

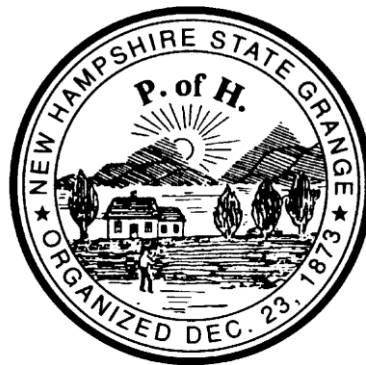
PROCEEDINGS

Of the

ONE HUNDRED FOURTHY- FORTH
ANNUAL SESSION

New Hampshire State Grange

Of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry



Held at

The Margate on Winnipesauke

October 26, 27, 28, 2017

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary

STATE GRANGE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Organized December 23, 1873

Incorporated July 2, 1875

**ROLL OF HONOR
PAST MASTERS**

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

* Deceased

† Present during Session

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
OF THE ORDER OF THE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY
THE MARGATE ON WINNIPESAUKEE**

Thursday, October 26, 2017

The first day of the 144th 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 Betsy Huber, Master of the National Grange as our honored guest and in waiting. The Assistant Stewards escorted her to the Master's station.

Betsy complimented the officers on their entrance drill. She presented Master Heath with a small gift from her Home state of Pennsylvania. Something from Hershey. She has only been to two states in New England so far.

Other dignitaries recognized were:

National Grange Executive Committee Member Leroy Watson
Massachusetts Home and Community Member, Karlena Henry
Assembly of Demeter members, Rhoda Davis, James Tetreault, Dan and Kimber Bascom,
Dick and Deb Patten and Hannah West.

A brief recess was held to prepare for the Fifth Degree

The Grange was raised to the Fifth Degree for the purpose of exemplifying the Fifth Degree on 3 candidates, Ester Harrick, Christine Savage, and Theresa Finney-Avery.

Officers were as follows:

Master	Gerald Leclerc
Overseer	Wilber Heath
Lecturer	Karlena Henry
Steward	Kathy Yardley
AS	Matthew Clark
LAS	Joann Brandt
Chaplain	Kerriann Heath
Treasurer	Norman Brandt
Secretary	Adam Paquin-Varnum
Gatekeeper	Andrew Savage
Ceres	Emilie Leclerc
Pomona	Sarah Leclerc
Flora	Crystal Seward
Ex Comm	Lucia Savage
Ex Comm	Pat Izzo
Ex Comm	Marion Woodworth
Musician	Lester Gibbs
Spector	Hannah West
Court Ladies	Lois Enman
	Jane Trombi
	Fran Everard
	Sandy Bennett
Lighting and Storm	
	Bob Paquin-Varnum
	Christopher Heath

Recognized were Tom and Laura Gotauco Assistant and Lady Assistant Steward's for the Rhode Island State Grange.

With no further business the first day of the 144th Annual Session was closed in the Fifth Degree.

The Second day or the 144th Annual session of the New Hampshire State at 8:00 am with State Master Chris Heath.

Roll call of officers found all present

Roll call of Granges found a quorum present.

National Master Betsy Huber was recognized as well as Leroy Watson, National Grange Executive Committee, Karlena Henry, Home and Community Member from Massachusetts. And Laura Gotauco Lady Assistant Steward Rhode Island State Grange.

4 additional Resolutions were received and read

Resolution #6

Submitted by: Cheshire County Pomona #6

Subject: "Future of Pomona Grange in New Hampshire"

Resolution #7

Submitted by: Claremont Grange #9

New Hampshire tick and other insect borne disease information system

Resolution #8

Submitted by: Arlington Grange #239

Subject: Health Care Reform

Resolution #9

Submitted by: Walpole Community Grange #125

Subject: Controlling Invasive Aquatic Species in New Hampshire

Standing rule for the session were read and approved.

Robert Trombi, Family Weekend Coordinator was presented to the Master's station to deliver his annual report.

Worthy Master, Honored Guests, Brothers and Sisters,

The 2017 Grange Family Camping Weekend was held on the last weekend in July, at Gunstock Campground.

Once again, we had advance reservations for an area of the Campground called the "Boardwalk". This area provided us with the ability to ensure that all of our Grange campers were able to be located together. It also afforded easy access to a nature trail, right at the edge of the field. An enthusiastic group of Grangers and friends, enjoyed a great weekend of fun and fellowship.

On Saturday, campers enjoyed games and fellowship, and many of the recreational activities that the Campground offers. On Saturday evening, we had our traditional potluck supper, outdoor movies and a group campfire.

Join us for another relaxing weekend of fellowship and fun, in 2018, on July 28-30 at Gunstock. We have 10 sites reserved. This means that we can have up to 10 campers, plus up to 10 tents. Please check it out when you have the opportunity. We have already started taking reservations for 2018. 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.

Gerald J. Leclerc, Session Coordinator presented his annual report

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

As the Session Coordinator I would like to welcome all of you to the Lakes Region and hope that your stay here will be a pleasant one. Please take advantage of all the area has to offer during our down time and please take every opportunity to visit the display room as well as some social time with friends in the Hospitality Room.

The year was 2004, the late John West was State Master, the Lady Assistant Steward of the National Grange was our National Representative, the Red Sox won the World Series, and the hotel hot tub was bubbling over. In case you haven't already figured it out, this was the last time we were here at the Margate.

During my report last year, I stated that a location for 2017 had not yet been selected and sought the suggestions from the delegate body. Many had asked if we could return to the Lakes Region. Names of different facilities were suggested and calls were made only to find out that those facilities don't have any meeting space. Knowing that, I started to contact local organizations with meeting space only to discover that the cost was far more than we could budget for and wouldn't allow us to have the amount of space that we have become accustomed to. With time running short and options limited, it only seemed fitting to contact the one facility in the area that could offer all the space we needed and the convenience of being in one place. So after a 12 year hiatus, the Margate on Winnepesaukee welcomed us back.

After contacting the hotel and securing the dates, Wilber Heath and I traveled to the Margate to meet with the meeting planner. We discussed our needs and our concerns from a past experience. We were both assured that session would go as planned and that the hotel is going to work to make sure that all our needs are met. With this assurance, we proceeded to have the contract prepared and signed, and deposit made.

Now that we have secured the facility, the real work began. In early May, we had a walk through with the hotel representative. At the walk through the Stewards and the Graces, along with anyone else who has certain responsibilities, had the opportunity to view the space, take measurements, and ask questions. This helped in developing a plan from which we work with in conjunction with hotel staff.

Menus were reviewed and selections are made for the Historian Luncheon and State Banquet. Thank you to Deb & Dick Patten and Kerriann Heath for dealing with these two events.

Two weeks ago, I returned to the hotel for another look and to finalize some details with the meeting planner. A final review of the entire session done and some minor changes to timing were made. I now felt we were all set and ready to go and looking forward to our State Session. Shortly after I returned home from the visit, I received an e-mail from the meeting planner stating she was relocating and would not be here for our session. I was assured that her replacement would make sure all goes as planned. Needless to say this news did not excite me. I am happy to report that the replacement did reach out to me quickly and felt comfortable that all will be fine.

I want all of you to look around and see what this room looks like and imagine it empty. Well that is exactly how the room looked yesterday morning that is until the Stewards and Graces along with their band of doers descended upon The Margate. Devoted and dedicated as they are, they worked tirelessly to prepare the meeting space for last evening's opening and will continue to take down and re-set throughout the weekend.

I want you to also keep in mind that the display space was a completely empty room yesterday as well until the Directors arrived with bags and boxes, and bins containing all the handiwork of our talented members. Please make sure you visit the display room and spend some time looking at each department, and maybe spend a little money there as well.

As I sit here writing this report I'm very conflicted as to what to say. I'd like to say that this has been an exciting year in preparing for this State Session and how smoothly things have gone. I'd also like to tell you that we are well underway with plans for the 2018 session, but that would not be true. I am currently working with the Best Western in Keene and have secured the date of October 25 – 28, 2018. I will be visiting with them within the next couple of weeks to see if they can accommodate us for State Session, and once completed, the contract will be presented to the State Executive Committee for approval.

In your packets are evaluation forms; they are there for you to tell me what you like and don't like or what you would like to see or have at session. Please take time to complete them and comment. Constructive comments are best but will take what I get.

There is a question on meal prices that I already know the answer many of you will choose and that will be that they are too high. Let me assure you that this year, much effort was put into getting the best price possible. Deb & Dick Patten worked with the meeting planner, going back and forth with different options until one was finally decided upon at a reasonable price. Kerriann was told at the walkthrough that she could use a caterer for the banquet not on the Margate's vendor list. She found one more reasonable but because they were not on the vendor list they needed to pay a fee that would increase the price Kerriann was quoted. It ended up being cheaper to stay with what the hotel could offer. Some of the obstacles in finding a facility that can accommodate our needs are

- Members in attendance: We are requesting space that can hold up to 300 people and we get maybe 125.
- Members are not spending the night at the hotel.
- Our food and beverage counts are low.

I think it is time that we have a discussion where we can really look at what we need for our session.

- Do we need all this space?
- Can we put the displays around the meeting room?
- Is it time to change the By-laws on when we meet and for how long our session is?
- Do we bring in speakers or performers to enhance our session and educate our members?
- How do we get those who don't attend to attend?

State Session should be a time to celebrate the past year and get fired up for the new one. That is why I'm asking for your help by completing the survey. I always looked forward to coming to session each year to see people that I hadn't seen since the last session. Hearing in the reports who won various contests. Which Grange was the high score for the year? Receiving the "New" programs. The list goes on and on. I believe that if we take a long hard look at our last few sessions and look for things to cut and add then we can once again have a session that members want to come to and activities that they want to participate in.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all who helped in preparing for the session. The delegates for attending and participating in the deliberations that are set before us and to the non-delegates for your attendance and interest in what the Sate Grange is doing.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald J. Leclerc, Session Coordinator
New Hampshire State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Kimber Bascom was presented to the Master's station to present the report of the Fundraising.

Worthy State Master, National Master, Delegates and Members

As chairperson of the Fundraising committee I present this short report.

Some of the fundraising projects were:

1/20 Club, Silent Auction at State Session, wreath raffle at Deputy School and after a brief absent we returned to the Blueberry Booth in the NH Building at the Eastern States.

Thank you to all who sold or purchased tickets, bid on items, of supported our endeavors. Also thank you to Doris Mitton for all her help.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimber Bascom, Chairman
State Grange Fundraising

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Diane Collins, Chairman of the Trustees of The Trust Funds was escorted to the Master's station to give her annual report.

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Sisters,

The Trustees held their annual meeting in July 2017 at the home of Rhoda Davis. Diane Collins was elected Chairman, and Ann Leger was elected Secretary. During the meeting Vicki Hussman notified the Trustees that she would have to resign her position due to personal reasons. We thank her for her willingness to serve with us. During the past year we received 4 requests that were reviewed and approved. A total of \$2000.00 was distributed in aid.

Fraternally,
Diane L. Collins, Chairman
Ann Leger, Secretary
Rhoda Davis and Joy Perkins, Trustees

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Beth Merrill was presented to the Master's station to present the report of the Eastern States Trustees

New England Grange Building Trustee's Report 2017

The New England Grange Building trustees met five times this year. This is an increase over the normal three times. In January we convened at the Northeast Leaders conference in Rutland, Vermont to go over the unfinished business from the previous meeting held in July of 2016. The final figures from the 2016 Eastern States Exposition were reported as follows: Grange store took in \$28,266.30 of which \$1,768.50 was from the Quilt Raffle. \$15,142.03 was spent in purchasing supplies, entertainment, housing of volunteers and raffle supplies. Building expenses totaled \$4,962.58 which includes maintenance, insurance and office supplies. This means that the Building made a profit of \$13,124.27 from the fair. During the meeting the election of officers was held with the following results.

President - Noel Miller (CT)
Vice President - Joe Goodrich (VT)
Secretary - Chris Heath (NH)
Treasurer - Vicki Huff (ME)

The next meeting of the trustees was held on the Fairgrounds in March at the Massachusetts Building. Items like the handicap ramp and the women's bathroom were discussed. Trustees also talked about the Junior display area and a way to secure the items being displayed. The staffing

of the building during the fair was talked about. It was determined that we would need 139 volunteers to staff the building for the coming fair season. Each state would be responsible for three days. We also discussed participating in the parade on four days of the fair. There was much discussion on the Quilt raffle and it was decided to purchase a quilt rack to help display it. It was decided that we would have some flyers made up for the fair to hand out to people who purchase items from the store. The flyers would have general Grange information that would apply to all the states involved. There would be contact information for each state to enable fair goers to have contact information in their own state.

In July the trustees met at the New England Grange Building to clean up and prep the building for the fair. Beth Merrill rejoined the board at this meeting, upon the resignation of Adam Paquin-Varnum. Members gathered in the morning and put in three hours of work. Vacuuming, window washing, sweeping and dusting was completed prior to the meeting, which started promptly at 1 o'clock. The trustees were updated on the repairs and improvements that had been completed since the previous meeting. Final details concerning the tickets and parking passes were discussed. The store managers gave us the rundown on the new items that would be featured in the store and how the quilt raffle would be handled. Then they surprised us all by informing us that this would be their last year as building managers. The members then briefly discussed who the possible candidates would be to replace the building managers.

A special meeting was held in August to choose a new Building Manager for the 2018 fair season, resulting in the selection of former building manager, Connecticut's Dawn Percoski. Finding someone who can be available for seventeen plus days of the fair and also to attend several meetings during the rest of the year is a formidable task that will challenge us again when Dawn steps down from the position.

The numbers have been distributed and the New England Grange Building did about the same as last year. The total receipts this year were \$28,200 with \$12,809 coming from the store and \$15,500 coming from the crafts. This year the quilt did really well and raised \$4,075 which will be split between the Vermont Veteran's Home in Bennington and the Hurricane Relief Fund. The trustees were able to save \$2300 this year by replacing the full breakfast of the past several years to a continental breakfast on Grange Day. We had about 40 people march in the parade this year and were glad to have the National Lecturer, Chris Hamp join us. She said she's heard about the Big "E" for years and years and she and her husband, Duane decided they needed to make the trek from Washington State to New England to check it out. Sounds like a fun way to do research, doesn't it?

This year the fair was attended by 1,525,553 people over the 17 days and it seems like most of them came through the Grange Building. Think of all the potential new members that are out there!

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Heath, Robert Trombi, Beth Merrill
New England Grange Building Trustees

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Steward Arthur Merrill announced that Paul Carlton from Taylor Community was our guest and in waiting. The Assistants escorted Mr. Carlton to the Master's station.

He brought his greetings from Taylor Community and the city of Laconia. Spoke of what the Taylor Community role is and answered questions from the floor.

A brief recess was called.

Reconvened at 9:45

Sarah Leclerc, State Grange Webmaster presented her report and launched the new web page. The web page was shown and she demonstrated the

Worthy Master, National Representative, Fellow State Officers, Brothers and Sisters, All;

It is an honor to be presenting my first report as the State Grange Webmaster. As many of you know, when I took on this position in September of 2016, the state grange website was in serious need of some TLC. The website had an old format that made it look cluttered and busy. It was outdated in many aspects, and it was hard to find things because it was semi-unorganized in its layout and navigation. Overall, it had served its purpose, but it needed some work.

I say "had" and "was" because as of today, October 27, 2017, that old layout is no more!

This summer, I decided to tackle the extremely daunting task of redoing the entire website. This project was very time consuming and took a lot of patience. I decided that it would be best for me to purchase what I've dubbed as the "bare bones" – which basically means that I used a template for the basic layout and colors – and spent much of my time adding the content.

Adding content consisted of going through the entire website and deciding what information needed to be saved, and what could be left off the updated page. Some highlights include a calendar of events, a memorial list similar to the one featured in the GSG, and an archive for everything that is still important, but doesn't need to clutter the main pages. I have put a lot of effort into making this website as fluid and streamline as possible. It is super user-friendly (I tested it out on my dad, and he agrees), and all information should be easy to find.

That being said, some things don't always go as planned. There may be bugs, technical errors, or issues in how the webpage presents itself to you. If there's anything that needs to be addressed – i.e., missing or incorrect information – please do not hesitate to email me at webmaster@nhgrange.org. And of course, feedback is always welcomed and appreciated.

At this time, it gives me great pleasure to be able to unveil the new and improved website of the New Hampshire State Grange!

Fraternally submitted,
Sarah Leclerc, Webmaster
NH State Grange

The state Master thanked Sarah for all her efforts.

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Kerriann Heath was called on to present her report for the Northeast Connection.

Worthy Master, National Representative, state officers, delegates, patrons all.

It is a pleasure to provide you with this report of the Northeast Connection concerning the 2018 National Session which will be held at the Stoweflake resort in Stowe Vermont. The committee has been working diligently to get all of the preparation work completed that is necessary to host the convention. The team has been meeting once a month to review the guidelines that National Grange has set forth concerning the Session and the regions responsibilities. This year's team is made up of representatives from all the Northeast states and each state has a coordinator. I have volunteered to be the coordinator for the state of New Hampshire. I've had the pleasure of working with Beth Merrill at the last Northeast Regional Convention back in 2013 in Manchester NH.

The team started out by discussing plans for this year's National Session as it is our responsibility to send representatives to man a table to promote and encourage Grange members from around the nation to attend our regions conference. Each state was responsible for providing 50 crochet snowflakes to hand out during this year's National Session. Thank you to Ida Hutchin, Katherine Umberhind and Joyce for providing the majority of these snowflakes. The Connection will also be selling chances to win a gift certificate for a day at the spa located at the Stoweflake Resort, at this year's session. The money raised from this raffle will go to help pay some of the expenses we are responsible to cover.

The committee will coordinate volunteers who will come to help host the National Grange. New Hampshire will be responsible for providing volunteers for Wednesday. Volunteers will be helping with all aspects of the session. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help at Session should me. We will need help in the hospitality room, the production room, registration as well as other jobs that need to be filled. The committee is responsible for planning the host banquet, the breakfasts and luncheons being held during the week. They also have to coordinate speakers for these events. The committee plans the transportation, tours, flowers, ditty bags and other aspects of the convention.

The Community Service project for the 2018 National Session is Travel Sized personal care products for Veterans. Each state will receive a portion of the items collected to donate to the VA facility of their choosing. Ditty bags will be filled with a variety of snacks from around the region. The goal is to have 1500 items from each state which is three different snacks that are unique to NH. If you know of any business in the state that would be willing to donate all or some of these items, please let me know so i can work with them to get the items before National Session next year. The 2018 Transportation coordinator will be Christ Heath If you have a valid driver's license and clean driving record and are interested in driving please see him for details. The Hospitality Room for the 2018 session will be a little different than what we have seen in the past. We will not be providing any hot meals only snacks and beverages during this session. We

have been discussing possible transportation for people to attend local restaurants. In the coming months we will have more information on this. If you have any questions please let me know. I will also be looking for people to host the hospitality room whether it be Subordinate or Pomona Granges so please see me if you are interested. Items we will be looking for will be cookies, brownies, chips, soda, water etc.

We do have Royal Blue shirts that have the 2018 logo in short and long sleeve available for sale in the display room so please stop by and purchase one they would make an excellent Christmas gift. If we do not have your size, please let us know and we will work on getting it for you.

We strongly encourage you to attend the Seventh degree if you have not already received it. It is an impressive degree and everyone should see it at least once in their Grange Life. The degree is going to be held off site but transportation will be provided.

We thank you all for your continued support and look forward to seeing you in Stowe Vermont in November 2018. It will be another five years before it is in this region again. So please put it on your calendars.

Respectfully Submitted,
Northeast Connection NH Coordinator
Kerriann Heath

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Past Master Jim Tetreault was escorted to the Master's station for a few words.

Recess for preparation for Memorial Service.

