

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

* *Deceased*

† *Present during Session*

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
OF THE ORDER OF THE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY
TOWN & COUNTRY MOTOR INN ~ SHELBURNE, NH**

Thursday, October 22, 2015

The first day of the 142nd annual session of the New Hampshire State Granges was opened in the Sixth Degree with worthy Master Christopher E. Heath and the officers of the New Hampshire State Grange at 7:00 PM. .

Officers present were:

Master	Christopher Heath
Overseer	Robert Trombi
Lecturer	Jane Trombi
Steward	Arthur Merrill
Assistant Steward	Adam Paquin-Varnum
Lady Assistant Steward	Kathy Yardley
Chaplain	Matthew Clark
Treasurer	Daniel P. Bascom
Secretary	Gerald J. Leclerc
Gatekeeper	Norman Brandt
Ceres	Kerriann Heath
Pomona	Sarah Leclerc
Flora	Lois L. Enman
Executive Committee	Beth Merrill
	Tricia J. Taylor
	Mark Collins
	Wilber Heath
	Robert Haefner
Musician	Lester Gibbs

Roll call of officers found all officers present.

The Grange was then lowered to the Fourth Degree.

Roll call of Granges found a quorum present.

State Steward Arthur Merrill announced Judy Sherrod Secretary for the National Grange is our guest and in waiting. The Assistant Stewards escorted her to a seat at the Master's station. She brought the greetings of the National Grange and commented on our entrance drill. State Master Chris Heath presented her with a Patriots cup. James Tetreault, National Lecturer was introduced by State Master Heath.

Robert Haefner Chairman of the Legislative/Agriculture was called on to give his annual report.

Worthy Master, Worthy National Grange Secretary, Fellow Officers, Delegates and Grangers all, it is with pleasure that I report to you on the activity of your NH State Grange Legislative and Agriculture Committee for the year 2015. This past legislative year we did little lobbying for or against legislation, not because we were unwilling or unable, but simply because it was a year with little legislation that was controversial or suggested via the Grange Resolution process.

The State Grange Legislative and Agriculture Department gave three awards. At the Awards Banquet in October the Legislator of the Year went to then Representative Dave Campbell of Nashua. David was cited for commitment and persistence to fixing our bridges and roads, and after 22 years passing an increase to the gas tax. We also presented two agriculture awards in November as follows:

The Hardy Family and Brook Dale Fruit Farm, Hollis as a Century Farm, at the Hillsborough County Pomona.

Christina Murdock DVM as a friend of NH agriculture with FFA member present at Hudson Grange.

For this year's awardees you will just have to wait for the Banquet to find out who they are.

The Committee updated the NH State Grange Policy book this year. It was long overdue for an update. It reflects all of the resolutions passed in the last 20 years or so. I continue to represent the State Grange on the NH Farm Bureau's Government Affairs Committee. We meet at least three times a year, as well as an every Monday morning policy call. It had been one of my goals to get the Grange and the Farm Bureau working together and I think we are doing that. I also pay dues to the New England Farmers Union and attend their annual meeting from time to time.

We hosted the annual Grange Day at the State House. The legislature was in session and did not break for lunch. We did have sandwiches for our Granger guests, but the legislators were not able to join for lunch. That is always a risk if we have Grange Day on a session day. Sister Tara Sad and I continue to work with the Granite State FFA and Brother Wilbur Heath serves on the FFA Foundation.

Our big project for this year is hosting the National Grange Legislative Fly-in at the time of the First in the Nation Presidential Primary. That event will take place in the Concord area starting on Thursday Feb. 4 through Saturday Feb. 6, with participants traveling home on Sunday. As of this writing we are planning that participants will:

- Tour the NH State House
- Learn the unique legislative process that NH Has
- Visit with the Press Corp
- Work on the Campaign of your choice
- Learn the history of the First in the Nation Primary.
- Prime Sponsor of the original Bill was a Granger
- Learn what it takes to win the NH Presidential Primary.

Thank You, worthy Master.
Fraternally Submitted
Bob Haefner, Director

This report was accepted and ordered in the Journal.

Robert Trombi, Chairman of the Family Camping Weekend was called to give his report.

Worthy Master, Honored Guests, Brothers and Sisters,
The 2015 Grange Family Camping Weekend was held on July 24-26 at Gunstock Campground.
It was a great weekend of fun and fellowship. We had 38 Grangers and friends, in 9 Campers, and 2 tents. We also had 6 day visitors

On Saturday, campers enjoyed games and fellowship, and a few members of our group braved the "Treetop Adventure", an elevated course located in the trees on site, and the zip lines from the summit of Gunstock.

On Saturday evening, we had our traditional potluck supper and a group campfire. Join us for another relaxing weekend of fellowship in 2016, on July 29-31 at Gunstock. There are pictures from this year's event, and information on next year's, in the display room. Please check it out when you have the opportunity. We have already started taking reservations for 2016. If you are interested in joining us, contact me A.S.A.P.

Fraternally submitted,
Robert Trombi
Family Weekend Coordinator

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Richard Patten, Community Service Chairman was escorted to the Master's station and with assistance by the State Master presented some of his awards for those recipients who reside in the Northern part of the state.

Retired Veterans ~ Wounded Warriors at 45 North, from Pittsburg NH. Representatives Pat Phillips and Alan Williams were presented with the award. They thank the Grange for the honor and the award will be hung in the bunk house.

The Grange Lifetime Achievement Award ~ Warren "Tom" Hayes suggested by Winthrop Grange #315. Warren introduced his wife and friend from the Fire Department and thanked the Grange for this honor.

Citizen of The Year Award ~ Bonnie Day, nominated by Mohawk Grange #217. Bonnie thanked the Grange for the award she does what she does because she just loves helping people.

Grange of The Year Award ~ was presented to Linda Gaudette from Mohawk Grange #217. She is honored to be a Granger and a contributing member of her community that she loves.

Lifetime Achievement Award ~ Retired Police Chief, Richard Lapoint from the Pittsburg Police Department nominated by Aurora Grange #235

Volunteer Fire Fighter Award ~ Arthur Beauchemin from The Colebrook Fire Station nominated by Mohawk Grange #217.

Ima Jean Pain aka Judy Sherrod made an appearance and entertained the group with stories of her life experiences along with some not so true facts about several of our member.

With no further business to discussed the Bible was closed the flag was retired and the meeting closed in the fourth degree at 8:40 pm.

Friday, October 25, 2013

The second day of the 142nd Annual Session opened at 8:00 am with Worthy State Master Christopher E Heath presiding.

Calling the roll of officers found all present

Calling the roll of granges found a quorum present.

State Master Heath introduced Judy Sherrod and had her escorted to his station where he presented her with a Patriots foam finger. That she is encouraged to use as appropriate. State Master Heath introduced Leroy Watson, member of The National Grange Executive Committee.

The Secretary read the following resolutions

Resolution #3 ~ Submitted by: Stratford Grange #138

Subject: Victims Bill or Rights

WHEREAS, the victims Bill of Rights (RSA 21-M:8-k) is designed to protect victims of felonious crimes, and

WHEREAS, this does not include the time from arrest to the initial hearing so that victims are not included in proceedings or informed or the release of the prisoner if bailed leaving the victim in an unsafe situation,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the NH State Grange work to have the NH Victims Bill of Rights to cover from moment of arrest.

Resolution #4 ~ Submitted by: Stratford Grange #238

Subject: NH State Police Coverage

WHEREAS, Troop F of the NH State Police based in Twin Mt covers 39% of the state and have the fewest number of troopers and

WHEREAS, most of these northern towns cannot support a town police department and

WHEREAS, other Troops with larger number of troopers cover smaller areas that have individual town and city police departments and

WHEREAS, some northern towns must wait over an hour for response during an emergency 911 call

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NH State Grange go on record supporting the NH State Police assign more troopers in Troop F scattered throughout the North Country.

Resolution #5 ~ Submitted by: Claremont Grange #9

Subject: Safety of horse riders, horse drawn carts and carriages

WHEREAS: There is a law in NH to protect the safety of bicycle riders with very specific guidelines **RSA 265:143-a Drivers to Exercise Due Care When Approaching Bicycle.** –Every driver of a vehicle, when approaching a bicyclist, shall insure the safety and protection of the bicyclist and shall exercise due care by leaving a reasonable and prudent distance between the vehicle and the bicycle. The distance shall be presumed to be reasonable and prudent if it is at least 3 feet when the vehicle is traveling at 30 miles per hour or less, with one additional foot of clearance required for every 10 miles per hour above 30 miles per hour, and

WHEREAS: NH law to protect horse riders and horse drawn carts and carriages does not have specific guidelines’ but is open to interpretation **RSA 265:104 Approaching Horses.** – Every person having control or charge of a vehicle shall, whenever upon any way and approaching any horse, drive, manage, and control such vehicle in such a manner as to exercise every reasonable precaution to prevent the frightening of such horse, and to insure the safety and protection of any person riding or driving the same, and

WHEREAS: there are road signs that show the specific rules for passing bicycles but there are none regarding the passing of horses, horse drawn carts and carriages.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That NH State Grange through its legislative department actively work with the NH State legislature to modify RSA265:143 to include the following language: “The passing distance shall be presumed to be reasonable and prudent if it is at least 3 feet when the vehicle is traveling at 30 miles per hour or less, with one additional foot of

clearance required for every 10 miles per hour above 30 miles per hour.”, so that the final RSA will read: **RSA 265:104 Approaching Horses.** – “Every person having control or charge of a vehicle shall, whenever upon any way and approaching any horse, drive, manage, and control such vehicle in such a manner as to exercise every reasonable precaution to prevent the frightening of such horse, and to insure the safety and protection of any person riding or driving the same. The passing distance shall be presumed to be reasonable and prudent if it is at least 3 feet when the vehicle is traveling at 30 miles per hour or less, with one additional foot of clearance required for every 10 miles per hour above 30 miles per hour”

Be it further resolved: that once such legislative changes have been made that the NH Department of Transportation redesign the current bicycle safety road signs to show bicycles, horses, horse drawn carts and carriages so that the public is made more aware of it.

Standing Rules of the 142nd annual Session were read and accepted

**Standing Rules of the 142nd Annual Session
New Hampshire State Grange of the
Order of Patrons of Husbandry**

Town & Country Motor Inn
Shelburn, New Hampshire
October 22nd ~ 24th 2015

1. All persons, except special guests, must be registered. Nametags and programs will be issued at the Credentials table.
2. Admission to the meetings shall be by nametag and 4th degree password only. Upon giving the password, the meeting Deputy will provide a colored sticker for your badge indicating that you are a member in good standing and will not need to give the password again. If you are not wearing your nametag you will be refused admittance. The 4th and 6th degree passwords will need to be given for admission to the opening of Session on Thursday and to the Conferral of the 6th Degree.
3. As a common courtesy to all members, cell phones are to be turned off, or set on vibrate. If your phone makes a sound during the meeting you will be expected to pay a fine of **\$5.00** to the State Gatekeeper.
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 standing 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 materials for the permanent record, immediately on presentation, shall be given to the State Secretary, via a Scandisk which the State Secretary has provided and a paper copy or 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 By-laws and the Standing Rules.
13. These Standing Rules shall be presented to the members for adoption; a 2/3 vote shall be required for adoption.

Kenneth Berry Session Coordinator presented his annual report

State Session Coordinator 2014-2015

National Representative, State Officers, Worthy Master, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters All:
After our State Session ended last year I had to start devoting all of my attention to the NorthEast Leaders Conference. The event was held in January at the Best Western in Portsmouth. This was the same location as it was seven (7) years ago. This location was much better as now the conference center has the Roundabout Restaurant that provided the catering for the luncheon and banquet.

As I had never done an event like this before it was way more of a challenge as I now had to deal with seven (7) states. At this conference we had 3 National Grange officers. Ed Luttrell, National Master, Burton Eller, National Legislative Director and Lillian Booth, National Junior Grange Director.

When a State Grange hosts a NorthEast Leaders Conference it is up to the host state to provide accommodations for Grangers who wish to attend the conference. I had no idea what NH needed to do for this conference. I tried to get answers from our State leaders but I was never able to get any help. In order to find out who was responsible for the National Reps room and meals I had to find out from National Master, Ed Luttrell when he arrived at the conference.

Back in December I found out from my Sales Rep at the Best Western that the hotel only had reservations for 15 rooms. I told her this is sure going to be a financial disaster. The conference room is \$200.00 per day however for every 20 rooms booked they do not charge a conference room fee. I did find out that it makes no difference what state you are from they all make there room reservations late. Thankfully when the room reservation date came all of the rooms that were being held for me were now filled. The hotel finally had to say that the hotel was sold-out and some attendees had to book another surrounding hotel.

Thank you to State Secretary, Jerry Leclerc for all of his assistance. I do like the idea of having everyone pre-register. This also meant that those who attended had to pay for the luncheon and banquet at the same time. Thanks to Jerry for getting me the meal counts in a timely manner. I still don't know how the ducks all got lined up but they did about a week before the event. I would like to add that this event ended up in the black.

At last year's State Session some of those attending did a survey to see if members thought there should be any changes to the Annual Session. State Secretary, Jerry Leclerc did an excellent job compiling the information. The results of this survey showed that Grangers prefer to keep things as they are. State Sessions rotating around the state was the consensus.

A tour of the Town and Country Hotel was held on Sunday, June 7th. I was not able to be there as I was out of town. It really was unfortunate that the tour was held without the State Session Coordinator as there were three issues that should have been taken up. I called the hotel the next day to find out how the tour went. This was the only way I could find out as no one who went on the tour bothered to communicate with me what I would need to follow up on. This will be my last State Session as your Session Coordinator. I resigned on July 5th effective the end of the 2015 State Session. Apparently at a June 11th Executive Committee Meeting the subject of the having the 2016 State Session in the Lebanon area came up at that meeting. As of July 1st once again NO communication as it appears that I was never asked to look into the Lebanon area for the 2016 State Session.

Communication in the State Grange does not exist. I will admit that I did have six good years working with Past Masters, Beth Merrill and Jim Tetreault.

In all of my seven conferences and the NorthEast Leaders Conference the NH State Grange has never had to pay for convention space. That will mostly likely change next year with a new Coordinator.

I do hope that I was able to assist Grangers with any issues or questions that they may have had over the years. I have taken care of any room concerns and any dietary issues that you may have had with the banquets. I have even corrected issues for you that you didn't even know I did it.

Fraternally,
Kenneth L. Berry
Session Coordinator

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Kimber Bascom, Chairman of the Fundraising committee was escorted to the Masters Station to give her annual report.

Worthy State Master, National Secretary and Members

This is my first report for Fundraising and it will be short. This past year we made \$445 for the 20/20 Club and \$800 for the Blueberry Pie days at NH Building at The Big E in September. We had 4 people working on one day and 16 on another day. We have the 50/50 raffle and the Silent Auction being held at this session. I would like to thank all those who purchased, helped, took part in any of our endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimber Bascom
Fundraising Chairman

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal

Diane Collins, Chairman of the Trust Funds gave the Annual report of the Trust funds

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Sisters

This year the NH State Grange Trustees of the Trust fund received only 3 requests. These 3 requests were approved and a total of \$1,093.15 was dispersed. There were also no donations received this year.

At this time I would like to encourage our members to donate, your fellow grangers or maybe yourself may need the assistance of these funds. We would also like to encourage the members to spread the word of the possibility of receiving some funds for medical/ safety purposes such as medical expenses, heating Fuel, or certain house repairs. The maximum amount a request can be is \$500.00, but that is a gift, not a loan. The requirements needed to qualify and the application can be found on www.nhgrange.org or you can ask me or any other Trustee.

Fraternally,
Diane Collins, Chairman
Ann Leger, Vicki Hussman, Joy Perkins, Rhoda Davis, Trustees

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal

Matthew Clark, Chairman of the Eastern States Trustees presented the annual report.

The board of trustees have been continuing with improvements to the building over the past year. This year we have seen the removal of the shrubs and landscaping continue, the columns on the front of the building have been replaced and painted along with the entire building, and the windows have been replaced. The trustees are always looking for ways to improve the building and keep the building looking in great shape.

The store brought in a little over \$25,000 this year, and the quilt raffle saw \$2,000 in donations. We would like to thank everyone who donates handmade items to sell. Please continue with the great work.

Matthew Clark
Chris Heath
Adam Paquin-Varnum

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

James Tetreault, Publicity/Webmaster presented his annual report.

To the Officers and Member of the NH State Grange:

It is with pleasure that I deliver this report of the Publicity Committee.

Publicity has changed over the last five years. It's no longer about getting press releases into the paper though this continues to be a media platform that a base of our current members uses. I want to thank Dick Patten, who has written articles throughout this year promoting the Grange.

When Grange's are looking to use this publicity platform, we have found that the "daily papers" don't feel that our news is worthy to be published. My advice is for Grange's to look to the "Weekly Papers" these tend to have a less news driven format and more of a Community outlook which I believe is where our news tends to fit.

Face book is potent social media force. It is immediate and we can gauge how many people are seeing our post and information, I would encourage more Granges to set up a face book page. Please note that this needs to be done by a vote of the Grange before proceeding.

Please note that we are blogging and posting photos from our session in real time so our followers have an idea as to what is going on here at our session, so if you are not a member of the NH State Grange Face book page please send up a "friend" request and we will be happy to approve you. As of the writing of the report we now have 237 members of our face book group. Please feel free to send me information that you would like posted on the face book pages.

New Hampshire State Grange Website, I want to thank State Master Chris Heath who has basically kept it up to date. Coming from the technology challenged generation, I can remember before e-mail dictating memos and letters through the telephone and having the come up in the next mail run. I have struggled to learn the process of how to update and maintain the website; my goals for the coming year are to become more proficient and more efficient. You're State Master and I work at different levels as far technology and lifestyle he's bright and sharp at 6:00 AM and at 10:00 PM, I am only sharp from 6:00 AM to 5:00PM, we will be sitting down and doing another training and practice make perfect.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Tetreault

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Dan Bascom Past State Master was called on for comments. He personally congratulated State Master Heath on his dedication to his position and the Grange.

Leroy Watson Executive Committee Member of the National Grange was escorted to the Masters station to give an update on the Trademark Protection, Legal issues with the California State Grange, some financial information. He then welcomed questions from the floor.

State Master Heath read the annual greeting from the National Master Ed Lutrell

The annual Memorial Service was presented by State Chaplain, Matthew Clark accompanied by the Flora, Ceres, Pomona, Secretary and Master

Call to Worship: Psalms 121
Song: "America the Beautiful"
Reading: Fallen Heroes
Prayer for Our Country and Our Heroes
Reading: Gods Garden
Song: "In the Garden"
Reading the roll of those who have finished their labors

2015 Memorial List

Elizabeth Abbott	Past Master of Moosilauke Grange #214, Past Master of Grafton Star Grange #60, Past member of the State Home Economics and Publicity/Promotions Committees, Past member of the State Trust Funds
Helen Akerman	Wife of Past Master Charles Akerman Jr. Hampton Falls Grange #171
Edward Anderson	Past Master of the National Grange
Sandra Baker	Past Master of Jaffrey Grange #135, Past Master of Massabesic Grange #127, Past Master of McClary Grange #102, Past Master Grand Monadnock Pomona Grange #22, Past Member of the State Membership Committee.
Geraldine Baxter Marylin Campbell	Past Master of Centennial Grange # Wife of Winfred Campbell Past Subordinate Deputy State Master and Past Master or Warren Pond Grange #47, Past member of the State Fair Committee
Dorothy Carruthers Stacy Cole	Past Master of Contookcook Grange #216 Past Master of Lincoln Grange #159, Past State Grange Legislative Chairman
Carolyn Conway	Past Master of Starr King Grange #124, Past member of the State Agriculture Committee.
Kenneth Craigue	Past Master of Tuftonborough Grange #142, Past Subordinate Deputy State Master
Ruth Goodwin	Past Master of the Weirs Grange #248, Past Master of Belknap County Pomona #4, Past member of the State Home Economics Committee

Robert Gregoire	Past Master of Baker's River Grange #290
Mary Hazen	Past Master of Mont Calm Grange #70 and Past Master of Indian River Grange #72
Laura Jobin	Past Master of River Hill Grange #346
Bernice Johnson	Past Master of Cornish Grange #25
Virginia Janik	Past Master of Lake Shore Grange #128
Lillian Merrill	Past Master of Gilman Grange #1
Priscilla Tillie Meyers	Past Master of Winthrop Grange #315, Past Member of the State Youth Committee, State Fair Committee and State Membership Committee.
June Parkinson	Past Master of Sullivan County Pomona #9
Martha Patten	Past member of the State Membership Committee
Norma Perkins	Wife of a Past Master of Mt Laurel Grange #215
Robert Perry	Past Master of Bow Grange #189, Past Patron of Bow Junior Grange, Past State Prince, Past Subordinate Deputy,
Priscilla Powers	Past Master of Monroe Grange #49
Leroy Spinny	Past Master of Shrewsbury Grange MA
Edith Switser	Past Master of Riverside Grange #137
Eve Ward	Past Master of Monroe Grange #49
Willard Welty	Past Master of Wyoming Grange #54

Reading: The Final Flight
 Song: "Amazing Grace"
 Closing Prayer

Recessed at 11:45
 Reconvened at 1:30

State Treasurer Dan Bascom and Past Master, introduced the 34th State Master Christopher E. Heath to present his first annual address.

