports were accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Master Jim Tetreault called for a recess at 11:26 am.

State Master Jim Tetreault called the meeting back to order at 1:30pm.

State Master Jim Tetreault called upon Bob Haefner, Chairman of the Master's Address Committee to give his report. Bob started his report by saying that he had added Tara Sad to his committee.

A motion was made by Matt Clark and seconded by Beth Merrill to discuss the Masters Address point by point.

Report of the Master's Address Committee

Worthy State Master, Delegates, National Representatives Chris and Connie Johnston and Brother and Sister Patrons,

The committee joins the State Master in applauding the successes of the Wicwas Lake Grange, Londonderry Grange, and the organization of the new Hinsdale Grange. However, the committee could not agree more strongly with the State Master that the Grange needs to be strengthened, and our Grange spirit reignited. To that end, we have the following suggestions to the Master's proposals

Proposals

Number 1 – Create a Grange Growth Fund. The committee agrees that we should commit **\$15,000 from the former Claremont Grange escrow account, now in the investment account**, to establish a Grange Growth Fund. **The Grange Growth Team will establish policies and procedures by the expenditure of these funds with the approval of the State Executive Committee.**

The delegates accepted the committee's recommendation as amended.

Number 2 – The concept of a Grange Growth Team is accepted, but we suggest that the membership include the Organizing Deputy and Membership Director, who work together with an appointed, willing and enthusiastic committee

The delegates accepted the committee's recommendation.

Number 3 – The committee feels adding one new Grange in every Pomona by 2016 may not be the best course of action for every Pomona. **It shall be the goal to either add a new Grange to each of the Pomona's**, or revitalize an existing Grange with an equivalent amount of members.

The delegates accepted the committee's recommendation as amended above in bold.

Number 4 – Creating a financial incentive for each Pomona Grange to create a new Grange. The committee feels that this money is better put to use someplace else. The recognition of the announcement at State Grange should be sufficient recognition.

The delegates accepted the committee's recommendation.

Number 5 – Compact of Agreement that growth between the Subordinate and Pomona Grange is a shared responsibility. The committee understands and agrees with the concept, but without some contractual incentive or disincentive, it seems ineffective.

The delegates accepted the committee's recommendation.

Number 6 and Number 7 – Proposal 6 to promote the planning of Rally Days and Proposal 7 for creating a social committee should be combined. We feel there should be a Social Committee that will promote events that people will want to attend, with a minimum of at least two Rally Days. The committee should be made up of young people, families and older Grangers so that all are taken into consideration in the proactive planning of events, as well as participation in existing community events around the state.

It was brought to the delegates' attention that the creation of the Social Committee was under the direction of the Master.

The committee joins the Master in recognizing and thanking those stepping down for their service and dedication, and wish them well. The committee also expresses their condolences to the families and friends of those Grangers who have passed during this year.

The committee would like to express our thanks to the State Master for the privilege and honor of serving on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Haefner, Chair
Jerry Leclerc
Mary West
Andrew Savage
Carol Hill
Tara Sad

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Alice Tuck was called upon to give the report of Family Services.

Worthy Master, National Delegates, Distinguished guests, brothers and sisters:

It has been my pleasure to be able to serve as the Co-Director of the Family and Community Committee. Unfortunately, I have decided not to continue. I have really enjoyed the past two years and the opportunity to serve the NH State Grange. However, for personal reasons this task has become a little overwhelming and I can no longer give my full attention to the committee. It has been a pleasure working with Dick Patten and I know he will continue his part of the Committee with commitment and dedication.

We did have a busy year. In December we traveled to the Children's Home (Philbrick House) to give \$200 towards Christmas presents for the children. We also delivered scarves and mittens to numerous schools along with dictionaries which were donated by Eastern NH Pomona and Rochester Grange.

During the year I was able to attend Deputy School, the Northeast Leaders Conference, two area meetings, the Spring Fling and the Lecturer's Variety Show.

Entries for the needlework contest were way down this year but there were at least one entry in all of the categories. I would like to thank Beth Merrill for taking the items to Eastern States and also for returning them back to my home. Imagine my surprise when I opened the box and there were 6 ribbons for the New Hampshire Grange. Congratulations to the winners.

Many thanks to the members who donated fudge and trail mix. These donations help with the committees expenses. Also many thanks for the school supplies. They will be taken to the Paul School in Wakefield when we deliver the dictionaries.