Reconvened at 10:55 am

Master Heath presented some past awards

2017 Memorial Service
Opening Prayer

Reading "In Your Honor"

Song: "God Bless America"

Prayer for Country and Service Personnel

Scripture Reading

Song "In the Garden"

Reading "Life is but a stopping Place"

Message: Psalm 23 breakdown

Reading the Roll

Marjorie Andersen	Spouse of PM Robert Andersen, Wingold Grange #308
Marjorie Blaisdell	Past Master Banner Grange #265
Donald Cameron	Past Master Henry Wilson Grange #205
Frederick Carlson	Past Master Catamount Grange #97, Past Master Suncook Valley Pomona #12
Alice Cate	Past Master, Hooksett Grange #148
Edyth Craig	Past Master Sunapee Lake Grange #112, Past Master Sullivan County Pomona #9
Betty Dudley	Spouse of PM Walter Dudley Mount Gardner Grange #325
Edith Ann Emery	Past Flora and Lady Assistant Steward New Hampshire State Grange, Member of the State Education Committee, Past Master Monroe Grange #49, Past Master of Ammonoosuc Valley Pomona
Arline French	Past Master, Blackwater Grange #152
June Glover	Spouse of Past Master Robert Glover Hollis Grange #12 and Granite Grange #7
Dorothy Haskins	Past Pomona of The New Hampshire State Grange, Past Deputy, Past State Community Service Director, Past Master Daniel Webster Grange #100 Past Master Merrimack County Pomona #3
Robert Low	Past Master Rockingham Grange #183
Helen Murray Minerva Orborne	Past Master River Hill Grange #346 Past Master Granite State Grange #149
Linwood Paine	Past Musician of The New Hampshire State Grange, Past member State Legislative Committee, Past Master Walpole Grange #125, Past Master Cheshire County Pomona #6
Lucian Schofield Sr.	Spouse of Past Master Ethel Schofield Squam Lake Grange #258
Phyllis Smith-Pierce	Past Master Cocheco Grange #81

Stephen Tracy

Past State Prince, Past State Deaf Activities and Membership Committees, Past Outreach Deputy, Past Master Blow-Me-Down Grange #234, Past Master Stratford Grange #238, Past Master Mascoma Valley Pomona #7

Reading: "As We Look Back"

Song: Amazing Grace"

Closing prayer

Recessed until 1:30 PM

Reconvened at 1:35

Robert Trombi State Overseer, introduced State Master Christopher E. Heath to present his annual address.

National Representative, State Officers, Pink Sash family members, delegates and patrons all, as I stand here and present to you my third Master's address, I reflect on the many things that have happened over this past year and I struggled with what to say to you all. This year has had a lot of ups and downs for the Granges across New Hampshire. Personally, the past three months have been very difficult for me as the Master of the State Grange.

At the beginning of the June, I was notified that a Grange was considering closing their doors for good and approached me about the process for closing their Grange. I went to meet with them on multiple occasions to explain to them the process, answer their questions about Grange property and what would happen if they decided to close. The members did put forth a valiant effort to get new members into their hall but unfortunately they were unable to rejuvenate interest in their community. On July 10th, they voted to close their Grange. This was a very sad day for me. I do not want to have any more Granges close.

Recently, another Grange decided they too were going to close. They did notify me of their intentions but without adequate notice of when they would be voting to close. Questions about the procedure for closing a Grange were never asked and the Master decided that they knew what to do so no State Grange representation was present. This is not the correct way to perform this procedure and it is not acceptable. Unfortunately they closed their doors without the authorization of the State Master or the State Grange. If it were not for my compassion, sympathy and leniency they would not be closed..

We have had two Grange's consolidate this past year. The first Grange did notify me and followed the process laid out in the bylaws for consolidating. The second Grange was consolidated by authority of myself and the State Grange Executive committee. The Grange was struggling to meet the requirements and the action was the best thing for them.

Last month, I had to revoke the charters of three Granges for multiple reasons. One of those

reasons was that they had made no attempt to communicate with the State Grange and continued to operate under their own rules. Another reason why these charters were revoked was because they were not holding regular meetings with a quorum present.

The bylaws of the National and State Grange's are in place for a reason. For the past 150 years, these are the rules that we have been operating by. The rules are there for a reason and Granges need to follow them. I am happy to report that one of these Granges has had the revocation lifted and are currently working to become a Grange in good standing. I agreed to give them 12 months to work with the State Grange and come into compliance with the requirements of the bylaws. On a positive note, at their last meeting, I had the pleasure of obligating eight new members into this Grange. I am very hopeful that they will become successful in their community.

A second Grange, that had had its charter revoked has filed for an appeal with the National Master and has been granted a stay in their revocation. The State Grange will be working with this Grange to come into compliance with the bylaws which caused the revocation in the first place. I have assigned a deputy and a state officer to work with them closely to ensure that they adhere to the bylaws and become a productive Grange in their community.

The third Grange had not met for over two years and had basically abandoned their hall. This Grange has now been officially closed and I am in the process of collecting the Grange property and selling their hall. All of these actions are not what I wanted to do this year and if I could have done anything to avoid them I would have.

Unfortunately this is not the end of the consolidating, closing and revoking that has to happen in our State. There are other Granges that are not following or adhering to the bylaws of the National and State Grange's. I will do my best to work with these Granges to get them into compliance, but this takes the effort of the members of these Granges to get themselves back into compliance with the rules. The State Grange will make every effort to help and support all Granges.

Time and time again I hear members say that the problem is at the State Grange level. In fact the problem is not on a State level, it is on the community level. Granges need to realize that if there is a problem, they need to communicate it to the State Grange so that we can provide help and assistance.

You might ask yourselves why did I start my address with all of this bad news. The reason is because we all need to know the truth about what is happening with the Granges across our state. Not all Granges are in this deteriorated condition and many are thriving. I have been saying, since I was elected to this position, every Grange needs to work on membership. My articles in the GSG have tried to reinforce this message. The membership column in the GSG also has affirmed the issue and offered help. Disappointingly, the membership committee has not had one single request for assistance this entire year.

This is very disturbing especially when we review the membership totals for the year. Our membership numbers are headed in the wrong direction. Instead of staying steady or increasing, we are losing members. This is a trend that we need to reverse. We need to find new members to

come and be a part of the Grange. We need to acquire new faces that will become familiar faces. We need to teach and mentor these new people in the workings of the Grange and give them the tools they need to keep the organization going.

The Grange in New Hampshire has lost its identity. We need to find it again and make it viable in this day and age. We need to be able to attract new members, young and old and get them involved. The New Hampshire State Grange needs to establish this identity and provide the Granges with the tools and resources to make it relevant in the community. It is time for the members of the State Grange to consider working with an outside source in hopes that once we have a plan of action, we can be successful. I recommend that the delegates task the State Executive committee to find and work with a person whose job is to help companies establish a plan for Growth and Development.

We need to work with other agricultural based and civil oriented organizations to support the rural living that our state is famous for. More and more people are supporting local businesses and trying to live within the resources available locally. This is the exact movement that the Grange needs to be involved in. The Grange is the perfect place to get grass roots actions started and we offer the perfect platform to bring these actions to the people.

I recommend that the State Grange consider spend some funds on advertising the Grange. This can be through television, magazines and newspapers. We need to dismiss the stigmas associated with our name. We need to show the public that we are not a secretive organization. We need to inform them that we are not just for farmers. We need to reestablish our power in grass roots activation. We need to become the force that we once were so many years ago.

I recommend that we offer incentives to our members for recruiting new members. These need to be real tangible items that members want to strive for. They do not need to be exorbitant or lavish in nature but must be something that members will feel is worthy of their work and time spent recruiting new members. Money is always a good motivator and I can think of no one who wouldn't mind having some extra cash in their pocket for a minimal amount of labor.

Granges should be aware that the National Master has ruled that members can attend meetings electronically. This is a good incentive for new members who cannot physically be at every meeting to attend. Skype anyone? Conference call? This does not mean that you can have a meeting without a quorum of seven people physical present in the hall but it does mean that everyone can have the opportunity to be included in the decision making process on projects the Grange is working on and provide their input to the meeting..

Granges need to be reminded that the National Grange has instituted the Junior One Plus program. This is an opportunity to have young members join your Grange. It is a perfect opportunity to mentor and raise youngsters in the Grange. We have the opportunity to secure our future through this program. Once we have the juniors involved, we have the opportunity to get the parents involved. It is very important that the Secretaries accurately report these junior members on the quarterly reports.

Granges please remember to communicate with the State Grange. I have had quite a few

members bring to my attention that they have not been receiving information from the State Grange. I ask them if they have changed their addresses or their officers to which they reply yes. I then inform them that unless they tell the State Grange that this has happened, how then will we know to where to send the information? The State Grange does send a reporting form for a reason. We use these lists to create the roster that is then given to every Grange. It is very important that this information is kept up to date.

I have been made aware of an issue of Granges struggling to find insurance. It appears that the policy that used to be available for Granges has been discontinued. This is partially because of the lack of Granges in the state and not enough revenue to keep this type of insurance available. This is not just a New Hampshire issue. Granges all over New England are experiencing this same dilemma. I am working on finding a more affordable liability insurance for Granges but this is not an easy or speedy task. I recommend that the State Executive committee work with an insurance agent to find out the feasibility of having an umbrella policy for all the Granges. This will relieve some of the pressure on our Granges.

In conclusion, the members of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry need to start doing something now to control the fate of our organization. Each and every one of us needs to put aside our petty differences and work together to grow our Grange, mentor each other and new members, promote the organization to every and all people we come into contact with, and uplift each other in every aspect of our dealings. It is no longer about who did what or who is doing this or that. It is all about our love and dedication to the Grange that we all have. We all must make it our responsibility to ensure that our beloved Grange survives into the next century. All of us need to do our part. It is the responsibility of every member. Let's all reaffirm our title of Do'ers in the Grange. Let's help each other and show that brotherly and sisterly love that we are supposed to have towards each other. We must act now because if we go another year in the direction we're headed we may just cease to exist.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher E Heath
NH State Grange Master

The State Masters address was referred to the Master's Address Committee.

Dan Bascom State Treasurer presented his annual report.

Worthy State Master Chris Heath, National Master Betsy Huber, Fellow Officers, and Grangers
All:

I guess when you're having fun, time flies. I can't believe State Session is already here. It has been an eventful year. All investments are up across the board. The best thing the Ex. Committee did was to move our accounts to Morgan Stanley. Yes, we have a down year once in a while but since I have been Treasurer our net worth has increased greatly.

Being Treasurer of 7 different nonprofits plus my regular job and our farm leaves me little time for much else. This year being no exception I found an IRS web site in early March that showed me what Granges had filed their e-postcard and those that had not. As many Granges had called me saying they were having trouble filing, I took it upon myself to file for them. I found 5 Granges that had not filed for 3 or more years and they lost their nonprofit status. I am now in the process of helping 3 of them regain their nonprofit status. The form consists of 19 pages and requires a fee of \$400.00 per filing.

Therefore, I am now filing for all Granges, so we don't have to go through this process. You will find your copy in your Grange packet from the State Secretary.

In examining the budget, you will notice we spent more than we took in. This is mainly due to National Session 2018. Each State in the Northeast region was charged a fee of \$ 4,500.00 plus we were required to purchase \$ 1,450.00 worth of T shirts to resell. Please buy yours today and help us recoup our money. In the past we have charged each Grange to help cover this cost, this was above and beyond the assessment already paid to National Grange. With our investments doing so well the Executive Committee felt State Grange could cover this cost this year. A fee will be levied once every 5 years by the Northeast Connection when National Session is in our region. You will notice a new line in the budget to set aside money each year for future National Sessions.

As I don't receive all financial statements until about October 15th, this leaves me very little time to complete my financial report for year end. All financial figures will be printed in the journal. I do have to say the State Master has and will continue to keep me very busy helping him with the work he continues to do. We are finally seeing some Granges that we have had issues with being resolved one way or another.

In September I discovered many Grange had not paid their 2015 National Assessment. A few others still owed us for bonding. I have sent them all bills to help recoup this money and some has already been received. Others have informed me their Pomona's pay them, only one Pomona has paid up so far. This, along with unpaid dues also affected our bottom line and if paid on time would have reduced our deficit budget even more.

In closing I am pleased to serve as your State Treasurer. I enjoy working with all our State Officers and am proud of each and every one of them and the work they do for our organization.

Fraternally,

Daniel P. Bascom
State Treasurer

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Secretary Gerald J. Leclerc Presented his annual report

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

This is my fifth report to you as your State Secretary. I am just as honored today to fulfill the duties of this office as I was on the first day I was elected.

Subordinate Granges:

We began the year with 55 Subordinate Granges and a membership number of 1498; Manchester Community Grange #359 closed as of December 31, 2016. Leaving us with 54 Subordinate Granges. We lost 85 members from death, suspensions or demits and gained 18 members leaving us with a total membership of 1431 giving us a loss of 67 members.

On a positive note the following Granges did have a gain in membership:

Blow-Me-Down Grange #234
Concord Grange #322
Mount Hope Grange #77
Rochester Grange #86
Rockingham Grange #183
Wicwas Lake Grange #292

The largest Subordinate Grange is Wicwas Lake Grange #292 with a total of 90 members.

As this report is being written it is important to note that several Granges are in the process of consolidating or closing and will be finalized by the end of the year and two other Granges are on appeal with the National Grange.

Pomona Granges: We currently have a total of 8 Pomona Granges with a total membership of 473. No Pomona's had a gain in membership. The largest Pomona is Pemigewasset Valley Pomona #18 with 85 members.

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

7 ~ Silver Star Certificates to

Mary E. Bordeaux	Rochester Grange #86
Beverly Edwards	Concord Grange #322
Melissa (Standley) Lynch	Watatic Grange #36
Ruth Swasey	Wingold Grange #308
Andrew Savage	Wingold Grange #308
Brian Twiss	Matatic Grange #36
Marion Woodworth	Rochester Grange #86

5 ~ 30 Year Certificates

6 ~ 35 Year Certificates

5 ~ 40 Year Certificates

6 ~ 45 Year Certificates

7 Golden Sheaf Certificates

Roland Barrett
Mary (Heath) Bordeaux
Gloria (Heath) Davis
Estelle (Dusty) Decatur
Jane Heath
Clinton Gordon
Raymond Tucker

Golden Rod Grange #114
Rochester Grange #86
Antrim Grange #98
Wingold Grange #308
Centennial Grange #185
Joe English Grange #53
Henry Wilson Grange #205

6 ~ 55 Year Seals

9 ~ 60 Year Seals

8 ~ 65 Year Seals

5 ~ 70 Year Seals

9 ~ 75 Year Diamond Certificates

Robert Capron
George Davis Jr.
Patricia Hodgdon
Edwin Huckins
Myra Jennison
Sarah Moore
Martha Pratt
Miriam Stier
J. Willis Wentworth

Golden Rod Grange #114
Crown Point Grange #65
Tuftonborough Grange #142
Harmony Grange #99
Jeremiah Smith Grange #161
Wingold Grange #308
Rochester Grange #86
Joe English Grange #53
Blazing Star Grange #71

1~ 80 Year Letter

Velma Demeritt

Jeremiah Smith Grange #161

Following State Session my first priority was to finish assembling the 2017 NH State Grange Roster. I am happy to report that it was ready for Deputy School in December. This is a monumental endeavor requiring many hours of inputting of names, addresses, E-mail addresses, and phone numbers. Many of you may have noticed that several Granges had no Officer, Committee Chair or contact information listed on their page. Prior to this year, I had been coping what was listed the previous year and discovered that several of the Granges had very outdated information, so those pages were left blank simple because the Grange did not send in the Roster Information sheet.

The deadline for returning the form that was sent in the September mailing, was and for several years has been November 1st. Forms that were received after the deadline were added usually on a daily basis. The day came when I just had to get the Roster to the printer. The following day another form was received in the mail. Fortunately the printer had not begun printing and the Granges information was added. Hopefully this year every Grange will send it the form and all granges will be listed.

The Journal of Proceedings for the 143rd Annual State Grange Session was completed and ready for distribution in early February. I have usually had the Journal completed by Deputy School but with the Roster taking up so much time I was unable to get it completed. Another reason for

the delay is the death of Stephen Tracy. You may ask why this had anything to do with completing the journal. This document is the history of the activities, reports and results of the action taken at the session. Unfortunately I didn't receive an electronic or printed copy of his report that he gave at session. I was waiting and hoping that those going through his grange papers would find a copy which was never found even searching the computer that he borrowed came up with nothing. As a result all those giving report at session are now being asked to send me a copy prior to presenting it.

Having the journal completed quickly remains a priority to me so that those wishing a copy can receive one while the session is still fresh in their minds. I'm a little disappointed that very few Granges requested a copy of the journal and only 3 individual members requested one. I do hope that many did take the time to review the journal on the NH State Grange web site.

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 I 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. I also need to stress that it is extremely important that the dues check accompany the report. Several granges are sending these separately which requires unnecessary documentation.

As the Secretary it is our duty to keep our members informed and this is done with the reading of communications. I have said this before and will say it again I would like each subordinate and Pomona Secretary and Committee Chairman to establish the following philosophy, if it's mailed to you for your Grange, read it out loud to your members. The communication doesn't need to be read word for word giving highlights is fine as long as the important information is shared. The supply department continues to be very busy filling orders. I am very pleased to report that a "NEW" order form has been developed and sent to all Granges. This has really assisted me in ensuring that all orders are filled and sent more efficiently. Receiving of membership award and supply requests on scrap pieces of paper or in an e-mail has ended. Each Grange is now required to send the appropriate completed forms to me. New blank forms are sent back with the order. This is done for two reasons, one this replenishes the Granges supply of forms and two, for those awards coming directly from National Grange receiving a new blank form lets the secretary know that I have sent the request on to National Grange.

Now that all the materials have been updated membership award forms and supply order forms have been placed on the newly revised NH State Grange website.

State Session is once again approaching and with that comes the preparations associated with it. The program was created, printed, and folded, resolutions formatted, printed and collated, 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.

In conclusion I would like to thank the members of the New Hampshire State Grange for the opportunity to serve as your State Secretary. Of all the opportunities that I have been given in the Grange this is one of the most gratifying experiences. At times I have asked myself “what were you thinking, are you crazy”? Then I remind myself that I come from a long line of Grange members and very proud to let people know that. Most of what I do is out of love for this organization and not obligation. I am very proud and fortunate to have my two daughters who are fourth generation members very involved and enjoy doing something with Dad. What more could I ask for.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary
New Hampshire State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Robert Trombi, Chairman NH State Grange Executive Committee. Gave his annual report.

Worthy Master, Distinguished guests, Delegates and Patrons all.

I am pleased to present to you, my report for the State Executive committee. The Executive Committee 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.

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 has done our best to consider the Good of the Order whenever conducting the business of this State Grange. We are confident that our decisions have been in the best interest of The Grange in New Hampshire.

We have continued consolidating and closing some Granges and Pomonas, who have been struggling. This is always a very emotional decision. These closings and consolidation requests have been honored, after careful evaluation and scrutiny. Unfortunately, we have sometimes had to respond to well meaning, but misguided actions in these situations. Our goal is to aid and strengthen struggling Granges, not to close them. We still believe that a community that loses a Grange presence, loses much. Our top priority is the strengthening of our beloved organization. No Grange may consolidate or close, without following the proper procedures. The most important part is communication! If your Grange is having difficulties, contact the Worthy Master. Your State Grange (that's right YOUR STATE GRANGE!) is here to assist and advise you. “The State Grange” is made up of Subordinate Grange members, just like you. Our goal is to see our Brothers and Sisters thrive.

We thank the delegates for your continued confidence in your Executive Committee, to act in the best interest of NH State Grange.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Trombi
Chairman of the Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Sunday, October 16, 2016
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 10:07 AM

Dan Bascom shared a communication from Watatic Grange regarding the recent offer made to them. It appears that there was a misunderstanding on both sides. Dan will follow up with Cam Twiss to resolve this.

State Master Chris Heath announced that due to family issues Kerriann Heath will be unable to attend National Session in November. A motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Tricia Taylor to send Wilber Heath to National Grange as our second delegate. The vote was favorable with two abstentions.

Mark Collins reminded the Executive Committee that the committee had talked about submitting a resolution to change the date that resolutions are to be submitted to July 15th. This item will be added to the work sheet.

State Secretary reported that a location for the 2017 Annual Session has not yet been secure. The issue is the facilities that have been contacted are not able to accommodate us on Thursday. This will be announced in the session coordinators report and will ask those in attendance for possible locations.

State Secretary reported that the locks to both front and back door of the State Grange building have been changed and 20 keys have been made. A key log has been created and those receiving a key must sign it out.

Hannah West had expressed interest in possibly asking to be replaced as the rental agent for the State Grange building. A motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to appoint the State Secretary as the Rental Agent if this occurs. Vote was favorable.

Adam Paquin-Varnum will be contacting the State Building coordinators to resign as the Custodian as of December 31, 2016. Wilber Heath will work with the coordinators to find a replacement. Adam was thanked for his service.

National Assessment: Dan Bascom reported that this will be paid soon the bills went out late.