Master's Address 2015

National Representative, Honored Guests, and Pink Sash Family members, Delegates, Brother and Sister Patrons: It is an honor to stand here and present you with my first address as the Master of the New Hampshire State Grange. As I reflect back upon this past year I think to myself, where has the time gone? It seems like only yesterday I was being installed as the Master of the New Hampshire State Grange at Hudson Grange Hall. When I addressed the assembly that Sunday morning I had four goals for the direction of the Granges in New Hampshire. These four goals were Growth, Ritualism, Family and Fraternity. Although these are a continuation of my predecessor's goals, they are still important to me and should be for the future of all our Granges. I had also set a personal goal for myself to visit all the Granges in the state and even though I did not make it to all of them, I was able to visit over fifty percent of them. It was eye opening and educational to say the least. I am planning on visiting the remaining Granges throughout the coming year and hope to finally reach my goal. Each Grange that I had the pleasure of visiting

were welcoming and happy to see the State Master coming to visit them. During those many visits I received plenty of comments and was able to make new friends across the state. Some of the comments that were made to me were that “they couldn’t remember the last time they had a visit from the State Master”, “it was nice to know that the State Grange still cares about the local Granges” and “it’s nice to have visitors attending their meetings”.

My first official duty as the State Master was to attend National Grange Session in Sandusky Ohio as one of the delegates from New Hampshire. This was not my first time attending National Session but it was the first time attending as a delegate. I gained a whole different perspective of how National Grange Session is conducted. I served on the Grange Law committee and had the opportunity to fill in as the Assistant Steward for a short time during session. It was a great honor to represent New Hampshire and I look forward to doing it all again this year.

Grange Growth - The Granges across the state have been working hard finding and initiating new members. Both Mohawk and Winthrop Granges have taken in 6 new members this year. Other Granges that took in new members were Halloween, Harmony and Wicwas Lake just to name a few. I was also glad that we were able to organize a new Grange in our state this past year. I received a phone call from a resident of Barnstead who expressed interest in starting a Grange. I met with a large group of residents from Barnstead in April and explained to them what the Grange is, what is required to start a Grange and answered many questions about the Grange. I left the meeting enthusiastic that we might be starting a new Grange in this town. When I had not heard back from the group by June, I was discouraged that the prospects of a new Grange might not happen, but in the middle of June I received a call from a representative of the group informing me that they had 15 members’ sign the charter application and they had sent it into the National Grange. This was great news and this past Monday I had the pleasure of presenting the members of the newly organized Barnstead Community Grange #360 with their charter. They were really excited to receive it and they are already planning on holding an open house to increase their membership and gain more interest in their town.

I have been promoting Grange growth to all the Granges I have visited and I challenge each and every member to find new members. If you really care about our Grange and its future, it is your responsibility to jump on the bandwagon and find new members. The State Grange can supply you with the tools and provide help to accomplish this but Granges have to ask for help. Communication is important and following up is even more important. The New Hampshire State Grange has the tools, knowledge and resources to assist but it also takes the members in the local community to attain this goal. Community Grange members know the people in the town and are the familiar faces that the public will recognize. Granges need to publicize themselves if they want the public to see them. Make sure to have membership brochures in places where non-members can find them. Some of the public are not willing to talk to you about the organization but if they had some literature that explains what the Grange is, they would more than likely read it. If it was something they were interested in, they will contact you for more information. The State Grange has been accumulating these contacts at the Farm and Forest Expo for the past 4 years or more. This information is passed on to the local granges for follow up. These people are interested and usually only need someone to ask them to come to a meeting and then asked to join.

Ritualism - I am a big promoter of the ritualism of our organization and encourage all members to perform it at every meeting. Grangers should take great pride in learning their parts. The opening and closing ceremonies are impressive when they are performed correctly. I was pleasantly surprised that at almost all the granges I visited over the past year, opened and closed with the ritual. Granges should strive to exemplify the degrees for their new members. The degrees provide new members and seasoned veterans with the true lessons of our order. When the degrees are done correctly, they can leave an impression on those who witness them that will stay with them for their lifetime. We need to recognize those who memorize their parts and encouraged all others to learn them. There needs to be a State Grange sponsored degree day and I encourage the membership department to organize this event. This degree day should be heavily publicized so that all interested members will know the date and make all efforts to attend.

Family - Our organization has always been family-oriented and we need to make sure that members, who have family, bring them to the Grange meetings with them. As Grangers we need to approach families and encourage them to come see what our order has to offer them. We need to make them aware that we are a family organization that offers programming for all ages. Granges need to make sure that they provide programming and projects that the whole family can participate in. The new change to the Junior Grange membership opens up the ability for parents to include their children in the meetings. They should be encouraged to attend and the juniors should be given projects to work on while the adults hold their meeting. This is another way we can entice FFA and 4-H youth to join our organization. We need to invite these other youth organizations to attend our meetings and encourage them to bring their parents.

Fraternity - Ours is a fraternal order and we should be willing to help each other. Wicwas Lake Grange members showed us how to do this when they hosted a meet and greet event at Harmony Grange. They provided advertising, music, food and members to help with this event. As a result of this joint effort, Harmony Grange gained two new people as members. The Granges of the Northern part of our state have been practicing this for years. Not only do they visit each other and assist at each other's meetings but they also assist each other with events, programs and work together for good causes. Just think how much stronger our bond would be if we all started following this example. Granges need to get back to assisting each other and offering to help each other with projects. Alone a Grange can only do so much but when we combine our efforts, we can accomplish so much more.

We have so many new Masters and Secretaries in our Subordinate Granges across the state that I intend to hold area meetings to provide training to these new officers. These events will be open for all members but the topics will be geared towards the Masters and Secretaries. The state secretary and I will provide instruction to these officers on what is expected of them and provide the tools that these two offices need to perform their jobs to their best ability. I encourage anyone who is interested in learning more to attend one of these sessions.

I want to encourage all Granges to be involved in their communities. We need show them that we are involved with Agriculture, Family, Community Service, Legislation and any other subjects that fall within our organizations guidelines. We need to immerse ourselves in what is going on in our communities if we are going to fill a purpose. Exposure is a form of publicity and we can use this free tool to grow our Granges. Don't be afraid to get out of your comfort

zone and don't be afraid of change. Our Organization has not survived this long by sitting back and letting the world go by.

In conclusion I want to thank the delegates of the New Hampshire State Grange for having confidence in me to fulfill the office of State Master. I also want to thank the committee chairmen and my fellow state officers for your support throughout this past year. Without all of you, I would have had a difficult time accomplishing as much as I did. Thank you to my wife for being my sounding board, venting platform and my strength to continue when times looked bleak. Thank you to all the Grangers from around the state who make it a goal to grow and advance our order.

Last but certainly not least I want to thank my parents for supporting me and molding me into the person I am today.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christopher E Heath
NH State Grange Master

The address was referred to the Masters Address Committee.

Dan Bascom, State Treasurer was introduced and presented his annual report.

Worthy State Master; Brother Chris Heath, National Secretary Judy Sherrod, Fellow State Officers, Patrons all:

What a year we've had! After passing the budget at last year's session and the executive committee deciding that if the dues increase passed at National Session. We would not collect the dues increase until this coming January, thus causing us to go into the red by years end. Instead we ended the year with a surplus. Many things contributed to keeping us in the black. A very successful New England Leaders Conference was held in January. We became much more diligent in collecting back bonding and National Assessment payments. Our State Master with assistance from the executive committee went after all Granges who were delinquent on dues. I'm proud to say all but one have paid up and the last one should be resolved by next year. The back dues not only covered the dues increase but also allowed us to not withdraw the 3.5% quarterly payments from the operating fund. With the dues bleeding stopped our dues income should be much easier to calculate. We all owe the Executive Committee and our State Master a BIG round of thanks for their diligence.

This past year in reading the National Grange By-Laws I found out all defunct Grange accounts could be combined into one thus saving a lot of paper work and time both for me and Morgan Stanley. We are entitled to all the income generated from this account which will help balance the budget. I increased the principal of our operating account by adding the interest from the past few years. I was also able to recoup 7 & 8 year old accounts from Brookline/Wilton Grange and add them to this account.

Two executive committee members, Tricia Taylor and Wilber Heath, joined me at our annual meeting with John Habig at Morgan Stanley in July. Mr. Habig recommended we continue with our present investment and spending policy. Our investment plan currently allocates 60% equities, 38% to fixed income and 2% to cash and equivalents with combined goals of income and growth. This past year has been hard on our investments as the stock market has been down. Those of you with escrow accounts will most likely be looking at smaller checks this year. Each year I report to the IRS and update the list of all Granges that fall under the New Hampshire State Grange. This year 5 Granges had been dropped from that list and I re-added them, this indicates to me that these Granges have not filled their e-postcard reports and have lost their nonprofit status. I have had 2 requests from Granges to help refile for their nonprofit status, there is a lot of paper work involved and reinstatement is not guaranteed so please don't forget to file your e-postcard reports. It takes all of about 10 min. If you can't file on line please let me know and I will do it for you. Your e-postcard filings are due anytime now and need to be done by February 15, 2016.

Many years ago the State Treasurer and Executive Committee insisted that two signers be placed on every Grange account in all Community, Pomona and State Granges. This past year another organization I belong to lost its Treasurer very unexpectedly, at the time he was elected I served as President and insisted we have 2 signers on the account. Because of this we continue to have access to the account. I stress having 2 signers for this reason. I know of at least 2 state committees that have not done this. But this will be rectified soon. I urge each of you to go back to your Granges and make sure you have 2 signers on each account. Make sure the accounts are set up as either/or signers, this means you only need one of the two to sign your checks. I will not list you with the details of our financial status at this time as all accounts will be printed in the Journal.

We continue to carry the value of the State Grange Building at the purchase price of \$87,500.00. All Granges are required to send in their incorporation fee (\$25.00) to the State of New Hampshire by December 15, 2015. This keeps your nonprofit status current with the State of New Hampshire. Do not confuse this with the e-postcard which is with the Federal IRS. I again want to recognize some unsung heroes for their efforts this year. Marty and Ann Boisvert for their diligent work in keeping the State Grange building functioning properly. Also to Adam Paquin-Varnum for the excellent job he does in keeping the hall clean. A huge thank you goes out to Hannah West for her untiring work on the Granite State Granger. This is one of the best communication tools we have and keeps us in contact with all Grangers. When sending donations for the GSG or other departments please write them out to "NH State Grange" and put what you are donating to on the memo line.

To all deputies and others, I had a very difficult time this year getting bills at year end, September 30th. When they come in late they affect next year's budget and not the budget year they were planned for. Also please remember all bills are to be sent to the secretary, not me, he then issues me a voucher requesting payment.

With our financial investments on an up but mostly down roller-coaster this year our financial future looks uncertain. The financial investors I work with encourage us to hold tight as they feel things will eventually turn around.

I now serve as Treasurer of 9 organizations with NH State Grange being the most challenging. Just keeping them straight is a headache in its self. I have caught myself numerous times walking into one of the 6 banks I use with the wrong deposit, I am over sixty you know.

Thanks to all of you, especially Kim for putting up with all my ranting and raving, when things don't balance. I truly enjoy the challenge you have all put before me.

Fraternally,
Daniel P Bascom, Treasurer
NH State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Secretary Gerald J. Leclerc was introduced and presented his annual report

Worthy Master, National Representative, Delegates and Brothers and Sisters:

As I prepare this report, I can't help but think back to the last time we held session here at the Town & Country. As the banquet was beginning, so wasn't the snow. We awoke the next morning to the beauty of Mother Nature's handiwork. The ride home wasn't bad until after the notch. The closer I got home the deeper the snow got as it was still falling. Arrived home to many tree branches in my yard and no power for over a week. Let's hope we don't have a repeat this year although I now have a snow brush in my car and glove with me just in case.

This is my third report to you as your State Secretary. I would like to start by thanking the delegate body of last year's session for their vote of confidence and reelecting me as your State Secretary. The role of the secretary is an important one for each Grange. Many hours are spent behind the scene doing the responsibilities of the office. I would like to personally thank each Secretary for the time they take in their busy lives performing the duties of this office. The condition of the New Hampshire State Grange as of June 30, 2015 is as follows:

Subordinate Granges:

We began the year with 62 Subordinate Granges and end the year with 61. Brookline/Wilton #211 was closed in December 2014 and Hinsdale Grange #358 had their charter revoked in March 2015. I am pleased to report that a new Grange was chartered in June 2015. Please help me welcome the members of Barnstead Community Grange #360.

Membership totals:

1561 Subordinate Members 291 are exempt Golden Sheaf

Granges with a gain in membership:

Antrim Grange #98, Arlington Grange #139, Blow-Me-Down Grange #234, Claremont Grange #9, Croydon Grange #357, Henry Wilson Grange #205, Mohawk Grange #217, Rockingham Grange #183, Walpole Grange #125, Wicwas Lake Grange #292 and Winthrop Grange #315. The largest Subordinate Grange is Wicwas Lake Grange #292 with a total membership of 89 members.

Pomona Granges:

We began and ended the year with 11 Pomona Granges with a total membership of 525 with 136 being exempt Golden Sheaf members. The largest Pomona Grange is Merrimack County Pomona #3 with a total membership of 101.

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

3 ~ 25 Year Silver Star Certificates: Sally & Sarah Chamberlin, Park Grange #249

6 ~ 30 Year Certificates

9 ~ 35 Year Certificates

7 ~ 40 Year Certificates

12 ~ 45 Year Certificates

7 ~ 50 Year Golden Sheaf Certificates: Robert & Gladys Lovering, Stratford Grange #238, Beverly Lowry, Centennial Grange #185, Barbara Low, Rockingham Grange #183, Sandra Goff, Pembroke Grange #111, Beatrice Peirce, Joe English Grange #53, George Musler, Centennial Grange #185

7 ~ 55 Year Seals

13 ~ 60 Year Seals

10 ~ 65 Year Seals

8 ~ 70 Year Seals

8 ~ 75 Year Diamond Certificates: Dan and Louise Harvey, Rockingham Grange #183, Edythe Craig, Sunapee Lake Grange #112, Howard Towne, Joe English Grange #53, Victor Phelps, Blazing Star Grange #71, Virginia Azotea, Chichester Grange #132, Martha McBride, Rochester Grange #86, Marion Stone, Park Grange #249

3 ~ 80 Year Letters: Pauline Swain, Centennial Grange #185, Gertrude Putnam, Prentice Hill Grange #257, Evelyn Merrow, Pembroke Grange #111

3 ~ 85 Year Awards: Esther Morrill, Lower Intervale Grange #321, Nellie Mitchell, Chichester Grange #132, Olive Edmunds, Chichester Grange #132,

Immediately following the 2014 State Session, my first task was to compile the Roster information received from the Subordinate and Pomona Secretaries and have the Roster ready for Deputy School in December. As this report is presented, the roster information forms are in the hands of the secretaries. If you have not yet sent this to me, please make sure I receive it by the November 1st deadline. The 2016 Roster will have a new look and will require many hours of formatting so please make sure to send it to me on time.

The next item on my agenda was to make final edits to the journal of proceedings for the 141st Annual Session. I am pleased to report that for the second year in a row the Journal was completed and ready for distribution at Deputy School. The bylaws of the New Hampshire State Grange state that the journal needs to be completed by May 1st. I believe that this needs to be looked at and possibly changed as with the current technology that is available, it makes it possible to have the Journal completed shortly after the session.

This past year the New Hampshire State Grange played host for the 2015 North East Leaders Conference. The conference was held in January 2016 at the Best Western Hotel and Suites in Portsmouth NH. On Friday 120 Grange Leaders from all 7 seven New England States started arriving for a weekend of learning, sharing and fellowship. My role was to serve as the conference secretary and to handle the registration and meals for all attendees. Having never

being involved with this type of conference, there were many details that needed to be completed from developing and sending the registration forms to the Leaders from all over New England to recording attendance and meal choices for each participant and making sure that all credentials and conference materials were distributed at registration. I would like to thank our State Master Chris Heath for having confidence in me that things would go smoothly and for his help when needed. A special thank you to Ken Berry Session Coordinator for handling all the details with the hotel and making sure all guests were checked in and with correct accommodations his attention to details helped make this a successful conference.

Quarterly Reports ~ Near the end of each quarter a packet was sent to each Pomona and Subordinate secretary with information for the members as well as the usual report forms. I can't stress enough how important it is to complete the reports and send them in on time. What we pay to National Grange is based on the membership numbers from these reports. If I don't receive a report from a Grange the membership number use on my report is the number last reported. There have been times when a Grange report was submitted after my deadline to National and the Grange reports a loss of members. If these reports were sent in on time we wouldn't have needed to pay dues on the lost members now being reported. Please keep in mind that the amount for membership dues to State Grange will be increased beginning with the March 2016 report as a result of the increase we are currently paying National Grange.

Subordinate reports to the Pomona Secretary ~ several subordinate secretaries are sending the green Pomona report to me. This needs to go to the Pomona Secretary so that they can make sure their membership numbers are correct. When I receive one I only send it to the Pomona Secretary if the Grange is reporting a loss or gain of members.

Communications ~ As the Secretary it is our duty to keep our members informed and this is done with the reading of communications. I have been to meetings where the Secretary reports that they received a letter, minutes of the State Executive Committee, or the announcement of an event and said I have it hear if anyone wants to read it. This practice needs to stop, often times as a State Leader we are asked by members who didn't know about an event or something that they felt they should have been told. Only to find out that their secretary didn't read it at a meeting. I would like each Subordinate and Pomona Secretary and committee chairman to establish the following philosophy, if it's mailed to you for your Grange, read it out loud to your members.

Supplies ~ the supply department continues to be very busy filling orders. There will be changes to the supply department over the next few months as there have been some issues with how the supplies are requested and my receiving supplies from National Grange. Getting a scrap piece of paper with the quarterly reports needs to stop. These little pieces of paper at times get misplaced and orders are sent late.

To help with the ordering procedure I will be creating an order form which each Secretary must fill out for needed supplies. When the order is sent a replacement form will be included with the invoice.

State Session is here and with that comes the preparations associated with it. Program created, resolutions formatted, ribbons ordered, delegate packets assembled the list goes on and on. I

must admit that while this seems to be overwhelming I find it exhilarating and look forward to the whole thing coming together. There are some people that I would like to thank for assisting in the planning and execution of all that goes with State Session. My daughters Sarah and Emilie for helping with folding and stuffing the materials for the packets. Lynn Clark for chairing the Credentials Committee and the members of the committee. I would especially like to thank Ken Berry Session Coordinator for all he has done to help me these last three years. Our first year was rocky but we worked through it and developed a procedure that worked for both of us. Thank You Ken.

Now for the hardest part of my report. This past year has been truly challenging in my personal life. Events occurred that turned my world completely upside down. For those who don't know, my wife and I decided to go our separate ways and get a divorce. I had to sell my mother's house that had been our home for the past 19 years. My oldest daughter Sarah became a big girl and moved into her own apartment. My youngest daughter Emilie moved in with her mother even the two cats moved away. I now reside in a studio apartment which is small but has all the comforts of home. For now! Going through this was exhausting, leaving me with very little time and energy for much of anything else. I did however try my best to keep up with the duties of the Secretary's office. I may have missed a deadline or didn't get something sent as quickly as normal or misplaced something during my move. I ask anyone who may have been affected by this to please forgive me as life as I knew it was changing much too quickly. Let me reassure you that this is all behind me and I am back and running strong. Still can't find things but I will.

In conclusion I would like to thank you the members of the State Executive Committee for your support during this time and understanding when the minutes or responsibilities were not completed in a timely manner. Thank you to anyone who was affected when the office was closed during my move. Thank you to Dick Patten for his constantly asking "how are you doing" he truly is a best friend and I'm happy he is mine. Thank you to Dan Bascom for your understanding when voucher were delayed, thank you Worthy Master for being patient when you requested something. And finally, I am truly blessed to have two beautiful young ladies who love and support me unconditionally my daughters Sarah and Emilie are my everything and I hope they know that. I love you both more than you will ever know!

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

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Robert Trombi, Chairman of the State Executive Committee gave the annual report.

Worthy Master, National Representative, State Officers, Pink Sash family, Delegates and patrons all.

I am pleased to present to you, my first report for the State Executive committee. We held several meetings over the past year and all of your Granges should have received copies of the

minutes of all but last Sunday's. This being my first time presiding over these meetings, there was a learning curve to ensuring that they were carried out efficiently.

At our most recent meeting we discussed the budget, which will be presented this weekend, audited the Secretary, Treasurer books and discussed final preparations for State Session. Your State Executive committee is continuing to make progress on a policy book for future members to have for reference when making important decisions concerning the Grange. We have tried to consider the Good of the Order when making decisions and have confidence that our choices have been the best thing for Grange in New Hampshire. We have been receiving requests for consolidation from some Granges who have been struggling. These requests have been honored, in the hope of strengthening Grange presence in those areas.

We are proud to announce the chartering of a new Grange in Barnstead. We thank the delegates for having the confidence in your Executive Committee, to run the State Grange when it is not in session.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Trombi, Chairman
Executive Committee,
NH State Grange

New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday, October 19, 2014
State Grange Building

Present: Beth Merrill, Mark Collins, Robert Haefner, Christopher Heath, Donald Ross, Daniel Bascom, Gerald Leclerc, Wilber Heath, Jim Tetreault

Chairman Chris Heath opened the meeting at 10:10 am.

The minutes of the August 2014 meeting were amended and approved.