The committee also donated 25 cell phones and 150 knit caps to the Pease Greeters. The cell phones will be refurbished and sent to the troops overseas along with the knit caps. The members of the NH State Grange have once again exceeded expectations of mittens collected from all over the state. I would like to thank Ralph Russell for the 10 pairs of mittens he delivered to me on Friday. They were all knit by him and he also donated mittens to the grade school in Farmington. Many thanks Ralph. You should give the other men of the State Grange lessons.

The results of the contests are as follows:

Class A - Afghan	Beth Merrill	1 st
	Carol Hill	2 nd
	Claire Gagnon	3 rd
Class B - Doily	Mary Marshall	1 st
	Katherine Umberhind	2 nd
	Joan DeButts	3 rd
Class C - Embroidery	Ann Leger	1 st
	Annette Lemieux	2 nd
	Barbara Wentworth	3 rd
Class D - 3-pc baby set	Joan Debutts	1 st
Class E - Plastic Canvas	Annette Lemieux	1 st
Class F - Counted Cross Stitch	Ann Leger	1 st
Class G - Adult Garment	Ann Leger	1 st
	Marie Paoletta	2 nd
	Claire Gagnon	3 rd
Class I - Wall Hanging	Cathy Richards	1 st
Class J - Stuffed Toy	Phyllis Aldrich	1 st
Class I - Woodworking	Richard Bailey	1 st
Class II - Quilting	Dorinda Louise	1 st
	Cathy Richards	2 nd
	Joann Brandt	3 rd

Class IV - Miscellaneous	Roberta Sliva	1 st
	Dorinda Louise	2 nd
Baking Contest	Sheila Rainey	1 st
	Norman Brandt	2 nd
	Pauline Kierna	3 rd

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Tuck, Co-Director
NH State Grange Family & Community Committee

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Wayne Turcotte was called upon to give the report of the Resolutions Committee.
Resolution #1 - Submitted by: Cheshire County Pomona #6
Subject: Pomona and Subordinate Granges entering into contracts

WHEREAS, in these times of high expenses, a Pomona Grange or a Subordinate Grange may need to enter into a contract for services provided by outside contractors or businesses, and;

WHEREAS, a second set of eyes can help to scrutinize a contract for potential problems for the Pomona or Subordinate Grange, therefore be it;

RESOLVED, that prior to a Pomona or Subordinate Grange entering into a contract that could result in a large debt, (greater than \$5000.00) that the Pomona or Subordinate Grange must contact their State Grange Master and Executive Committee in writing, with the details of the proposed contract and/or circumstances, to request permission to enter into said contract, with the exception of emergency work required due to a natural disaster or similar circumstances, and be it further;

RESOLVED that the following section be added to the National Digest:

4.11.6 Entrance into a contract by Subordinate or Pomona Granges – No Pomona or Subordinate Grange may enter into a contract that could result in a large debt, (greater than \$5000.00) except upon the following conditions:

(A) A written notice shall be sent to the Master and Executive Committee of the State Grange having jurisdiction advising of the intent to invoke the procedure included in Article XI of these By-Laws to enter into a contract. Such notice shall contain a summary of the reasons for the proposed contract and a copy of said proposed contract.

(B) The State Grange Master and Executive Committee shall review the proposed contract for protection of the interests of the members and the Grange organization and shall approve, vote down or submit recommended changes to the proposed contract, in writing, to the Subordinate or Pomona Grange within 10 calendar days. If the proposed contract was voted down, the State Grange Master and State Grange Executive Committee must list their reasons for voting down the proposed contract in their written response. If changes to the proposed contract were made by the State Grange Master and State Grange Executive Committee, the Subordinate or Pomona Grange shall negotiate the proposed changes with their contractor and re-submit a new proposed contract in accordance with (A) above.

(C) Any resolution adopted by a Subordinate or Pomona Grange for entering into a contract, is inoperative unless consented to, in writing, by the Master and Executive Committee of the State Grange having jurisdiction over the said Subordinate or Pomona Grange. Such consent shall be given only if the conditions of such contract are to be used for the benefit of present and future members of the said Subordinate and Pomona Granges as a fraternal group for Grange purposes. Such uses may include the repair, expansion or improvements of an existing Grange Hall or other Grange real property and the acquisition of fixtures, furniture, equipment or other furnishings for such Grange real property or for resolving litigation, or for use in accordance with the general purposes of the Order.