Treasurers Report: Reports were submitted for review and questions. Wilber Heath moved to accept the report seconded by Tricia Taylor. Vote was favorable.

The next meeting will be held at the close of session on Saturday, October 22, 2016 for the purpose of selecting the Committee Chairman and Secretary.

Annual Expense and Income Budgets: Both proposed budgets were presented to the committee for review and approval.

Expense Budget

- Voted favorably to change Membership budget to \$1000
- Voted favorably to remove Grange Growth line and make it a fund
- Discussed hosting fee for the web site and possibly switching over to the National Grange page. Tabled for next regular meeting

Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Tricia Taylor to approve the amended Expense Budget. Vote was favorable.

Income Budget

- No changes made

Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Tricia Taylor to approve the Income Budget. Vote was favorable.

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

The Treasurers and Secretaries books were audited following the meeting.

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

New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday, October, 22, 2016
Fireside Inn and Suites, W. Lebanon, NH

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

Meeting was called to order at 9:45 AM by Robert Trombi, Chairman.

A motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to elect Robert Trombi Chairman of the Executive Committee for 2017. The vote was favorable.

A motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Chris Heath to elect Gerald Leclerc Secretary of the Executive Committee for 2017. The vote was favorable.

A motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to approve the corrected minutes of the August 25, 2016 meeting. The vote was favorable.

Chris announced that Deputy School will be held on December 10, 2016 at 9:00 AM. All committee books will be audited.

Robert Trombi will not be able to attend Deputy School. A motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Chris Heath to have Daniel Bascom chair the meeting at Deputy School. Vote was favorable.

A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Wilber Heath to adjourn. The vote was favorable and the meeting closed at 9:53 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary
NH State Grange Executive Committee

New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 23, 2017
NH State Grange Building, Hooksett, NH

Present: Wilber Heath, Tricia Taylor, Beth Merrill, Robert Haefner, Daniel Bascom, Gerald Leclerc, Chris Heath (via telephone)

Absent: Mark Collins

Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM by Robert Trombi, Chairman

The minutes of the October 16, 2016, October 22, 2016 and December 10, 2016 meetings were reviewed and minor corrections were made. A motion was made Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to accept the minutes as corrected. Vote was favorable.

Master's Report:

- Halestown Grange: currently working with the Grange and the possible consolidation with Joe English Grange. State Master has requested that Halestown stop meeting for the time being.
- Peterborough Grange: the issue regarding the balance of the money being held from the former Grange has been resolved and the balance of \$3881.91 has been turned over to the State Grange.

- Manchester Community Grange: voted to surrender their charter as of December 31, 2016. All property and money has been turned over to the State Grange. The dues owed on the 13 members for the December 2016 quarter will be paid from the amount turned in and the balance will be placed in the defunct grange account.
- Prentice Hill Grange: the Grange is looking to close. State Grange is going to ask them to give it six months and work on attracting new members. I was suggested that maybe they concentrate on looking in the Alstead area. More info to follow.
- \$500 has been received from National Grange for an article the NH State Grange placed in the Union Leader on behalf of “Grange Advocacy”

Secretary Report:

- Mascoma Valley and Northern NH Pomona’s are behind on quarterly reports
- The following Granges are behind in reporting
 - Barnstead Community Grange ~ 1 quarter
 - Claremont Grange ~ 2 quarters
 - Cocheco Grange ~ 4 quarters
 - Granite State Grange ~ 2 quarters
 - Londonderry Grange ~ 1 quarter
 - Mt. Pistareen Grange ~ 1 quarter
 - Pine Grove Grange ~ 2 quarters
 - Pleasant Valley Grange ~ 2 quarters
 - Prentice Hill Grange ~ 1 quarter
 - River Hill Grange ~ 1 quarter
 - Startford Grange ~1 quarter
 - West Thornton Grange ~ 1 quarter
 - Winthrop Grange ~ 2 quarters
- 2017 State Session: a visit has been made to the Margate in Laconia for the 2017 Annual Session. The hotel is available for the dates needed. The contract will be forwarded to the members for review. Once approved it will be signed and the deposit will be made.
- 2016 Journal of Proceedings: The journal is just about ready for distribution. The report given by Stephen Tracy was not given to the secretary at session and unfortunately he passed away before one could be sent. The State Master has the computer and is hopping to locate it and send it.
- New Member Welcome Kit: 15 “NEW” members were reported during the December quarter. The State Secretary contacted the Directors and requested an electronic version of their programs. Copies were made and sent along with a welcome letter to all new members.

Treasurers Report:

- Income and Expense reports were presented and the Treasurer entertained questions.

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

Old Business:

- Plus One Program: discussion on the program was held and determined that the program purpose/guidelines are not clear as to how to implement this. State Master Chris Heath will contact National Master, Betsy Huber for clarification on how the program works.
- Election of a Trust Trustee: Diane Collins will be contacted to see if she is willing to continue as a trustee. If she is willing, the Executive Committee chair will conduct a vote with the Executive Committee members via E-mail.
- Web site Host: It was decided to stay with our current host (Direct Nic and have the State Secretary as the contact person.

New Business:

Grange Foundation: received 2 requests from the Grange Foundation.

- A loan in the amount of \$500, being requested to assist the Foundation with expenses and to be used for fundraising efforts. The loan will be repaid after the fundraising campaign is completed.
- Permission from the Executive Committee to contact the Granges and Grangers for donations. The letter that will be sent, will better explain what the funds are need for. This letter may also be sent to influential public servants looking for a cause to support.

Motion was made by Beth Merrill and supported by Tricia Taylor to grant the loan and permission to make contact for donations. The vote was favorable with one abstention.

- Arlington Grange: received a request for \$1000 from there invested funds for a new oil tank. Request was accompanied with the receipt and results of the fundraising that took place to purchase the tank.

Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to grant the request. Vote was favorable.

- Concord Grange: received a request for \$1000 from their invested funds to supplement their budget, pay quarterly dues and purchase dictionaries.

Motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Tricia Taylor to NOT grant the request.

After some discussion the motion passed 4 to 3. The request was denied. The chairman of the Executive Committee will notify Concord Grange.

- E-post card filing: State Treasurer has filed E-post cards for 33 granges.
- State grange building tax exempt status ~ Paperwork is in progress and will be completed soon.
- Defunct Grange account: Sullivan County Pomona funds (\$1552.88) will be moved to the General Fund. Manchester Community Grange funds will be placed in the Defunct Grange account once the December 2016 dues on their 13 former members have been paid.
- Bonding: 17 Granges are past due on payments and will be notified by the State Treasurer. Pleasant Valley will be dropped from the bonding program.

- Assessment Payments: 16 Granges still owe 2016 assessment fee. The granges will be notified.

Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to close public session and go into Executive Session. Vote was favorable.

Closed at 9:19

Reopened in Public Session at 9:30

Next meeting will be April 20, 2017 at 7:30 at the State Grange Building.

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

Meeting closed at 9:35 PM.

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

New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 20, 2017
NH State Grange Building, Hooksett, NH

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

Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM by Robert Trombi, Chairman

The minutes of the February 23, 2017 meeting were reviewed and minor corrections were made. A motion was made Wilber Heath and seconded by Chris Heath to accept the minutes as corrected. Vote was favorable.

Members of Concord Grange #322 were in attendance to appeal the decision made at the February 23rd meeting of the Executive Committee to not approve their request for money from their invested funds. Deb Patten (speaking for the Grange) presented to the Executive Committee a copy of the budget and a revised request of Concord Grange and explained what this request would be used for. Discussion was held following the formal presentation.

The members were thanked for attending and excused. The request will be discussed by the committee under old business.

Master's Report:

- Prentice Hill Grange: They are requesting to have permission to close their Grange. State Master Chris Heath will be meeting with the members on April 28th. He is hoping that they will try to recruit new members instead of closing their Grange.
- Pleasant Valley Grange: The Grange secretary notified the State Master that they have not met in 2 years and that she would like to have her name dropped from the roll. The State Secretary has supplied the State Master with a list of member so that they can be contacted to see if there is any interest in keeping the grange going. This Grange has a building that will become the responsibility of the State Grange if they close
- West Thornton Grange: Received a phone call and a letter from Sharon Bradley informing the State Master that they will be holding a meeting on April 24th to vote to surrender their charter. He received a phone call from Cara Towers who is interested in keeping the Grange going. She states she has 12 new members who are ready to join and keep the Grange going.
- Halestown Grange: In the process of consolidating this Grange with Joe English Grange. Halestown has been with below the minimum of members for a very long time and in the process have been using all of their monies for their own gain. Consolidation to be completed effective June 30, 2017.
- Mt Pistareen Grange: A letter has been prepared and will be sent. The letter is encouraging them to get the legal number of members to a meeting and start holding legal meetings as a Grange.
- State Grange E-mail address: This has become an issue. Not receiving E-mails from other Grangers. He has reached out to the previous webmaster to provide the instructions for logging into the web site. Hoping this will be corrected soon.

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

Secretary's Report:

- Barnstead Community Grange, Londonderry Grange, Mascoma Valley Pomona, Prentice Hill Grange, River Hill Grange, Stratford Grange, and West Thornton Grange are 2 quarters behind in reporting.
- Cocheco Grange, Granite State Grange, Pleasant Valley Grange, and Winthrop Grange are 3 quarters or more behind in reporting.
- 2017 Template for the State Secretary to report to National Grange has not yet been received. A call was made to National Grange on April 19th.

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

Treasurer's Report:

- Income and Expense reports were distributed and reviewed. Questions were entertained by the State Treasurer.

Motion made by Chris Heath and seconded by Beth Merrill to accept the Treasurer's report. Vote was favorable.

Old Business:

- Request from Concord Grange was discussed. Motion made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Chris Heath to grant the request. Vote was favorable. (5 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention).
- A letter will be drafted by Mark Collins, outlining what the Granges invested funds held by State Grange can be used for. This letter will be sent to Concord and Arlington Granges and any other Grange that receives money from their invested funds in the future.
- The Executive Committee will review the current guidelines and request procedure and make any appropriate changes to possibly present as a resolution at the 2017 Annual Session.
- 2017 State Session: The contract has been signed and deposit made to the Margate for the Annual Session in October. The walk through will take place soon. Those involved will be notified when the date is set.
- 2018 State Session: The Best Western in Keene has been notified and our date has been put on hold. A visit will be made soon to discuss our event. Plan to have the contract signed and deposit made by the end of June.
- Plus One Program: Chris has requested information on the program from the National Master. This will be addressed at the next meeting.
- State Grange Building tax exempt form has been filed with the town of Hooksett.

New Business

- State Historian Request: During his 2016 annual report Richard Patten presented Grange flags and markers to the spouses of two Past State Masters to be placed on their graves. He had several extras and asked anyone who knew where a Past Master was buried and wanted to place a flag and marker he would supply them with one. As result more requests were made than he had supply for. He is requesting \$150 to buy the markers and flags. Motion was made by Gerald Leclerc and seconded by Tricia Taylor to purchase the initial supply with the understanding that a resolution be presented at State Grange as to how to fund this in the future. The vote was unfavorable.
- NH Preservation Alliance: Received a request for a donation to publish a book on NH Barn Preservation. Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Chris Heath to donate \$500 for this purpose. Vote was favorable.
- Northeast Connection Fee: National Grange will be held in Vermont in 2018. Each of the 7 states in the region are required to pay \$4500 for expenses to host the session. In the past, NH State Grange billed each Grange for this. It was felt that instead of asking the Granges for the funds that the State Grange will cover this expense. A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to pay the fee. Vote was favorable.
- Motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to add a line item to the budget in the amount of \$900 each year so that when the next time National Session is in the area the amount due will be available. Vote was favorable.

- Received a letter from the insurance company informing the State Grange that they will no longer be writing coverage under the Grange Shield Program and our coverage will cease as of July 2, 2017. The secretary will investigate this and seek coverage elsewhere. This will be communicated to the committee via email as we need to act on this quickly.
- 2017 Assessment fees: The Assessment Fee bills for the Subordinate Granges are ready will be sent to the Pomona Granges.
- Direct Nic: Our domain name is due to expire in June. The secretary will make the changes to the account and payment.

Closed in Public Session and Entered Executive Session at 9:33 pm
 Closed in Executive Session and Reopened in Public Session at 9:44 pm

Executive Committee worksheet was reviewed.

Next meeting will be June 8, 2017 at the State Grange Building at 7:30.
 With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Bob Haefner to adjourn at 9:55 pm.

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

New Hampshire State Grange
 Executive Committee Meeting
 Thursday, June 8, 2017
 NH State Grange Building, Hooksett, NH

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

Absent: Robert Trombi

Meeting called to order at 7:34 PM by Daniel Bascom.

The minutes of the April 20, 2017 meeting were reviewed and minor corrections were made. A motion was made Wilber Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner to accept the minutes as corrected. Vote was favorable.

Master's Report:

- Received a letter from West Thornton Grange requesting that the State Master be present at their July 10, 2017 when the members are expected to vote to close their Grange.

Secretaries Report:

- Barnstead Community Grange: Last reported September 2016. Currently 2 Quarters behind December 2106 and March 2017, and owes NH State Grange \$108.00 in past dues.
- Daniel Webster Grange: Last reported September 2106 however no payment (\$201.50) was received. No payment (\$201.50) was received with March 2016 report. No reports or payments for December 2106 of March 2017 (\$201.50) each. Currently owes NH State Grange \$806.00 in past dues.
- Granite State Grange: Last reported December, 2015. Currently 5 quarters behind and owes NH State Grange \$253.75 in past dues.
- Mohawk Grange: Reported for March 2017 however no payment (\$348.75) was received. No report or payment for September and December 2016 quarters (\$348.75) each. Owes NH State Grange \$1046.25.
- Pleasant Valley Grange: Last reported December 2015. Currently 5 quarters behind and owes NH State Grange \$471.25 in past dues.
- Prentice Hill Grange: Currently 2 quarters behind and owes NH State Grange \$201.50 in past dues.
- River Hill Grange: Currently one quarter behind owing \$93.00 in dues. Currently behind on repayment plan of past dues from 2014 totaling \$348.00. Total due to NH State Grange \$441.00.
- Stratford Grange: Currently 2 quarters behind December 2016 and March 2017. Owes NH State Grange \$186.00 in past dues.
- West Thornton Grange: Currently 2 quarters behind December 2016 and March 2017. Owes \$263.50 in past dues.

Total due to NH State Grange for past dues payments \$3777.25.

Family Units: 2 Granges incorrectly reported their "Family Units". Both secretaries have been contacted and instructed as to how to report family units. One grange has reported incorrectly for two previous quarters, however I hadn't catch it and let it go. This past quarter they owe \$31.75.

Treasurers Report:

- Current Income and Expense reports were presented to the members and questions answered. With two weeks still left in the quarter the amounts in some lines will change.
- Jeremiah Smith Grange had not filed for nonprofit status and is being assisted by the State Treasurer.

Unfinished Business:

- A unanimous E-mail vote of the Executive Committee prior to this meeting regarding the hiring of an individual to clean the hall, mow the grass and clear the stairs and walkways of snow was held. Further discussion was held and Wilber Heath will be in contact with the Building Managers instructing them to hire someone at \$15 an hour.
- Dan announced that he needs to set up a meeting with Morgan and Stanley and will be including Tricia Taylor and Wilber Heath.

- Plus One Program: Chris Heath reported that he has been in contact with the National Master and it appears that there is no clear definition as to what the program entails. He is currently checking with Samantha Wilkins, National Grange Junior Director to see if an information is available.
- Current insurance coverage is expiring in July. Chris Heath will contact our carrier to see what our options are.
- Directnic (website host): changing all contact info to the State Secretary has been difficult. Chris Heath will be in contact with them to change and make sure all fees are paid and current.
- 2017 State Session: Walk through was conducted and plans are well underway. Some changes to the program. Banquet information will be going out in early August.
- 2018 State Session: Jerry Leclerc will contact the Best Western in Keene and set up a date to meet with them to write a contract for 2018.

New Business:

- Chris Heath and Bob Haefner recently did a radio spot in April on WTPL and spoke of Grange activities.
- Chris Heath gave an update on the National Grange/California State Grange case:

Willful Defiance of Federal Court Order Keeps Costing the Guild More Money

*Judge Shubb awarded the National Grange its attorney's fees and costs associated with enforcing the \$145,000 attorney's fee award issued last September. As you will recall, Judge Shubb originally sanctioned the Guild for its "willful and deliberate" violation of the court order prohibiting the Guild from infringing any Grange trademarks. Thereafter, the Guild engaged in a concerted effort to evade the attorney's fee judgment, requiring the Grange to expend significant time and resources tracking down the money. The Grange's efforts eventually led the Guild to pay it over \$145,000, but that only represented part of what was owed, as the National Grange was entitled to recover its attorney's fees and costs in making the Guild comply with the sanctions award. Judge Shubb's order yesterday awarded the National Grange \$50,283 in attorney's fees and costs, and declared that, "because [the Guild] has yet to pay the costs awarded [to the National Grange], **the court will not state in this Order that defendant has satisfied the September 2016 judgment.**"*

In addition, the National Grange has submitted supplemental applications for over \$19,896.62 of additional attorney's fees and costs that were not included in Judge Shubb's order.

The \$50,283 awarded brings the total cost of the Guild's violation of the court order to over \$195,000. In addition, the supplemental applications for fees and costs will add another \$20,000

to the Guild's tab. As a result, the Guild's refusal to obey the court will cost it over \$215,000 (plus accruing interest).

*And, of course, until the Guild fully satisfies the attorney's fee award, **Judge Shubb's order assigning all dues and loan payments being paid to the Guild to the National Grange remains in full effect.** If your organization is paying the Guild, it must send that money to the National Grange pursuant to that order. I strongly encourage any such organizations to carefully consider the court orders and, if necessary, consult with independent counsel before sending any money to the Guild.*

Motion made by Chris Heath and seconded by Bob Haefner to close in Public Session and enter in Executive Session. Vote was favorable.

Closed at 8:31 PM

Reopened in Public Session at 8:45 PM

Chris reported that the Vermont State Grange has asked to borrow some of our 6th Degree staging when they host National Grange in 2018.

Next meeting: August 31, 2017

Motion made by Mark Collins and seconded by Tricia Taylor to adjourn. Vote was favorable.

Meeting closed at 8:55 PM.

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

New Hampshire State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 31, 2017
NH State Grange Building, Hooksett, NH

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

Absent: Robert Haefner

Meeting called to order at 7:46 pm.

The minutes of the June 8, 2017 meeting were reviewed and minor corrections were made. A motion was made Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to accept the minutes as corrected. Vote was favorable. Minutes of the June 8, 2017 Executive Session were reviewed

and corrections made. Motion made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Mark Collins to accept as corrected. Vote was favorable.

Master's Report:

- West Thornton Grange #253 voted to close as of July 10, 2017. State Secretary has the final report and all monies belonging to West Thornton Grange. The Grange has had a request from a local business that would like to have the stove to use as a display. A former member has requested the dishes. A motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Wilber Heath to let the stove go to the local business and the dishes to the former member. Vote was favorable. The Grange hall is now the property of the State Grange.
- Golden Rod Grange and Prentice Hill Grange are in the process of consolidating and should be complete by the end of September.
- Chris Heath gave an update on the State Grange Banquet and issues that Kerriann faced with planning the menu.
- Reported that the National Grange lost air handling system and is looking for assistance to repair /replace.

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

Secretary's Report:

- Barnstead Community Grange: Last reported September 2016. Currently 3 Quarters behind December 2106 and March & June 2017, and owes NH State Grange \$162.00 in past dues.
- Daniel Webster Grange: Last reported September 2106 however no payment (\$201.50) was received. No payment (\$201.50) was received with March 2016 report. No reports or payments for December 2106 of March & June 2017 (\$201.50) each. Currently owes NH State Grange \$1007.50 in past dues.
- Granite State Grange: Last reported December, 2015. Currently 6 quarters behind and owes NH State Grange \$303.50 in past dues.
- Mohawk Grange: Reported for March 2017 however no payment (\$348.75) was received. No report or payment for September, December 2016 and June 2017 quarters (\$348.75) each. Owes NH State Grange \$1695.00.

- Pleasant Valley Grange: Last reported December 2015. Currently 6 quarters behind and owes NH State Grange \$565.50 in past dues.
- Prentice Hill Grange: Currently 3 quarters behind and owes NH State Grange \$302.25 in past dues.
- River Hill Grange: Current with reporting and payments but is still behind on repayment plan of past dues from 2014 totaling \$348.00.
- West Thornton Grange: Currently 3 quarters behind December 2016 and March & June 2017. Owes \$395.25 in past dues.