10:15 AM Entered Executive Session.

10:50 AM Returned to Public Session.

Received a communication that the assessment check issued from East Rockingham Pomona has not yet been cleared by their bank. The Secretary will investigate and if check is found missing a letter will be sent to East Rockingham Pomona informing them and asking that they issue another.

New Hampshire Arms Collectors: The Secretary received a call from the President of the NH Arms Collectors informing us that they have found meeting space in Concord that would charge less than what they are currently paying for the use of the State Grange Building. The group

would prefer to continue to meet in the current location as it is more convenient for the current members. A request has been made asking if the State Grange would come down on the rent. After much discussion a motion was made and supported that we not lower the fee for the NH Arms Collectors. The vote was favorable. The secretary will send a letter to the President informing them of our decision and wish them well in their new location if they choose to move.

Treasurer Report: State Treasurer Daniel Bascom presented the report for the September quarter. Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to accept the report as presented. Vote was favorable.

2015 Budget: State Treasurer Daniel Bascom presented the proposed 2015 budget to the Executive Committee. Each line was discussed and one dollar figure was removed as it was a typo. Motion made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Donald Ross to accept the budget as presented and explained and send it off to the delegate body for approval. Vote was favorable.

Next meeting will be Saturday, October 25th following the close of the afternoon session.

Jim Tetreault announced that he will not be accepting nomination for the State Executive Committee at State Session due to family matters that need his full attention.

Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to adjourn. Vote was favorable.

The Secretary and Treasurer books were audited following the meeting.
Meeting closed at 12:13 PM.

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

New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday, October 25, 2014
Crowne Plaza ~ Nashua

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

Chairman Chris Heath opened the meeting at 3:30 pm

Motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Wilber Heath to elect Robert Trombi as the Chairman of the State Grange Executive Committee. Vote was favorable.

Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to elect Gerald Leclerc as the Secretary of the State Grange Executive Committee. Vote was favorable.

Jim Tetreault spoke of the 6th Degree manuals being in rough shape and felt a new set needed to be ordered. Motion was made by Jim Tetreault and seconded by Beth Merrill to order a new set of manuals. Vote was favorable.

Announced that deputy school would be on December 13, 2014 at the Fire Academy in Concord from 9 am to 3 pm.

Next meeting of the Executive Committee will be December 11, 2014 at 7:15 at the State Grange building.

Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to accept the minutes as read. Vote was favorable.

Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to adjourn. Vote was favorable.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm

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

New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 11, 2014
State Grange Building, Hooksett, NH

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

Chairman Robert Trombi called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

Records of the October meetings were reviewed, corrected and approved.

Minutes of Saturday and Sunday of the 141st Annual Session were approved as presented.

Masters Report:

Christopher Heath reported that he has visited Stratford, Mohawk and Wicwas Lake Granges. His plan is to attend each subordinate and Pomona during his term as Master. He also reported on the happenings at the recent National Session. The second vote for a National Grange dues increase was taken and did pass. This will affect the granges in 2016.

Secretary's Report:

Gerald Leclerc reported that Brookline/Wilton Grange #211 turned over all financial statements to the State Grange. After some discussion a motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner to officially close Brookline Wilton Grange #211 as of December 11, 2014. The vote was favorable. The Secretary will write a letter for State Treasurer Dan Bascom to bring to the bank.

It was reported that three Granges are still behind in reporting to the State Grange. Halloween Grange is behind three quarters, Hinsdale Grange is behind six quarters and Londonderry is behind five quarters.

It was reported that Pleasant Valley Granges has reported and paid the past due amount in full. River Hill Grange has reported and has begun to repay their past due amount.

Treasurer's Report:

Dan Bascom reported on the financial condition of the State Grange and that he is preparing for the annual audit. He reminded us that this coming year all granges will need to re file with the IRS as it is a requirement every five years.

State Session expenses exceeded the income; this was contributed by the expense of the entertainment at session.

Fundraising money has not yet been turned in for 2014; Chris Heath will contact the committee and request that the funds be sent to the Secretary.

New Business:

As it was reported in the Secretary's report that Halloween, Hinsdale and Londonderry Granges are behind in reporting and dues payments. This was discussed and all agreed that this has been going on for too long and that action needs to take place. After discussion a motion was made and seconded that the three granges be sent a letter informing them that their Grange is now under Revocation. The vote was favorable. The State Secretary will send out the letter certified mail.

Chris Heath spoke on the law suit between National Grange and the former California State Grange and the financial burden this has placed on the National Grange. He also spoke on the dues increase that will affect the Granges on January 1, 2016. It was discussed and voted favorably that a letter be sent to all Granges updating them regarding these developments.

Leaders Conference: Ken Berry has notified Chris that the current room count for the upcoming conference is down and we may be expected to pay for the large meeting room. It is believed that as time goes on the number will increase and the fee may not be charged.

Grafton Star Grange has made a request to consolidate with Park Grange. Before any action can be taken a request also need to be sent from either Park Grange or another Grange who wishes to consolidate with them. Chris will send a letter to both Granges informing them of the steps that need to take place prior to the consolidation.

Contract with KJV Bible Baptist Church (KJVBBC): Under the terms and conditions of the contract with KJVBBC, a motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Bob Haefner to extend the contract with KJVBBC until June 30, 2016 with the existing terms. Vote was favorable.

Reported that the Webmaster added the tag ling "Our 142nd Year" to the web site.

State Grange Building Repairs: Discussion was held as to some issues with the building and what needs to be done to keep the building safe and energy efficient. A request will be sent to Ann & Marty Bosivert asking them to draw up a proposal of what needs to be done for repairs to the State Grange Building. A valuation of the building will also be requested.

The secretary will contact the Hooksett Assessors office to have them change the grantee name to the current State Secretary.

Closed public session at 9:06 PM and entered Executive Session.

Reopened in public session at 9:24 PM

Next meeting will be March 26, 2015 at 7:30 PM

Motion made by Chris Heath and seconded by Wilber Heath to adjourn. Vote was favorable.

Meeting closed at 9:26 PM.

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

New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 27, 2015
State Grange Building, Hooksett, NH

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

Chairman Robert Trombi called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM.

Records of the December 11, 2014 meetings were reviewed, corrected and approved

Masters Report:

Hinsdale - Stopped by the Grange's meeting place on Sunday March 15th (scheduled meeting day) but no one was present at that the building. Drove by the Master's residence but no one was home. There has been no response after multiple attempts to contact the Master via phone by both the Deputy and the State Master. There was no response from the letter suspending their charter. There has been no attempt by the Master to contact the State Grange to discuss the letter. Requested the State Secretary to send a revocation letter to the Grange Master and in the letter I informed them that we are taking their charter. Contacted the Hinsdale Historical Society president to gain access to the building where the Grange is meeting to determine what is there for Grange property and to recover the charter. He said that he heard that the Grange folded over a year ago. Received from Jim Tetreault, a letter from the IRS informing the Grange that they are late filing their 990-N for the year ending March 31 2014. Turned this information over to the State Treasurer so he can file/contact the IRS to let them know what is happening with the Grange.

Grafton Star - I received communications from Ann Collins requesting permission to consolidate with Park Grange. I informed Ann that according to the by-laws, before we can proceed, we need a letter from both Granges involved in the consolidation. I sent a letter to the Master of Park Grange informing them that in order to proceed with the consolidation, we need a letter from their Grange requesting permission to start the process of consolidating the two Granges.

Mont Calm - I received a request to attend their May meeting to talk about the future of their Grange. The Secretary had sent a letter to the State Secretary stating that they were closing their Grange. I had spoken with the Secretary in December and she informed me that they did not want to continue. I explained to her that there is a process the Grange needs to follow in order to surrender their charter. I then provided her with the chapters in the by-laws where this process is explained. I informed her that before we decide to close their Grange, we would like to work in their community to get them some new members. She did inform me that they sent in their report and paid their dues.

Mt. Pistareen - I and the General Deputy have made multiple attempts to contact this Grange. The number in the roster just rings and there is no answering machine to leave a message. I am going to visit them to make sure that they understand what a Grange is and what the requirements are of the Grange. Also need to make sure that they know that the building still belongs to the Grange. I was informed that they think that the building belongs to the daycare that uses it on a daily basis.

Master's Conference - I attended the Master's Conference the last weekend in February. The National Master provided an update on the California Lawsuit. It appears that the judge is favoring on the side of the National Grange. A motion for summary judgment was filed for the defamation cases and the judge ruled in favor of the National Grange and Ed Luttrell. There were many workshops presented about growing our organization, area conferences and financial foundations. The National Grange may be partnering with a group that provides education to

new and beginning farmers. National will be providing more information on this in the future. Burton Eller spoke about the Legislative fly-in in May and the one being planned for New Hampshire in January/February 2016.

Membership Growth - There were 5 new members inducted at Mohawk Grange, 6 new members at Winthrop Grange, two new members at Rockingham Grange, two new members at Granite Grange and at least 2 new members at Aurora Grange. These are all great signs for our organization. There is another organizational meeting planned at Stewartstown. I will be meeting with a group in Barnstead on April 6th to discuss starting a Grange and the membership director has been working with a group in Stratham that is interested in starting a Grange. Farm and Forest was another great avenue in recruiting new members. We received over 25 RIP cards and the membership director has forwarded these to the Granges that are closest to the person interested in the Grange. I also received an email from a group in Ossipee that would like to have someone talk to them about the Grange and it's recent membership growth.

Visitation Contest - I would like to have the State Grange sponsor a visitation contest from July 1st to June 30th. I think this would encourage our members to visit other granges and rebuild those fraternal bonds that we once had in the Grange. My thought is we could offer a monetary prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and maybe even have a Grange category. We could provide each member with a logbook that they will use to track the Granges they visit throughout the year. The Secretary of each grange (visiting) would "seal" the member's book at the meeting and write the date on the page. After June 30th, we would collect the books from every member that participated and then recognize those winners/Granges at State Session.

Webmaster - We need a new webmaster for the State Grange website. Wayne Turcotte has asked that we find a new person to handle this job because he and his wife will be doing more travelling and he feels that he won't have the time to commit to the job. I think that we should offer this job to a Granger and would like to ask via the grapevine if anyone is interested. If no one is willing to do this, I thought that maybe we ask Terri Fassio if she would be willing to do this for us. She works a couple of other State Granges administering their web sites. This might have a fee for her time/services. I have spoken with other State Grange Master's and have heard nothing but good things about her work and how efficient she is with updating information.

Area Meetings - I would like to hold area meetings for the Secretaries and Masters of all the Granges in NH. At these meetings I planned on distributing the By-laws of the National and State Granges. I would like to instruct the responsibilities of the offices to them so they know what they should or shouldn't be doing. I feel we need to make this a mandatory meeting and require that all Master's and Secretaries attend. If the Grange does not send representation I feel we should penalize them. This instruction is important and is needed by new and experienced officers. Too many Granges are not operating within the by-laws and this puts all of us at risk. I feel the State Grange can create a binder with the required information. We need to make sure that the Master and Secretary know that this information is to be passed on to their successor.

Secretary's Report:

- Quarterly Reports: one Pomona (Mascoma Valley) and two Subordinates (Hinsdale and Riverhill) are behind in reporting to the State Grange.

- Leaders Conference: roughly 130 attended the 2015 Northeast Leaders Conference held in Portsmouth NH. The attendees were happy with the accommodations, workshops and meal events. Thank you to Ken Berry for his efforts working with the hotel.
- NH Arms collectors: The Arms Collectors have decided to meet in a different location and have sent the keys back to the State Secretary.

Treasurer's Report:

- Income and Expense reports were presented and the Treasurer welcome any questions and comments
- Money from Brookline/Wilton Grange #211 has not yet been moved to the Defunct Grange Account.
- Bonding and Assessment balances are reducing due to a recent reminder letter sent to the Granges owing the money.
- Morgan Stanley Smith Barney year end report has been requested to be sent at a different time of the year. Still waiting for a response from MSSB,
- Defunct Grange Accounts: National Grange By-laws allows the State Grange to have the money placed in a trust account. If said grange is reorganized within seven years the money in the trust account minus the interest reverts back to the Grange.
- Income Tax report has been submitted
- Non profit filing: Dan reported that the time is approaching and Grange will need to be filing for this.
- Legal Fees: Dan reported that he keeps records of how much State Grange spends on legal fees when dealing with troubled Granges. It is believed that when these Granges close that any legal fee incurred by the State Grange is re-paid for fees from the money handed over from the grange before it is placed in the defunct Grange account.

Motion made by Chris Heath and Seconded by Wilber Heath to accept the Treasurer's Report. Vote was favorable.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Mark Collins and Seconded by Tricia Taylor to have the State Master appoint a committee to review the results of the survey conducted by the State Executive Committee at the 2014 State Session and report back with their recommendations. Vote was favorable.

New Business:

State Grange Building: During an inspection of the roof it was discovered that snow and insects are getting into the attic space as well as other winter issues. A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Wilber Heath to ask the Building Management team to come up with a wish list of issues that they would like addressed and report back to the Executive Committee. Vote was favorable with one no vote. Wilber will consult with the team.

Web-Master: Wayne Turcotte has asked to be replaced as the State Grange Web-Master. It was agreed to accept the request with regrets. Chris Heath will ask Hannah West to put out an E-mail blast asking if anyone interested in this opportunity to please contact him.

Invested Funds: Dan Bascom reported that two new signers need to be appointed to replace Gail Turcotte and Donald Ross. A motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Mark Collins to appoint Wilber Heath and Tricia Taylor as the replacements. Vote was favorable

Defunct Grange Accounts: Motion made by Mark Collins and seconded by Wilber Heath to roll the \$44,800 from defunct accounts to one Trust Account. Vote was favorable. A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Wilber Heath to have the accumulated interest from this defunct account deposited into the general account annually. The vote was favorable.

Escrow Accounts: Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Mark Collins allowing the New Hampshire State Grange to receive a 5% management fee from the yearly accumulated interest from the Escrow Accounts. The vote was favorable.

Donation to National Grange: A motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Wilber Heath to donate \$1000 to National Grange for Trademark Protection and Legal Fees. The vote was favorable with one no.

9:13 pm recessed in public session and opened in Private Session.

9:21 pm Reconvened in Public Session

Dan Bascom spoke of a limited time offer from Staples to have 6x2.5 banners made for \$10

Task worksheet was reviewed and updated.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to adjourn. Vote was favorable.

Meeting closed at 9:40 pm

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

New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 11, 2015
State Grange Building, Hooksett, NH

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

Chairman Robert Trombi called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM.

Records of the March 27, 2015 meetings were reviewed and corrections made. Motion made by Wilber Heath, seconded by Mark Collins to approve the minutes of the Public Session as corrected. Vote was favorable. Motion made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Tricia Taylor to accept the minutes of the Executive Session as presented. Vote was favorable.

Masters Report:

Hinsdale Grange - I have revoked their charter. I worked with Jim T. and John Smith (Historical Society President) to get access to the building where the Grange equipment was being stored. I recovered some sashes, manuals, song books, staves, cloth and other small Grange items. I provided Bob Trombi with a contact number so he could recover the stations and any other items that were not recovered when I visited the building.

Grafton Star Grange - I instructed them in the procedure for consolidating. I informed them that both Granges need to follow this process in order to consolidate. I was notified of the meeting that they set aside to vote to consolidate with Park Grange. Bob and I attended the meeting and the vote was unanimous to consolidate with Park Grange. I informed them that barring no issues with the vote at Park Grange, they would be consolidated with them as of July 1st. I instructed Ann to pay Grafton Star's dues to the State Grange for the quarter ending June 30th, and informed them that all money and property is to be taken with them to Park Grange.

Park Grange - I instructed them in the procedure for consolidating. I informed them that both Granges need to follow this process in order to consolidate. I was notified of the meeting that they set aside to vote to consolidate with Grafton Star. I attended the special meeting that they had and it was voted unanimously to consolidate with Grafton Star. I informed the secretary that as of July 1st, all members of Grafton Star will be members of Park Grange. I informed them that all monies and property of Grafton Star will become theirs once the consolidation is completed.

Mont Calm Grange - I met with two members of Mont Calm Grange and discussed with them the process of consolidation. I informed them that they needed to locate a Grange that would be willing to consolidate with them. Informed them of the complete process that must be followed in order to complete the consolidation. Received a copy of a letter that they sent to Blow-Me-Down Grange. It appears that they will be voting to consolidate with Blow-Me-Down Grange in the future.

Blow-Me-Down Grange - I received a copy of a letter from Blow-Me-Down Grange notifying their members that they will be meeting to vote on the request from Mont Calm Grange to consolidate. I have instructed them on the process that must be followed in order to consolidate. It appears that they will accept the request and starting the process of consolidating.

Riverhill Grange - We gave this Grange a deadline to pay all of their back dues and to keep current on their current Grange dues. According to the last conversation with Jerry, he has not been receiving their current dues or anything towards their outstanding dues. They were given

until June 30th to get up-to-date on everything. I am preparing a letter informing them that I am going to revoke their charter for non-payment of dues.

Carroll County Pomona - This Pomona Grange only has two granges in it's pomona. The Pomona meets in the afternoon Tuftonboro Grange Hall. According to the information that I have they are unable to get a quorum to their meetings. I am going to send them a letter informing them that they need to work with the Grange Growth Team to get new members or I might be forced to suspend their charter. This might be difficult for them because of the time they choose to meet. I am hoping that they can get some new interest in their Pomona grange

Golden Rod - I have been informed that they are not holding legal meetings and have not for some time. I did get a request from them to have monies from their escrow to put bathrooms in their former hall which is now owned by the historical society. I was told by one of their members that the Grange is dead. I informed that member that the Grange is not dead and that they need to be working on gaining new members. I will be sending them a letter informing them that they need to work with the Grange Growth Team to work on getting new members and revitalizing their Grange otherwise I will have to take further action which might include suspending/revoking their charter.

Hooksett - I have been informed that they are not holding legal meetings, less than 7 members, and have been doing this for some time. They had requested permission from my predecessor to Consolidate but he refused their request. I will be sending them a letter informing them that they need to work with the Grange Growth Team to work on getting new members and revitalizing their Grange otherwise they do have the option to consolidate.

Friendship - I have not had a chance to talk with Phil Cain to see where he is with getting some more members. I will be suggesting that he have the Grange Growth team come to his area and assist his membership with finding some new members so they can get off of suspension. I was informed at Spring Fling that they are up to 12 members and need only one more to be legal.

Mt. Pistareen - Bob and I attended a meeting of this Grange and there were only five members present. They do not meet traditionally and it appears that they have never seen or done an opening/closing. I am working on a communication to the members to inform them that in order to remain a grange, they need to start having legal meetings, at least 7 members, in order to remain a grange. If they continue without having the correct number of members at their meetings, I will be forced to suspend their charter. According to the roster, they have 19 members on their books.

Visitation Contest - I announced the contest in the Granite State Granger. I had been waiting for the notebooks to arrive and they finally did this week. I did announce that the contest would run from July 1st to June 30th but this is going to have to change. I am working on a letter that will be included in Jerry's quarterly report that will explain the date changes for the contest. This will also include instructions for the Secretaries. I am going to change the date of the contest to be from October 1st to September 30th. This will give each Grange plenty of time to get the notebooks distributed to their members.

Jim Farmer Portrait - I was contacted by National Master Ed Lutrell with a proposition. They were working on cleaning out the National Grange Museum/Library to make it available to rent out. During this clean up they removed the portraits from the walls and are in the process of finding them temporary homes. One of these portraits is of James Farmer. He was an important part of the Grange movement in New Hampshire and He served as the National Grange Lecturer. He has asked the NH State Grange to find him a suitable temporary home here in New Hampshire. He is working on a contract that he will be sending to me. Once we have the contract, it will need to be signed and sent back to him. Once that has been completed, we will need to find a way to get the portrait here safely and provide it an appropriate place to reside while he is here.

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

Secretary's Report:

- With Hinsdale Grange being revoked we have now 60 Subordinate Granges with a total membership of 1610.
- A letter was sent to Riverhill Grange reminding tem of the past amount due to State Grange and the July 10th deadline to pay it.
- Friendship and Manchester Community Granges have not reported for the March quarter.
- 2015 National Grange Assessment bills have been sent to the Pomona's

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

Treasurer's Report:

- Income and Expense reports were presented and questions answered by State Treasurer Daniel Bascom.
- A bill has not yet been received from the accountant for the IRS filing. Dan will contact them and get this taken care of.

A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Bob Haefner to accept the Treasurers report. Vote was favorable.

Old Business:

- Wilber will be contacting t5he Building Team to discuss issue with the building and report back to the committee at the next meeting.

- It was reported that some Granges still owe Assessment fees for 2014. Dan will be contacting these granges and getting this taken care of.
- The surveys received at 2014 State Session have been reviewed and reported that as a result State Session will continue to be held at the same time for the same length of time and will continue to rotate around the State.
- MSSB (Morgan Stanley-Smith Barney) The two new signatories Wilber Heath and Tricia Taylor have been added to the account.
- Defunct Grange accounts have been consolidated into one account as voted at the March 2015 meeting except for 2.
- A 5% fee has been deposited in the operating account from the defunct accounts as voted at the March 2014 meeting.
- James Tetreault has agreed to take on the roll of Web Master.