(D) If the Master and Executive Committee of the State Grange consent to the contract, then in that event the procedures for notice, resolution, meeting and vote contained in Sections 4.11.1 (B) through (F) of these By-Laws shall be applicable except that such procedures shall be applicable to entering into a contract, rather than sale of real property.

(E) These requirements may be waived and/or modified by the Master and/or Executive Committee of the State Grange having jurisdiction, through telephone conversations or other electronic media, in emergency situations where there is a need to act quickly either to save/preserve the value of property, after a natural disaster or fire or there is a requirement to make expenditures that are mandated via a government agency, ie a special assessment or in cases where the Grange does not have much choice but to spend money as required by circumstance or fiat. This emergency expenditure is not to exceed \$25,000.00 without following the full requirements of section 4.11.6 of this Digest of Laws.

*Resolution Committee recommends adoption of this resolution.
The delegate body adopted this resolution.*

Resolution #2 - Submitted by: Cheshire County Pomona #6
Subject: Campaign Finance Reform

Whereas, The Grange in its long history has been an advocate for clean and fair elections; and

Whereas, Whether you are a Republican, Democrat or undeclared voter, knowing the sources of candidates campaign finances is only good public policy; and

Whereas, Outside groups can spend millions of dollars on messages and to defeat individual candidates and have their donors remain anonymous; therefore be it

Resolved, That the New Hampshire State Grange and the National Grange advocate for a constitutional amendment that would overturn the “Citizens United case” that classified corporations union and outside special interest group with the same free speech rights that are enjoyed by everyday citizens and exempted them from campaign disclosure laws and restore transparency campaigns and election funding.

*Resolution Committee has no recommendation.
The delegate body took no action on this resolution and the resolution is considered defeated.*

Resolution #3 – Submitted by: Northern New Hampshire Pomona #5
Subject: Closed Rest Areas in Northern New Hampshire

Whereas, Northern NH relies heavily on tourism as a source of revenue, and hosts tourists from all over the world; and

Whereas, long-haul truckers are required by Federal law to rest periodically to maintain their licenses; and

Whereas, Northern NH, in particular, is an economically depressed area; and

Whereas, the Rest Areas have been a boon to tourism and a convenience for long-haul truckers; and

Whereas: the closure of the Rest Areas sends a mixed message to tourists and truckers (“Welcome to NH—We’re closed”); and

Whereas: the closing of the Rest Areas lead to trash along the highways, a sanitation problem and a safety hazard as truckers park along the highways and at turnouts that are not long enough for them; therefore be it

Resolved: that the NH State Grange support the re-opening of the Rest Areas in Northern NH on a full-time basis; and be it further

Resolved: that the NH State Grange go on record as supporting the renovation and upkeep of these buildings and grounds *and advocate removal of barriers to allow travelers to utilize the parking lots for rest breaks.*

Resolution Committee recommends adoption and thinks that it should not be limited to Northern New Hampshire and advocate removal of barriers to allow travelers to utilize the parking lots for rest breaks. This resolution was adopted as amended by the delegate body

Resolution #4 – Submitted by Concord Grange # 322
Subject: NH Humanities Council Presentations

Whereas, the program presented by the NH humanities Council regarding the History of the Grange in New Hampshire to 1955; and

Whereas, people attending this presentation might come to the conclusion the Grange is no longer in existence and thereby hurting chances of possibility of gaining a new member; therefore be it

Resolved, The State Master along with two other members to be appointed by him to meet with the NH Humanities Council in an effort to stress the importance of focusing on the positive image of Today's Grange and not focusing the demise of the Grange in the 1950's; and be it further

Resolved, a meeting should be scheduled as soon after National Grange has completed its current session.

*Resolution Committee does not recommend adoption.
This resolution was defeated by the delegate body.*

Resolution #5 - Submitted by Concord Grange # 322
Subject: Northeast Grange Events

Whereas, the six New England States plus the State of New York hold the following events annually such as Northeast Youth Rally, Northeast Lecturer's Conference, Go To Church Sunday, and Northeast Leaders Meeting; and

Whereas, the attendance at these events has continued to decrease due to costs of traveling, age of members or members having difficulty in getting vacation time from their employers to attend during the weekdays; therefore be it

Resolved we are requesting the Leaders in charge of these events meet and discuss the possibility of scheduling these events at the same time preferably during a weekend from Wednesday to Sunday or Thursday to Sunday in which the Youth Rally, Lecturer's Conference, and Go To Church would be held. This would enable everyone attending being able to support each these events. The exception would be the Northeast Leaders Conference which is held in December or January and the planning for the upcoming meeting would be held; and be it further

Resolved, the States would continue to rotate each year as currently but possibly holding them at a hotel or conference center and if found practicable, be scheduled by 2014.