Total due to NH State Grange for past dues payments \$4479.25

The following Granges will not have voting privileges at the 2017 State Grange Session due to not submitting the June 2017 Quarterly report.

Antrim Grange #98
 Barnstead Community Grange #360
 Cocheco Grange #81
 Daniel Webster Grange #100
 Granite State Grange #149
 Mohawk Grange #217
 Pine Grove Grange #298
 Pleasant Valley Grange #272
 Prentice Hill Grange #257

A letter will be sent to the Master of these Granges informing them that they will not have voting privileges at State Session unless the past reports are submitted prior to registering at session.

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

Treasurer Report:

- Income Report was presented and reviewed. We are currently doing well with our investments. Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Tricia Taylor to accept. Vote was favorable
- Expense Report was distributed and reviewed. Motion made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Chris Heath to accept. Vote was favorable.

Old Business:

- Escrow Letter: Each Grange that has money being held in escrow with the State Grange will be sent a letter outlining how the money can be used and how to request it. The State Secretary will send the letters to each Grange.
- Custodian for the State Grange building: Wilber Heath spoke with Anne and Marty Bosivert about a replacement and they have not been successful in finding someone who

would like clean the building and do basic landscaping. Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to have the secretary place an ad in the local paper. The vote was favorable. Rate of pay is \$15.00 per hour

New Business:

- Rockingham Grange sent a request asking for a loan to replace the heating system, and ramp at their hall. Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to table this to another meeting. Discussion followed and the vote was favorable.
- Received a bill from the State Historian for postage to send records of closed Granges to libraries and historical societies from where the Granges were from. The amount requested exceeded what was budgeted. Motion was made by Mark Collins and seconded by Tricia Taylor to not pay the bill. After some discussion and a vote, the motion was defeated. A motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to take money from the John West Memorial Fund as a request was made from Hannah West to pay the current bill. A letter will accompany the payment stating that the State Historians budget will be fixed as voted by the Delegate body. Vote was favorable with one opposed.
- Bonding and Assessment Fees: Some Granges have not yet paid these fees for 2017. Discussion was held as to what to do about the ones not paying. No decision has been made yet.
- Non Profit Status: It has been reported that 3 Granges have not yet submitted the paperwork and their status has been revoked.
- Insurance: Chris will continue to contact Eames to see what the current status is.
- WiFi for the State Grange building: Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to have the Treasurer check with a WiFi service for the building. Vote was favorable.
- Sale of West Thornton Grange hall and property. Chris Heath will contact a realtor in the area.
- Resolutions: Four resolutions were brought before the committee for consideration. Each was read and discussed. A motion was made by Wilber Heath and seconded by Tricia Taylor to accept the following resolutions: Election of Officers at National Grange, Junior Grange Membership, and Electronic Device Submission. The vote was favorable. A motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Wilber Heath to accept the resolution, Beverages at NH State Grange Banquet. The vote was favorable with one opposed.
- Standing Rules for the upcoming State Session: The State Secretary presented the Standing Rules for 2017. Motion was made by Chris Heath and seconded by Wilber Heath to accept the Standing Rules. Vote was favorable.
- National Grange air handling system: Motion was made by Beth Merrill and seconded by Wilber Heath to send \$100.00 to National Grange for repair or replacement of the air handling system. The vote was favorable.

- Proposed 2017-2018 Expense and Income Budgets were presented and discussed. The final budget will be presented at the October meeting to be approved to be sent on to the Delegates at State Session.
- Web Master: Reported that the NH State Grange website is being completely revised and will be announced and unveiled at State Session during her report.

Motion was made by Tricia Taylor and seconded by Mark Collins to close in public session and open in Executive Session. Vote was favorable.

Closed at 9:48 pm

Re-opened at 10:10 pm

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 10am at the State Grange building.

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

Meeting closed at 10:16pm.

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

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Jane Trombi, State Lecturer presented her annual report.

Worthy Master, Worthy National Master, Fellow State Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters all:

It's hard to believe another year has come and gone already. As the years go on, it seems that time goes by faster and faster. I hope all of you had a successful Grange year and accomplished all that your Grange set out to do. As always, the office of lecturer is a busy one, with that said, I will attempt to give you the highlights of the past year.

In January I attended the Northeast Leader's Conference in Vermont. During this time, I met with the State Lecturer's from New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont and Maine. This was a busy meeting time planning the Northeast Lecturer's conference to be held in Vermont in August of 2017. A theme had already been chosen, so our main goal was to plan the workshops for the conference.

At the Winter Youth Rally, Beth Merrill and I held a workshop on making Halloween Cards. As this was one of the categories for this year, I ended up with a lot of cards in this category. Everyone had a chance to show their creativity and they came out great.

On March 19th 54 adults and 22 juniors met at Lakeside Lanes in Manchester for our annual bowling tournament. Thank you to everyone who came out to bowl and all those who helped out. Many thanks to Joann Brandt for taking charge of the Junior's. Bowling for 2018 will be on Sunday, March 18th at Lakeside Lanes in Manchester. Plan on joining us for a fun time. Please be aware that there is a change in cost for 2018.

The results for 2017 were printed in the GSG and are included here in my report.

State Grange Bowling Winners 2017:

Men's High Triple Class A: Kevin Belval, Class B: Wayne Condon, Class C: Wilber Heath
Class D: Steve Klapyk

Women's High Triple Class A: Dianne Hoitt, Class B: Lucia Savage, Class C: Mary Condon
Class D: Marion Woodworth

Men's High Single Class A: Kevin Belval, Class B: Wayne Condon, Class C: Wilber Heath
Class D: Steve Klaypyk/ Armond Gerritsen

Women's High Single Class A: Mary Dowes, Class B: Lucia Savage, Class C: Ruth Russell
Class D: Jessica Coulombe

Grange Teams: First: Rochester Grange: Dan Bascom, Annette Lemieux, Lois Enman
Judy Bailey

Second: Henry Wilson: Wayne Condon, Richard Russell, and Sarah McKenzie
Tony Skibiki

Third: Wingold: Norman Brandt, Lawrence Brandt, Gabby Decatur
Lucia Savage

Our Grange Month Celebration was held on April 29th. We had a small, but faithful group of Grangers who came for the penny sale, banquet, awards and talent. During down time members were able to work on a coloring entry for the art contest. Many thanks to Hannah West and her helpers for setting up the penny sale, which had many items and to Kevin Belval for being the MC for our penny sale. Thanks also to Sherrill Bokousky and her team of Brian Twiss, Sandra Marcoux and Eric Marcoux, as well as others who jumped in to help out to prepare a delicious meal! Thanks to Dick Patten for giving out the following Granger awards: Unsung Hero Award to Gloria Davis, Good Humor Award to Gary Ford, and Granger Appreciation Award to Gwendolyn Yardley. These dedicated grange members are well deserving of the recognition. We had three acts in the "Open Mic" time to decide who would represent NH at the Night of Excellence at National Grange in November. We had Watatic Junior member Ava Twiss, Walpole Grange member Bob Trombi and Antrim Grange members Beth Merrill and Dawne Hugron. Our Best of Show went to Ava Twiss who sang and played the keyboard. Unfortunately she will not be able to attend National Grange to perform at the Night of Excellence, but those of you who are attending the banquet tonight will have a chance to hear her wonderful performance. Next year we will continue with the same format of having an open mic

time at the Grange Month Banquet, where any member who wishes to perform their talent can do so and those in attendance will determine the best of show. So come on out and show us your talent and have some fun with fellow Grangers.

The North East Lecturer's Conference was held in Vermont at Castleton University in August. We had a small but loyal group of grangers there and I truly appreciate their support. Thank you to Gary Ford and Judith Chase of Concord Grange, Beth Merrill of Antrim Grange, Joyce Martin and Jozi Best of Claremont Grange, Gwen Yardley of Walpole Grange, Hannah West and Carolee Davison of Chichester Grange for coming and helping with my program and to State Master, Chris Heath for being there for Spirit Night. Chris presented me with my Lecturer's Gift and again I am overwhelmed with the generosity of our granges and Grangers who donated. Thank you so much! The theme was School Days and my program was on Driver's Ed. We had a skit on Driving Drowsy, with Jozi Best and Hannah West playing the teens and Judy Chase playing the police officer. I have to say, I wouldn't want to mess with Judy! She played the part well! Gary Ford jumped in as the Roadway Rules and Regulations Reporter and gave interesting and funny driving laws from the states represented there, as well as a few other funny laws. At the end we had a driving test to jog some memories of those who had taken their driving exam many years ago. Everyone seemed to enjoy what I had planned and it went very smoothly. I have a few copies of the program available on the contest display tables if anyone would like to pick one up. We also had some great workshops on Technology, Chair Yoga, Agriculture Education, and Crafts for the Big E and Wellness. Our Spirit Night was the culmination of the conference with all the states in their colors, waving colored pom poms and trying to make the most noise with their noise makers. Our program for the evening was a magician, who was very entertaining. The 7 state lecturer's made a decision to not have the North East Lecturer's Conference in 2018. We will take next year to rethink our purpose and decide on what to do from there. Will there be a conference in 2019? I cannot say yet. Time will tell.

There are some wonderful entries in the Lecturer's contests this year and I hope you have had a chance to see them all in the display room. There were 27 entries in the create a card contest, 18 in the photo contest, 40 in the art contest and 8 in the Creative Writing Contest. A list of winners in all the Lecturer's contests is included in this report. I will now read the contest winners whose items are on display here. You or the delegate from your grange can collect your prize during the next session break. This year the only item requested by the National Lecturer for display is a photograph. I would like everyone to take the time to vote for the photograph you would like to see representing NH. The instructions are on the Lecturer's table.

The "Education is the Key" program, which encouraged some extracurricular activities or some different types of activities in your own grange halls, brought in 17 reports, with many granges completing a good number of the items. The Subordinate Grange with the most activities completed was Baker's River Grange #290. 2nd place goes to Golden Rod Grange #114 and 3rd place goes to Walpole Grange #125. For Pomona Granges, 1st place goes to Pemi Valley Pomona #18 and 2nd place goes to Hillsborough County Pomona #1. Congratulations to all the granges that participated and those with the top numbers. This will be the last year for that program. Next year the programming is a bit different. I chose the theme "Back to Our Roots" in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the National Grange. Some of the program ideas for getting

“Back to Our Roots” are to have an exchange program with another grange or have a program on grange history, inviting other organizations in to hear what we are all about. There are other ideas as well and they are all explained in the Lecturer's booklet.

For the second year, I am giving an Honor Lecturer's Award. There were several requirements and I was pleased to see so many of them completed. I am happy to present this year's Honor Lecturer's award to Judy Bailey of Rochester Grange #86. Congratulations, Judy, and thank you for your hard work as Lecturer. Lecturers have a hard job, so I would also like to recognize the second and third place Honor Lecturer's. Second place goes to Beth Merrill, Lecturer of Hillsborough County Pomona #1 and third place to Sherrill Bokousky, Lecturer of Watatic Grange #36. Having all of you in this position makes your grange stronger. Thanks for all you do.

I am planning to hold a Lecturer's workshop day in the spring, which will be held in conjunction with the Grange Month Banquet. If anyone has any suggestions of topics to cover, please contact me. I will also plan on sending out newsletters a few times a year, so check the GSG for updated information. The program booklet will be given to each Grange Lecturer and that information will need to be shared with all the members. If you are not a lecturer and you have not heard about the contests, ask your lecturer. Or you can check the state grange website for the program details.

That's been our year in a nutshell. I hope many of you were a part of the programming in some way, if not, I hope this next year you will be. There are many ways to participate in the Lecturer's programming.

I have enjoyed serving the NH State Grange as Lecturer during this last year and look forward to the coming year. I am thankful for your confidence in me and for the support I receive from so many members.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Trombi, Lecturer
NH State Grange Lecturer

Create A Card
Class A: BABY

Category 1: Hand Made

<i>1st Beth Merrill</i>	<i>Antrim</i>
<i>2nd Ida Hutchins</i>	<i>Baker's River</i>
<i>3rd Nadine Jordan</i>	<i>Baker's River</i>

Category II: Computer Generated

<i>1st Claire Gagnon</i>	<i>Hudson</i>
<i>2nd Beth Merrill</i>	<i>Antrim</i>
<i>3rd Sherrill Bokousky</i>	<i>Watatic</i>

Category III: Hand Stamped

<i>1st Beth Merrill</i>	<i>Antrim</i>
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2nd Nadine Jordan Baker's River
3rd Sherrill Bokousky Watatic

Class B: HALLOWEEN

Category 1: Hand Made

1st Nadine Jordan Baker's River
2nd Beth Merrill Antrim
3rd Linda Phelps Baker's River

Category II: Computer Generated

1st Beth Merrill Antrim
2nd Claire Gagnon Hudson
3rd Sherrill Bokousky Watatic

Category III: Hand Stamped

1st Kathy Yardley Walpole
2nd Mary West Chichester
3rd Emilie Leclerc Hudson

Class C: ANNIVERSARY

Category 1: Hand Made

1st Lois Enman Rochester
2nd Sherrill Bokousky Watatic
3rd Ida Hutchins Baker's River

Category II: Computer Generated

1st Claire Gagnon Hudson
2nd Sherrill Bokousky Watatic

Category III: Hand Stamped

1st Beth Merrill Antrim
2nd Doris Mitton Riverside
3rd Nadine Jordan Baker's River

Junior Division age 5-9

Class B: Halloween

1st Seth Clark Golden Rod
2nd Isabell Brandt Wingold
3rd Trevor Clark Golden Rod
HM Alayna Twiss Watatic

Class A: Baby

1st Alayna Twiss Watatic

Junior Division age 10-14

Class A: Baby

1st Ava Twiss Watatic

2nd Genevieve Twiss Watatic

Class B: Halloween

1st Genevieve Twiss Watatic

2nd Ava Twiss Watatic

Class C: Anniversary

1st Ava Twiss Watatic

Creative Writing

Category I: Poetry Haiku

Class A: Family

1 st	Judy Bailey	Rochester
2 nd	Lois Enman	Rochester
3 rd	Beth Merrill	Antrim

Category II: Tell the Story – “Memories From My School Days”

1 st	Sherrill Bokousky	Watatic
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Category III: Read the Book

1 st	Sherrill Bokousky	Watatic
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Photo Contest

Division I: Subordinate Members

Category A: Covered Bridges

1 st	Carol Hill	Rockingham
2 nd	Laura Gotauco	Wingold

Category B: Flowers

1 st	Beth Merrill	Antrim
2 nd	Carol Hill	Rockingham
3 rd	Laura Gotauco	Wingold

Category C: Family

1 st	Stephanie Rowell	Rockingham
2 nd	Laura Gotauco	Wingold
3 rd	Beth Merrill	Antrim

Category D: Four Seasons

1 st	Lois Enman	Rochester
2 nd	Claire Gagnon	Hudson

Art Contest

Category A: Oils & Acrylics

1 st	Page Beckert	Wingold
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Category B: Watercolors

1 st	Elizabeth Congdon	Walpole
2 nd	Cam Twiss	Watatic

Category C: Charcoal, Pastels, Pencil

1 st	Elizabeth Congdon	Walpole
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Category D: Multi/Mixed Media

1 st	Beth Merrill	Antrim
2 nd	Elizabeth Congdon	Walpole

Category E: Coloring

1st Robert Trombi Walpole
2nd Marion Woodworth Rochester
3rd Joann Brandt Wingold

Art Contest Junior 5-9

Category A: Oils & Acrylics

1st Isabel Brandt Wingold

Category C: Charcoal, Pastels, Pencil

1st Isabel Brandt Wingold

Category D: Multi/Mixed Media

1st Isabel Brandt Wingold

Category E: Coloring

1st Alayna Twiss Watatic

Art Contest Junior 10-14

Category C: Charcoal, Pastels, Pencil

1st Genevieve Twiss Watatic

Category E: Coloring

1st Genevieve Twiss Watatic

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

General Deputy Andrew Savage was presented to the Master's Station to present his annual report.

Worthy Master, Brothers, and Sisters

This past year has been very challenging for our state grange, but that's probably not news to those of you who are here listening to this report. In fact, I think we have reached the point where we need to stop calling this a challenge, and acknowledge what it truly is. This is a threat to the very existence of our organization. It behooves us all to do whatever you can to help the Grange grow, before it really is too late.

Subordinate Granges

Declining membership has brought us to the point where nearly 1/5 of our current granges are in danger of losing their charter due to their lack of members. The subordinate granges continue to struggle, and in many cases the granges that need the most help are the ones least likely to request it. If we continue to close or consolidate granges at the rate we have been doing so these

last few years, we might just live to see the day where we lose our state grange charter due to a lack of subordinate granges.

I talked about three types of granges last year. The proactive, the reactive, and the non-responsive. I believe these categories can also be applied to the way granges go about recruiting members. The proactive granges are the ones who are actively getting out into their communities to put on programs or events, and inviting the people who attend those events to come to their meetings. They always have membership paraphernalia on hand and are not afraid to hand it out.

The reactive granges are also getting out into the community, but they're leaving the membership brochures at home, or not engaging the public in a discussion about the grange itself. They're happy to take in people who show an interest, but they're not making that extra effort to create interest. Finally we have the non-responsive granges. These granges make no effort to follow up with non-members who show an interest in the Grange. When they are out and active in the community, they tend to maintain a low profile about their grange membership, and rarely ever have any membership paraphernalia on hand. Some of our non-responsive granges can legitimately claim that they just don't have the people to put on the events that might generate interest in their community. If they were here today to listen to my message, I would encourage them to help other organizations put on community events, but get approval to hand out membership paraphernalia. Sometimes the members of those other organizations would be interested if they knew what we had to offer.

We are a grassroots organization, and the State Grange doesn't have the resources to help all the granges that need it. That doesn't mean we will not try when asked, so don't hesitate to do so. What we could do in addition though, would be asking members from the proactive granges to reach out to their neighboring granges to see what they could do to help. Help doesn't always have to come from the top. Sometimes just visiting a nearby grange helps, because we all have more fun when there's more people around. More truly is merrier. It also provides an opportunity to share ideas for promoting the Grange. Having someone in a nearby town to share ideas with would probably be more productive than having to call upon a member of the state grange who might live an hour or more away.

After we get new members, some granges experience difficulty in keeping those members showing up at meetings. As odd as it might sound, learning the ritual is a great way to keep those members. Done properly, the ritual brings us together and makes us grangers, rather than a group of people sitting around a room. When you read straight from the book, you lose some of that energy that brings us together, especially if you're stumbling over the words. If you don't care about the Grange enough to learn the ritual as best you can, why would any new members care to learn it? I'm not asking you to rely solely upon your memory when doing the ritual; I'm just asking you to learn it well enough so that you can occasionally make eye contact with other people in the room while you're doing the ritual.

As far as total membership stands, about 1/3 of the reporting granges give a different number in their deputy report than they claim on the quarterly reports submitted to the state secretary. Although this discrepancy has little bearing on active membership, it would be nice to know for certain exactly how many members we have in our state.

Speaking of active membership, roughly 1/5 of the granges in our state have difficulty meeting quorum on a regular basis. I know this is the same fraction I gave earlier for granges with dangerously low membership, but the sad fact is that these are not all the same granges. Active membership is important because without a quorum, a grange can't reliably conduct business even when it's time critical. They will also have a difficult time properly performing the ritual, as members may never be sure which office they will have to fill. Also, as I mentioned before, the more people at a grange meeting, the more enjoyable the meeting tends to be.

There was a definite improvement in the number of granges filing their 990s this year. There are a few granges that still need to work on this issue, but my reports suggest that they are seeking that help. I feel that I do need to call some attention to the failure of granges to have their books audited by their executive committees though. According to my reports, nearly half the granges are delinquent in getting this done.

This year when the deputies visited the granges this Fall, we asked them to exemplify passage to different degrees. Although the level of ability each grange demonstrated varied, I was most disappointed by the fact that 1/3 of the granges didn't even make the attempt. How can we improve our ritual if the granges aren't even willing to make the effort?

Our efforts to emphasize the opening and closing ritual of the grange continue to have some success. The number of granges not performing any type of opening ritual has dropped slightly from about 25% to around 20%.

This year, we again continued to challenge the granges to accomplish a goal that would require them to get outside of their comfort zone. The intent of the goal this year was specifically aimed at membership. Sadly, this reduced the success rate from about half the granges down to around 1/3 of the granges, despite the fact that we increased the points awarded for completing the goal. We decided to recognize the two categories for scoring this year, small and medium granges.