New Business:

- The lease with the Church has been reviewed and it has been decided to continue with the lease for another year.
- Items #2 and #3 on the agenda have been moved to Executive Session.
- Space issues were discussed in the anteroom area and how to better store the State Grange equipment. A motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to move the wall in the current storage area out eliminating one of the coat racks. Vote was favorable.
- The secretary received a letter from The Associated Women requesting a donation for a publication highlighting century farms. A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Beth Merrill to donate \$100 for this publication. He vote was favorable.
- State Treasurer Dan Bascom gave an update on the EIN's (Employee Identification Number) and reported that he is currently working with one Grange to have theirs reinstated.

Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Chris Heath to close Public Session and enter into Executive Session. Vote was favorable.

Closed at 8:52 PM

Re-opened at 9:20 PM

2016 New Hampshire State Grange Session: Plans are underway to look into having the 2016 annual session in the Lebanon area.

Chris Heath gave an update on the Visitation Contest that was announced in the Granite State Granger. The contest period will change and will run from September 1, 2015 thorough August 31, 2016. All supplies and full instructions will be sent to the Granges during the summer.

Church Lease: A motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Beth Merrill to continue with the Church lease from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Vote was favorable.

Next meeting will be August 27th at 7:30 pm

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Chris Heath to adjourn. Vote was favorable.

Meeting closed at 9:35 pm

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

New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 27, 2015
State Grange Building, Hooksett, NH

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

The meeting was called to order by Robert Trombi, Chairman at 7:30 PM

Records of the May meeting were presented and corrected a motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Robert Haefner to accept the corrected minutes. The vote was favorable.

Master's Report:

Barnstead Community Grange: A charter application had been sent at the end of June and 10 members were obligated on July 20th. He received the charter from National Grange. He will be presenting them with the charter and obligating more members at the September meeting.

Friendship Grange: a certified letter was sent from the Master of Friendship Grange informing the State Master that they will be voting on August 25th to consolidate with Harmony Grange. State Master Heath informed Master Cain that there is a process that needs to be followed with consolidations. Master Heath also spoke with the Master of Harmony Grange informing them of their part in the process. The minutes from the meeting in regards to the consolidation from Harmony Grange have been sent to Master Heath.

Riverhill Grange: They were given to the end of the June 2015 quarter to pay their overdue dues and keep current on their existing dues. According to the State Secretary, they have not kept current and have failed to pay the past due amount. A letter has been prepared to send to them informing them that their charter is being revoked. The State Grange attorney will be contacted before further action is taken.

Mont Calm/Blow-Me-Down Consolidation: Blow-Me-Down is asking for the procedure that they need to follow to invoke permission to consolidate. No other contact has been made with either Grange at this time.

James Farmer Portrait: The contract between the National Grange and NH State Grange has been signed and the portrait is ready to be picked up at National Grange. Looking for someone interested in transporting the portrait from Washington DC to New Hampshire.

Secretary Report:

Riverhill Grange has not reported for June and still have an outstanding balance which was to be paid by the end of June 2015. (See masters report for action taken)

Londonderry Grange has not reported for March or June 2015
Current membership number for granges reporting is 1546.

A motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Mark Collins to accept the Secretary report. Vote was favorable.

Treasurers Report: State Treasurer Dan Bascom presented the Income and Expense Reports and answered any questions. He also presented the income and expenses for the State Grange Building for review. A motion as made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to accept the Treasurers report. The vote was favorable.

Old Business: Lebanon Grange Escrow: discovered with research that Lebanon Grange closed and did not consolidate. A motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor that the money in the Lebanon Grange escrow account be moved to the Operating Account. Vote was favorable.

Motion made by Mark Collins and seconded by Wilber Heath to forgive the \$994.00 owed to the State Grange from Grafton Star Grange for legal fees. Voted favorably.

2016 State Session contract: a motion was made by Christopher Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to give the State Secretary the authority to sign and make the \$1000 deposit with the Fire Side Inn and Suites in West Lebanon for our 2016 annual session. Vote was favorable.

Family weekend: Robert Trombi reported that at the current location that family weekend is being held we have the opportunity to reserve an area that would allow all Grange attendees to set up in the same area allowing all to join in fellowship and activities. A deposit needs to be made with the facility to hold the space. When the event is over the deposit can be returned or can be applied to holding the space for the next year. A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Tricia Taylor to approve the deposit. Vote was favorable.

2016 Income and Expense Budgets: Dan Bascom presented and explained the proposed budgets. With comments made from the members of the Executive Committee he will have the final version ready for the October meeting which will be presented to the delegate body at State Session.

Procedure Manual: Wilber Heath will provide us with information at the next meeting.

Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney: Dan Bascom, Wilber Heath and Tricia Taylor had a meeting with MSSB on July 16, 2015. Recommend to keep policy at 3.5 % as they currently are. Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to accept the recommendation. Vote was favorable.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Wilber Heath to adjourn. Vote was favorable.

Meeting closed at 9:35 pm

Next meeting will be October 18, 2015 at 10:00 am at the State Grange Buliding.

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

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Andrew Savage General Deputy was escorted to the Masters Station to present his first report as General Deputy.

Worthy Master, Brothers, and Sisters

This is my first report as your general deputy and I want to say that it has been an honor to serve the state grange in this capacity. I have learned quite a bit this year and hope to do even more to support our granges in the future.

Subordinate Granges

The state master and I tried to put an emphasis on the opening and closing rituals this year as it is the ritual that sets us apart from other community action groups. This has met with mixed success as more than one fourth of our Subordinate Granges aren't making the effort to perform the opening rituals. Not surprisingly, many of these Granges are also the ones that are struggling to meet quorum at each of their meetings. Another problem related to this is that we have a growing number of granges who don't even have the required membership to maintain their charters.

I am also concerned to find that we still have some granges that are charging their members less than \$29 in dues. The dues will be increasing again next year, so it's time to get our by-laws in order.

Wicwas Lake Grange continues to grow, maintaining its status as the largest Grange in the state, and once again they are the top scoring grange. Keep up the good work. The best news of this year, of course, was the announcement of the formation of a new Grange in Barnstead.

Pomona Granges

The Pomona Granges continue mostly unchanged. Those that have been struggling are still struggling, and those that are doing well continue to do well. There is nothing else that I can say about them that hasn't already been said.

I was happy to see that Arthur's plea was heard. We had a few Pomona Granges that performed the fifth degree conferral ritual this year.

The Challenge

The deputies were asked to issue a challenge to the granges. The purpose of this challenge was to get the grangers to do something outside of their comfort zones. For most granges, simply doing what they've always been doing is not resulting in success as far as membership is concerned. We were not asking for miracles, just trying to get granges to think outside their boxes. Some of the granges embraced the challenge and proposed some interesting ideas; others seem to have dismissed the challenge as soon as the deputy left the meeting. I did want to make a special mention of the goal that I thought best encompassed the spirit of this challenge: an effort by the grange to catalogue all the farms and farmers within their town.

Conclusion

I would like to thank all of the deputies who continue to do great work around the state; I would not be able to do this job without you. I would also like to thank the worthy master for trusting that I could meet the challenges of this office, and hope I have lived up to those expectations.

Fraternally,
Andrew Savage
General Deputy

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Jane Trombi, State Lecturer was called upon to give her annual report
Worthy Master, Honored Guests, Fellow State Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters all:

It is with great pleasure that I present to you my first report as your state lecturer. I was a bit nervous at first and wondered, Oh My!! What have I done!! However, I have enjoyed it immensely! It has been a fun and exciting year and I'm ready to keep going.

It all started at deputy school, where I had a chance to meet with Hannah West and go over all the duties of this office. I am very thankful for all the help she has given me this year and I want her to know that I couldn't have done it without her!

Next up was the Northeast Leader's Conference where I was able to meet with the other state lecturer's from New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont and Maine. We had a chance to plan the Northeast Lecturer's Conference to be held at St. Joseph's College in Maine.

March brought our annual bowling tournament at Lakeside Lanes in Manchester. We had a total of 69 adult bowlers and 16 junior grangers. I was very pleased with the turnout. As this was my first time running this event, I am thankful for everyone's patience and thank all who offered help. The top Grange was Rochester and the State Officers won the three-way challenge

between them and the Youth Association and the Youth State Officers. The complete list of winners was announced in the May issue of the Granite State Granger and will be added to this report. Our bowling tournament is scheduled for March 13, 2016 at the same location.

In April, I helped out at Spring Fling by presenting two workshops. One on Lecturer's Basics and the other on Mixed Media Art. Both were well attended and many ideas were shared. The lecturer's basics gave members a chance to share what types of programs they have had in their grange as well as some hints on being a good lecturer. In the mixed media workshop, members had a chance to use many types of mediums and completed an entry for this year's art contest.

On May 2nd we had 33 "Out and About" for the Variety Show at the State Grange Building in Hooksett. We had two entries in the Instrumental Category: Kathy Yardley of Walpole Grange playing the flute and Kathy Akerman of Hampton Falls Grange playing the piano. We had one entry in the Vocal Category: Hannah West of Chichester Grange. Best of Show went to Kathy Yardley, who will be representing NH at the Night of Excellence at National Grange in Lincoln, Nebraska next month. After the talent was complete, we had a great penny sale. There were many items brought in by members. The \$192.00 in proceeds from the lunch and penny sale went to the talent fund. I also received donations from 3 Pomona's and 11 subordinates. Many thanks to the participants, those that helped out and those who came for support on Variety Day. With all the fun that was had, I am not sure if the grangers in our state are still interested in a Talent/Variety Show. Out of the three participants this last year, only one was planning on participating. The other two were asked. Therefore, next year I am asking anyone wishing to participate to perform at a Grange activity, prior to the contest and also to pre-register by a given date. Watch for information in the spring. Possibly this event will be combined with a Grange Month activity. As a reminder, the best of show can attend National Convention to perform at the Night of Excellence. Here is something for you to keep in mind, the 2016 National Convention will be in Washington, DC. Wouldn't it be fun to have a group of NH Singers or Skit performers to represent us next year? I hope that is a bit of a temptation for you.

Summer brought preparation time for the Northeast Lecturer's Conference, which was held August 3, 4, and 5 at St. Joseph's College in Standish, Maine. As this was the 100th conference, the Theme was "100 Years of ____". Our theme was Music. Other states had transportation, education, leisure activities, literature, discovery and agriculture. This conference is not just for lecturers. Any and all are encouraged to attend for some fun, fellowship, entertainment and a chance to learn something new. I was very pleased that we had 20 members from NH. Everyone was very helpful and willing to participate. Our program was well received and very entertaining. We had Marie Hall performing a sign-a-song, Hannah West led us in a walk through the Grange songbook, Mary West led us in some fad dances and we had guest appearances by several celebrities. Our State Master, Chris Heath came on stage as Michael Jackson doing the moon walk, Past State Master, and National Lecturer, Jim Tetreault appeared

as Elvis Presley, our State Pianist, Lester Gibbs rapped as Eminem and Mary West roared as Katy Perry. If anyone is interested, I have a few of the programs from the conference for sale at the Lecturer's exhibit for \$2.00. During Spirit Night the State Master presented me with the State Lecturer's gift. I was so pleased and say thank you to all the granges and grangers who donated. Next year the Northeast Lecturer's Conference will be held in Rhode Island with a theme of "Visit us in ___", so ours will of course be New Hampshire.

The "Out and About" program, which encouraged granges to do some extracurricular activities in a group of 5 or more, or some different types of activities in their own grange hall, proved to be a lot of fun. They were asked to submit a checklist of their activities and put together a collage. I had 4 subordinate/community granges submit collages. I would like to present the following granges with a certificate for completion of the "Out and About" program. Would a delegate from each grange come forward when called? They are: Rochester, Antrim, Wicwas Lake and Centennial. Thank you for showing us all what fun your grange has had. These are on display and show some great activities by these Granges. I also received final checklists from 5 Pomona's and 13 subordinates. Next year's program will continue with activities under a new name: "Our Own Backyard" with several choices to participate in.

I was pleased with the participation in the contests this year. I know last year Hannah had commented that the Art contest had the fewest entries and may not be of interest in the future, and I think the members heard that as I ended up with 20 entries! That was a great surprise. I think one of the hardest parts for people entering this category is getting their entry turned in. So this year I decided to have the art contest judged here, that way people didn't have to send their items through the mail. I wish to thank Ann Leger for finding an excellent judge, who is a local artist, to come to the Town and Country on Thursday afternoon to judge this contest. I am also going to change the due date and allow members to bring them directly to state grange next year, where they will be judged. All the information is in this year's program booklet. The creative writing had 37 entries, Read the Book had 1 entry and Tell the Story had 1 entry. I hope these last two get some more entries next year. The create - a - card contest had 35 entries, 9 of which were juniors. I was surprised to only see 18 entries in the photo contest as this has often had some of the most entries. All of the items in these contests are on display in the exhibit room. Please stop by and take a look around.

A list of winners in all the Lecturer's contests is included in this report. The winners for Bowling and the Variety Show have been recognized in the Granite State Granger. I will now read the contests winners whose items are on display here. You or the delegate from your grange can collect your prize during the next session break.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Trombi

NH State Grange Lecturer

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Richard Patten State Historian, was escorted to the masters station to give his report

Worthy State Master, State Officers, National Representatives, and Patrons all!

I can't believe it is time for another session for the NH State Grange. The last time we came to the Town and Country Motor Inn, in this very quaint town, the trees were loaded with foliage, there were sights of a train coming through that many of us haven't seen in years, and we could see a town coming back from the devastation of the wood paper mills going out of business. Gorham, Berlin, Groveton are a few towns in the Northern Sector that seem to be on the upswing. The last time we met here was about 5 years ago and what an ending we had. It was a good session and many of us woke up Sunday morning to find a foot and half of snow. Snow, yes snow, many of us didn't have gloves, winter hats, shovels, snow brushes only to get home and find around a foot and half to two feet of snow plus power outages. Welcome to autumn.

Thinking back a few years before that, I can remember the 102nd annual session of the NH State Grange which met at the Town and Country Motor Inn in Shelburne for this important time. This was a major election year for the State Grange. The State Grange opened in the Sixth Degree at 8:45 a.m. State Grange Home Economics Director Beverly Merrill presented The State Grange with a Bicentennial Flag. State Secretary Wayne Ingalls reported the following membership figures: 26 Pomona Granges with 6,040 members, a loss of 132; 204 Subordinate Granges with a membership of 13,677, a loss of 359; 25 Junior Granges with a membership of 484, a loss of 66. There were 101 Patrons who received the lessons of the Sixth Degree. Past State Master John L. Saturley served as Degree Master for the four years that State Master E. Norris Hall presided.

The year 1980 proved to be a very important one for the NH State Grange. I miss the various session committees such as Constitution and Bylaws, Good of the Order, Junior, Cooperative Activities, Public Affairs, Resolutions, Credentials, and Master's Address. Today we have Master's Address, Resolutions, and Credentials. The Resolutions Committee has changed from being a committee congratulating people, talking about the facilities, special guests, and more to now being a committee studying and making recommendations on all the resolutions. Sister Barbara Humphrey brought in a partial report of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee on Thursday afternoon. This resolution dealt with the State Grange electing its officers from the odd years to the even years to help delegates get to know the National Grange Officers before they had to vote. As it was, the NH State Grange and the National Grange elected officers on the even years thus new delegates from NH might not know who to vote for. The delegates present voted in favor of changing the resolution to become effective immediately, thus delegates who elected new officers last year would vote on Saturday for a new slate of officers. It isn't mentioned in the journal but I remember the High Priest of Demeter, C. Jerome Davis spoke to the delegate body and mentioned that in order for this to continue, every State Officer had to agree to resign their office. The current slate of State Officers each agreed to this decision and a new slate was elected.

This has been a very busy year for your Historian. Once again, I have been delivering or sending Grange Secretary minute books to Historical Societies or Libraries in towns throughout the state. They have been thrilled to get these. I have many more to get to new homes. It is a shame because these books contain so much history of Granges that have since closed. It is amazing what some of these Granges did, or tried to do and how many people were affected by their actions. I was pleased to deliver or mail to Candia Grange, Fremont Grange, Reliance Grange in Salem, West Rockingham Pomona Grange to Derry, Glen Grange in Bartlett, Profile Grange in North Woodstock, Sugar Hill Grange in Franconia, Madison Cascade Grange, Mount Prospect Grange in Lancaster, and Crystal Lake Grange in Gilmanton Iron Works. Please let me know if anyone can assist me with this project. There are many more to be delivered but due to the cost of mailing or price for gasoline to drive to these towns, I would appreciate any help. I would like to possibly get the remaining ones out of the State Grange building basement to see what ones could be delivered. I am looking for Bartlett Grange of Salisbury, Franklin, Ezekiel Webster Grange of Boscawen, and Rumford Grange of East Concord secretary books.

The Grange members, who serve in the State Legislature organized the annual Grange Day in late April at the State House. I was very pleased with the attendance of Grange members who came. A very good number of legislators stopped by a display I had put up. It was amazing how many remarked they formally held membership in Salem, Nashua, Reliance and Derry Granges. Many Granger members remarked it was interesting to see how the legislators voted on various issues. Even though we don't have 125 Grange members serving as State Legislators like they did in 1925, we do watch for bills that are important to our organization. It is important that we, as Grange members take a serious interest in the proposed bills that the various committees will be debating this winter before they come to the floor.

History is so important and this past year we lost a lot of history in this state Grange. The Great Master of the Universe must have felt that he needed more members. It was sad to lose more but I am sure they are all keeping busy.

I have enjoyed talking about members who may or may not have served on the State Grange level whether as a committee member, director, deputy, or a state officer, who have been called by the Great Master of the Universe. They worked very hard in their Subordinate or Pomona Grange and help write history that will be remembered for many years. The following members I will be talking about is very difficult because they not only served the State Grange in a variety of positions but I knew some of them personally. I also will be talking about former members or the family who thought they were still members when they passed away. Regardless of what the reason was, these former members did so much while they were our brothers and sisters.

Very recently Agnes Lawler, mother of Past State Flora Patrice Lawlor passed away. Although she didn't serve on the State level, she received her 25 year Silver Star membership seal this year as a member of Hudson Grange. She would have celebrated her 93rd birthday last Thursday. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Sister Pat.

One person who passed away hit me very hard was Robert Perry or known as Bob to many of us. Many today wouldn't know him, but he and I were best friends. He belonged to Bow Grange, went to Bishop Brady High School in Concord. He and I were elected as Masters of our respective Granges the same time. He organized Bow Junior Grange as I had organized Pineconia Junior Grange. He and I did a lot in Grange. He was chosen as State Prince and encouraged me to run for Prince in 1970 for 1971, however I didn't feel I was ready for that. He and I traveled to many Granges. He went on to become a Subordinate Deputy. He helped me with my Prince notebook and at the 1971 session in Concord, I was selected as the State Prince for 1972. He moved to California in the late 70's and I lost contact with him. His sister Beverly called me to say that he had passed away suddenly. They thought he was still a member because Bow Grange had merged with Pineconia. The whole Perry family were Grange members. He is buried in Concord and will be missed by those who knew him.

Stacy Cole, who held membership in Golden Rod Grange was a very familiar face in our Grange and Legislative circles. Stacy served many years on the State Grange Legislative Committee. His knowledge and insight of the State Government proved too be a major plus for the Grange. He showed another talent with his writing in the Manchester Union Leader writing about many interesting stories.

Dorothy Young Carruthers held membership in New Union Grange in Hopkinton and then Contocook Grange when New Union Grange closed. In recent years she held her membership in Daniel Webster Grange when Contocook Grange surrendered their charter. Dorothy was very active in early years, assisting the late Past State Flora Marjorie Emery with her installation of officers at various Granges. She held offices in her Granges, especially Secretary.

Marilyn Campbell was a quiet lady who was always ready to help whenever asked whether it was assisting her late husband Win when he served as Subordinate Deputy or as General Deputy. She also assisted her daughter Jane when she was Co-Director for the State Youth Committee. Marilyn served on the State Grange Fair Committee and could always be counted on to have a smile and to say hello.

Sandra Baker was a dedicated Grange member, who could be counted upon to serve the Grange no matter what was needed. She was a member of Jaffrey Grange, Grand Monadnock Pomona, Pembroke, and Suncook Valley Pomona Granges to name a few. She served the State Grange serving as a member of the Deaf Awareness, Membership, and Fair Committees. Sandra and her family worked very hard in the Granges they were involved in.

Elizabeth Abbott served on the State Home Economics, Publicity and Promotions Committee, and as an officer for the State Grange Trustees for the Trust Fund. She served as an officer in Moosilauke, Grafton Star, Mascoma Valley Pomona, Grafton County Pomona, and always assisted her late husband Richard Abbott who served as a Subordinate Deputy. Betty and Dick went to the State Prison in Concord every week to counsel to the inmates. She loved to write poetry and she could write songs for the New England or known today as Northeast Lecturer's conference.

Priscilla Meyers, or many of us knew her as Tillie, knew her Grange work extremely well. She was a member of the Chester Hayes family in which several of her aunts, uncles, cousins all held membership in the Grange. She worked very hard in Winthrop Grange with her husband Burt. She served as Master several times along with serving on the State Youth Committee. She took

a lot of joking for being short but she didn't care. She and Burt worked on many Grange functions. They traveled many miles to support Grange functions. This is another case where we didn't know her aunt Cecilia Andrew, who played piano for Granges or installation ceremonies had passed away. I offered to let call Cecilia as she was an aunt to Tillie. Talk about being stupid, I was shocked when I called the Merrimack County Nursing Home and found out she had passed away almost two years ago. She had spoke her Grange and the memories that she had. She was a dedicated Grange member serving as Lecturer, Steward, and Pianist in her Grange.