*Resolution Committee has no recommendation.
This resolution was adopted by the delegate body.*

Resolution #6 - Submitted by: Hillsborough County Pomona #1
Subject: United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

Whereas, from 1958 - 1994, the United States was a leader among nations in the development of rules which define a country's rights, duties, and outer boundaries of territorial waters, fisheries, and the ocean floor; governance of marine environment and scientific research; and management of seabed minerals; and

Whereas, a review of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) by the Reagan administration in 1981 found six criteria related to deep seabed minerals to be unacceptable to the United States, which have since been successfully addressed in the Agreement Relating to the Implementation of Part XI of UNCLOS; and

Whereas, the Convention and Agreement were signed by President Bill Clinton in 1994 and have since received strong support from every President and Cabinet, all of the Navy and Coast Guard leadership, heads of shipping, energy, fishing and telecommunications industries, and the environment and conservation community; and

Whereas, UNCLOS must be ratified by the United States Senate in order for the United States to be a full partner with the countries within the United Nations who have adopted this Convention; and

Whereas, the U.S. Senate, due to partisan politics and other business deemed more pressing than the oceans, has prevented the Convention and Agreement from being debated by the full Senate; therefore be it

Resolved, that the National Grange encourage action and debate by the U.S. Senate to ratify UNCLOS, and thus adhere the United States to the same oceanic standards and regulations as more than 160 other nations have already adopted.

*Resolution Committee has no recommendation.
This resolution was adopted by the delegate body.*

Resolution #7 Submitted by: The New Hampshire State Grange Executive Committee
Subject: Interim Legislative Policy Authorization

Whereas, the Delegate Body of the New Hampshire State Grange has the responsibility of determining policy for the purposes of advocacy; and

Whereas, many important legislative issues that require immediate response, arise during the year between the annual State Grange sessions; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Delegate Body of the New Hampshire State Grange authorize the NH State Grange Executive Committee *in conjunction with the Legislative Committee* to set interim legislative policy between state sessions. The Delegate Body *shall* determine whether to make the policy permanent at the next annual session through the resolution process.

*Resolution Committee recommends including the Legislative Committee to assist the Executive Committee in setting interim legislative policy.
The delegate body adopted this resolution as amended.*

Resolution #8 - Submitted by: Cheshire County Pomona #6
Subject: Political campaign signs

Whereas, political camps put out signs for their candidates along the road side; and

Whereas, those signs pose a safety hazard to motorists; and

Whereas, many of these signs are in the way of DOT operations along the roadside; and

Whereas, some people who place these signs are going to the extreme and placing multiple signs within a short distance, many times a few feet apart; therefore be it

Resolved, that the New Hampshire State Grange go on record in support of legislation to restrict the number of campaign signs in one area to be no more than six signs per candidate in one half mile stretch of road, not to include private property.

*Resolution Committee recommends adoption.
The delegate body adopted this resolution as amended.*

The committee wishes to thank the Worthy Master for allowing us to serve on this committee.

Wayne Turcotte
Mary West
Resolutions Committee

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Pat Izzo, Chairman of the Credentials Committee was asked to approach the Master's station to give her report.

Worthy Master, National Representatives, Pink Sash Family and Grangers:

The report of the Credentials Committee is as follows:

TOTAL VOTING DELEGATES

Masters	29
Wives of Masters	8
Husbands of Masters	3
Delegates	<u>38</u>
Total Delegates	78
State Officers	21
Deputy's	18
Committee Members	50
Non-delegates	44
Special Guests	4

The members of the Credentials Committee thank the State Secretary for the privilege of serving on the Registration table for the 2012 State Session.

Fraternally,
Patricia Izzo, Chairman
Lucia Savage

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Sandra Bokousky to authorize the State Grange Executive Committee to approve the minutes of Saturday session. The vote was in the affirmative.

State Master Jim Tetreault then introduced Jody Cameron, Master of the CT State Grange and his wife, Jodi, first lady of the CT State Grange. They were accompanied by their daughter Jamie.