These were based on the total membership of each grange so as to give the smaller granges a chance to gain some recognition. We do not have enough large granges in our state to validate a third category.

Based on the scores for granges who submitted their reports in a timely fashion the results are:

Small granges:

2nd place – a 3 way tie between Claremont Grange, Gilman Grange, and Watatic Grange

1st place - Baker's River Grange

Medium Granges:

3rd place – Wingold Grange

2nd place – Hampton Falls Grange

1st place – Blow-Me-Down Grange

Congratulations to all of these granges for the work and effort they have put into the organization over the past year.

Pomona Granges

There isn't much to say about the Pomona grange that has not already been said. I find myself in agreement with Arthur's assessment that the Pomona granges are no longer serving any vital purpose for our order.

None of the Pomona granges exemplified the fifth degree this year.

Some of the Pomona granges are struggling to find a purpose, but for the most part, they're simply meeting socially and sharing what the subordinate granges are doing.

Like the Subordinate granges, some of our Pomona granges continue with their struggle to gather a quorum at all their meetings. They are also having an even tougher time with book auditing than the subordinate granges. None of them are accomplishing this task in a timely manner.

The highest scoring Pomona granges this year are:

2nd place: Hillsborough County Pomona

1st place: Pemigewasset Valley Pomona

Conclusion

I would like to thank the deputies who continue to do great work around the state; I would not be able to do this job without you. It's a difficult, time consuming, and often thankless task, so I am here to give you what little I can in the way of thanks for all the time and effort you put into our organization.

Fraternally,
Andrew Savage
General Deputy

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Betsy Huber AKA Caroline Hall (8th Founder of the order) Gave a monologue chronicling the life of Caroline Hall and her contributions in the organization of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

Lorraine Merrill, NH Commissioner of Agriculture was introduced and presented to the Masters station for her greetings and spoke of developments in the agriculture in the State of New Hampshire

A brief recess was declared to prepare for the NH Grange Foundation Meeting

Reconvened at 3:08

Annual meeting of the NH State Grange Foundation.

Bob Haefner Legislative Director was escorted to the Master's station to present his annual report.

Worthy Master, National Master, Officers, Directors, Delegates and Grangers all. This is my seventh report to you as your Legislative Director. Last year I announced that, now former Representative Sad and I had both left the NH Legislature. I am here to report today, that there is life after the legislature. It is amazing how often the both of us have said that we are glad we are not in Concord this term. There are very few Grangers left in the NH Legislature in Concord. That is a shame, Ninety years ago we had 105 Grangers representing their communities in the legislature, now I think it is four or five.

As your Legislative Director I continue to serve across a broad range of Agriculture and Agriculture related organizations. I am not only a member of the NH Farm Bureau, but also represent the NH State Grange on the Farm Bureau's Government Affairs committee. One of the goals I had as the Director was to move the Grange and Farm Bureau closer together. I have also now been elected to the board of the Hillsborough County Farm Bureau, where I will continue the message of Grange to the local Farm Bureau. I also have a membership in the New England Farmers' Union. I, along with Rep. Sad have for a number of years also been judges for the State FFA Convention and even went to the National Convention a couple of years ago as judges. We have also judged for 4H. We have both been active in State Agriculture and Rural Leaders as well, as members and are now staffing the same organization of rural leaders.

This past year we participated in Deputy School, We hosted Grange day at State Government. It was not a session day, but our guests toured the Fish and Game building in Concord. I still say that it is the neatest building in state government, we then went and were given a personal tour of the New Hampshire Supreme Court. The court no longer does tours, but did one for the Grange.

Grange Day at the Big-E took place and a few from NH participated. I was not able to this year because of an infected foot. I will call on all Legislative Chairs from all Subordinates and Pomona Granges to attend the Big E next Grange Day, visit the Critters in the livestock barn, tour the NH Building and visit the New England Grange Building, Then stay for the Parade. It is a wonderful day to visits the United States' third largest fair.

During the coming year, I will forward important legislative information to all of you and from time to time, ask you to call yours Reps to lobby the occasional bill. I will also once again offer help with Resolutions. If you tell me what you want a resolution to say. I am only too happy to help format it.

Last year we presented the Legislator of the Year Award to Representative Shawn Jasper of Hudson and the Speaker of the NH House. At the Awards Banquet this year we will give the award to Rep. Lynne Ober, Vice Chair of the NH House Finance Committee and Chair of the Finance sub-committee that over sees all state agencies except Health and Human Services, and Education. Rep. Ober is one of the hardest working representatives in Concord and serves Hudson, along with her Husband who chairs State and Federal relations and Veterans Affairs

I would like to challenge subordinate Granges across the state, next fall, to host candidates' nights. You can do that for something as simple as school board debates or something much larger. It is time again for Grangers to stop complaining about government, elected officials and policies and do something, Write letters to the editor, write letters to elected officials, put on candidate nights, go to listen to candidates, know who you are voting for and what they stand for, or run for office or a board. Get involved.

Thank you all.

Respectfully Submitted and Fraternally,
Bob Haefner, Director.

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal

Norman Brandt was presented to the master's station to present his annual report

Brothers and Sisters delegates alike, 2017 I had found myself leaving my good times as Membership director becoming the Agriculture Director for 2017. Having a great passion for agriculture, I gladly accepted. I had high hopes and came up with plans of things I wanted to complete this year. I created a booklet with applications and information of what programs that the New Hampshire State Grange Ag Department has available for Granges to call upon. It is true that I am asking for the Granges to help with travel for the speaker. Yet this year I had only 1 request made by Gilman Grange to come and talk about what we have available, and what awards we can do.

This year I once again have a booklet. This booklet is in the packets that you as delegates will be bringing back to your Granges. Not only will my booklet be in this packet but a program from all of the NH State Directors will be in the packet. Sadly when I've been visiting Granges I've been hearing "I never got this." This is why I'm going over what is in this booklet with everyone here. Page 1, a table of contents, Page 2, all the programs, and who my committee members are, Page 3, the criteria for all the Awards that we are looking for nominations, Pages 4-7 are the applications for all of these awards. If you know of a Farm (does not need to be A Grange member) that is 50 years or older, or a farmer that is just starting a farm and looks like they are doing a great job you may nominate them for young farmer. This past year, I did not receive a single filled out form, but thankfully a couple Grange members sent me some suggestions, one had brought a newspaper clipping to me at Farm and Forrest, Thank you Sherrill. And one Grange member called me and suggested two other recipients that he knew of, Thank you Richard. I do know that Pat Izzo has been looking into farms in Stratham and I can't wait until next year when I can see these farms suggested for their awards. There are a lot of farms out there that qualify for these awards and hopefully we can recognize more than 1 each year as they are very deserving.

Now that I've gone over my booklet let me tell you about the great time we had at Farm and Forest this year. With a lot of help from my committee and Membership we had multiple fun events for the Fair goers to do. Les Avery took the time to make a what is the seed find, and brought an antique butter turn, that many people got a turn to spin. Not only did he have these two things for everyone to do, but he also brought a round of a cedar tree for people to count the

rings and see how closely the trees rings grow to each other as cedars are very slow growing trees. Thank you Les for everything you bring to this event every year. We probably had enough with what Les had brought, but I had volunteered to do some things also. Though 1 of my ambitions didn't come thru for farm and forest (a chicken that would either lay an egg if given enough food, water and time {represented by different colored beads}, or would produce by product if given to much of any of these things), I was still able to come up with an incubator full of plastic eggs that when candled (a way of looking into an egg during incubation to check on development) would show blood vesicles, and embryo's growing. On the bottom of each egg was a number that coincided with what state the egg was in for development. Many a person would get to 20 or 21 to find that they couldn't see into the egg, so I would pop open the shell to reveal a fully formed chick demonstrating how it takes up the whole space inside the egg.

I also fixed Dudley's legs (at least for a while). For those who are not aware of it a few years ago at farm and Forest I had inspired to make a goat, out of rigid foam insulation, that would do what goats do, eat whatever gets put in their mouth. In this case it was a Fund-raiser someone would put money in his mouth someone would flip his switch and his mouth would open and close while he was eating the money. He got a lot of attention that year. But not nearly as much as he did this year.

This year Dudley decided to be gender reassigned to become a doe goat that could be milked. Using rubber washing gloves with 3 tied fingers and a sponge that filled the remaining cavity of the glove we managed to get the goat to be able to be milked. To keep things clean we used normal water that was stored in its body cavity and as people would milk air would be allowed into the container and more water would soak into the sponge. Many of the kids and some adults found it to be a fun way to pass time.

I loved how our booth looked this year and how engaged everyone was with the crowds of people. But sadly we got second place. Well there is always this coming year, and Membership and Ag as agreed to work together on it again. We are just waiting to see what the coordinators of the Fair have for a theme this coming year so that we can start coming up with crazy plans on how to get more interest in the Grange. I would like to thank everyone that helped in the booth this year, but would like to single out Jerry and Sarah Leclerc for their first time coming to Farm and Forest to man the booth, as it is always great to see new faces along with the always helpful repeat faces representing our Granges at our largest membership drive each year.

One of the things I really wanted to do this year was to set up a visit a farm Ag day Awards day. But about 3/4's of the way I realized between the cost of the awards, food, and things that we would need to have this day my budget of \$200 dollars, would fall a few bails short of a full hay wagon. This made me start looking into other possibilities. This year we are giving the 2016 century farm award to Sanctuary farm in Sunapee, NH, and 2017 century farm to Sullivan farm in Nashua NH, A friend of the Farmer award to Concord Farmer's Market, and a young farmer from Concord NH by the name of_____. I have been putting Exhibits in the fairs to help raise money for my budget to put on a good 1 day event to promote Agriculture better this coming year, and will hopefully be able to do something at a farm over sitting in a banquet room.

In final thoughts as I am writing this I would like to let everyone know that Laraine Merrill has decided to not continuing being the NH State Ag Commissioner and when we see her at this year's session please thank her for all the hard work she did during her time as the NH State Ag Commissioner. Remember if we as individuals, and groups, do not stand up for farmers and time tested Agricultural practices, more and more regulations will make it impossible to produce our own food here in United States, and we will become dependent on foreign countries to get our food. Don't just hug a farmer, feel free to contact representatives in the State and Federal levels when you feel that the farmer may be getting pinched with new regulations, for no matter how hard we work on protecting farms, there are people and groups that work just as hard to see farming end.

In closing I would like to thank all the members on my committee, Richard for letting me do my awards at the awards banquet this year, my mom for putting up with me having a 4'X4' confused goat in the living room while I worked out how to make him become a milk-able girl, and finally Chris for appointing me as the Agriculture director of the New Hampshire State Grange.

Respectfully Submitted:
Norman Brandt, Agriculture Director

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal

With no further business to act on the second day of the 144th Annual Session was closed in the Fourth Degree.

New Hampshire State Grange Banquet
6:00 p.m.

Welcome: State Master Christopher Heath

Blessing: Hannah West

Legislator of the Year Presented to Lynn Ober of Hudson, NH. by Robert Haefner. Legislative Director

Community Awards: Presented by Richard Patten, Community Services Director

Educator – James P. McCollum, Jr. – Concord, NH

The Educator of the Year is James P. McCollum Jr. who is currently the Principal at Rundlett Middle School in Concord, NH. James has been the principal at Rundlett since 2016.

He was previously the principal at Laconia High School from 2012-2016 and Laconia Middle School from 2005-2012.

His experiences at Rundlett include establishing online grading, PBIS Universal Team and developed school-wide rubric, revised discipline plan and weekly reflection for students and staff. He has established academic and behavioral recognition for behavior monthly and academics quarterly.

He has had the honor of several recognitions and publications. His hobbies and interests include Fishing, Weight-training, Tennis and Golf. He was a co-founder of Mentoring Together and Stand-UP Laconia.

Police Officer – Chief David Wentworth – Sugar Hill Police Department

The Police Officer of the Year is Chief Dave Wentworth. Dave was hired in Sugar Hill in April 2003. He was promoted to Chief in 2007. He has served Sugar Hill until his retirement just last month, September 2017.

Chief Wentworth's love for the community of Sugar Hill is evident in his daily dealings with the residents and tourists. Just recently when work on the state highway blocked easy access to a Sugar Hill business, Chief Wentworth not only put up additional Detour signs but purchased the extra signs with his own money.

He put a program in place to visit residents who live alone; a welfare check that is much more like a visit. He spends extra time during the June and Autumn Foliage seasons ensuring that locals, tourists and photographers as well as landowners are safe and protected as they visit the Sugar Hill area.

Chief Wentworth works closely with the school community. Bike Safety, reading to the children, lunch at school are just some of the activities that bring him closer to the children. Over the last three years Chief Wentworth and the Sugar Hill Police Dept. has participated in an intern program.

Chief Wentworth has many years of community service with the Above the Notch Humane Society and participates in many local non-profit events such as the annual Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Firefighter – Captain James Paquette – Hudson Fire Department

Captain Paquette started his career with the Hudson Fire Department in 1994. He is a vital part of the team. Captain Paquette is currently assigned as the Shift Commander for Suppression Group 2 and coordinates the daily activities for the emergency services division.

This past year Captain Paquette was part of the committee that worked with North-Point Construction Management on the renovation to the Lenny Smith Central Fire Station. He not only worked as a member of the committee but also coordinated the project internally so employees were kept up to date and informed throughout the process.

He is always looking to make sure the safety and health of the Hudson Fire Department staff is being addressed and that the project stayed on schedule helping all to continue to meet the vision and mission of the Hudson Fire Department.

First Responder – Matthew Fallon – Concord NH Fire Department

Firefighter Matt Fallon joined the Concord Fire Department on April 3, 1999. Throughout his career he has developed a reputation as a trustworthy firefighter who makes the Concord Fire Department better every day.

He has served the department over these past 18 years with fidelity and commitment to the citizens of Concord.

Firefighter Fallon planned and participated in a work day for retired Pittsfield Fire Chief Gary Johnson, who was dying of cancer. He also spent several days on his own doing projects at Chief Johnson's home, unknown to all but Chief Johnson's grateful family. He is also the first to step forward when an active or retired member needs something, from moving to a new home to plowing and sanding members' homes when they were unable to do so themselves.

He has served several terms on the executive board and negotiating committee of the Concord Professional Firefighters Association, IAFF Local 1045. He also was a leader in reenergizing the awards committee, rewriting the standards for awards and bringing it to its new home at the Concord City Auditorium.

NH Fish and Game – Conservation Officer Joseph Canfield

Conservation Officer Joseph Canfield began his law enforcement career working for Sandwich Police Dept. After four years he joined Moultonborough Police Dept and served 11 years as a full time police officer. He performed additional duties during these 11 years such as Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, and Glock Armorer etc and eventually attained the rank of Sergeant.

Joe was hired by the department of Fish and Game in 2013. He was assigned to the 26 Patrol encompassing the towns of Meredith, Center Harbor, Holderness, Sandwich, Moultonborough, Tamworth, Ossipee and Effingham. His daily duties include patrolling his assigned towns for hunting, fishing and OHRV activity and he routinely patrols his assigned area by motorized boat, kayak, ATV, snowmobile and cruiser. Joe has investigated and prosecuted numerous wildlife and OHRV crimes and violations.

Joe was selected to join the Advance Specialized Search and Rescue Team in 2014. This team specializes in winter and rough terrain search and rescue missions. He has been instrumental on several rescues and on one occasion was able to call in a National Guard Black Hawk helicopter and clear a small area on the side of a steep mountain enabling a critically injured patient to be extricated by hoist and transported to the hospital for life saving emergency care.

On February 11, 2016 during the annual Ice Fishing Derby eight snowmobiles went through the ice on Lake Winnepesaukee which resulted in 3 deaths to include two drownings. Joe and his team were able to locate both of the drowning victims with the ROV and recover them before a snowstorm the next day. One victim was recovered in 21 feet of water and the other in 72 feet of water.

Most recently State Police opened a cold case in the hopes of following up on an old lead with new technology. Joe was requested to search a stretch of the Androscoggin River for a pickup truck utilizing the Side Scan Sonar and ROV. The pickup and driver had been suspected to have driven into the river 19 years earlier. Joe found the pickup, skeletal remains inside and closed the case.

Joe is joined here tonight by his wife Kelly; they have 3 children Alaina 6 years old, Josiah 4 years old and Malachi 2 years old.

NH State Trooper – Trooper First Class Stefan Czyzowski

Trooper First Class Stefan Czyzowski is an 11 year veteran of the NH State Police and is assigned to Troop B in Bedford patrolling the highways and providing police services to the cities and towns of Hillsborough County. TFC Czyzowski is a team player who exhibits the traits of fairness, professionalism and a steadfast work ethic.

During the past year TFC Czyzowski initiated 1,005 motor vehicle stops and initiated 63 criminal investigations. Those investigations resulted in 66 criminal arrests to include 25 arrests for impaired driving.

TFC Czyzowski was recently selected as a member of the State Police Mobile Enforcement Team (MET); a result based initiative to combat the State's focus on illegal drugs. He was the only member of Troop B to be selected for this important assignment.

In addition to his numerous responsibilities as a patrol trooper, TFC Czyzowski is also a member of several specialty units. He is an experienced trainer and one of the Division's best Field Training Officers. TFC Czyzowski has tested his leadership ability while on staff at the NH Police Academy. He is also a member of the Division's Special Weapons & Tactics Unit (SWAT) and is also a state-certified instructor for the National Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Trainer (ALERRT). In this capacity he is one of 3 troopers responsible for training all law enforcement personnel in addition to state employed civilian staff in the proper response to an active shooter threat.

Every year he coordinates the efforts for "Cops on Top", a fundraiser in the form of a hike up Mount Washington that benefits the surviving children of police officers nationwide that have been killed in the line of duty. He is also the Troop B liaison to the Special Olympics where he coordinates and participates in the Torch Run every year.

Year after year he is continuously within the top three performers in the troop as it relates to responsibilities and activity.

The third day of the 144th Annual Session was opened with the following officers

Master	Kimber Bascom
Overseer	Mark Collins
Lecturer	Norman Brandt
Steward	Jane Trombi
AS	Daniel Bascom
LAS	Matthew Clark
Chaplain	Robert Haefner
Treasurer	Gerald Leclerc
Secretary	Beth Merrill
Gatekeeper	
Ceres	Kerriann Heath
Pomona	Sarah Leclerc
Flora	Lois Enman
Executive Committee	Adam Paquin-Varnum Martha Fowler
Musician	Lester Gibbs

Roll call of officers found all present.

Roll call of Granges found a quorum present.

A brief recess was declared for State Officers to return to their correct position. State Youth Director Sarah Leclerc, was presented to the Master's station to present her annual report.

Worthy Master, National Representative, Fellow State Officers, Brothers and Sisters, All;

It gives me great pleasure to be presenting my first report as the Youth director! When the state master asked me to take on this role back in October last year, I thought that he was crazy. I was extremely hesitant to take on the new role, especially after I started working on the State Grange website. However, after a little prodding and convincing, I accepted the role, and haven't looked back since!

Our first gathering as a youth team took place at Deputy School last December, where we sat and had a meeting of the minds to plan out what we wanted 2017 to look like. Daunting as it was, I think that we had a very productive meeting, and managed to plan activities for the first half of the year. Our goal as a youth team was to try and put on an activity every month of the year.

Our first activity of the year was Winter Rally, which took place in February (which I realize is not the first month of the year, but being that New England winters are so unpredictable, we figured that we would skip January). Being that this was the first activity that we put on, I was a ball of nerves for most of the day, hoping and praying that everything went as planned. With the help of the junior director, my entire committee, and even my dad, I'm happy to say that everything went off with minor hiccups.

The day included many activities and had something for everyone! We enjoyed a sign-a-song workshop run by Kathy Yardley, where we learned ABBA's "Dancing Queen" and had a lot of laughs. Two teams competed in a rousing game of Family Feud on a homemade game board by Kevin Belval. We created spooky Halloween cards thanks to Jane Trombi and Beth Merrill. Plenty also took place in the annual Grange Knowledge Test!

Which brings me to my next point! Every year, many turn up to take the grange knowledge test at February Youth Rally. The running tradition is that the winner (the person that receives the highest score) gets to create the test for next year. Here are the top 4 highest scorers for this year. In 4th: Chris Heath. In 3rd: Sarah Leclerc (and no, I didn't cheat!). In 2nd: Jane Trombi. And in 1st: Beth Merrill. Being that Beth and Jane work so well together, I thought it might be fun if they both contributed to the grange knowledge test for 2018.