I found out in doing some research for this year's Historian report that Eve Ward and Priscilla Powers, both Past Masters of Monroe Grange have died this year. When I spoke to Eve's husband, he told me that she had passed away in July of this year and was very upset that no one from the Grange sent a sympathy card. Edith told me her sister Priscilla Powers had passed away in January of this year. They were both Past Masters of Monroe and Mr. Ward thought they were still members of the Grange as they both had over 70 years of membership. I explained to him that White Mountain Grange of Littleton where they had gone had closed their doors. It is very sad that this is happening too much. I try to read at least three newspapers everyday looking for Grange membership in their obituary write up. Carolyn Conway of Jefferson was a very active member in the Grange and 4-H. She served as Master in Starr King Grange and when they closed, joined Winthrop Grange. She was always very friendly and helped the Grange in so many ways. She was very active in agriculture and 4H as well as the Grange. Carolyn was also in-laws to Barbara Frangione of Chichester Grange. Bernard Smith served his Grange at New Hampton very well. He is a Past Master of the Subordinate Grange and something that you don't read too often, a past Master of New Hampton Juvenile Grange. He was very active in the town of New Hampton serving on various Town Boards etc.

In closing, Worthy State Master, thank you for your support and I will continue my research, complete the update of my book with hopes to have it printed this next year. I love history and it continues to amaze me what this organization has accomplished. I would like to thank my wife Deb, State Secretary Gerry Leclerc, GSG Editor Hannah West, Brian Rossiter and all others helping me to get the Grange records out of the cellar.

Fraternally,
Dick Patten, Historian
NH State Grange

At this time, I would like to present awards to the following dedicated Grange members for all they did during their years of active membership. You will never be forgotten.
Edith Anne Emery, former State Flora, former State Lady Assistant Steward, former State Committee member.

Roy & Dorothy Birard, Roy being a past State Executive Committee member, Past State Steward, State Membership Director, and Deputy, Dorothy, served on several State Committees. Bernice Fish, former State Juvenile Deputy, Kathlyn Quig served as a Past State Pomona and State Committee member (sent a beautiful letter, thanking for the invitation and not being

forgotten. She thanked me for honoring her. She told me that she enjoyed my Historian columns.

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

The annual meeting of the Grange Foundation was called to order by President Robert Haefner, at 3:30 pm. Prior to the meeting an explanation of what the Grange Foundation is. It's a (503 C) Sprague/John West Scholarship. This was set up using a donation of \$100000.00 from a former scholarship recipient.

The meeting adjourned at 3:48 pm.

Session was called back to order.

State Master Heath introduced Lorraine Merrill the Commissioner of Agriculture for a few words. She was pleased to announce the recent opening of the Veterinary Diagnostic Lab and what the impact will be with this addition. She spoke of the recent budget issues the hiring of an assistant veterinarian, the 2014 success for the dairy farmers even though it was short lived. She also spoke of many other issues concerning the Agriculture industry.

Commissioner Merrill fielded questions from those in attendance.

With no further business to conduct the afternoon session of the second day of 142nd annual session closed in the fourth degree at 4:15 pm

Friday Evening

The Friday evening session was called to order by State Master Christopher E. Heath at 7:30 pm, preceded by the marching in of the State Officers. Alyssa Estes served as Flag Bearer for the evening.

Roll call found all present.

Prior to the opening General Deputy Andrew Savage obligated the Fifth Degree on 2 candidates.

State Secretary Gerald Leclerc read the application of Leslie Avery, Mohawk Grange 217, Adam Terrell, Walpole Grange #125, Heidi Godwin, Croydon Grange #357, and Patricia Allin, Stratford Grange #238

The Sixth Degree was exemplified by the officers of the New Hampshire State Grange.

Lois L Enman, State Flora, introduced the ladies in the court, the Past Lady State Officers and Special Guests in her Honor Court

Flora: Lois L. Enman

Personal Attendants: Sandra Binnett

Alice Tuck

Court Ladies: Happy Pelton
Marion Woodworth
Linda Phelps
Patricia Allin

Pomona: Sarah Leclerc
Court Ladies: Emilie Leclerc
Larrissa Grant

Ceres: Kerriann Heath
Court Ladies: Crystal Seward
Fran Everard

Soloist: Stuart Light
Lights: Robert Paquin-Varnum

Ladies Seated in Flora's Honor Court

Deb Patten ~ Past State Ceres, Assembly of Demeter
Virginia Clark ~ Past State Pomona
Ida Hutchins ~ Past State Pomona
Carolyn Ross ~ Past State Pomona
Kimber Bascom ~ Past State Ceres, Assembly of Demeter
Judy Sherrod ~ National Secretary, Assembly of Demeter
Hannah West ~ Past State Lecturer, Assembly of Demeter
Marie Hall ~ Past State Lecturer
Ann Lager ~ Past State Flora
Joanne Brandt ~ Past State Flora, Junior Director
Diane Collins ~ Past State Flora
Marsha Miller ~ First Lady of Connecticut State Grange

Executive Committee Member ~ Beth Merrill ~ Past State Master, Assembly of Demeter
Executive Committee Member ~ Tricia Taylor ~ Past State Ceres
Lady Assistant Steward ~ Kathy Yardley ~ Past State Ceres
Lecturer ~ Jane Trombi ~ Past State Lady Assistant Steward

Christopher Heath, State Master, introduced the Past Male State Officers in Floras Honor Court and the Members of the Assembly of Demeter.

Gentlemen Seated in Flora's Honor Court

Richard Patten ~ Past State Master, Assembly of Demeter
Donald Ross ~ Past State Executive Committee
James Tetreault ~ Past State Master, Assembly of Demeter
Cory Spencer ~ Steward Massachusetts State Grange
Noel Miller ~ Master Connecticut State Grange

Executive Committee Member ~ Wilber Heath

Executive Committee Member ~ Mark Collins, Past State Assistant Steward
Chaplain ~ Matthew Clark ~ Past State Assistant Steward
Steward ~ Arthur Merrill ~ Past State Assistant Steward, Assembly of Demeter
Overseer ~ Robert Trombi ~ Past State Steward
Treasurer ~ Daniel P. Bascom ~ Past State Master, Assembly of Demeter
Secretary ~ Gerald J. Leclerc ~ Past State Lecturer
Musician ~ Lester Gibbs ~ Assembly of Demeter

A letter from Past State Master Carl Adams was read thanking us for the invitation to attend the degree.

The General Deputy and the Deputy force were brought to the front of the hall and thanked by the State Master for their service.

The Grange was lowered to the 4th degree.

With no further business to conduct the grange was closed in form at 9:25 PM.

Following the close of the meeting the State Officers formed a receiving line.

Saturday Morning

The Saturday morning session of the New Hampshire State Grange opened at 8:00 am by the officers of the New Hampshire State Grange Youth Association.

Youth Officers:

Master: Mary West
Overseer: Zach Trombi (Absent)
Lecturer: Allissa Estes
Steward: Adam Terrell
Assistant Steward: Lynn Clark
Lady Assistant Steward: Davi Penny
Chaplain: Amy Schunemann
Treasurer: Emilie Leclerc
Secretary: Larissa Grant
Ceres: Nicole Brandt
Executive Committee: Adam Paquin-Varnum
Pianist: Lester Gibbs

Roll call of officers found all State Offices present.

Roll call of Granges found a quorum.

Judy Sherrod from National Grange was escorted to the Master's station for remarks. She congratulated the youth for their march in and the opening ceremony. She thanked the New Hampshire Membership for their hospitality.

Beth Merrill, State Youth Director and Joann Brandt, Junior Director were introduced and presented their annual report of Youth Activities and Junior Activities.

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Delegates, and Patrons All:

It has been a privilege to accept the challenge of serving as Youth Director despite the apprehensions about how many years have passed and how much the world has changed since I served in this position back in 1988-1992. Hopefully, the youthfulness of the committee that I have assembled compensates for any lack of vim and vigor on my part! I was eager to meet with them at Deputy School in December to start making plans for the coming year. We are small in number, but huge in ideas and attitude. Please let me introduce them to you. Allissa Estes, Emilie Leclerc, Adam Paquin Varnum, and Zach Trombi. I am so proud of their enthusiasm and dedication and acknowledge and thank them for the personal and financial sacrifices they have experienced throughout the year.

It has been a year of highs and lows, but no matter what the circumstances, we were busy! The new Grange year started with the **National Grange convention** just a matter of days after the conclusion of our State Session. Adam Paquin Varnum, a member of our State Youth Committee attended the convention and filled in for me at the meeting of Youth Directors there. Luckily, Adam and his three travelling companions, Bob Paquin Varnum, Bob Trombi, and Arthur Merrill, managed to outrace the massive blizzard that followed them home and blanketed most of the state of New York with enough snow to shut down the highways for days.

I was happy to act as host to the other Youth Directors of the Northeast Region when NH hosted the regional Leaders' Conference. It was good to have the opportunity to discuss our mutual programs and to make plans for the upcoming summer regional Youth conference.

The first major event for us was the **Winter Youth Rally** held at the State Grange Building on January 31st. Somehow we were able to share the limited space with the Juniors, as well. Our day started with a meeting of the Youth Committee during which we laid out plans for the June Youth Rally. The youth activities of the day began with lunch, served by the youth committee and Juniors. We held workshops on Get Acquainted Games and Exploring the National Youth program. The highlight of the afternoon was a workshop and demonstration by the Winissquam High School FFA Parliamentary Procedure contest. They were inspiring in the way that they conducted their mock meeting and I think I can speak for the Grange audience and say that I was in awe of their presentation. I was not able to find enough youth members to make up our own team for this new contest at National Grange this year, but I have high hopes that we can get one assembled and presentable for 2016.

A number of brave members tried their hand at the **Grange Knowledge Test**, written this year by first-timer, Jerry Leclerc. Winners are as follows: 1st place, Arthur Merrill, Antrim Grange; 2nd place, Mary West, Chichester Grange; 3rd place (3-way) tie – Anne Boisvert, Chichester Grange – Chris Heath, Centennial Grange – Hannah West, Chichester Grange. Having three of the top five scores in this contest, I am assigning the task of creating the 2016 Grange Knowledge Test to Chichester Grange! Rounding out the activities for the rest of the day were a

craft activity, a delicious supper supervised by State Gatekeeper, Kathy Yardley and her kitchen crew, and the traditional Youth Association meeting in the evening.

The month of March offered up a weekend of bowling for our youth members. Bowling and more bowling! We held the Caroline Hall Cares fundraising event in the form of Glow Bowling at Boutwell's Ally in Concord with fifteen bowlers in attendance. It really was a fun evening and we raised a modest amount of money to donate to the NH Food Bank, falling far short, though, of the goal that the committee and I had set for ourselves. Some of the bowlers came with sleeping bags and camped out on the floor at the State Grange Building overnight. We arose early to depart the Grange Building before the church people's arrival. After a hearty breakfast we joined with members from across the state at the Grange Bowling Tournament in Manchester. This is where the youth team; made up of Emilie Leclerc, Cody Estes, Mary West, and Zach Trombi, bowled against a state youth officers team of State Assistant Steward, Adam Paquin Varnum, Pomona, Sarah Leclerc, Gatekeeper, Norman Brandt, and Chaplain, Matt Clark and the state officers team of Executive Committee member, Mark Collins, Treasurer, Dan Bascom, Steward, Arthur Merrill, and Master, Chris Heath. I am sad to say neither youth team won, so those eight bowlers that made up the youth bowling teams each paid a \$25.00 forfeit to the Grange charity of the State Officers' choice. A check for \$200 was sent to National Grange, from our Grange youth bowlers, and designated to go to the Name Protection Fund. After it was all said and done, we think that perhaps a late night of bowling the day before the tournament might have been a factor in the non-spectacular performance of the youth bowlers, so we are looking to hold our Glow Bowling event at a different time next year, NOT the night before the Grange Bowling tournament! Not to mention the financial burden on these youth members of paying all the lane fees, shoe rentals, donations, food, and forfeits both days of that weekend! Here is one final note about all this bowling business. Given the serious financial state that the National Grange currently faces, as was reported to this session yesterday, the NH Grange youth bowlers good-spiritedly propose the suggestion to the members of the State Officers' bowling team consisting of Chris Heath, Arthur Merrill, Dan Bascom and Mark Collins that, in the name of good sportsmanship and dedication to the Order, they also could make a similar contribution to the National Grange Trademark Protection Fund.

The youth committee sponsored a new event after Spring Fling. There were about 25 in attendance at **Fun @ Funspot** in Laconia. The Youth Director split everyone up into groups of four or five, and then handed some tokens and a scavenger hunt chart to each team to complete within a specific time limit. A few of the things were to talk to someone about the Grange and have them fill out a rip card, find someone that wasn't from New Hampshire, and take group pictures with a cartoon statue and on a carousel, in addition to playing a number of the video, pinball, skee ball and other such games to accumulate points. After everyone completed their list and came back together, we had delicious cupcakes and ice cream and declared a team the winner, which got 100 tokens to share among each other. After the team activities were over, everyone got to go out on their own and play any games they wanted. As Emilie Leclerc wrote in her article for the Granite State Granger, "Fun was had by all, and I hope more join us for the fun if we do it again next year!"

The **Sign-A-Song Contest** was held in conjunction with the Lecturer's Variety Show on May 2nd at the State Grange Building. The sad news is that only one contestant performed during the

contest. The good news is that Kathy Yardley (Walpole Grange) gave a moving interpretation of the song, "Blessings". Cynthia Lawson Whitaker, a RI Grange member and NH resident, was our main judge for the contest and with her Speech and Hearing Science degree from Rhode Island University and Sign Language Interpretation degree from UNH Manchester, a very qualified one at that. I am sorry that we didn't have more entries for her to judge and offer constructive comments. Also assisting with judging duties was Ida Hutchins, retired teacher from Austine School for the Deaf. Many thanks go to these ladies for their support of our program.

June Youth Rally was held at Copper Cannon Camp in Franconia, NH June 5- 7. We had thirteen overnight campers and two daytime visitors, a modest increase over last year. The youth members participated in workshops where they created Grange commercials that were beautifully filmed and edited by Bob Paquin-Varnum. They created cards or art entries for the State Lecturer's contests, and they created a theme and formed a plan to construct a fair exhibit for the youth department. As it turned out, there were no entries in the Public Speaking contest, so I took the opportunity to give everyone a topic and each had to do a one minute impromptu speech. As there was only one youth planning to go, there were no representatives selected for the regional Grange Jeopardy Contest and there was no drill team practice, either. Electing a slate of officers was the main focus during the Youth Association meeting that was conducted in full form on Saturday evening before many of us headed out to the darkened sports field and played Flashlight Tag, a new adventure for some of us "older youth". Following a night of trying to sleep in unheated cabins in overnight temperatures below 39 degrees, on a sunny deck overlooking Mount Lafayette and Cannon Mountain, we were treated to a Sunday morning worship service conducted by Adam Paquin-Varnum and then finished the weekend with a visioning session. We were treated very well by the staff at the camp and look forward to future camps there, but are planning to return to the southern part of the state in 2016.

Northeast Youth Conference was hosted by Rhode Island this year, held at Camp Aldersgate in Chepachet, RI July 10-12. One of the saddest times of my year as Youth Director was when I realized that only ONE youth member would represent our state at this important conference. Thanks to Emilie Leclerc for her company on the drive to and from the camp and for her leadership for the Saturday evening vespers that NH was charged to do. I was very proud of her for being an exemplary model of our youth program! Also big thanks go to Chris Heath, Arthur Merrill, and Kathy Yardley who made the trip to take in part of the events on Saturday. Kathy did us proud with her performance in the Sign-A-Song contest and we were excited to hear when she was proclaimed the Best of Show and is eligible to perform her "Blessings" song for an audience at National Grange in Lincoln. Hopefully her family who was back home in NH working in the hay field on her behalf has forgiven her absence that day! There were three teams that competed in the region's Drill competition on Sunday, none of which was from NH, another huge disappointment. I hope we can regroup and get back in the game, so to speak, for next year?

While at the conference, Charlene Shupp Espenshade presented me with a stack of 52 Youth Achievement certificates that my predecessor, Sherrill Bokousky had ordered last year on behalf of the NH youth and young at hearts who earned them. Members of Antrim, Arlington, Centennial, Chichester, Gilman, Hudson, Manchester Community, Stratford, Walpole, Watatic,

and Wingold Granges will find those certificates included in your packets that you sign out from the State Secretary. Congratulations to you all on these accomplishments.

State Grange Youth Fundraiser! We heard of an opportunity to raise money picking up trash at the NH Motor Speedway in July. Picking up trash is a dirty job, but somebody has to do it and the NH Motor Speedway in Loudon pays \$7 per hour per person for non-profit groups who will send volunteers on race event days. A group of seven youth/young at heart members joined with Antrim Grange members to raise money for our 2016 National Grange travel fund. Many thanks to Chris Heath, Allissa Estes, Amy Schunemann, Kevin Belval, Mary West, Zach Trombi and Sarah Leclerc for helping out and thanks to Adam Paquin-Varnum for doing all the leg work and paper work to get this organized. We hope to return again next year with a larger and more profitable group!

As a result of the idea session at June Youth Rally and a construction meeting a couple weeks later, a **Youth Committee Fair exhibit** was entered in six fairs over the course of the summer and fall. I am so appreciative of the group that assembled the contents of the exhibit while I was incapacitated for several weeks in June. With a combination of set-ups, take-downs, and turnovers by Allissa Estes, Adam Paquin-Varnum and I, we entered and received premiums from Stratham, Cheshire, Hopkinton, Hillsborough County, Rochester and Deerfield Fairs. Thanks so much to you all for this great group effort and another contribution to the 2016 Travel Fund.

If you noticed, the **Youth Officers** you see here today do not fill the entire slate of officers. There is a variety of reasons for this, including other family obligations, last-minute transportation issues and such. I have asked each officer to sign a commitment form, dedicating themselves to their office for the entire year. This is an attempt to give our new youth members and idea of ALL the events at which they are needed to fill their office, and a reminder to some of our more experienced youth that there are responsibilities that lie beyond the special one here today. Also, the delegates have elected a record number of youth members to hold an office in the State Grange, which eliminates them from the possibility of being a youth officer because of restrictions within the by-laws of the NH State Grange Youth Association, thus, minimizing the pool from which to elect a full slate. While we've hit a couple of bumps in the road with this new expectation, I am encouraged by the participation of two new, first-time-ever youth officers today and see that there are more new youth members waiting in the wings.

I received a total of 4 Pomona reports and 13 Subordinate reports this year. That's not a great showing, brothers and sisters, you have to admit. Hopefully we can do better next year. And even if you do fabulous work all year and participate in many of the contests, events, and activities, if you don't send in a report, you don't get a score. Having said that, the top youth score for a Pomona Grange this year goes to East Rockingham Pomona with a score of 325 points. The top youth score for a Subordinate Grange goes to Antrim Grange with a score of 835 points.

The Photo Scavenger Hunt this year had one entry, so that cash award goes to Cheshire County Pomona Grange. Look for a change in format for this contest next year, as we will be seeking entries in a digital format.

We received three entries each in the Christmas Ornaments and Recycled Craft contest, which were judged by Crystal Seward, Kerriann Heath, Sarah Leclerc, and Amy Schunemann. Christmas Ornament winners are: first place, Beth Merrill, Antrim; second, Pat Izzo, Gilman; third, Ida Hutchins.

Recycled art winners are: first and second place Pat Izzo, Gilman third place, Allissa Estes, Somersworth Grange.

I think that about closes the book on the 2015 youth activities of the NH State Grange. You've probably heard me mention a couple times in this report that we are raising money for the **2016 DC National Session Travel Fund**. There are many ways in which our NH Youth can attend this nearby and historic convention and participate in some way that will represent our State Grange. But they are going to have to earn their way there by entering one or more of these contests: Youth Ambassador, Young Couple, Young Adult, Public Speaking and/or Sign-A-Song, National Youth Officers, Grange Jeopardy, Parliamentary Procedure Team, and dare I suggest that the youth dip into another department and try to take on the role of representing our state in the talent portion of the Evening of Excellence? More detailed information on all of these can be found among the pages of the **2016 Youth Program booklet** and on the state and national youth websites. Thanks to Allissa Estes for designing our new cover and theme: "Lead the way, to a brighter day". Some of what we have planned for you is new; some of it is "new old" and include such events as Pomona/Area Meeting Youth Assistance Meetings, Art Night, Moon Stomp, Fun @ Fun Spot, Portsmouth Scavenger Hunt, etc. I hope you'll notice that within the program booklet, of the 33 different ways your Grange can earn points for your youth score, 24 of those items have no age restrictions. So come on everybody, get your Grange Youth Committees ready to go, make a plan, and let's see you around the state at our various functions enjoying all the programs and events that support the youth members of the Grange! You can do it!

Speaking of support, I cannot end any report without thanking my husband, to whom I owe so much. He is chief bread-winner, and the best errand-runner, brainstormer, idea thinker, supper cooker, horse mover, pooper scooper, and wood chopper that I could ask for. This year he was my rock when I was down and out for a couple weeks with a serious infection and again at this session, when I was incapacitated all day on Thursday, he managed to fulfill his set-up duties as your State Steward, while still checking on me and getting the youth display tables set up and delivering programs in time for envelope stuffing. Thank you, Arthur. I love you more than I ever remember to tell you.