State Master Jim Tetreault then introduced his committee chairmen for the next year:

Family & Community Services	Deb & Dick Patten
General Deputy	Arthur Merrill

Membership	Anne Boisvert
Youth	Sherrill Bokousky
Junior	Joann Brandt
Grange Services	Lois Enman
Legislative/Agriculture	Bob Haefner

Donald Ross, Executive Committee member then installed Dan Bascom as Treasurer as Dan would not be able to attend Sunday's installation. Donald was assisted by Joann Brandt and Bobbie Sliva.

The third day of the 139th Annual Session was closed at 4:33 pm.

**Saturday Evening, October 27, 2012
NH State Grange Celebration Dinner**

The Annual New Hampshire State Grange Banquet was held at 6:00pm. The Ashworth by the Sea served a delicious dinner. The theme of the banquet was "We Honor Our Heroes"

Welcome ~ Kevin Belval, Master of Ceremonies
James Tetreault, State Grange Master
Salute to our Flag - Lead by Alice Tuck
Opening Prayer - Matt Clark, State Chaplain
Presentation of Legislative & Agriculture Awards - Bob Haefner,

Legislator Award	Derek Owen of Hopkinton.
200 year farm	McQuesten Farm of Litchfield.
Century Farm	Fletcher Farms of Walpole.
Young Farmer	Tracie Smith of Fitzwilliam.

Presentation of Community Service Awards - Dick Patten

Community Service Awards:

Police Officer	Sgt. John Mc Gregor	Hudson Police Department
Firefighter	Dave Blatchford	Durham Fire Department
Teacher	Sylvia Holden	Woodsville High School
Veteran ~ Retired	Paul Lloyd	Concord
Veteran ~ Active Duty	Kenneth Georgevits	Concord
Correctional Officer	Matthew Jordan	Rockingham County House of Corrections
Public Service	David A. Berry	Belknap County House of Corrections
Citizen	Joseph Wright	Concord
Citizen	Jim & Beth Ann Dube	Aurora
Granger of the Year	Curt & Betsy Congdon	Walpole
New Member of the Year	Tom Cusano	Concord
Media Newspaper	Tony Schinella	Concord Patch
Television	Andy Williams	WHDH ~ Boston
	Tom Griffiths	WMUR ~ Manchester
State Police	Joseph Shackford	
Fish & Game Officer	Mark T. Hensel	
Youth Posthumous Award	Giovanni Guglielmo (Age 5) Accepted by his parents	

Special Recognition to:

Governor John Lynch and First Lady Dr. Susan Lynch
Representative Al Baldasaro

AG Drug Task Force Award accepted by Scott Sweet

State Lecturer Hannah West introduced this year's Best of Show Talent winner, Kathy Yardley from Walpole Grange. Kathy will be attending National Session in Idaho to present her flute solo in the Outstanding Talent Program.

Dave Blatchford of the Durham Fire Department won Saturday's 50/50 Raffle in the amount of \$216.50.

State Master Jim Tetreault presented Carolyn Ross and Gail Turcotte with their past officer pins.

State Master Jim Tetreault called upon Chris and Connie Johnston for parting remarks. The Johnston's were given gifts of appreciation from the State Master.

Sunday Morning Session - October 28, 2012

State Chaplain Matthew Clark conducted an inspirational church service at 9:00 am.

State Master Jim Tetreault introduced Jody Cameron, Master of the Connecticut State Grange and Jeff Barnes, Overseer of the Connecticut State Grange who has come to install the officers of the New Hampshire State Grange. An impressive candle lit installation ceremony was performed.

Master	James Tetreault	Arlington
Overseer	Christopher Heath	Centennial
Lecturer	Hannah West	Chichester
Steward	Robert Trombi	Warren Pond
Assistant Steward	Arthur Merrill	Antrim
Lady Assistant Steward	Jane Trombi	Warren Pond
Chaplain	Matthew Clark	Prentice Hill
Treasurer (installed Saturday)	Daniel P. Bascom	Rochester
Secretary	Gerald J. Leclerc	Hudson
Gate Keeper	Kathy Yardley	Walpole
Ceres	Tricia Taylor	Blazing Star
Pomona	Ida Hutchins	Baker's River
Flora	Ann Ledger	Winthrop
Executive Committee	Wilber Heath	Centennial
Executive Committee	Robert Haefner	Hudson
Musician	Lester Gibbs	Grafton Star

Assisting with the installation were

Marshall & Chaplain	Pat Palmer
Emblem Bearer	Debbie Barnes
Regalia Bearer	Jim Palmer
Musician	Lester Gibbs
Soloist	Joan Perry

State Master Jim Tetreault introduced Vicki Huff, Overseer of the Maine State Grange for a few words.