The next two events both took place in March. The first was Glow Bowling, a long-time favorite of many in the youth department. We started at the state grange building, where we ate pizza and hung out until it was time to head to Boutwell's. Fifteen of us took to the lanes and bowled and laughed, and had a great time! This is one event that we will continue to keep going, and we hope to have even more lanes next year! We also participated in the State Grange bowling competition the next weekend and had a great turnout for youth there, too.

In April, we tried to hold a game night on the 1st, but Mother Nature had other plans and decided to dump a foot of snow in some parts of the state. We were able to reschedule the game night for later in the month, which worked out great because there was no more snow! We trekked to Chichester for fun and fellowship, and I thank Chichester for inviting us into their hall! We played group games such as the Oregon Trail (where many of us died) and Apples to Apples, which had us in a fit of giggles. We loved this idea so much that we're hoping to keep it going! We have another game night that includes pizza in November, again taking place in Chichester!

Our next big event was June Youth Rally. Something that the youth team and I had discussed was moving this event to a more central location after several years up in the North. Because as much as we loved going up to Copper Cannon in Franconia, all the people who generally were in attendance had to drive quite a way to get there. We hoped that moving Rally down south a bit would help to attract more of a crowd to come visit us. We chose Camp Spaulding, a camp that had a bit of history for us, as that was where we had held junior camp previously. Unfortunately, our numbers did not reach the expectations that I had, but despite the low attendance, I think I speak for everyone when I say that we had a great time! We did some canoeing and we even learned some archery! We hope that you can join us for even more fun next year!

In July, Massachusetts hosted Northeast Youth Conference at UMass Amherst. It had been a few years since I had been to a regional conference, and I was really looking forward to getting back into the swing of being a regional participant. New Hampshire had a small group in attendance, but they certainly made me proud with their presence. Emilie Leclerc participated in the Grange Jeopardy contest, and while she may not have won, she answered many questions correctly, and made it all the way to final Jeopardy! State Master Chris Heath did us proud during the ritual workshop and closed the grange in the 4th degree, which is something we've seen him do once or twice in the state. Adam Terrill competed in the Public Speaking contest. He not only received

first place in his age category but also best of show for public speaking! Beth Merrill performed “One Tin Soldier” as part of the sign-a-song competition. She, too, won first prize in her category AND received best of show! Both Beth and Adam will be representing New Hampshire in the Evening of Excellence at National Session next month!

Paper Craft

Subordinate: 3rd – Linda Phelps
2nd – Melissa Lynch – Watatic Grange
1st – Ida Hutchins – Baker’s River Grange
Junior: 3rd: Alayna Twiss – Watatic Grange
2nd: Lily Lynch – Watatic Grange
1st: Caden Lynch – Watatic Grange

T-Shirt

Subordinate: 3rd: Sherry Bokousky – Watatic Grange
2nd: Beth Merrill – Antrim Grange
1st: Jane Trombi – Walpole Grange
Junior: 3rd: Genevieve Twiss – Watatic Grange
2nd: Alayna Twiss – Watatic Grange
1st: Ava Twiss – Watatic Grange

This year’s highest scoring Subordinate grange is Walpole Grange #125 with 600 points! Our highest scoring Pomona grange is Hillsborough County Pomona #1 with 735 points! Congratulations to both!

Before I close my report, I have a few people whom I need to thank. First and foremost, State Master Chris Heath, for entrusting me to carry out the duties of this position, but also being supportive and attending as many events as he could. I knew I could count on him to be there! Secondly, Beth Merrill, whose brain I picked on more than one occasion, and who is certainly one of my biggest grange mentors. Without her, I don’t think my transition to Youth Director would have gone as smoothly. Thirdly, to Kevin Belval and Adam Paquin-Varnum, whom helped to remind me that I could actually oversee all these people, and helped add so much to the youth committee? To my sister Emilie, for being my travel buddy, karaoke partner, and for reading through letters or reports to make sure I sound like an adult. And finally, to my dad, Jerry Leclerc, for answering the phone just to listen to my constant flow of uncertain questions, for being my number one fan, and for being my biggest support and cheerleader, reminding me that it’s ok to stumble sometimes. I love you all!

In closing, this year has been a whirlwind being pulled in a hundred different directions, but I’m so glad I’ve been given this opportunity. I hope that the next year brings everyone happiness and harmony, and that we continue to grow our ranks. Remember, the youth we mentor today will be the ones who carry us tomorrow.

Fraternally submitted,
Sarah Leclerc, Youth Director
NH State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Joann Brandt Junior Director, was conducted to the Master's station to present her report.

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

Our State Junior Grange is still growing and graduating. I was able to obligate 2 young boys at Rockingham Grange and have heard of others who now belong to different Granges due to the (Plus) +1 program. No communication is coming to me as to where our young people are now joining Granges. When adding children to your Granges please drop me a note with their information so I can communicate our activities to you and them.

I attended the Northeast Leaders Conference in Rutland VT and the new Big E Junior Contest will be a: Planter Craft. See more on the website.

How many have ever attended Farm and Forrest? There were many activities available for children and adults to take part at the State Grange booth. The booth was busy most of the time and hands on was a great learning tool as our grass roots come from Agriculture.

Junior Rally day in February was held the same time as the Youth Rally with our own activities the second week of February with snow/icy roads. Many activities were held: cookies for lunch baked, crafts - snowman kit and snow stick and Collages. After lunch we held the Junior grange opening and closing. I will work to hold activities so as many as possible can attend. If you have weeks that are bad with your children, please let me know now and I will list these times to have everyone able to enjoy the activities.

Bowling turned out to be our biggest attendance with 22 bowling. Three took the Junior Obligation. We all wore red T-shirts and we really stood out as Juniors and had a great day! Thank you to our State Lecturer, Jane Trombi for letting Juniors bowl with the adults.

We had five attend the Junior June Rally along with the Youth. We hiked the woods identify trees, footprints and flowers. We painted socks for Community Service to be present to residents of Nursing Homes. We planted seeds in half egg shells to be planted in our yards when we get home. Thanks to Allissa Estes, Amy, Gloria Davis and Lois Enman for coming to enjoy the day. We had a great lunch and I think Camp Spaulding in Penacook, NH is a great campsite for our Youth and Juniors to attend. Thank you to Sarah Leclerc for including us.

The State Lecturer's Talent Contest had one entry from our Juniors. Ava Twiss did an excellent job singing and was best in show! Congratulations to Ava as she goes to National Grange Night of Excellence!

Our Family camp weekend had one Junior making crafts on Saturday.

Our Birthday Party was well attended with 15 Juniors and 15 Adults. We began by building Birdhouses that were cut and readied by a past junior granger and now parent of three of our current juniors. I am sure that Brian Twiss and his daughters worked hard to get them ready for us to build. The houses built with assistance from Brian Twiss, Norman and Lawrence Brandt,

and Rachel Scanzani and then painting was overseen by Tricia Taylor. We had Sherrill Bokousky working with those waiting to build houses making String Angels with extras being done for Community Service. In the kitchen we had two ladies preparing lunch and very busy. Hot dogs, chips, salad, veggies, corn on the cob, watermelon with ice cream and birthday cake ending the day. Thanks to Camilie Twiss and Sandy Binette and Hannah West for assisting with lunch. Lois Enman assisted those wishing to get their boats made to float. We had eleven entries in this year's Build a Boat that floats contest and I sent the first and second place winners in the three age groups on to be judged at the Big E. I was pleased to hear that we had four of our six entries receive awards. Ages 4 ½ to 7 Rebecca Boisvert received 1st and also 1st at the Big E; Mallory Enman 2nd Place and 2nd at the Big E; Age 8-11 Cole Enman 1st place and Isabell Brandt was 2nd place; Ages 12-14 Ava Twiss received 1st Place and 3rd Place at the Big E and Genevieve Twiss 1st place and 2nd place at the Big E. Congratulations to all the winners! Also participating were Blaze Macmullen, Lily Ricker, Ava Twiss, Daniel Kling, Madison Brandt and Bowen Brandt. Thank you for taking the time to make your entries. This contest has to be to me by August 1 to be judged and sent on to Springfield. Thank you for the judges watching them all float at the August Birthday party. The judges had a difficult time picking the winners. Thank you Chris and Wilbur Heath. We opened the Junior Grange meeting while glue dried and Juniors took an office and opened and learned how to present the flag and closed. We all tried marching and plan to march for our State Flora, Lois Enman. Saturday evening in the Rose Drill. I have to tell you how pleased I was, that the NH Grange Foundation assisted us in getting donations from Home Depot to get our supplies in making the birdhouses. Thank you to all who made this day a great day!

Please take a look at all the old Roll books that our Historian, Richard Patten, was able to bring for us to review. Richard Patten has given me much information to learn the history of the Junior Grange in New Hampshire. Please stand if you are a past Deputy, Director and past Leaders/Matrons, or Junior Granger. I wish to present Richard Patten with a certificate for his years supporting us all. Did you know he was the first male Director in New Hampshire? We have Virginia Clark as the oldest living Junior Deputy; Rhoda Davis, Deputy then Director; Jerry Leclerc; Mark Collins, Hannah West, Carolee Barrett, Lynn Clark and Sherrill Bokousky, Past Directors. Please review the list on the Junior table for all who have worked with our Junior Grangers.

We have no Juniors graduating in 2017 and hopefully your Granges are working on the Plus one to grow your Juniors before we have to drop or Graduate more next year. Oreur State Secretary has a count of 28 Juniors, but I have 30 on my roll and since June 30 I have 2 more started for next year. Please remind your Secretaries to list the Juniors on the quarterly report so we have an accurate count.

Contest winners will be on Display at the Junior Table. Stop and visit our table.

The Junior Department had a booth in Stratham Fair and Deerfield Fair this year. This assists with the funds to work with the children.

My theme for 2018 is "Grow your Grange with the Plus 1 (+1) "These will be our future Subordinate, Pomona and State officers if we work with them, and teach them more about the Grange. Make it fun for all young adults and children to be a part in our order.

In closing, I want to thank our Worthy State Master for all of his support with the Junior activities this year, along with all the parents and grandparents who bring children to the activities and adults that support us.

Fraternally submitted,
Joann Brandt
Junior Director

JUNIOR GRANGE CONTEST WINNERS

Drawings:

Isabell Brandt, Bird, Wingold Grange 1st
Isabell Brandt, Animals, Wingold Grange 3rd
Isabell Brandt, Rabbits, Wingold Grange 2nd
Isabell Brandt, Halloween, Wingold Grange 1st

Collage Contest:

Mallory Enman, Rochester Grange 3rd
Cole Enman, Rochester Grange 3rd
Lily Ricker, Blazing Star Grange 2nd
Madison Brandt, Wingold Grange 2nd
Trevor Clark, Prentice Hill Grange 2nd
Isabell Brandt, Wingold Grange 3rd
Rebecca Boisvert, Chichester Grange 1st
Ezri Kling, Blazing Star Grange 2nd
Blaze MacMullen, Blazing Star Grange 2nd

Something Recycled from nothing:

Cole Enman, Rochester Grange 1st
Mallory Enman, Rochester Grange 1st

Baking Contest – Cupcakes Decorated

Mallory Enman, Rochester Grange 1st
Cole Enman, Rochester Grange 2nd

Hedgehog Craft:

Daniel Kling, Blazing Star Grange 2nd
Blaze MacMullen, Blazing Star Grange 2nd
Trevor Clark, Prentice Hill Grange, 1st

Snowman Craft:

Rebecca Boisvert, Chichester Grange 1st
Trevor Clark, Prentice Hill Grange 1st
Blaze MacMullen, Blazing Star Grange 1st
Lily Ricker, Blazing Star Grange 1st

Snow Ruller:

Juliette Adams, Blazing Star Grange 2nd
Ezri Kling, Blazing Star Grange 3rd
Trevor Clark, Prentice Hill Grange 1st
Lily Ricker, Blazing Star Grange 3rd
Seth Clark, Prentice Hill Grange 2nd

Big E Build a Boat that Floats: I sent the first and second place winners on to be judged at the Big E. I was pleased to hear that we had four of our six entries receive awards. Ages 4 ½ to 7 Rebecca Boisvert received 1st and also 1st at the Big E; Mallory Enman 2nd Place and 2nd at the Big E; Age 8-11 Cole Enman 1st place and Isabell Brandt was 2nd place; Ages 12-14 Ava Twiss received 1st Place and 3rd Place at the Big E and Genevieve Twiss 1st place and 2nd place at the Big E. Also participating were Blaze Macmullen, Lily Ricker, Ava Twiss, Daniel Kling, Madison Brandt and Bowen Brandt. Congratulations to all the winners!!

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Master Heath, introduced National Master Betsy Huber.

State Historian Richard Patten was presented to the Master's station to present his annual report.

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

It is a pleasure to report what has been going on as your State Historian. It has been close to fifteen years since the New Hampshire State Grange last met in city of Laconia. The Lake City is home to the famous MMS Mount Washington tourist ship, Sophie C, and the Doris E who take countless tourists for a beautiful ride around Lake Winnepesaukee. For many years, the State Lecturer sponsored a ride on the Mount Washington for Grange members and their families and friends. Winter time, countless fishermen come up to the frozen lake to try their luck at ice fishing.

Prior to those visits, the State Grange had not been here for many years. I was reading the 1934 Journal of Proceedings and read that the State Master, in his annual address, reaffirmed the support of the organization of a State Police force. In two years, this became a realization. Today, the NH State Police especially those who have been on the department for many years will thank the Grange for their jobs. Also in 1934 the Grange continued to be opposed to Daylight Savings Time. The Grange continued to be opposed to all kinds of gambling especially Pari-Mutual Betting at race tracks in the Granite State. The Grange favors the conservation and propagations of wildlife in New Hampshire, including the Fish and Game Department under proper guidelines.

In 1934 it was reported by the State Secretary that as of September 30, there were 10,801 Pomona Grange members. Hillsborough County Pomona Grange led with 1,062 members; Eastern New Hampshire Pomona was second with 1,060 members. East Rockingham Pomona Grange had 1,015 members. As of September 30, 1934 there were 279 Subordinate Granges in NH with a membership of 26,596 members. Rochester Grange was the top Grange in the State with 455 members and 100% of dues. This year, 2017 being the 90th anniversary of the

Juvenile/Junior Grange in New Hampshire, in 1934 found 13 Juvenile Granges with a membership of 785 boys and girls. There were four new juvenile granges organized: Lower Intervale in Plymouth with 17 charter members; Lawrence Juvenile Grange of Belmont with 37 charter members; Golden Rod Juvenile Grange of West Swanzey with 28 boys and girls; and Loudon Surprise Juvenile Grange of Loudon with 28 boys and girls. There were 89 applicants for the Degree of Flora. Looking at the list, I recognize Ervin Buttrick, Ethel Clement, and George Shaw. These mentioned had become Deputies, State Officers in the years to come. It should be noted this session was held from December 11 to December 13 at Colonial Theatre in Laconia.

The State Grange returned to Laconia December 13 to December 15, 1938 for its annual session. The State Master reported in his address the NH State Police Force became a reality through the tireless efforts of the Grange in the Legislature. It should be noted that there were 125 members of the Grange who were serving in the Legislature. The State Master also stressed the Granite State was further ahead of any state in Rural Electrification. In New Hampshire there was a Standing Committee that advocated the use of Rural Electrification.

It was reported the Degree of Flora was conducted on 218 candidates including the Honorable Edward Gallagher, Mayor of the city of Laconia. Some of the candidates that evening included: Carl S Adams, Ruby Carpenter, the Huckins family of Ashland, and Edwin Prescott of Concord. The membership in 1938 showed Pomona Granges, 9,940 on twenty Pomona Granges with Eastern New Hampshire Pomona had 1,062 members; Merrimack County Pomona had 938 members; and Hillsborough County Pomona was third with 868 members. The Subordinate Granges found a membership of 26,262. Rochester Grange remained the top Subordinate Grange with 483 members; Capital Grange of Central Concord was second with 315 members; Uncanoonuc Grange of Goffstown was third with 272 members. The Juvenile Grange membership found 800 boys and girls in 22 juvenile Granges. Fremont and North Hampton Juvenile Granges were organized during the year.

This has been a very busy year. I have continued to attempt to return Grange Secretary minutes to local Historical Societies. I have been pleased to returned the following Granges minute books: Keeneborough Grange of Brentwood, Walbach Grange of New Castle; Trojan Grange of Troy; New Durham, Bow Lake Grange of Strafford, Capital Grange of Downtown Concord, Lebanon Grange, Androscoggin Grange of Milan; Hiram R. Roberts Grange of Rollinsford; Dover Grange; Tri Peak Grange of Hill; Oceanside of Hampton, Marshall P. Wilder of East Rindge; and Profile Grange of North Woodstock.

I can't thank State Master Chris Heath and his assistant enough for going into the basement at the State Grange Building in Hooksett to get the 50 boxes of Grange Secretary Minutes books. It is my hope to continue getting this project completed. For the books that I have returned, people have written notes thanking me for getting them returned and can't believe how much their Grange did. This session I am hoping to return the records of The Weirs Grange and Lawrence Grange of Belmont.

I am not sure if it is because I was in police work for 30 years, but I enjoy research. This year I had 17 calls from people asking about relatives or friends who were members of the Grange. They were looking for years of membership.

I received a telephone call from a party in Georges Mills regarding Grange books that were found in the upper floor of a barn that had been purchased by a family who were not Grange members. I went and did some research and found Rockland Grange was located in Georges Mills. I drove to Warner and this lady was good enough to bring all the boxes she found. Evidently Rockland Grange had organized a library of some sort. They had library cards all preprinted with lines, names, a place for dates to be entered when books were checked out. This Grange had a major influence in Georges Mills. It is unknown as to why this Grange closed.

I received a call from a gentleman from North Salem reference Reliance Grange, which was located in Northern Salem. He found a group of membership books containing the names of members who belonged to Reliance Grange. Salem had three Granges at one time, Enterprise, Salem, and Reliance. I informed him these books should come back to the NH State Grange; however he photocopied the pages and mailed them to me.

Another caller thought their grandfather was a past State Master. I spent three days going through rosters, journals, and finally found the answer. As many might remember the Deputies were referred to a Deputy State Master when they were on official business. I found the name, who had been a member of the Subordinate Deputy Force in the 1950's. We are all making history in this organization whether you realize it or not. This past year, we lost members to the Great Grange Above who created a lot of history. Their contributions to this great Order are very important and it is critically important that we preserve and honor their memory.

Edith Anne Emery: Edith served this organization very well. She belonged to Monroe Grange, then White Mountain Grange in Littleton and then Concord Grange when White Mountain had closed. I first met Edith when she was State Lady Assistant. She was very quiet but she knew her Grange work. Following her four years as State Lady Assistant Steward, she was elected and served the next four years as State Flora. I can still see her standing at the microphone in Flora's Court. She served as State Flora with a very dignified and elegant manner. She memorized her part in the degree to perfection. She also served on the State Education Committee. I also didn't know that she was Debbie's music teacher at Woodsville High School. She was very active in the McClure's Band which could be seen in parades, concerts in the area towns, and at North Haverhill Fair.

Dorothy Haskins was another Grange member that stunned many of us when she passed away recently. She and the late Marion T. Jones were the backbones of Daniel Webster Grange in Webster. When Sister Marion passed away, everything seemed to fall on Dorothy's shoulders. I was honored to give a eulogy at her funeral. I first met Dot in the late 1960s when she was one of the ushers and usherettes for the NH State Grange Session in Concord. She helped many of us with what we had to do. She served as Master for Daniel Webster Grange, Merrimack County

Pomona Grange and she helped Wicwas Lake Grange and Bartlett Grange whenever she could. She served as State Pomona for 4 years with pride and dedication. She served as Community Service Director and State Subordinate Deputy. She was always ready to help whenever needed. She was very active in Webster, supporting many clubs with public suppers, public breakfasts, working at Hopkinton Fair, or the annual Old Home Day Celebration. She has even given the homily at church when the Pastor wasn't there. Dot is going to be missed

Patricia Cutter, wife of Past Master Arthur Cutter of Bartlett Grange, Salisbury passed away in June. Pat was a nurse and always one to help whenever asked. They moved to Georgia a couple of years ago due to health reasons. She was one who wanted the Grange to keep going in Salisbury, but luckily even though they moved away, they transferred to Concord Grange. Helen Murray was an icon in the Concord-Penacook area. I first met Helen as a child when my parents would go shopping at the old Giant Store in Penacook. Helen was a member of Riverhill Grange acting a Secretary and always had a smile. She and her husband operated a chicken hatchery when my dad would go and buy his baby chicks. In later years, they changed and became a Murray Farms Florists selling flowers like annuals, perennials, bushes, trees, and vegetables. Then their children became Grange members and got involved in the farm business. They expanded selling mums in the fall, and Christmas trees, wreaths and baskets for the holidays. Helen served her Grange well as Master, Secretary and Treasurer. Many are going to miss her at the farm.