In closing, I remind you that the first three letters in the word "youth" spell YOU. That's Y-O-U, you! Regardless of the average age of the members in each of our Granges, the youth program relies on all of our members to support and participate in the youth activities. Without our older members, there is little leadership to train the youth to continue in our footsteps. Without our younger members, our Granges grow weak and stagnant due to lack of enthusiasm and innovation needed to carry us forward. Once we learn to balance our Granges with the strengths of every age group, we will be close in our pursuit of achieving the perfect Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

Beth Merrill, Youth Director

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE JUNIOR REPORT 2015

Worthy Master, State Officers, Distinguished Guests, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters

It is an honor to serve as your Junior Director. The Junior Grange has grown with a total of 36 with 12 joining in 2015 and 7 now graduated. Activities have differed with all the Juniors scattered around the state.

I attended the Northeast Leaders conference in New Hampshire in January, and this coming year's craft for Eastern States Exposition for 2016 will be the word "Junior" or Juniors" craft. Not to exceed 9" x 9" x 6" size. Anything can be made even 2D or 3D.

We had a great day at Winter Rally with 6 Juniors attending along with a future one. We began by cooking brownies, cookies and rice krispy treats ready for lunch with the Youth.

The hall was set up for a Junior meeting. We all took an office and read our way through the opening and closing. During the Lecturer's program time, we obligated 2 new Juniors and presented Genevieve, Ava and Alayna Twiss their Merit Badges earned. The Juniors worked on crafts including the Duck Tape craft due for the Big E while the Youth took the floor.

As bowling is a fun event, we were able to fill three alleys with Juniors. Fourteen bowled and I obligated 10 children into the State Junior Grange with 7 being from Blazing Star Grange.

We were happy to have 13 Juniors attend the Spring Fling in April and worked on crafts, attended a workshop, talked about Merit Badges, and did a scavenger hunt. I hope parents had an opportunity to attend workshops as we played and made crafts.

Gloria Davis and I attended the Saturday Summer Youth Weekend at Copper Cannon Camp in Franconia. We brought items for Juniors in case families came and wanted to have a break away from the children. We went on our nature walk to check out the lady slippers we had seen last year and they were still as beautiful as ever.

I set up a Junior Display for the Stratham and Deerfield Fairs and both received blue ribbons. We noticed a theme among displays "Past, Present and Future" were shown in 4 displays. Example: Junior was Sarah Leclerc as Junior member in 2004 going on to Youth Officer and now a State Officer. It is partially set up at this year's State session for all to view what children can do.

Family weekend I brought items on Saturday for the children to make. Permanent markers to draw on material and then sprayed them with alcohol to look tie dyed. We put a back color to make 5"x5" pillows. We sewed them at the Heath camper with adults helping to stuff the corners. Three of my grandchildren came with me and my youngest took his to bed with him that night. His mother was so surprised.

The Northeast Youth Conference was held in Rhode Island this year and there were no New Hampshire Juniors attending. This program was intended to invite the older Juniors to show them that after Junior Grange they can continue to join Subordinate and Pomona Grange and one day could even be a State or National Officer.

Junior Fun Day was held at Blazing Star Grange August 8 with 8 Juniors and one future. We worked on the same pillows as at Family weekend and some children tried sewing their own pillow with my assistance. We made ice cream in a bag for dessert. Again Juniors took manuals and went through the opening and closing with one more Junior member obligated.

The State Master promised that New Hampshire would have entries at the Big E in Springfield this year. We did and we were excited to learn that Alayna Twiss received third place there. Congratulations to Alayna and all who entered.

I am including the complete of entries in all contests along with showing their entries. As Delegates you should review some of the work the Juniors can do and bring notes back to your Granges and encourage more entries next year. We will be asking Delegates to bring their Junior Chocolate Chip Cookies for baking entries to State Grange next year.

I continue to have Junior Grange Booster ribbons for \$1.00 for anyone wishing to be a Junior Booster.

The theme for Junior Grange in 2016 is "Watch Junior Grange Bloom" as I am seeing good work from many of our Juniors and we are excited to see them growing and blooming.

It is a pleasure working as your Junior Director and would like to encourage your young parents to work on bringing children together and working on Junior crafts and eventually joining Junior Grange. My children learned that after being a Junior officer, it was easier to present reports at school and you may hear the same as they grow.

This year I would like to recognize those Granges that have supported us by bringing in Juniors and working with them.

Watatic Grange #35 Top prize, Prentice Hill Grange #267, Wicwas Lake Grange #292, Rochester Grange #86, Wingold Grange #308, Harmony Grange #99, Hampton Falls Grange #171, and Blazing Star #71.

As children grow, they also graduate out of Junior Grange as they turn 14. They will be able to become your Subordinate members and assist your Grange further. We have three that are graduating from Junior Grange: Troy Marcoux, Watatic Grange; Justin Russell, Hampton Falls and Brandon Burnor, State Junior Grange Member.

My report can not be complete without thanking all the helpers that made each of the programs listed to work. You all know who you were and I am grateful for your assistance.

In closing, I want to thank our Worthy State Master, Chris for having supported me with the

Junior Activities this year.

Fraternally submitted,
Joann Brandt
Junior Director

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE JUNIOR WINNERS FOR THE BIG E

Duck Tape Craft:

Alayna Twiss Cheese Bank Age 6 1st Place
Lily Lynch Box Age 9 1st Place
Sam Klapuk Basket Age 12 1st Place

All contest ages for contest as of January 1 each year:
4 ½ - 7 years; 8 – 11 years; 12-14 years

Other Duck Tape Entries: Total Entries: 12

Sam Klapuk Pencil Can Age 12 2nd Place
Ava Twiss Bank Box Age 9 2nd Place Tied
Genevieve Twiss Basket w/handles Age 10 3rd Place Tied
Ezri Kling Bracelet heart Age 8 2nd Place Tied
Ezri Kling Pencil Can Age 8 3rd Place Tied
Isabell Brandt Pencil Can Age 6 Tied 3rd
Caden Lynch Picking basket Age 7 Tied 2nd
Madison Brandt Pencil Can Age 5 Tied 3rd
Isabell Brandt Bracelet Age 6 Tied 2nd

Your Name it!

Caitlin Norwood Age 11 1st Place
Caitlin Norwood Age 11 2nd Place

Cards:

Ava Twiss Age 9 1st Place
Alayna Twiss Age 6 1st Place

Paper Bag Craft:

Genevieve Twiss Age 10 1st Place
Lily Lynch Age 9 2nd Place
Caden Lynch Age 7 2nd Place
Alayna Twiss Age 6 1st Place

Something from Nothing:

Mallory Enman Age 5 1st Place
Cody Enman Age 8 1st Place

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Grange at recess at 9:15
Grange reconvened at 9:35

State Master Chris Heath introduced Maria Denault, President, Ryan Cox, VP and Manny Cataldo State Parliamentarian of the New Hampshire FFA. They gave a history of the FFA. There are 504 NH Members with 13 Chapters in the State. They also highlighted some of the events sponsored by the FFA. One of the main benefits of being a member is the leadership opportunities. They are currently gearing up for the State Convention and looking forward to it.

Election of Officers: Wilber Heath and Robert Haefner were both reelected to the Executive Committee for the constitutional term of three years. State Steward Arthur Merrill installed both.

Hannah West, Editor of the Granite State Granger was called on to give her annual report.
My fellow Grangers,

Issues of the Granite State Granger were mailed to members in December, March, June, and September. Posting the paper to the NH State Grange website has been a bit erratic since the change in webmasters, but I am working on doing better.

I thank my family for all their assistance. Anne Boisvert does proofreading, helps to format the pictures, and puts the finished pages in pdf form to send to the Concord Monitor for printing. Kevin Belval and Mary West fold, wafer, and label at least half of the papers in much less time than it takes the rest of us to do the other half. Thanks also to State Secretary Jerry Leclerc for printing the labels and sending them to me.

All the Granges and individuals who have sent donations to help with the costs of printing and postage not only help out the State Grange treasury but also gladden my heart. I appreciate knowing that the paper is important enough to generate donations from those who receive it. Grange Directors and Grangers have been sending in plenty of news to fill the twelve pages each quarter. Please keep up the good work. Pictures are always welcome.

The “Grange Grapevine” e-mail is my task as well. It is a speedy way to pass information to many people at once. If you receive the messages, please share them with those who do not use e-mail. If you are not on the list and would like to receive these messages, just send an e-mail to gowest@tds.net and ask to have your name added.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hannah West, Editor
Granite Sate Granger

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Anne Bosivert, Co Director of the Building Committee presented the report of the State Grange Building.

State Grange Building Managers Report 2015

There are two major differences at the State Grange Building in Hooksett since last year at this time. One is the fact that the building has been re-painted, something that was desperately needed. The money for the paint and the painter came from a generous donation earmarked for that purpose made in memory of past State Master John L. Saturley. Perhaps many of you know how much John loved to paint and how important the upkeep of the State Grange Building was to him. The second difference is a large tree that was cut down after a storm broke several large branches, causing them to partially block the driveway.

In February there were a couple of issues with the furnace not coming on. After a couple of late night interventions with Marty the furnace guy from LaVallee Oil (whose last name is also Boisvert... what are the chances?) and the replacement of everything but the motor on the oil burner, the heating system started behaving itself.

In late spring, we took State Master Chris Heath up on his offer to help with the request of the Executive Committee to fix a couple of ceiling tiles in the kitchen and the dining room which were sagging. Marty wanted Chris there to be a witness if the whole ceiling should fall down when we tried to fix those few tiles. A similar situation had happened before which resulted in an entire tile ceiling crashing down on top of him. This time however things went more smoothly and the ceiling tiles were fixed without incident. Chris was a big help as Marty needed someone to push the tiles up from below with a springboard while he applied construction adhesive from above in the attic. The springboard props were removed a couple of days later... and the ceiling tiles stayed in place.

As for yearly building maintenance, the assembly permit was renewed with the Town of Hooksett. We passed the inspection again without incident. Eastern propane serviced the AC unit this summer. The fire extinguishers were inspected. A furnace cleaning appointment has been scheduled with LaVallee Oil.

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. Other events such as Winter Youth Rally and the Lecturer's Variety Show were held there. The church group continues to use the building two days a week for services and Bible study. This partnership has been good for the building as it brings income, and the building is being used on a regular basis. Use of the building was down somewhat this summer, probably due to the bridge construction which made it very time consuming to reach Riverside Street.

Adam Paquin Varnum continues to clean the building regularly and do summer lawn maintenance.

We were recently asked by the Executive Committee to write up a list of all possible maintenance needed to upkeep and improve the building. Landscaping continues to be the most urgent need in our opinion now that the building has been painted.

In closing we'd like to again thank Adam and Hannah for their help in maintaining and managing the building.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne & Marty Bosivert, Managers
NH State Grange Building

The report were accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Richard Patten Past State Master was called on for a few remarks.

Membership Director, Norman Brandt was escorted to the Masters Station to give the Membership Departments annual report.

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to thank Chris Heath for having offered me the position of NH State Membership Director, and can only hope to do the job that the previous Membership Director did. Thankfully Anne has been willing to give me guidance as well as continue on the Membership Committee.

My year started off with needing to find volunteers to join my committee and after shaking many trees, Steve Tracy was able to help me find one from Mohawk Grange a new member by the name of Everett. Though I'm still shaking the trees and would love to have some more member oriented people on my committee, I'm starting to worry that I may break the poor tree trunks, so this must be my last firm shake before I leave the trees alone for a while. Any takers please feel free to come and chat with me some time today. This way we can go over what and where I'm looking for help.

Following State Deputy School, we as a team prepared for Farm and Forest Expo, and set up a double booth that sadly did not do as well as the past 4 years booths did, coming in 4th place out of the many booths that used the theme. Anne has been kind enough to remind me that there were 3 times more people using the theme this year over previous years, but we will try to get the free booth this coming year. During Farm and Forest Expo all the helpers brought in many rip cards, and can only hope they brought in a member or two. If not we have at least framed a door in a mind that did not have a door, and at some time it may open and we can get a new member.

During the summer we managed to give out almost 700 pencils and countless numbers of wooden nickels with our website address on each one. This gives an initial contact and will hopefully help us as we continue to search for new members.

I am happy that Barnstead Community Grange was formed, and it just goes to show you how there are still possibilities out there, for new members and new Granges, and we should never

give up hope and always persevere. Between June 2014-June 2015 we got 52 new members from these Granges; Antrim Grange-3, Arlington Grange-3, Baker's River Grange-1, Blow-Me-Down Grange-2, Centennial Grange-1, Claremont Grange-2, Concord Grange-3, Halloween Grange-4, Londonderry Grange-2, Mohawk Grange-4, Peterborough Grange-4, Rockingham Grange-2, Stratford Grange-1, Walpole Grange-6, Wickwas Lake Grange-5, Winthrop Grange-4, Henry Wilson Grange-4, NH State Jr Grange-12.

Speaking of Jr Grangers, I can see a bumpy road coming up with our Jr Grange Growth and National policy change, and think we need to seriously consider looking outside our doors, and possibly to our insurance company to get the road smoothed out. I will work with the State Master to see if we can be sure that the concerns of our Grange members are answered and we can hopefully put the problems that are damaging our Grange Road to rest and we can continue to grow on all fronts.

Though as I understand at least 2 Degree days were put on this past year, neither was planned or scheduled by the NH State Grange, and this year I have promised the State Master that I would schedule a Degree Day, May 14, 2016. I am trying to find a Hall in Harmony's area to put on this degree, but am hoping for a Stage to put on the 5th degree that night also. Once I get a location secured I will be publishing the information and looking for well rehearsed group of members willing to put on the degrees.

This year I have used up much of the supplies that Anne had procured during her time as Membership Director and am finding more and more that when I go to order new from the National Grange they are out of stock. Due to this I have been locally sourcing for printing and find it is cheaper for me to order 1000 at a time than less quantities and hope you will accept what I have available when I have it. I am also working with the State Historian to make up a new application, for those people that are like our Historian and love the history of our organization and the idea of becoming a part of that history. Much of my supplies that are available currently are in the program book that is in the packets. Please if you want a specific application use the name that is in the description. This allows me to serve you the best. I would like to take this time to thank our State Secretary for the many emails, mailings and calls I received when he was contacted for membership supplies.

Having touched on my program book please give it to your Membership Chair for I was saddened when a membership person was surprised for the first time seeing it, about a month ago, the person's comment was if I knew all this was available I would have asked for it. I told them they will have to be sure to get the new book from their Master this coming year as they are membership for their Grange, and if they don't get it, they will not have to tool they need to do their job.

Time is running long and I appreciate your time while I am up here and hope to hear from you all soon. Thank you again Worthy Master.

Fraternally submitted,
Norman Brandt,
Membership Director

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Director of the Family Committee, Debra Patten was escorted to the Masters Station to present her annual report.

Worthy Master, National Representative, State Officers and Patrons All:

It is hard to believe another year has passed and I am standing before you to give you a report of Family Services Committee happenings. Time sure flies when we are busy!

We began the year with meeting at Leaders school at the NH Fire Academy in December 2014. We discussed the program and shared new ideas and then got to work to fill 120 goody bags again for the NH Home in Glencliff. This is such a rewarding project that Family Services has been doing for many years with only a couple of small breaks in between. The residents truly enjoy the treats we put in these goody bags. I think the committee had just as much fun putting them together – we had a true assembly line going. Many thanks to Ida Hutchins and Jean Abbott for transporting these from the Fire Academy to Glencliff. We will be doing this project again this year so to all on my committee come prepared that day for assembly line work.

In January Dick and I attended the Northeast Leaders Conference which was hosted by NH this year. I hosted meetings for the directors of Family Services from the other states represented – we shared many ideas and talked a lot about the Needlework contests for Eastern States. We also discussed at great length the need for items to sell at the Big E. The items you so graciously make and donate really do support the grange building at the Big E.

I have tried to keep you all informed and well reminded during the year with a few letters. I know there are many Granges who do not want to rely on email for their communication. I respect that and therefore send letters to all of you. I only ask that you PLEASE be sure to read the letters at your granges. Please don't just say – "I have a letter from Family Services – it's here if you want to read it" and leave it on your station. Communication is critical to success and only you can help us all be successful.

The committee met at our home in August. There never seems to be a good time to get everyone together but we had to pick a date. I felt this would be the perfect time to have the committee members bring any needlework entries they had received. We did get a few items that day but unfortunately not too many of the committee members were able to make it to the meeting. We did decide on our baking contest and shared many ideas about the program for this next year. I think it will be an exciting year.

The baking contest is going back to an actual baking requirement – Blueberry muffins. There is no specific recipe but hopefully you will please note if you are including nuts in the event there is anyone allergic to nuts when judging.

The results of our second and final "no-bake dessert" contest are:

1st – Haven Hayes ~ Upper Coos Pomona

- 2nd – Terry Terrell ~ Cheshire County Pomona
- 2nd – Martha Fowler ~ East Rockingham Pomona
- 3rd – Fran Everard ~ Eastern NH Pomona

Thank you all for your participation in this contest. Despite grumblings about a baking contest being no-bake desserts, we truly did have more participation at the subordinate level.

I was very excited to receive a few more entries in the needlework and state contests than in the past year. There still has to be a lot more talented people out there who could enter on behalf of your granges. Remember – they don't have to be a member but this just might make them think about becoming a member. The results of all of the beautiful work we received are as follows:

Class A – Afghans

- 1st – Marie Hall, Gilman Grange #1
- 2nd – Claire Gagnon, Hudson Grange #11
- 3rd – Carol Hill, Rockingham Grange #183

Class B – Doilies

- 1st – Katherine Umerhind, Hampton Falls Grange #171
- 2nd – Alta Lawn, Watatic Grange #36
- 3rd – Marie Hall, Gilman Grange #1

Class C – Embroidery

- 1st – Ann Leger, Winthrop Grange #315

Class D – 3 piece Baby Set

- 1st – Joan DeButts, Crown Point Grange #65
- 2nd – Debbie Green, Watatic Grange # 36

Class E – Plastic Canvas

- 1st – Rhoda Davis, Pembroke Grange #111

Class F – Counted Cross Stitch

- 1st – Marie Hall, Gilman Grange #1
- 2nd – Annette Lemieux, Rochester Grange #86

Class G – Adult Garment

- 1st – Ann Leger, Winthrop Grange #315
- 2nd – Sharon Stickney, Antrim Grange #98
- 3rd – Diana Mause, Winthrop Grange #315

Class H – Latch Hook

- 1st – Ann Leger, Winthrop Grange #315
- 2nd – Elaine Forst, Pembroke Grange #111
- 3rd – Claire Gagnon, Hudson Grange #11

Class I – Quilted Wall Hanging – no entries

Class J – Stuffed Toy – no entries

Class K – Baby Afghan

1st – Beth Merrill, Antrim Grange #98

2nd – Claire Gagnon, Hudson Grange #11

3rd – Sandra Dennis, Rockingham Grange #183

The judges and the committee are absolutely amazed by these talented individuals! Congratulations to all who entered and sincerely THANK YOU!

The first place winners from each of these categories made the trip to Eastern States for the Northeastern Needlework Contest judging. A special thank you to Beth Merrill for coming to pick up the winning entries together with all of the items for sale at Eastern States and delivering these for me. I truly do appreciate this Beth!

We were pleased to have some of these 1st place winners also win at Eastern States as follows:

Class A Afghans

3rd – Marie Hall

Class B – Doilies

3rd – Katherine Umberhind

Class C – Embroidery

2nd – Ann Leger

Class G – Adult Garment

3rd – Ann Leger

Class K – Baby Afghan

3rd – Beth Merrill

Congratulations to these 4 ladies for jobs well done!

We also had some entries in our State level contests. These were judged and the results are as follows:

Woodworking

1st – Rick Bailey, Hudson Grange #11

Adult Garment

1st – Sharon Stickney, Antrim #98

2nd – Dawn Hugron, Antrim #98

3rd – Ruth Pelton, Hampton Falls #171

Other

1st – Linda Nienhouse, Centennial #185

2nd – Sheryl Bokousky, Watatic #36

3rd – Jan Wilcox, Concord #322

Thank you to those who participated in this State level contest as well.

A special thank you to all who made items for sale at Eastern States. The volume started out slow but all of a sudden I received a good number of items and this was really blown out when I received a very large box mailed to me by one grange member, Betty Andersen, from Crown Point Grange.

Betty single handedly made 36 pair of mittens, 2 hat & mitten sets, 14 hats, 15 wash cloths, 2 shawls, 1 lap robe and 1 baby blanket for sale at Eastern States. That alone is a phenomenal accomplishment from one person and we are so grateful. But that wasn't all Betty had put in the box – she also had 50 pair of mittens for the Mountain of Mittens which are on display in our display room. In addition, during the year, Betty made and distributed an additional 32 pair of mittens. This is 120 pairs of mittens from one person in one year! Thank you so much Betty!

We continue to collect mittens, hats and gloves for our Mountain of Mittens. Thank you so very much to all of you who keep your knitting needles going to help warm the hands of our children in the State of NH. Also thank you to all who continue to support our Galoshes from Grangers project. We doubled the number of pairs of boots this past year from the previous year. Hopefully this continues to grow as this too is a very worthwhile project. I took a couple of pair of boots to the Boys & Girls Club last year, well actually Dick took them for me, and they were thrilled because they get a lot of children, even homeless, who have no winter boots. There is a lot of need out there and we can make a difference!