State Master Jim Tetreault asked Chris and Connie Johnson, National Representatives for any final remarks.

The Assistants were asked to escort Jody Cameron to the altar were State Master Jim Tetreault presented him with a token of appreciation for the fine installation ceremony.

With no further business to conduct the bible was closed and the flag was retired. All were wished a safe trip home to prepare for Hurricane Sandy.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00

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

Subordinate Granges 2012						
Tabular Statement						
Subordinate Grange	Number	Membership 6/30/11	Membership 6/30/12	Real Estate	Total Assets	Average Attendance
Antrim	98	26	29	\$ 87,400.00	\$ 96,400.00	7
Arlington	139	25	26	-	\$ 50,176.31	9
Aurora	235	36	34	\$ 61,600.00	\$ 71,840.00	11
Baker's River	290	22	20	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 35,275.72	9
Blackwater	152	44	41	-	\$ 107,376.62	10
Blazing Star	71	46	45	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 203,604.90	9
Blow-Me-Down	234	29	29	\$ 332,300.00	\$ 336,794.97	11
Brookline/Wilton	211	-	-	-	-	-
Centennial	185	27	28	\$ 88,500.00	\$ 94,197.70	9
Chichester	132	45	45	-	\$ 18,592.56	9
Cocheco	81	24	23	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 11,676.24	-
Concord	332	24	32	-	\$ 23,942.02	9
Crown Point	65	36	36	-	\$ 12,424.49	7
Croydon	357	22	16	-	\$ 2,274.45	10
Daniel Webster	100	48	44	-	\$ 9,559.00	7
Dorchester	280	23	19	-	\$ 26,550.10	9
Friendship	110	6	8	-	\$ 14,100.00	-
Gilman	1	28	29	-	\$ 224,718.51	8
Golden Rod	114	19	17	-	\$ 21,474.79	-
Grafton Star	60	22	19	-	\$ 8,337.48	-
Granite	7	53	30	\$ 306,500.00	\$ 312,954.85	8
Granite State	149	-	-	-	-	-
Halestown	287	18	18	-	\$ 13,356.12	-
Halloween	317	12	13	\$ 108,000.00	\$ 113,007.71	-
Hampton Falls	117	39	51	-	\$ 11,922.95	8
Harmony	99	52	47	-	\$ 7,618.83	18
Henry Wilson	205	25	25	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 34,803.74	8
Hooksett	148	18	17	-	\$ 21,975.52	8
Hudson	11	23	29	\$ 273,520.00	\$ 335,267.05	10
Jeremiah Smith	161	23	23	\$ 228,900.00	\$ 304,561.98	7
Joe English	53	32	30	-	\$ 13,418.72	11
Lake Shore	128	15	16	-	\$ 44,173.85	7
Londonderry	44	36	40	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 132,760.00	8
Lower Intervale	321	20	27	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 33,334.59	13
Meriden	151	-	-	-	-	-
Mohawk	217	49	50	\$ 51,800.00	\$ 56,638.89	15
Mont Calm	70	30	26	-	\$ 12,646.24	-
Mount Hope	77	40	40	-	\$ 7,473.43	12

Mt Livermore	288	18	17	-	\$ 9,713.51	7
Mt Pistareen	145	17	19	\$ 1,993.00	\$ 263,257.46	7
Park	249	33	32	-	\$ 1,622.57	7
Pembroke	111	28	31	-	\$ 7,451.97	8
Peterborough	35	28	33	-	\$ 4,570.85	12
Pine Grove	298	41	27	-	\$ 9,947.60	12
Pleasant Valley	272	-	-	-	-	-
Prentice Hill	257	24	24	\$ 7,350.00	\$ 8,350.00	10
Reunion	303	17	16	-	\$ 2,208.21	-
Riverhill	346	-	-	-	\$ 4,451.00	-
Riverside	137	20	18	-	\$ 4,451.56	-
Rochester	86	59	53	\$ 192,300.00	\$ 217,867.23	13
Rockingham	183	21	20	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 106,798.33	7
Somersworth	264	23	22	-	\$ 4,378.31	9
Stratford	238	14	14	-	\$ 5,698.88	7
Sunapee Lake	112	24	24	-	\$ 45,513.55	8
Tuftonborough	142	31	29	\$ 202,600.00	\$ 209,031.41	10
Walpole	125	57	60	-	\$ 10,202.30	15
Warren Pond	47	14	14	-	\$ 4,356.91	-
Watatic	36	19	19	-	\$ 3,591.92	7
West Thornton	253	36	35	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 21,964.10	9
Wicwas Lake	292	36	69	\$ 156,400.00	\$ 166,986.98	23
Wingold	308	78	69	-	\$ 17,533.39	12
Winthrop	315	19	20	-	\$ 4,044.57	7
Total		1694	1687	\$ 2,620,613.00	\$ 3,954,827.38	457
Average				\$ 119,118.77	\$ 68,186.68	9
Granges Included in calculation	62	57	57	22	58	47