Robert Lowe was an extremely active member of Rockingham Grange in Epping. Robert's mother Edith Sewall served as Lecturer for many years. Robert always had a nice smile whenever you would meet him.

Arline French was very involved with the dictionary program that Granges throughout the Granite State and in our country have been donating to third grade students for many years. She served her Grange well being a member for over 75 years. She celebrated her 103rd birthday and then was called to the Great Grange above. Arline loved going to Hawaii, but when she came back, she would come to Grange in Concord. Originally she had joined Blackwater Grange in Andover and then transferred to Concord Grange when she moved to live at Havenwood in Concord.

Edythe Craig was a very quiet but valued member of Sunapee Lake Grange of Newbury. She was also a doctor, which many people didn't realize. It was very common for her, Francis Ward, and Carol Fortune to travel to meetings in the area. She served as Master for Sunapee Lake Grange in past years and was a very faithful Grange member who could be counted upon to do whatever was necessary.

Betty Dudley was another valued member who was called to the Great Grange above. She also reached her 103rd birthday this year. Betty's real name was Florence Betty Dudley, she and her late husband David Walter originally lived in Woodsville for many years. She worked as a secretary for Cray Oil Company in Woodsville for many years, then going to work for Grafton County Nursing Home in North Haverhill. She and her husband belonged to Mount Gardner Grange in Woodsville where she and her late husband both served as Master. She moved to Bow to be near to her daughter when David died. She transferred her membership to Bow

Grange and then when Bow merged with Pineconia Grange now known as Concord Grange. Several years ago she moved back to Woodsville and always would send a donation for us to help with our projects.

Linwood Paine was a very quiet gentleman but he was an excellent piano player. He held membership in Great Meadow Grange before transferring to Arlington. He enjoyed playing the piano and also married Lucy Thompson who belonged in Arlington Grange in Winchester. He would help her with the Junior Grange. Linwood did what he could to help with the Grange but his greatest gift was playing the piano.

Stephen Tracy was called to Great Grange above not long after last year's State Session. It was a shock to many members of the organization. I first met Steve when he was in his late teens and belonged to Blow me Down Grange. He became State Prince in 1979 and served as Master for Blow-Me-Down Grange. He and Michael Earle traveled to many Granges through the state. Then for unknown reasons, he was not seen for many years. Then one day he became active and showed a keen desire to work diligently in the Upper Coos area. He was appointed a Deputy to help organize new Granges. He worked trying to convince people in Manchester, Barnstead, and Croydon to organize a new Grange. His tireless efforts to keep Upper Coos Pomona and especially Stratford Grange active were successful but he traveled a lot as he tried to organize a Grange in Stewartstown and Milan.

Evelyn Merrow just got called to the Great Grange Above two weeks ago. She was 98 years old and an 84 year member of the Grange. She served as Past Master Mount Prospect Grange of Lancaster and then transferred her membership to Pembroke Grange.

I have enjoyed sharing history in my Facebook column. Many people didn't realize how something was done years ago or traditions that have not been done in many years. Thank you to those who have written comments to me how they remember this person or that tradition.

I have not mentioned much about the 90th anniversary for the Juvenile/Junior Grange organization in New Hampshire. I have located many of their record books. We had many Juvenile / Junior Granges in the Granite State. It seemed like it would go in spells. The biggest problem was trying to find mature adults to serve as Matrons and Patrons or later to be known as Leaders. In my research for Junior Granges, I found we had close to 160 chapters in our state throughout the years. As of this day, the senior Junior Deputy living is Virginia Clark followed by Rhoda Davis. The senior Junior Superintendent is Rhoda Davis followed by Carolee Barrett. I, Richard Patten was the first male Junior Deputy and the first male Junior Director followed by Gerald Leclerc. The senior Juvenile Matron is Dorothy Bartlett of Bartlett Juvenile Grange in Salisbury. The senior Juvenile Patron is Burton Meyers of Winthrop Juvenile Grange, Shelburne. I was going through rosters and found some members of today who were Juvenile/Junior Grange Members: 1975, Grace Leone had been serving as Matron/Leader since 1966 for Banner Junior Grange; Rick Hayes and Judy Leone were officers of Banner Junior Grange in 1975; Jeffrey Bailey was serving as Lecturer in Sandown Junior Grange in 1975; Sandra Cyr was serving as Matron of Sunapee Lake Junior Grange; Sheila Phillips was serving as Matron for Surry Junior Grange in 1975 along with Beth Yardley Merrill serving as Master for Surry Junior Grange in 1975; Gerald Leclerc was serving as Master for Wattannick Junior

Grange in 1975. In 1985 Kathy Yardley was serving as Master for Walpole Junior Grange with Mrs. Gwendolyn Yardley serving as Leader; Camille Twiss was serving as Leaders at Brookline Junior Grange, with daughter Kathleen Twiss as Master and son, Brian serving as Lecturer. I could write much more but I will leave this to Junior Director Joann Brandt to report on this.

As I close this report, thank you worthy State Master Chris Heath for your confidence in me as I continue to research the fabulous history of this Great Organization. It just amazes me as I research the history of what I find. I am distributing paperwork to various family members to help with history of their family as I prepare to write the 4th history book of the NH State Grange. I would like to thank my wife Deb for typing this and proofreading it. I apologize for having Grange journals and rosters out by my chair doing my homework. I would like to thank everyone who assisted me with this report.

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Grange Year in 2018 and know that I am always available to research whatever you need.

Fraternally,
Richard Patten, State Historian

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

The Assistant's escorted Hannah West to the Master's station to present her report on the Granite State Granger.

My fellow Grangers,

For the past two years our State Master has been urging his Directors to make their reports more memorable, informative, and interesting. This year he added, "Describe what you do," and I was inspired. To properly understand this report, you need to know the names of a cast of characters who make my work possible and whom I thank with all my heart. They are my daughters Anne and Mary; their husbands Marty Boisvert and Kevin Belval; Joyce Terrill, who is Marty's aunt; and Kevin Sweet, who works in the Commercial Department at the Concord Monitor newspaper. You also need to know that our State Grange quarterly paper is printed on the presses at the Concord Monitor and mailed from the Epsom, NH, Post Office. Now, with recognition of Clement Moore, author of "A Visit from Saint Nicholas," here is:

The Granite State Granger

In early November somewhere in my house on goes my computer and out comes my mouse. An e-mail goes out to Directors I choose, "The deadline is coming, please send in your news." I find the last issue and make a new copy, change dates on the masthead so it won't look sloppy. I highlight the old news and then hit "delete." The pages now look very empty and neat. In a state of suspense for the news I then wait. Some Directors are early while others are late. As the columns come in, I copy and paste. I fix up the spelling and prune out the waste. Every inch must be filled, no less and no more, in pages that can be divided by four. An e-mail is sent out to Grange members all, "Send news for the paper, this is the last call."

Anne Boisvert comes over the pictures to enter. She pops them right in, if I place them off center.

But, as empty spaces begin to diminish, the stress starts to build for the race to the finish. The pictures are toned and, when they are just right, all is sent to the Monitor's FTP site. With the pages submitted, I pick up the phone to tell Kevin Sweet that the paper is done. Then a message at Concord Bulk Mail I can leave, to reserve EMM trays, each with a sleeve. And now I must wait, for there isn't a hint of how many days it will be 'til they print. At last it is printed and then we must trundle in the car, off to Concord to pick up each bundle. Any bundles we drop off, nine, eight, or seven, are speedily processed by Mary and Kevin. The rest go with us, not always by choice, to be folded by Anne, me, and Marty's Aunt Joyce. If he isn't too tired or busy or mean, then Marty *might* help with the wafer machine. He's the fastest of all, but if he won't do it, one way or another we all will get through it. Now folded and wafered on various tables, the papers are ready, but where are the labels? To answer my e-mail sent off in a tizzy, the State Secretary writes, "Sorry, I'm busy." He needs his own life, but I wish he'd remember I want to mail these on the first of December. When the labels arrive, they have to be counted and then on the papers most carefully mounted. In order by zip code they go in the trays. This process should take only hours, not days. And then comes a task that I never must shirk. I download the USPS paperwork. I call the Post Office in joy, not in sorrow. "What time can I bring a bulk mailing tomorrow?" We load up the postal form, trays, and a check, and drive off to Epsom, a very short trek. Then comes a brief pause, for we never do know what the clerk will remember from three months ago. And then I can do what I've often rehearsed; I mail the receipt, so I'll be reimbursed. I leave the main lobby and head for the dock to unload seven boxes by eleven o'clock.

And I think as the dolly is rolled out of sight, "The paper is mailed. I can sleep well tonight.

Respectfully submitted
Hannah West, Editor
Granite State Granger

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the journal.

Election of Executive Committee Members, two 3 year terms.

Results: Mark Collins
Tricia Taylor

Lois Enman, Director of Grange Services approached the Master's station to present report.

Worthy State Master, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Sisters all.

It is my pleasure to give my report as director of this committee.
The financial information for the **Educational Loan Fund (ELF)** is as follows:

Education Loan Fund Balance Sheet

October 1, 2016 at Peoples United Bank \$2,272.98

Contributions:

5 Pomona \$190.00

15 Subordinates \$495.00

1 Personal \$100.00

Total Contributions \$785.00

Income:

Interest Paid \$0.00

Interest on Bank Accounts \$0.81

Morgan Stanley \$2,000.00

Total Income \$2,785.81

Total Available Funds \$5,058.79

Expenses:

Scholarships \$2,000.00

Postage \$76.44

Total Expenses \$2,076.44

Balance Sept. 30, 2017 at Peoples United Bank \$2,982.35

We are grateful for the donations we have received this year. Without your contributions the availability of funds will be greatly diminished. All donations, small or large help our members with their education. Which will help with our Grange leadership.

Scholarships

These are available to Grange members in New Hampshire who has belonged to a Grange for at least one year. This scholarship/grant does not need to be repaid. The amounts of available funds depend on the interest earned from our invested funds.

The following member was awarded a scholarship at our annually committee meeting. Thomas Perry – Quinnipiac University, CT. Thomas has many years of schooling as he plans to become a dentist. The State Grange wishes him well. Our committee is concerned that other applications were not received for consideration as several requests from last year had just started their collage programs. We hope that all Grange members know that these “Scholarships” are available to all who meet the requirements.

National Grange Benefits

Many benefits are available to you from the National Grange, because you belong to a Subordinate Grange. To mention some there are, Travel Center, Choice Hotels, Comfort Keepers Inns, Life Line Screening, RX Pharmacy CVS Caremark, Hertz, Avis and Budget Rental, Med Air Services also Beltone Hearing Aid, True Hearing and a Prescription Drug Coverage. Plus, VIP Pet Insurance, MetLife Home & Auto Insurance and Office Depot. Also, NAS-National Affinity Services, a vision/dental coverage and Private Health Insurance Exchange. These programs are updated regularly through the National Grange web site at www.nationalgrange.org and it is important that Grange members share this information at their regular meetings.

In closing, I need to thank my committee members, Patrice Lawlor, Rodney Huntoon, Norma Neary, Linda Phelps, Lester Gibbs and Christopher Heath for their work by helping to inform Grange members of the programs offered on the State and National levels.

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

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Ann Bosivert, Building Committee was escorted to the Master's station to present her annual report.

The NH State Grange building in Hooksett has had a quiet year for the most part. Perhaps the most exciting thing that happened was during the furnace cleaning appointment last December. The technician asked Anne to come down to look at the vent pipe to show her it needed replacing. He said it was in bad shape and might fall apart any time. As he said this, he touched the pipe with his finger and "poof" the whole thing fell in a pile of rust and dust. Once they both stopped coughing, an arrangement was made to have a new pipe installed later that day. The only other inside maintenance which was done was to replace eleven lightbulbs in early October. For about half the year, the church continued to meet a couple of times a week for services and Bible Study. In late summer they let us know that they would no longer be using the building as their group had grown quite small. Not long before that, Adam Paquin-Varnum who had been cleaning the building informed us that he would no longer be doing so. He had been seeking replacement for some time, so we knew it was coming. No likely candidates stepped forward but we've heard that Jerry Leclerc will be doing cleaning at least temporarily. Chris Heath cleaned it before the last group rented the hall. It is also rumored that the Executive Committee is changing the rental agreement to include a deposit to be returned if the hall is left in good shape.

The building was used for a few Grange events such as the Winter Youth Rally, the State Lecturer's penny sale and banquet, the Junior 100th Birthday party, some Executive Committee and directors' meetings, and the State Officers' Rehearsal for the Sixth Degree. Several other groups rented the building for one event or another, including a group who has used it several times for things such as an International Women's Day speaker panel and other gatherings including an amazing cultural dance in traditional dress witnessed in a small part by Marty and Rebecca when they went to replace the batteries in the thermostat at the request of the renting

group. We believe it is kind of special that we can provide them with place to celebrate their heritage in this manner.

The building remains in desperate need of landscaping work. In mid-June Anne Boisvert and Mary West removed enough bittersweet so that the sign on the front of the building is readable. Chris Heath and a friend did a lot of trimming and mowing in mid-July. A few people expressed interest on Facebook for a garden makeover in the spring, so we will work on getting that scheduled.

As for yearly building maintenance, our inspection for the assembly permit with the Hooksett Fire Department will be on October 30 at 1:30pm. We do not anticipate any major issues with the renewal. The fire extinguishers were inspected last November and will be again next month. A furnace cleaning appointment has been scheduled with LaVallee Oil in late December as usual.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty and Anne Boisvert

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Crystal Seward was escorted to the Master's station to present the Membership report.

Worthy Master, National Representative, Pink Sash family members, delegates and patrons all.

This has been a very quiet year for the membership committee. We lost our director early in the Grange year which was a big loss to the department. Steve Tracy was a great ambassador for the Grange and was very dedicated to building our membership. Finding someone to fill his shoes has been very challenging. We did make a plea to our members for volunteers but as of this date, we have not found a director. We have made at least four attempts to notify Granges across the state that the committee is available to help with recruitment. We have offered physical and material assistance to any Grange that wanted help in having a membership drive but disappointingly, not one Grange has asked for help. We are surprised by this and hope that this is not the trend for the year to come.

We were able to assist the Agriculture committee with the Farm and Forest Expo in February. This included setup of the display, manning the booth, and helping to tear down after the expo had finished. Over 15 names were collected through the rip card system. Those names were then recorded and given to the respective Granges in the areas that the people were from. The committee then mailed welcome letters to all the people who filled out a card. Unfortunately, the letters that were mailed were never answered. We also never heard back from any of the Granges to see if any of these potential members visited or joined. This is not good for the Grange in New Hampshire. If we can't even get new members from the few who are looking to join, then how are we going to get anyone to come be a member? We have essentially told these prospective members that we are not interested in them.

There have been a few Granges that have taken in new members this year and we applaud you

for your hard work. We know it is not easy to go out of your comfort zone and ask someone to join the Grange. We need more Granges to follow this example and start growing. New members are our future and without them, we will go nowhere. Once we have those new members, we need to keep them engaged in what we are doing. We need to give prospective members opportunities to learn how the Grange operates and show them how we work. We need to listen to their ideas and let their enthusiasm to try new things go forward. Just because it didn't work in the past doesn't mean that it won't work now. We need to give them the chance to fill in an office and mentor them on how to perform the duties of that office. We need to make sure that we listen to what they have to say and be willing to give their ideas a try.

The State Master has been telling us for the past three years that membership is everyone's responsibility. Are we all too tired? Are we all just ready to give up and stop being the DO'ers in our community? This committee believes that this is not true and that the next year will bring a net gain in membership for all of the Granges in the state.

We will continue to promote Grange wherever we go in hopes that someone will want to join the Grange. Will you be one of the Do'ers who help Grange Growth in your community or will you be one of people who will not see the Grange thrive into the next century? Now is the time to jump on the "Grange Train" and grow our organization. The Grange has so much to offer our society today and if we just think outside of the box, we can make a difference. It takes you and me and all of our members to do their part in keeping our organization living alive for another 150 years.

Respectively Submitted,
The Membership Committee of the NH State Grange

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Deb Patten Director of The Family Services Committee was presented to the Master's station to present her annual report.

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

Another Grange year has flown right by! The older I get the faster time flies!
We began the year with meeting at Leaders school at the NH Fire Academy in December 2016. 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 a very rewarding project that we have done for over 10 years. The residents truly enjoy the treats we put in these goody bags. These were transported to Glencliff by Ida Hutchins. I am so grateful to Ida for delivering these for us. We will continue this project as long as I am chairperson of this committee so to all on my committee come prepared at Deputy School in December for assembly line work

In January Dick and I attended the Northeast Leaders Conference. I attended meetings with 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. For 2018, although the Northeastern Needlework Contest rules didn't change much at all, I want to point out that for the Adult Garment class a sewn garment is no longer included. We talked about this at Leaders conference

but they forgot to change the rules. So for those of you who prefer to sew, your sewn garments will be judged at the State level but not be eligible to go to the Northeast judging at Eastern States. For all of you who make and donate items to sell at the Big E, a heartfelt thank you. 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 with continuous reminders during the year. 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. Please, as chairperson of your Grange, you need to keep your Grange informed of what is happening so that all interested can participate.

The committee met virtually through email and phone calls this year. It is challenging to find weekend days that work for most and I had to commit my weekends to my Mom until she passed away in July. I thank you all for your understanding and sympathy during this difficult time. Mom used to join us when we had our committee meetings so many got to know her as well. The baking contest for next year is Banana Bread. 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 the baking contest for this year which was Blonde Brownies or Congo Bars are:
1st – Linda Phelps- Pemigewasset Valley Pomona

2nd – Kathy Yardley Cheshire County Pomona

3rd – Debbie Standley Hillsborough County Pomona

Thank you all for your participation in this contest.

The number of entries in the needlework and state contests seems to remain similar to last year. However, 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 and this just might make them think about becoming a member. The results of all of the really beautiful work we received are as follows:

Class A – Afghans

1st – Nancy Dulong – Wicwas Lake #292

2nd – Darlene Fitts – Wicwas Lake #292

3rd – Carol Hill – Rockingham #183

Class B – Doilies

1st – Katherine Umberhind – Hampton Falls #171

Class C – Embroidery

No entries

Class D – 3 piece Baby Set

1st – Wendy Avann – Pembroke #111

2nd – Theresa Rousseau – Watatic #36

3rd – Debbie Standley – Watatic #36

Class E – Plastic Canvas

1st – Marge Laflamme – Watatic #36

2nd – Rhoda Davis – Pembroke #111

Class F – Counted Cross Stitch

No entries

Class G – Adult Garment

1st – Sharon Stickney – Antrim #98

2nd – Sandra Dennis – Rockingham #183

3rd – Martha Fowler – Wingold #308

Class H – Latch Hook

1st – Claire Gagnon – Hudson Grange #11

Class I – Quilted Wall Hanging

1st – Diane LaFavre – Wicwas Lake Grange #292

2nd – Sandra Carr – Pembroke #111

3rd – Camilie Twiss – Watatic #36

Class J – Stuffed Toy

1st – Martha Fowler – Wingold #308

Class K – Baby Afghan

1st – Ida Hutchins – Bakers River #290

2nd – Carolyn Ross – Gilman #1

3rd – Debbie Standley – Watatic #36

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 goes to Arthur and Beth Merrill for once again taking the winning entries and all of the items for sale to Eastern States. You delivered them safely and I truly do appreciate this. As well, thank you for getting them back to me from Eastern States.

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

Class A- Afghans

3rd – Nancy Dulong – Wicwas Lake #292

Class D – 3 piece baby set

2nd – Wendy Avann – Pembroke #111

Class G – Adult Garment

1st – Sharon Stickney – Antrim #98

Class I – Quilted Wall Hanging

3rd - Diane LaFavre – Wicwas Lake # 292

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 – Kaleigh Hansen – Hudson #11

2nd – Brian Twiss – Watatic #36

3rd – Sherrill Bokousky – Watatic #36

Quilts

1st – Irene Gillis – Watatic #36

2nd – Cam Twiss – Watatic #36

Other

1st – Mary Condon – Rochester #86

2nd – Sherrill Bokousky – Watatic #36

3rd – Marion Woodworth – Rochester #86

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

For all of you who make and donate items to sell at the Big E, a heartfelt thank you. The items you so graciously make and donate really do support the grange building at the Big E. I will send the list of most wanted items to all of you in my first letter to you right after the holidays.