We are embarking on a new project this year, thanks to Mary West on our committee bringing this to the committee. The project is called Project Night Night. A special sack labeled Project Night Night will be supplied to homeless shelters and abuse shelters throughout the state. Each sack will include a book, a blanket and a stuffed toy. In most cases this is all the child has to call their own when they enter the shelter.

We will be asking our grangers to make children size fleece blankets or purchase them if need be and to help supply the stuffed toys – either handmade or purchased. The Family & Community committees will try to have fundraisers to purchase the sacks and the children's books for these sacks. Our goal for this first year will be 50 sacks. We will collect hopefully 50 blankets and stuffed toys from Grangers during this next year for us to be able to fill these 50 sacks at State Grange next year, 2016. Please – only new toys and blankets. Hopefully you will be as excited about this project as we are.

In closing, I want to thank my committee for all of their help, support and ideas. We work well together and I thank you. Committee members are Cam Twiss, Ann Leger, Virginia Clark, Mary West, Deb Stone and newly added Katherine Umberhind. Thank you to Carolyn Ross who

served on the committee for part of the year. Most of all, thank you to my husband Dick. He hears me out, loud and clear most of the time and even though I bounce ideas off him I usually have already made my decision. He is patient and knows me by now – after 31 years. And a thank you to my Mom and my sister Elaine who always help with putting packets together and all the stuff that needs to happen to get ready for this convention.

Fraternally submitted,
Deb Patten, Family Services Director

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

James Tetreault Past State Master was called on for a few remarks.

Richard Patten Community Service Director was escorted to the Masters Station to give his annual report.

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

It is a pleasure to present the 2015 Community Service Report. I am so pleased with all the Community Service projects and programs that you are doing in your communities. You have no idea how many people you brought a smile to their face, who otherwise wouldn't have any reason to smile.

I would like to thank everyone, who supported the new project Santa Remembers Teens at Christmas. What a big success it was! I was so pleased and could not believe the response. We partnered with Operation Santa Claus and Friends of Forgotten Children. They were so happy receiving the gift cards. I received thank you letters from both organizations for the support. They both told me how many teens were helped by our project. I am hoping that we can continue to make Christmas a happy one for our young adults. I hope that we can go past last year's total of over \$900. Thank you for bringing Gift Cards to this session. Remember they go back to the area where they came from. I will extend the deadline to Leaders Conference and Deputy School, to be held in early December.

The Community Recognition Awards continue to grow. There are Granges, who are reluctant to ask their community leaders for nominees. However, I am pleased with those that were submitted. Our society has changed drastically in the last 5 years. When police, fire, teachers, armed forces, wake up to do their duties whether to keep our country safe, working with our children, or whatever they are assigned to do, we need to offer a big thank you. Little do they know what lies ahead for them. We can only hope they are safe as they try to keep us safe,

Thursday evening, I had the honor to present awards to: Citizen of the Year, Bonnie Day, Colebrook; Lifetime Achievement, Warren Hayes, Shelburne; Police Officer Recognition Award, Retiring Chief Richard Lapointe, Pittsburg Police Dept; Lady Granger of the Year, Lynda Gaudette, Stratford Grange, and Arthur Beauchemin, Volunteer part time firefighter, Colebrook Fire Department; and Retired Veteran Award to Wounded Warrior at 45 North group.

Saturday, at this time I am going to introduce the following recipients: Granger of the Year - Thomas Cusano, Concord; Public Service Award, Ann Miles of Kensington "Carriage Barn Equine Assisted Therapy Programs.

The following awards will be presented Saturday evening during the banquet: The Law Enforcement Officer, Brian Cregg, Concord Police Department; The Firefighter, Brian Patterson, Hudson Fire Department; Educator of the year, Diane Destrempe, Hudson; Fish and Game Officer of the Year, Lewis Keith; The State Police Officer of the year is Glen Lucas; a special award was presented Lt. Matt Shapiro for all the work he has done regards to the cell phone bill that was passed this year; The Correctional Officer: Sgt. Joseph Costanzo, Merrimack County Department of Corrections.

I am honored that our new National Community Service Coordinator has resumed the Police Officer of the Year and Firefighter of the Year in my honor. These will be presented at the National Grange session. Our two recipients have been submitted to National Grange for consideration.

I also will continue the Northeast Leaders Conference awards for Police Officer, Firefighter, and Educator for the second year. This year with New Hampshire hosting this conference in Portsmouth, we honored the Educator from Exeter. He was very honored by this award.

I would like to thank the Granges who submitted their reports and those in booklet form. They were excellent and the judges once again, had a very difficult time. The results in the booklet category with the first place booklet going to National Grange for further competition are:

First place, Concord Grange #322 with a check \$100.00

Second place: Hudson Grange #11, \$75.00

Third place, Stratford Grange #238, \$50.00

Fourth place: Joe English Grange #53 \$25.00

I also asked the judges to give a 5th place, for a recognition ribbon only which went to Hampton Falls Grange.

I know some people like sending in a single page report, which in some cases gives me a good indication of what this Grange did and the projects they did.

The results in this category are:

First place; Mohawk Grange #17

Second Place, Dorchester Grange #280

Third place Pembroke Grange #111

Pomona Report Judging: I would like to thank the Pomona Granges who submitted a report.

First ~ East Rockingham Pomona Grange

Second ~ Northern New Hampshire Pomona Grange

Third ~ Pemigewasset Valley Pomona Grange;

Fourth ~ Merrimack County Pomona Grange

New Project initiated: I am so happy when I read Granges are starting a new project and continue an ongoing project. The results in this category are

First Place; Harmony Grange #99, Sanbornton, Eat, Meet and Greet Project, at a local park

Second Place: Mohawk Grange # 217, Chief Maloney 10 K Memorial Run

Third Place: Pembroke Grange # 111, Cleanup of Veterans Park

I would like to thank everyone; who has helped bring smiles to the homeless veterans at Liberty House in Manchester. We have sent greeting cards for different holidays. We also gave them Santa stockings filled with all kinds of goodies, all of which have been received with much appreciation and enthusiasm. I also appreciate what Granges did for the other veteran facilities in the state.

I am so happy when I hear or read that a Grange is doing something in their community. There are so many things going on in our communities that they would enjoy having the Grange take it on or organize a community wide effort to get a project going. Show the Community or Town that the Grange can be the Leader.

I will close this report by thanking everyone for the support they have shown for the citizens in their community. When I send out letters to Granges, I don't expect them to do everything I mention. These are just ideas in other words pick and choose, as I hear many times, Granges don't know what to do in their communities. Thank you for bringing items for the Make A Difference Day. These will be going to Response, a shelter in Gorham, Colebrook, and Lancaster for victims of domestic or sexual abuse. Many thanks to Ann Ledger for suggesting this agency.

Lastly and more importantly, a big thank you to State Master Chris Heath for his support, we have talked hours about the program and trying to answer any questions; State Secretary Jerry Leclerc for help with labels and being there to talk about the program; my wife Debbie who gets tired of my being disorganized but I appreciate all her support. She, along with mother in law and sister in law helped put the programs together. And to my committee, Brian Rossiter, Marie Hall, Haven Haynes, Doris Minton, Roy Stone, Kevin Belval, and Fran Everard for all the work they have done. I know I ask a lot, and I don't expect you to do everything, but thank you for listening and offering to do what you can do.

I would like to thank Francine Leclerc and Bob Burack, both have left the committee and a welcome to Sherryll Bokousky and Brian Phelps who have joined our committee. Community Service is such an important committee, helping someone less fortunate or being a community leader/partner to help bring a smile to someone to let them know they were not forgotten. I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season and successful 2016.

Dick Patten, Director
Community Service
NH State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Stephen Tracy, Outreach Deputy presented his annual report.

In a June 2010 GSG article I wrote called "What I did During Grange Month" I had just organized Croydon Grange and spoke on rebuilding Grange after having been trained by Rusty and taken Ed's challenge to activate or reorganize a Grange and I stated, "It may take awhile but here's a start." "I do hope that NH Grangers will feel comfortable with the money spent to send me to training under Rusty and Ed's tutelage. This is not the end of my efforts... I hope to repay you 100 fold by increase in membership across the state by putting my training into reality. Thank you for entrusting me with this challenge."

You win some, you lose some. Not everywhere I have worked has produced a new Grange but besides Croydon I have been instrumental in Manchester and Claremont and reactivated Upper Coos Pomona and Winthrop. I have assisted Mohawk with such new growth that they are balloting most every month and getting about 17 members out to each meeting. I'm figuring in the last 5 years I have been the reason we have about 30 new Grangers across the state. I have built up the Grange image in many communities and I have been able to 'give the Grange building fever' to others and the Grange Growth Team was started. Guess I did something right. Can I ask for all the people here who took any of Rusty's trainings to stand. (Ask individuals how many new members they have brought in.)

In April I had the opportunity to attend the ME State Grange Leadership Conference entitled 'The leader in all of us' with Chris. We got to learn about how to 'lead from behind' and 'how we should treat each other as if it was the last time we saw each other before leaving this life' and cultivating communities'. The Grange in ME is growing and we could learn a lot from them. Chris and I have discussed having a similar conference for NH.

Even though I have not been able to travel much this year due to the lack of transportation, I have been working for you still. I researched and presented information on grants to help the Grange and worked on getting the Grange advertised across the state. As promised last year I worked on updating the State Grange by-laws to be in compliance with state laws and to make us more welcoming. I have presented the grants, advertising possibilities and by law changes to Chris.

While I was still traveling I offered my assistance to Winthrop Grange who was down to about 2-3 active members and they were considering giving up. I said no. Those members spoke to people in town, I advertised a public meeting and they gained 6 new positive members (1 is a youth) from that night. There was a free meal of course. After the meeting the 2 attending older Grangers and I were discussing how the meeting went as we were picking up the meeting room. All of a sudden we noticed the new members (strangers a couple of hours ago) had congregated in the kitchen doing dishes, cleaning and making friendships. If any of those new members of Winthrop are present, please stand.

Mohawk Grange has had a jump in membership also. I place this on a good active Grange and good newspaper coverage of their activities. Also some members wear their Grange pins in public. I wore my Deputy badge to a public agricultural meeting and a couple that I did not know

were squinting at me trying to read my badge from across the room and then running up to me wanting to join the Grange.

One of the other new Mohawk members and my neighbor has kept me working on a Grange in Stewartstown. That Grange has not come to fruition yet so my neighbor took on associate membership in Stratford. He has been a big gung ho new member. Now wherever he goes and whoever will talk to him he is promoting Grange membership in NH and across the country. In less than a year from joining he has accepted the Overseer position along with Legislative/Ag chair in Mohawk and Lecturer of Stratford. Next step was Pomona where he took an Executive Committee position. He has also been my taxi since May. I would not have been able to attend Spring Fling or Legislative Day if he had not asked me to go and show him around. Although we are at polar opposites in spiritual and political paths, when it comes to Grange we put these differences aside and get the job done. Les Avery, please stand. Thank you.

Pomona's need help, not just in NH, but also in most states. I would like to ask the NH State Grange to consider hosting a meeting with the National Grange involved and other state Granges to really look into what Pomona's used to be that made them viable and work out a plan to make them viable again.

I hope you feel that spending Grange funds for my training has been worthwhile. Personally I feel it has been a waste.

Throughout this year I have been hearing of many NH Grangers who are friends to my face but have been backstabbing and mocking me behind my back causing ill will and blocking any progressive movement I try to institute. My Grange dream and reputation since I joined has been shattered by this activity. I try to be friendly and invite my supposed friends for ice cream or pizza at Grange functions and I'm told 'no, we are doing something else.' I later run into them gathered over pizza and one of them comes rushing up to me saying 'no, you are not welcome here.'

Several of my years doing membership in the Grange have been while I was unemployed but I gave my 'widows mite' giving the Grange more of my time and efforts than I should have. When my truck brakes gave out going to Farm and Forest I later heard that some richer person than I said I was such a waste since I can't even keep a perfectly good vehicle going. It takes money to maintain a vehicle and .30 a mile total income is hard to stretch into gas and maintenance.

Not only have I been ridiculed for my income level, of living within my means and can't afford designer label clothes, I have heard derogatory comments about my disabilities and how they affect my performance and the way I look, walk, and my spiritual path, etc. Not much about what I have been able to accomplish with my abilities.

"Wearing that garment is to teach you that those we admit into our circle are not chosen by outward appearance, and that we are not deceived by display in dress. It is to the mind and heart that we look for all good works; therefore, in your intercourse with the world, remember that a noble mind and generous heart are often concealed beneath the garments of poverty." I have heard that somewhere; has anyone else here heard that?

I have made suggestions of programs for this Grange to do to get the Grange into the community's eye as doing good to increase membership. These negative members have torn all those ideas to shreds. Later we hear of other organizations taking on those same programs and they gain notoriety and recognition for great work. How can I do my job of increasing Grange membership when some Grangers are tearing apart our public image and my personal image? Some of this even happened this week. I am banging my head against the wall and the wall is winning.

Our 1st Degree pledge states..."I will not knowingly wrong or defraud a Brother or Sister of the Order in word or deed; nor will I permit it to be done by another if in my power to prevent it. Should I knowingly or willingly violate this pledge, I invoke upon myself suspension or expulsion from the Order and thus be disgraced among those who were my Brothers and Sisters."

I consider belittling a low-income member who gives so much of his or her time, money and talent that he or she can't take care of their own needs or judging them on their disabilities or the way they look as wronging or defrauding a member?

I also feel backstabbing or verbally cutting someone's throat in public and in the Grange, being lied to and about is 'defrauding a member'?

Do these actions warrant a Grange trial? I have been told they do.

According to The Bully Project, these actions are bullying. Guess that is why that suggestion of a Grange project got shot down.

It is very difficult to go out in the public and speak positively about the Grange when I have been treated in this manner.

It is because of words and actions like these that I feel my dreams within the organization are ruined and also my interest in building the Grange has dropped like the world stock markets. I will always wonder if the actions of some of my brothers and sisters is why I never even got an interview or even a 'thank you for your resume and interest in the National Grange membership position' when Rusty retired.

Radio ads for The Bully Project state that 'a bully will stop within 10 seconds when a peer speaks up.' For those few who have supported me, I thank you.

I belong to another statewide agricultural organization and it seems odd that they so appreciate my work that I have been asked to work on the state council and have been asked my opinion on many important issues and my opinions are sought after and appreciated. For another out of state organization I was offered \$17 an hour doing what I do for the Grange. Hmm, maybe I am appreciated; somewhere.

I have spoken at length about this pervading negativity in the Grange toward me with State Master Chris and I have told him I am considering giving my resignation as Outreach Deputy. Chris has worked very hard both as State Master and as a good Grange brother at trying to get me to change my mind and has worked across the state to change the negativity and backstabbing.

So Chris, since you have worked so hard standing up for me and believing in me and my efforts, I will accept your plea to stay on as the NH State Grange Outreach and Organizing Deputy at this time and I ask that you continue to try and turn this wave of negativity around before it ruins the reputation of the Grange in NH. I look forward to working with you in 2016. Due to your words and actions I will continue to work on building the Grange in a positive manner. Maybe together we can rebuild the Grange in NH.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephen Tracy
Outreach and Organizing Deputy

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Beth Merrill Past State Master was called upon for her remarks.

Recessed at 11:48

Session reconvened at 1:30

Robert Trombi, Chairman of the State Executive Committee presented the 2015 ~ 2016 proposed income and expense budget

A motion was made and supported to accept the budget as presented. Several questions were asked for clarification. Budget was passed by the delegate body.

Tara Sad, Chairman Resolutions Committee was presented to the Masters Station to present the report of the committee

Resolution #1 Defeated

*Resolution #1 ~ Submitted by: Crown Point Grange #65
Subject: Eligibility to Become A Continuous Grange Member*

WHEREAS, you join the Grange when you are 14 years of age,

WHEREAS, you join and get a Silver Star Certificate for 25 years of continued service.

WHEREAS, your grange gives up their charter.

WHEREAS, after charter is surrendered and your Grange consolidate with another Grange.

WHEREAS, you were a member for 34 years before the Grange gave up their charter.

WHEREAS, you are not asked to keep up your membership you drop out.

WHEREAS, you are reinstated 7 years after you dropped out you should be able to be reinstated and continue your years of service.

WHEREAS, you had 34 years of service you shouldn't have to start your years of service over.

WHEREAS, now you are reinstated and have 18 years of service over again.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Crown Point Grange #65 feel this is not right and you should be able to start back in where you left off with your years of service

Resolution #2 Adopted (grammatical change)

Resolution #2 ~ Submitted by: Concord Grange #322

Subject: Memorial Service Recognition

WHEREAS, in the Memorial Service at the NH State Grange Session, we honor members who are a current Master, Past Master, Junior Grange Matron/Patron/Leader, and or served the State Grange as an Officer, Deputy, or Committee member, and

WHEREAS, there are people who served in these positions but due to their Grange closing and not keeping their membership active for a variety of reasons, and

WHEREAS, when these former members pass away, their family lists the Grange in the obituary because they thought they were still active members,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we recognize these former members in the Memorial Service with a carnation to thank them for their contributions to our organization, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the future when a Grange closes, every effort should be made to at least encourage members who are a Golden Sheaf or more in membership years and who served as a Master or the State Grange to continue their membership in a new Grange.

Resolution #3 Defeated

Resolution #3 ~ Submitted by: Stratford Grange #138

Subject: Victims Bill or Rights

WHEREAS, the victims Bill of Rights (RSA 21-M:8-k) is designed to protect victims of felonious crimes, and

WHEREAS, this does not include the time from arrest to the initial hearing so that victims are

not included in proceedings or informed of the release of the prisoner if bailed leaving the victim in an unsafe situation,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the NH State Grange work to have the NH Victims Bill of Rights to cover from moment of arrest.

Resolution #4 Adopted with an amendment

*Resolution #4 ~ Submitted by: Stratford Grange #238
Subject: NH State Police Coverage*

WHEREAS, Troop F of the NH State Police based in Twin Mt covers 39% of the state and have the fewest number of troopers and

WHEREAS, most of these northern towns cannot support a town police department and

WHEREAS, other Troops with larger number of troopers cover smaller areas that have individual town and city police departments and

WHEREAS, some northern towns must wait over an hour for response during an emergency 911 call

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NH State Grange go on record supporting the NH State Police assign more troopers in Troop F scattered throughout the North Country.

Resolution #5 Adopted as amended

*Resolution #5 ~ Submitted by: Claremont Grange #9
Subject : Safety of horse riders, horse drawn carts and carriages*

WHEREAS: There is a law in NH to protect the safety of bicycle riders with very specific guidelines **RSA 265:143-a Drivers to Exercise Due Care When Approaching Bicycle.** – Every driver of a vehicle, when approaching a bicyclist, shall insure the safety and protection of the bicyclist and shall exercise due care by leaving a reasonable and prudent distance between the vehicle and the bicycle. The distance shall be presumed to be reasonable and prudent if it is at least 3 feet when the vehicle is traveling at 30 miles per hour or less, with one additional foot of clearance required for every 10 miles per hour above 30 miles per hour, and

WHEREAS: NH law to protect horse riders and horse drawn carts and carriages does not have specific guidelines' but is open to interpretation **RSA 265:104 Approaching Horses.** – Every person having control or charge of a vehicle shall, whenever upon any way and approaching any horse, drive, manage, and control such vehicle in such a manner as to exercise every reasonable precaution to prevent the frightening of such horse, and to insure the safety and protection of any person riding or driving the same, and

WHEREAS: there are road signs that show the specific rules for passing bicycles but there are none regarding the passing of horses, horse drawn carts and carriages.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That NH State Grange through its legislative department actively work with the NH State legislature to modify RSA265:143 to include the following language: “The passing distance shall be presumed to be reasonable and prudent if it is at least 3 feet when the vehicle is traveling at 30 miles per hour or less, with one additional foot of clearance required for every 10 miles per hour above 30 miles per hour.”, so that the final RSA will read: **RSA 265:104 Approaching Horses.** – “Every person having control or charge of a vehicle shall, whenever upon any way and approaching any horse, drive, manage, and control such vehicle in such a manner as to exercise every reasonable precaution to prevent the frightening of such horse, and to insure the safety and protection of any person riding or driving the same. The passing distance shall be presumed to be reasonable and prudent if it is at least 3 feet when the vehicle is traveling at 30 miles per hour or less, with one additional foot of clearance required for every 10 miles per hour above 30 miles per hour”

Be it further resolved: that once such legislative changes have been made that the NH Department of Transportation redesign the current bicycle safety road signs to show bicycles, horses, horse drawn carts and carriages so that the public is made more aware of it.

State Master Heath thanked the members of the Resolutions and By-laws for their service and accepted the report and ordered printed in the journal.

Richard Patten was presented to the Masters Station to present the Masters Address committee report.

We, the members of the Master’s Address Committee, congratulate our Worthy State Master Chris Heath on his first year in office. We commend our State Master in his attempt to visit all the Granges in New Hampshire.

We concur with our State Master his reminder that outreach belongs to the individual patrons. The State Grange can assist, but they can’t do it for them, which ties in with the General Deputy’s call to visit neighboring Granges.

We support the idea of a degree day; however certain guidelines should be established. A minimum of ten candidates should be a prerequisite to justify the time and effort in holding the event,

We encourage the Grange to renew organizational ties with 4-H and FFA in hopes to attract new members.