Pomona Granges 2012					
Tabular Statement					
Pomona Grange	Number	Membership 6/30/11	Membership 6/30/12	Total Assets	Average Attendance
Carroll County	8	21	19	\$ 1,326.93	7
Cheshire County	6	86	86	\$ 14,135.39	13
East Rockingham	11	84	78	\$ 15,627.29	14
Eastern NH	2	96	86	\$ 12,731.86	22
Hillsborough County	1	103	103	\$ 3,612.49	15
Mascoma Valley	7	52	53	\$ 1,447.76	-
Merrimack County	3	-	-	-	-
Northern NH	5	-	-	-	-
Pemigewasset Valley	18	57	76	\$ 594.22	15
Suncook Valley	12	34	33	\$ 5,064.23	8
Upper Coos	14	36	36	\$ 2,335.37	-
Total		569	570	\$ 56,875.54	94
Average				\$ 6,319.50	13
Pomona's included in calculation	11	9	9	9	7

**New Hampshire State Grange
Expense Budget 2012-2013**

	Proposed 2011-2012	Actual 2011-2012	Proposed 2012-2013
Accounting Services	2,000.00	2,795.00	2,700.00
Bonding Fee Subordinate & Pomona	2,234.00	3,470.00	3,470.00
Bonding Fee State Grange	209.00	376.00	376.00
Bulk Mail Permit	190.00	190.00	190.00
Department Expenses			
Family & Community Services	630.00	630.00	650.00
Grange Services	140.00	140.00	150.00
Lecturer	770.00	770.00	600.00
Legislative/Agriculture	630.00	630.00	475.00
Membership	600.00	600.00	3,000.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	140.00	140.00	100.00
Youth/Junior	900.00	900.00	600.00
Deputies Expenses	4,050.00	3,342.60	3,375.00
Dues-National Grange	15,900.00	15,882.00	15,192.00
Executive Committee Expenses	0.00	129.06	0.00
General Deputy Expenses	250.00	223.86	225.00
Leader's School- December	100.00	100.00	100.00
Legal Fees	9,000.00	16,192.77	500.00
Master's Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Media			
Farm & Forest Expo	295.00	200.00	605.00
<i>Granite State Granger</i>	2,300.00	2,147.33	2,200.00
Info Director	0.00	0.00	40.00
Website	150.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	230.00	0.00	50.00
National Session Assessment	1,873.00	1,873.00	1,767.00
NE Connection Assessment	936.50	936.50	883.50
Office Equipment	0.00	17.50	0.00
Operations			
Fund Raising	649.00	0.00	40.00
State Grange Building	7,000.00	6,292.39	6,500.00
State Session	2,820.89	3,151.35	3,678.55
State Session Deposit	500.00	500.00	500.00
Printing/Postage/Supplies	5,122.83	3,572.79	3,987.13
Rental of Hall/Meeting Space	0.00	20.00	0.00
Secretary Expenses	2,600.00	2,600.00	1,000.00
Sixth Degree Fees- National	25.00	27.50	22.50
Spring Fling	400.00	356.50	360.00
State Grange Insurance	2,250.00	2,271.00	2,271.00
State Grange Other Building Insurance	1,814.00	1,814.00	1,814.00
State Grange Other Building Expenses	422.36	579.50	580.00
Supply Department	0.00	852.23	0.00
Treasurer Expenses	2,000.00	2,000.00	500.00
White Mountain Defunct Account	0.00	2,106.91	
Returned Check insufficient funds	0.00	90.00	
Bank service fee	0.00	15.00	
Totals	73,131.58	81,934.79	62,501.68