We support our State Master’s efforts to have area meetings and to encourage to reach out to specific Granges who need extra training.

In conclusion, we would like to wish our State Master Best of Luck for the ensuing year and encourage Patrons to stand up and not let the world pass you by.

Fraternally,
Dick Patten, Chairman
Mary West
Stuart Light

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Lynn Clark was presented to the Masters Station to present the report of the Credentials Committee

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

The report of the Credentials Committee is as follows:

TOTAL VOTING DELEGATES

Masters	26
Wives of Masters	6
Husbands of Masters	5
Delegates	<u>32</u>
Total Delegates	69
State Officers	20
Deputy's	18
Committee Members	34
Non-delegates	29
Special Guests	10

The members of the Credentials Committee thank the State Secretary for the privilege of serving on the Registration table for the 2015 State Session.

Fraternally,

Lynn Clark
Linda Neilson

Hannah West spoke briefly about the Dictionary Project Coos County has all of the schools sponsored and each is sponsored by granges.

The assistants escorted Judy Sherrod to the Masters station to give some final thoughts for those who may not be at the banquet.

With no further business to discuss the final day of the 142nd Annual State Grange was closed in the Fourth Degree.

The meeting closed 3:00 pm

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
CHECKING ACCOUNT**

October 1, 2014	TD Banknorth Checking Account	9,017.19
	Income – Exhibit B	73,614.06
	Expense – Exhibit C	-70,232.52
September 30, 2015	Balance	12,398.73
Accounts Receivable		
October 1, 2014	Balance	345.00
	Payment on loans	0
September 30, 2015	Balance	345.00
State Grange Building Hooksett		
October 1, 2014	Purchase Price	87,500.00
September 30, 2015	Purchase Price	87,500.00

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

October 1, 2014	TD Banknorth Checking Account	527.72
	Income	2,873.55
	Expense	3,209.50
September 30, 2015	Balance	191.77

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

October 1, 2014	Balance	179,867.57
	Transferred	0.00
	Earnings	-2,282.58
	Realized Gain/Loss	-1,689.65
	Deposits	13,792.65
	Quarterly Income Paid	-1,837.20
	Withdrawals	0.00
	Fees Paid	-2,216.71
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-6,006.21
September 30, 2015	Ending Market Value	187,023.73

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

October 1, 2014	Balance	39,277.06
	Earnings	-1,794.33
	Realized Gain/Loss	992.89
	Transferred	-38,883.43
	Annual Income paid	-1,614.89
	Fees paid	-252.06
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-2,295.61
September 30, 2015	Ending Market Value	35,531.31

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

October 1, 2014	Balance	66.02
	Transferred to Defunct Grange Account	<u>-66.02</u>
September 30, 2015	Ending Balance	.00

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

October 1, 2012	Purchase Price	2,106.91
September 30, 2015	Purchase Price carried forward	2,106.91

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

October 1, 2014	Balance	537,805.70
	Transferred	-9,223.10
	Earnings	-7,476.85
	Realized Gain/Loss	-377.54
	Paid Granges	-19,933.42
	Withdrawal	-6,000.00
	Fees Paid	-6,496.88
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-12,595.49
September 30, 2015	Ending Market Value	488,282.48

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

October 1, 2014	Balance	24,697.55
	Earnings	-363.97
	Contributions	53.00
	Realized Gain/Loss	30.47
	Aid to Youth	.00
	Fees Paid	-306.00
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-635.29
September 30, 2015	Ending Market Value	24,080.58

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

October 1, 2014	Balance	143,949.21
	Earnings	-1,934.43
	Realized Gain/Loss	385.18
	Scholarships	-5,000.00
	Fees Paid	-1,788.48
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-4,098.78
September 30, 2015	Ending Market Value	137,226.30

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

October 1, 2014	Balance	16,568.27
	Deposits	165.00
	Earnings	-113.57
	Realized Gain/Loss	-135.56
	Withdrawals	300.50
	Fees Paid	-180.24
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-637.62
September 30, 2015	Ending Market Value	16,138.96

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

October 1, 2014	Balance	48,665.43
	Earnings	-702.16
	Deposits	100.00
	Withdrawal	-75.00
	Donations	.00
	Realized Gain/Loss	-128.30
	Aid to Members	-615.00
	Fees Paid	-599.06
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-1,508.19
September 30, 2015	Ending Market Value	46,774.21

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

October 1, 2014	Balance	12,834.00
	Earnings	-189.74
	Realized Gain/Loss	-46.69
	Fees Paid	-158.84
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	-361.78
September 30, 2015	Ending Market Value	12,485.42

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE TRUST
CHECKBOOK SUMMARY**

October 1, 2014	Morgan Stanley Checking Account	1,195.78
	Income	
	3.5% Income from investments	1,637.31
	Donations	.00
	Transfer from trust/filing fee	<u>75.00</u>
	Total Income	1,712.31
	Expenses	
	Aid paid to members	-1,093.15
	State of NH – charitable filing fee	<u>75.00</u>
	Total Expenses	-1,168.15
September 30, 2015	Ending Balance	1,739.94

**New Hampshire State Grange
Income Annual Summary
2014-2015
Exhibit B**

Investments

Operating Account Income	1,503.49
Withdrawals from Principal	0.00
Special Funds	
Defunct Grange Accounts	3,577.89

Other Income

Accounts Receivable	0.00
Bonding Fees Subordinate/Pomona	3,604.00
Donation	
Dues & Fees	40,785.50
Eastern States/ Blueberry Pie	850.00
Miscellaneous	571.00
National Grange Session Assessment	2,317.00
NE Connection Assessment	
Operations	
Fund Raising	3,388.77
<i>Granite State Granger</i> Donations	585.00
State Grange Building Use	5,045.72
State Grange Building Fund Donations	220.00
State Session	4,843.00
Sixth Degree Fees	80.00
Spring Fling	344.00
Supply Department	88.69
Trust	75.00
NE Leaders Conference	5,735.00

Total Income **73,614.06**

Exhibit C
 NH State Grange
Expenses 2014-2015

Date	Paid To	Account Charged	Check #	Amount
10/14/2014	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	2355	53.00
10/14/2014	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies	2356	375.04
10/19/2014	NHFST & EMS	Deputy school	2357	350.00
10/19/2014	AHS - FOM	State Session - Entertainment	2358	500.00
10/19/2014	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2359	39.12
10/19/2014	PSNH	State Grange Building	2360	75.59
10/19/2014	Arthur Merrill	General Deputy & Deputy Mileage	2361	361.20
10/19/2014	Dorothy Haskins	Deputy Mileage	2362	166.90
10/19/2014	Ida Hutchins	Deputy Mileage	2363	165.30
10/19/2014	Jane Trombi	Deputy Mileage	2364	87.00
10/19/2014	Matthew Clark	Deputy Mileage	2365	92.40
10/19/2014	Neil MacDonald	Deputy Mileage	2366	61.20
10/19/2014	Chris Heath	Deputy Mileage	2367	137.58
10/24/2014	Debra Patten	State Session	2368	13.00
10/24/2014	Arlene Fall	Deputy Mileage	2369	52.80
10/24/2014	Kathy Yardley	Deputy Mileage	2370	82.50
10/24/2014	Kim Bascom	State Session - flowers	2371	211.00
10/24/2014	Hudson Grange	Misc - reissue check #2210	2372	50.00
10/25/2014	Crowne Plaza - Nashua	State Session	2373	3,868.24
10/25/2014	Erik Hodges	State Session - Entertainment	2374	250.00
10/29/2014	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies	2375	351.99
11/4/2014	National Grange	6th Degree Fees	2376	20.00
11/18/2014	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2377	39.16
11/18/2014	Hooksett Village Water Precinct	State Grange Building	2378	25.00
11/18/2014	PSNH	State Grange Building	2379	66.71
12/1/2014	National Grange	Dues 1st Quarter	2380	4,063.00
12/2/2014	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies	2381	1,645.77
12/2/2014	James Tetreault	Master's Expenses	2382	375.00
12/2/2014	Chris Heath	Master's Expenses	2383	750.00
12/6/2014	Jean Abbott	Deputy Expense	2384	165.00
12/6/2014	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary Expense	2385	250.00
12/6/2014	Dan Bascom	Treasurer Expense	2386	125.00
12/6/2014	Debra Patten	Family & Community Dept.	2387	25.00
12/6/2014	Concord Monitor	GSG	2388	303.20
12/6/2014	Debra Patten	Family & Community Dept.	2389	350.00
12/6/2014	Lois Enman	Grange Services Dept.	2390	75.00

12/6/2014	Jane Trombi	Lecturer Expenses	2391	300.00
12/6/2014	Robert Haefner	Legis/Agri Dept.	2392	275.00
12/6/2014	Norman Brandt	Membership Dept.	2393	1,000.00
12/6/2014	Beth Merrill	Youth Dept.	2394	300.00
12/6/2014	Joann Brandt	Junior Dept.	2395	200.00
12/6/2014	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2396	50.00
12/11/2014	Hannah West	GSG	2397	452.88
12/11/2014	NH State Grange Trust Fund	Trust Fund	2398	50.00
12/11/2014	Jane Trombi	State Session	2399	12.53
12/13/2014	Dick Patten	Officer Badges	2400	108.00
12/19/2014	Adam Paquin-Varnum	State Grange Building	2401	384.00
12/19/2014	Steve Tracy	Deputy Expense	2402	96.00
12/22/2014	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2403	39.16
12/22/2014	PSNH	State Grange Building	2404	70.11
12/31/2014	Hillsborough County Pomona	Misc - reimbursed assessment	2405	65.00
1/8/2015	National Grange	Bonding	2406	3,846.00
1/8/2015	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	2407	562.88
2/1/2015	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2408	39.18
2/1/2015	PSNH	State Grange Building	2409	74.75
2/1/2015	Hooksett Sewer Comm.	State Grange Building	2410	53.00
2/1/2015	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2411	100.00
2/13/2015	Chris Heath	New England Leaders Conf.	2412	285.00
2/13/2015	MSA Group	State Grange Building	2413	2,198.00
2/13/2015	Hooksett Village Water Precinct	State Grange Building	2414	38.20
2/13/2015	Business Card	NELC, Postage	2415	4,568.34
2/13/2015	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2416	250.00
3/23/2015	Eversource	State Grange Building	2417	71.43
2/13/2015	State of NH Charitable Trust	Trust Fund	2418	75.00
2/17/2015	Bank Charge bounced check			20.00
2/25/2015	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2419	150.00
2/25/2015	Eversource	State Grange Building	2420	74.68
2/25/2015	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2421	39.21
2/25/2015	Steve Tracy	Deputy Expense	2422	253.75
3/9/2015	Hannah West	GSG	2423	220.90
3/9/2015	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2424	50.00
3/9/2015	National Grange	Dues - 1st Quarter	2425	3,909.00
3/14/2015	National Grange	reissued lost check #2380	2426	xx
3/14/2015	Concord Monitor	GSG	2427	303.20
3/26/2015	Dan Bascom	postage	2428	67.60

3/23/2015	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2429	39.21
3/24/2015	Steve Tracy	Deputy Expense	2430	197.53
3/27/2015	Business Card	Postage & printing	2431	122.52
3/27/2015	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2432	100.00
3/27/2015	National Grange	Donation	2433	1,000.00
3/26/2015	Gerald Leclerc	Sec,y expense	2434	250.00
3/26/2015	Chris Heath	Master Expense	2435	1,125.00
3/27/2015	Dan Bascom	Treasure Expense	2436	125.00
3/27/2015	NH State Grange	Fundraising	2437	1,040.00
3/27/2015	Secretary of State	Incorporation Fee	2438	25.00
		Morgan Stanley-Defunct		
3/29/2015	NH State Grange	Grange	2439	2,258.68
4/10/2015	New Checks	Bank Chg		25.67
4/14/2015	Business Card	Postage, finance chg	2440	238.18
4/20/2015	Hooksett Sewer Comm.	State Grange Building	2441	75.40
4/27/2015	Joyce Belcher	Spring Fling Speaker	2442	250.00
4/27/2015	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2443	39.22
4/27/2015	Eastern Propane & Oil	State Grange Building	2444	171.06
4/26/2015	Steve Tracy	Deputy Expense	2445	81.60
5/6/2015	Dan Bascom	Grange Promotion - banner	2446	67.95
5/6/2015	Eversource	State Grange Building	2447	69.14
5/6/2015	Business Card	Bk chg, postage & printing	2448	315.91
	Hooksett Village Water			
5/16/2015	Precinct	State Grange Building	2449	25.00
5/26/2015	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2450	39.26
5/26/2015	Eversource	State Grange Building	2451	101.57
6/15/2015	Business Card	PPS, supply acct	2452	154.43
6/15/2015	Dick Patten	Historian	2453	59.67
6/15/2015	Hannah West	GSG	2454	232.33
6/15/2015	Postmaster	Mailing Permit	2455	225.00
6/15/2015	Concord Monitor	GSG	2456	300.53
6/15/2015	LaVallee Oil	State Grange Building	2457	117.94
6/15/2015	Adam Paquin-Varnum	State Grange Building	2458	264.00
6/15/2015	National Grange	Dues - 2nd Quarter	2459	4,441.50
6/15/2015	Phil Cain	Spring Fling	2460	300.00
6/15/2015	Beth Merrill	Spring Fling	2461	49.00
6/15/2015	Associated Women	Donation	2462	100.00
6/21/2015	Gerald Leclerc	Sec,y Expense	2463	250.00
6/21/2015	Dan Bascom	Treasure Expense	2464	125.00
6/21/2015	Debra Patten	Department Budget	2465	350.00
6/21/2015	Lois Enman	Department Budget	2466	75.00
6/21/2015	Jane Trombi	Lecturer's Budget	2467	300.00
6/21/2015	Robert Haefner	Department Budget	2468	275.00

6/21/2015	Norman Brandt	Department Budget	2469	1,000.00
6/21/2015	Beth Merrill	Department Budget	2470	300.00
6/21/2015	Joann Brandt	Department Budget	2471	200.00
6/21/2015	Christopher Heath	Master Expense	2472	1,125.00
6/21/2015	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2473	39.26
7/7/2015	Eversource	State Grange Building	2474	103.01
7/7/2015	Dick Patten	Historian	2475	94.66
7/7/2015	Business Card	PPS	2476	113.86
7/7/2015	MSA Group	Insurance	2477	148.00
7/13/2015	Charlene Vallee, CPA	Tax Prep	2478	1,989.00
7/26/2015	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2479	69.31
7/26/2015	Hooksett Sewer Comm.	State Grange Building	2480	53.00
7/26/2015	LaVallee Oil	Oil prebuy	2481	1,919.20
8/2/2015	Eversource	State Grange Building	2482	161.69
8/2/2015	Steve Tracy	Deputy Expense	2483	78.95
8/9/2015	Debra Patten	Department Budget	2484	25.00
8/9/2015	NH State Grange Trust	Trust Fund	2485	50.00
8/22/2015	Dick Patten	Historian	2486	69.20
8/24/2015	Hooksett Village Water Precinct	State Grange Building	2487	25.00
8/24/2015	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2488	39.41
8/24/2015	Ida Hutchins	Deputy Expense	2489	130.88
8/24/2015	Wilbur Heath	Deputy Expense	2490	99.72
8/24/2015	Jean Abbott	Deputy Expense	2491	218.10
8/24/2015	Jane Trombi	Deputy Expense	2492	46.80
8/24/2015	Arthur Merrill	Deputy Expense	2493	475.80
8/24/2015	Dorothy Haskins	Deputy Expense	2494	54.00
8/31/2015	Eversource	State Grange Building	2495	143.27
9/21/2015	Statewide Fire Extinguisher	State Grange Building	2496	35.00
9/21/2015	Concord Monitor	GSG	2497	300.53
9/21/2015	Hannah West	GSG	2498	227.76
9/30/2015	Business Card	PPS	2499	297.72
9/21/2015	National Grange	Assessment	2500	1,726.00
9/21/2015	National Grange	Dues 3rd Quarter	2501	4,319.00
9/30/2015	Eversource	State Grange Building	2502	122.42
9/30/2015	Fair Point Communications	State Grange Building	2503	39.41
9/30/2015	Gerald Leclerc	Sec,y expense	2504	250.00
9/30/2015	Dan Bascom	Treasure Expense	2505	125.00
9/30/2015	Christopher Heath	Master Expense	2506	1,125.00
9/30/2015	Business Card	PPS	2507	787.85
9/30/2015	Dan Bascom	Postage	2508	73.91
9/30/2015	Adam Paquin-Varnum	State Grange Building	2509	384.00

New Hampshire State Grange
Expense Annual Summary
2014-2015

Accounting Services	1,989.00
Bonding Fee Sub & Pom	3,470.00
Bonding Fee State Grange	376.00
Bulk Mail Permit	225.00
Community Service Awards-National	0.00
Defunct Grange Account	2,258.68
Department Expenses	
Family & Community	750.00
Grange Services	150.00
Historian	223.53
Lecturer	600.00
Legislative/Agriculture	550.00
Membership	2,000.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	175.00
Youth	600.00
Junior	400.00
Deputies Expenses	2,949.73
Dues – National Grange	16,732.50
General Deputy	94.80
Grange Growth	112.48
Granite State Granger	2,341.33
Leader's School - Dec	350.00
Legal Fees	0.00
Master Expenses	4,500.00
Miscellaneous	1,362.48
National Session Assessment	1,726.00
NE Leader's Conference	4,831.46
Office Equipment	299.99
Operations – Fund Raising	1,040.00
Printing/Postage/Supplies	4,385.99
Secretary Expense	1,000.00
Sixth Degree Fees- National	20.00
Spring Fling	599.00
State Grange Insurance	2,346.00
State Grange Other Bldg Insurance	0.00
State Grange Building	5,928.08
State Grange Other Bldg Expenses	0.00
State Session	5,211.47
State Session Deposit	0.00
State Session Sound System	0.00
Supply Department	134.00
Treasurer Expenses	500.00
Web Master	0.00
Totals	70,232.52

2015 Tabular Score

	Number	Membership		Real Estate	Total Assets	Average
		6/30/2014	6/30/2015			Attendance
Grange						
Antrim	98	30	33	\$ 87,400.00	\$ 94,000.00	9
Arlington	139	24	27	\$ 108,700.00	\$ 113,655.67	9
Aurora	235	30	25	\$ 61,600.00	\$ 72,600.00	9
Baker's River	290	15	15	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 35,499.20	4
Blazing Star	71	72	62	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 336,384.39	8
Blow-Me-Down	234	21	21	\$ 305,300.00	\$ 606,684.00	6
Centennial	185	29	28	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 35,507.13	10
Chichester	132	42	43	\$ -	\$ 16,194.74	8
Cochecho	81	21	23	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 89,048.98	7
Concord	332	35	35	\$ -	\$ 20,108.50	13
Crown Point	65	31	30	\$ -	\$ 15,882.61	6
Croydon	357	15	14	\$ -	\$ 2,982.82	13
Dorchester	280	21	21	\$ -	\$ 22,768.90	7
Gilman	1	26	24	\$ -	\$ 242,600.95	8
Halestown	287	18	17	\$ -	\$ 8,064.82	4
Halloween	317	10	13	\$ 124,600.00	\$ 126,655.79	5
Hampton Falls	117	46	40	\$ -	\$ 8,287.93	9
Harmony	99	47	43	\$ -	\$ 49,132.19	14
Henry Wilson	205	29	29	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 45,456.83	9
Hooksett	148	10	10	\$ -	\$ 18,408.14	4
Hudson	11	29	29	\$ 412,300.00	\$ 458,967.51	10
Jeremiah Smith	161	20	14	\$ 186,000.00	\$ 257,659.50	8
Joe English	53	31	27	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 13,335.79	10
Lake Shore	128	18	18	\$ 500.00	\$ 59,897.52	7
Londonderry	44	48	39	\$ 207,300.00	\$ 329,556.24	11
Lower Intervale	321	39	35	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 34,796.03	13
Mohawk	217	44	46	\$ 51,800.00	\$ 73,011.50	15
Mount Hope	77	35	33	\$ -	\$ 7,308.00	11
Mt Livermore	288	18	18	\$ -	\$ 8,818.53	7
Mt Pistareen	145	18	18	\$ 179,200.00	\$ 184,955.44	5
Park	249	33	32	\$ -	\$ 6,500.00	6
Pembroke	111	29	27	\$ -	\$ 13,000.24	6
Peterborough	35			\$ -	\$ 5,677.16	
Pine Grove	298	28	23	\$ -	\$ 13,300.00	10
Prentice Hill	257	23	23	\$ -	\$ 4,209.00	9
Riverside	137	14	12	\$ -	\$ 5,376.21	3
Rochester	86	61	37	\$ 192,300.00	\$ 226,862.44	15
Somersworth	264	20	17	\$ -	\$ -	9
Stratford	238	13	13	\$ -	\$ 5,534.19	7

Sunapee Lake	112	24	24	\$ -	\$ 41,224.06	7
Walpole	125	53	59	\$ -	\$ 9,526.96	12
Watatic	36	17	15	\$ -	\$ 2,945.40	6
West Thornton	253	32	31	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 20,986.61	7
Wicwas Lake	292	87	89	\$ 156,400.00	\$ 168,970.43	32
Wingold	308	66	61	\$ -	\$ 13,698.82	17
Winthrop	315	15	16	\$ -	\$ 4,457.58	7