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. We discontinued the Galoshes from Grangers project this year as it was felt we were asking a lot of our subordinate granges to support our mittens project as well as Nighty Night Hugs project. However we encourage Granges to continue to look for boots on clearance at the end of the season and make that well needed donation to your local schools, boys and girls clubs etc.

The Nighty Night Hugs project is still active. Last year at this State Session we collected and disbursed almost 120 sacks which included a book, a blanket and a stuffed toy to 11 homeless

shelters throughout the State of NH. Dick delivered 9 sacks to Manchester for one of the family shelters and they were so grateful as were many. But a sad fact that he learned that day is that they have an average of 26 children at any one time at that shelter alone. Our goal was to fill 50 sacks last year and distribute to 6 shelters and we filled 120 for 11 shelters.

This year I asked Granges to make and put these sacks together and to give them to your Family Services State Committee representative in your area. I also asked that each subordinate let me know on the report form how many were done. The problem is I didn't ask each subordinate to let me know how many sacks they did. Nonetheless, the number of subordinates reporting that they did prepare some appear to be low in numbers. I am hopeful we don't lose sight of this project. I know there are some granges that put a great number of sacks together. If every grange could supply 2 sacks or the money for them we could cover all 11 shelters. Please consider this the goal for 2018.

There were 3 granges that did not do a booklet form of report but did a significant amount of work. Without the 50 points for a booklet, these 3 granges still achieved a score of 300 or greater and deserve recognition:

1st – Pembroke Grange #111

2nd – Rockingham Grange #183

3rd – Rochester Grange #86

Your diligence in doing most of the Family and Community Services tasks on the report doesn't go unnoticed. You are to be commended for doing so much. Thank you.

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, Linda Phelps, Alice Tuck and Pat Izzo. Also a special thank you to Fran Everard for helping to collect items in Alice's district. Most of all, thank you to my husband Dick. He patiently listens to me, does all the errands for my projects and puts up with my bad attitude if something isn't quite right. We bounce ideas off each other and of course, most of the time I want to be right! And a thank you to my sister Elaine who always helps 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.

Richard Patten, Community Service Director was presented to the Master's station to present his annual report.

Worthy State Master, Worthy National Master, State Officers, Pink Sash Family, Patrons All!

Community Service is alive and very strong in the Granite State. I am so pleased and proud of all the work the Grange members are doing out in their communities. Some are working along

with other organizations, individuals, businesses, and politicians to help improve their town. There are many different community projects that Granges are involved in whether they organized it themselves or joined others. Grange members have always been known to make sure their communities are the best they can be. This year was no exception with the number of reports and booklets that I have received. A total of 15, 111 volunteer hours were reported. If you add in the hours not reported by Granges who did not send in a report, then we could have gone over 17,000.

The judges were amazed at how active Granges still are in this state. They thought like so many others the Grange was history. It amazed them as they read the books submitted by the Granges all of the projects undertaken by the members. Not everyone has the talent to make a booklet. The single page reports sometimes tell a better story than a booklet. But to be judged to go to National a booklet is required.

I received two Pomona Grange reports, those being Northern New Hampshire and East Rockingham. I appreciated what they wrote on their reports as to what the Granges in their Pomona Granges did this year.

I received 21 Subordinate Grange one page reports while I received 11 booklets. The one page reports contained information that proved how busy Granges were. I will start with Mohawk Grange in Colebrook. They spent 32 hours 4 times a year doing roadside cleanup. They donated money to the Got Lunch program; donation to the Colebrook Area Food Pantry, sponsored a member for the Chief Maloney 10K run; another member for the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer; donation to Helping Hands food pantry; donated gifts for Bonnie Days Christmas Gift Giving Program;

Hampton Falls Grange is very active with the Pease Greeters for members of the Military coming back from their tours of duty in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Gilman Grange of Exeter made 120 Christmas goody bags for Exeter Senior Center. They also made cash donations to the St. Vincent De Paul Society. They presented dictionaries to Lincoln Street School in Exeter, Newfield's Elementary School, and Stratham Elementary School.

Blow-Me-Down Grange was busy with their Attic Shop, Red Cross, Rummage Sale, Food Sale, Dictionaries to the Plainfield School, and volunteered on Fourth of July activities.

Rockingham Grange of Epping presented 340 dictionaries to Epping, Fremont, and Raymond schools.

Mount Hope Grange of Landaff was busy this year doing their annual Giving Tree for children in Landaff; they did their road side cleanup four times a year.

Dorchester Grange # 280 is a small Grange that is very busy, sponsoring a walk-a-thon, town wide Baby Shower for women having babies in town; making sacks for firefighters to give to children in town in case of emergency;

The results in the booklets:

4th place tie: Antrim Grange- the judges were very impressed with this Grange continuing their 15th annual Community Artists' Exhibit. They participated in the Farm and Forest Expo and they sponsored the Antique Appraisal Night. They also sponsored a Silent Movies Night for the public.

4th place tie: Watatic Grange # 36 sent greeting cards to veterans at Liberty House in Manchester. They adopted a family with 2 little boys for Christmas in Nashua with gifts and food. They gave knitted hats for newborns at St. Joseph's Hospital in Nashua They delivered homemade Afghans to residents at Pillsbury House in Milford. They also delivered new dictionaries to the local school.

3rd place: Hudson Grange: Participated in a Fill an Empty Plate project for Thanksgiving donating to the Food Pantry in Hudson. They donated items and miscellaneous gifts to transient families to help relocate in the community. The Grange held a very successful Community Awards Night honoring individuals throughout the Community. They gave a \$500 dollar scholarship to a senior at Alvirne High School, the scholarship in memory of Mildred Chalifoux. This Grange also participated in Comfort for Critters, making handmade blankets for homeless pets. They also continued their Town Beautification Project.

2nd place: Concord Grange # 322, participated in the annual Concord Christmas Parade, this was the 38th year in which the Grange organized it. Then the annual Concord Tree Lighting Celebration, which this was the 30th year the Grange has organized this celebration. They sent cards to Liberty House in Manchester and presented new dictionaries to 3rd grade students in Concord and Dunbarton. The Grange held their annual Community open House when they honored several individuals; The Grange held their 3rd annual Meet Eat, and Greet at the Heights Park, giving free steamed hot dogs, chips, water, and homemade desserts. The Nevers Band entertained. The Grange brought back the Easter Egg Hunt which the city of Concord stopped due to no money in the budget.

1st place: Wicwas Lake Grange, Meredith Center: Worked on Nighty-Night project; fundraised for Homeless Veterans; participated in roadside project; dictionary project. Halloween party for kids in town, also handed out candy; dinner and dancing fundraiser for homeless vets, Children's Christmas Party with Santa Claus, gifts, and food and went to Golden View Nursing Home with Santa Claus and gifts for the seniors. Maple Syrup Days event for public;

I would like to congratulate all Granges regardless if they reported or not for all the work they are doing in their community or neighboring community.

I would like to thank everyone who donated the gift cards for the state project Santa Remembers Teens at Christmas. Last year we donated \$400 worth gift cards to Operation Santa Claus and \$400 worth of gift cards to Friends of Forgotten Children. Both agencies are very thankful to the State Grange Community Service Committee and Granges in NH for their support. The teenagers are very pleased to receive these gifts.

The homeless veterans at Liberty House in Manchester were very appreciative of the greeting cards sent by Grange members and by our State Committee. The State Committee brought Santa stockings filled with different goodies for all the homeless vets who are living at Liberty House. I also made sure to send Hanukah cards to any veteran who didn't celebrate Christmas. I also did the same at Easter with Passover and in September; I sent Yom Kippur or Rosh Hashanah cards.

I was pleased with the Granges who honored individuals in their or neighboring communities for the services they provide. I was very happy with the number of nominees for these awards. These individuals were honored yesterday at the Luncheon and at the Banquet last night. I was very pleased to have Governor Sununu present yesterday for our luncheon. The recipients were: Law Enforcement Officer: David Wentworth, Sugar Hill Police Department; Firefighter of the year, James Paquette, Hudson Fire Department; Educator, James McCollum Jr., Rundlett Middle School, Concord; First Responder/Firefighter, Matt Fallon, Concord Fire Department; Community Citizen, Leona Shanholtz, Hudson ; Public Service, Paul Smith, Clerk for NH House of Representatives; Historian Awards, George S Currier Family accepted by his son Richard Currier, oldest member who had served as a deputy; Amedee & Pauline Leclerc Family, accepted by Gerald Leclerc; and Carryl & Nathalie Heath Family accepted by Chris Heath, grandson. It is the family unit that helps make the Grange survive. Life has changed throughout the years, but family must always come first in good times and in bad times.

Granger of the Year: I would like to thank those who took the time to suggest someone: Haven Haynes Jr and Sherryl Bokousky have all been chosen as this year's recipients. Community Service has been a part of the Grange for many years. There were years Granges participated in Community Progress contests, later Beautify Your Community, and Grange Hall Improvement. I was so pleased to see Baker River Grange paint their Grange Hall in the town of Rumney. For many years, someone driving by their hall might wonder if it was still in use.

There are no changes in the State Program next year. There are many possibilities in your community for your Grange to make a difference or partner with another organization to make projects successful. So as I close this report, do not be afraid to take the initiative and show your community, your neighborhood, that the Grange is alive, kicking and ready to do its part in the community. I would like to thank my wife, Deb for typing this report and proofreading. I would like to thank my committee for all they have done.

Fraternally,
Richard Patten, Director
Community Service

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Past Master's Beth Merrill, Dan Bascom, Richard Patten were called upon for a few words.

As part of the 150th Celebration, Arthur Merrill asked to speak about of Oliver Hudson Kelley.

Leroy Watson, National Grange Executive Committee member hosted a question and answer session; Topics included, National Grange Assessment Fees, Trademark Protection, California State Grange case.

Recessed until 1:30pm.

Reconvened at 1:30

Income Budget was brought before the delegate body for review and discussion. Motion moved and seconded to accept the Income Budget, vote was favorable. Income Budget passed as ammended

Expense budget was brought before the delegate body for review discussion. Motion made and supported to adjust National Session 2018/2023 from 600 to 900. Motion was made and supported to accept the Expense Budget as amended. Budget passed.

Motion was made and supported that the delegate affirm the slate of officers presented at the NH Grange Foundation. Vote was favorable.

Letter from the National Master Betsy Huber was read by Master Heath.

Tara Sad, Chairman of the Resolutions and By-laws Committee was escorted to present her report.

National Representative, Worthy State Master, Officers, Delegates and Patrons all,

I am honored to once again serve as chair of the Resolutions Committee. I want to thank the other members of the committee – Brother Bob Haefner and Sister Jozi Best – for serving. I also want to thank the Executive Committee members and Grange members who submitted these resolutions for our deliberation. We can tell that a lot of work and thought went into them.

I want to thank our Worthy Secretary, Gerald Leclerc, for getting the resolutions to us well in advance.

There are four other resolutions submitted by granges that were not passed along in time for us to act upon them. The Resolutions Committee will be seeing them for the first time here at the meeting, and therefore these will come to you with no recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara Sad, Resolutions Committee Chair

Resolution #1

Submitted By: NH State Grange Executive Committee

Subject: Election of Officers at National Grange

WHEREAS the election of officers process is defined in National Grange Digest of Laws 10.4.1 as “ELECTIONS -- 10.4.1 Nominating speeches shall not be allowed in any of the Granges in

the various divisions of the Order (Junior, Subordinate, Pomona, State or National) at the time of the election of officers; but in the election of officers, a member may present the name of another member as a candidate for a Grange office provided this rule has been adopted by the Grange having jurisdiction. A motion to close nominations is never in order and members may vote for a member whether the member's name has been placed in nomination or not." and,

WHEREAS in all divisions of the order, except the National Grange, this process is followed by the numerous Granges across the country and have for as long as the organization has been in existence and,

WHEREAS the delegates at National Session could spend this valuable time doing other important requirements assigned to them instead of guessing who they should suggest as the officers of the National Grange and,

WHEREAS the election of Officers at National Session is traditionally conducted by secret ballot and counted by the Assistants and the Steward and,

WHEREAS the National Session has now been shortened to cut down on expenses but still has the same amount of work to complete,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the election of officers at National Grange be conducted in the same manner as prescribed in the Digest of Laws and the National Master will open the floor for suggestions for the officers of the National Grange.

The Resolutions Committee thought that this suggestion for change in the nominating procedure at National Grange is a good one, saving time and making the process more streamlined and in keeping with the manner in which the State Granges nominate their officers. The vote was unanimous in favor of this resolution.

The resolution was adopted by vote of the delegate body and will be forwarded to National Grange for consideration!

Resolution #2

Submitted by: NH State Grange Executive Committee

Subject: Electronic Device Substitution

WHEREAS the price of paper is increasing every year and the cost of printing is expensive and,

WHEREAS the use of paper is creating a large burden on paper producers and natural resources around the world and,

WHEREAS this is a gross misuse of our natural resources and it is affecting our environment and,

WHEREAS the National Grange supplies paper copies of all resolutions, that are submitted, and other paperwork to all the delegates, officers and staff each year at National Session and,

WHEREAS the National Grange reprints most all of the changes to resolutions and redistributes these papers to all the delegates, officers and staff and,

WHEREAS the National Grange is and has been trying to reduce the costs to the National Grange by eliminating programs and distributions and,

WHEREAS today's technology could provide a cheaper alternative to the National Grange's current process for providing these documents to the delegates, officers and staff during National Session

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Executive Committee of the National Grange be tasked with researching the cost of alternative methods of providing these documents during National Session and,

Be it further resolved that the National Grange Executive committee report their findings and make recommendations to the delegate body at the 2018 Annual Session and,

Be it further resolved that the delegates at the 2018 Annual Session vote on the said findings of the National Grange Executive committee

The Resolutions Committee noted that the current system of providing hard copies of every resolution and report to every member delegate results in a huge waste of paper and expense. Modern technology has provided alternative methods of disseminating information and material.

This resolution does not mandate that the current system change – it only asks that the Executive Committee research the matter and report back to the full body next year.

The Committee thought this is an excellent idea, and supported recommending the resolution unanimously.

The resolution was adopted by vote of the delegate body and will be forwarded to National Grange for consideration!

Resolution #3

Submitted by: NH State Grange Executive Committee

Subject: Beverages at NH State Grange Banquet

WHEREAS Article XII, Section 1, Division 11 of the New Hampshire State Grange by-laws reads

“NH State Grange policy shall permit the use of alcoholic beverages in fundraisers, in

demonstrations or as gifts. Such containers shall remain sealed at such Grange meeting or activity. (10/30/2010)” and,

WHEREAS the New Hampshire State Grange has recognized outstanding citizens at their annual State Grange banquet for many years and,

WHEREAS these guests are not members of the Grange and are not required to abide by the rules and regulations of the Order and,

WHEREAS the New Hampshire State Grange is not officially in session or in an official meeting during the banquet honoring these guests and,

WHEREAS the guests to this banquet may prefer to be able to purchase beverages that are not typically supplied during the meal and,

WHEREAS these guests consume beverages that are both alcoholic and non-alcoholic in nature and,

WHEREAS these beverages that our guests like to consume are not made available unless contracted by the New Hampshire State Grange when making plans for the banquet and,

WHEREAS having these beverages available during the banquet could possibly lower the cost of the meal, depending on the property, if it is contracted

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the New Hampshire State Grange change Article XII, Section 1 Division 11 by adding the words “with the exception of a NH State Grange Banquet where alcohol may be served” after “Such containers shall remain sealed at such Grange meeting or activity.” so that it reads “NH State Grange policy shall permit the use of alcoholic beverages in fundraisers, in demonstrations or as gifts. Such containers shall remain sealed at such Grange meeting or activity, with the exception of **a the annual** NH State Grange banquet where alcohol may be served. **“by a vendor who is licensed to sell alcohol by the glass in the state of New Hampshire.**

The Resolutions Committee was split on this issue. The majority felt that the allowance of alcoholic beverages only at the Annual Meeting Banquet was not in opposition to the Grange tradition of no alcohol at Grange functions. The Annual Meeting Banquets have become a public celebration of the heroes in our state, and we invite not only the honorees but their families, friends and co-workers to share in the celebration. The majority felt that these non-Granger guests are used to being able to have a glass of wine at a dinner banquet, and, in a public place such as a hotel ballroom where the banquets are always held, they should be able to purchase the beverage if they should so choose.

In addition, the majority felt that most hotels and banquet facilities will charge less for the catering and facilities if they know there will be a cash bar, which is profitable for the venue.

The minority felt that the Grange's tradition of no alcohol at meetings or activities should be continued, and that the non-Grange guests should abide by our rules when participating in the banquet.

The amended resolution was defeated by vote of the Delegate body!

Resolution #4

Submitted by: NH State Grange Executive Committee

Subject: Junior Grange Membership

WHEREAS the Junior Grange was adopted by National Grange as a division of the order in 1888, a mere 21 years after the formation of the organization and,

WHEREAS the Junior Grange was patterned after the Grange - Order of the Patrons of Husbandry and,

WHEREAS the Junior Granges are subject to the National Grange Digest of Laws that govern the divisions of the Grange and,

WHEREAS the Junior Grange members pay dues to the State Grange's annually and,

WHEREAS the Junior Grange annual word, badges, manuals, equipment and other organization specific items are controlled by the National Grange and,

WHEREAS most Junior Grange members graduate into the Subordinate Grange at the age of fourteen and,

WHEREAS the National Grange now has the one plus program that entitles Junior members to participate and become Junior members of a Subordinate Grange and,

WHEREAS Junior Grange members are hopefully the future members of the Subordinate, Pomona, State and National Granges and,

WHEREAS the National Grange no longer exempts members who achieve continuous membership of 50 years,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Grange recognize a Junior Granger's membership towards a member's continuous membership total and,

Be it further resolved that the National Grange make this retroactively effective as of November 2013

The Resolutions Committee felt that the Junior Granges are, indeed, as much a part of the Grange as Cub Scouts are to Boy Scouts, where their training follows them as they pass from cub to scout. The Junior Grangers put in the work, they pay dues, learn ritual and participate in Grange activities. The years they spend as a Junior Granger should count to their lifetime participation toward a Golden Sheaf.

The vote in favor of recommending this resolution was unanimous.

The resolution was adopted by vote of the delegate body and will be forwarded to National Grange for consideration!

Resolution #5

Submitted by: Chichester Grange #132

Subject: Grange Bowling Day

WHEREAS, the State Grange bowling day is an event full of fun and lighthearted competition; and

WHEREAS, there are four levels of competition to give people the opportunity to compete against other Grangers at the same skill level; and

WHEREAS, intentional or not, some Grangers are entering the bowling competition at a level lower than their skill level; and

WHEREAS, this is causing an unbalanced playing field; and

WHEREAS, the closing of the Fourth Degree states that ‘also in work and recreation... whatever we do, strive to do well;’

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Lecturer (or whoever is in charge of the event) keeps a record of the scores from year to year and uses the three-game average from the previous year to place each participant into the proper division:

A Division 90+ Average

B Division 80-89 Average

C Division 70-79 Average

D division 69 and below Average.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a first-time participant or someone who is coming off of a multi-year absence will use the honor system to suggest which division they should be placed in.

The Resolutions Committee felt that this resolution put too much responsibility at the feet of the State Lecturer, who would be tasked with coming up with the perfect skill level determination for

the bowling competitors. We also felt that the Bowling Days should be days of camaraderie and fun, and not cut throat competition.

For these reasons, the Committee voted not to recommend this resolution, but leave it to the delegates to debate and decide.

The resolution was defeated by vote of the Delegate body!

Resolution #6

Submitted by: Cheshire County Pomona #6

Subject: Future of Pomona Grange in New Hampshire

WHEREAS interest and involvement in the Pomona Grange in New Hampshire has declined

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pomona Degree be retained as requirement of membership to the Sixth Degree, conferred at a time and place determined by the State Executive Committee, and that the individual Pomona Granges in New Hampshire cease to exist.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if this resolution passes, all of the assets of the Pomona Granges effected be divided equally among the active Subordinate Granges of said Pomona Grange.

The amended resolution was defeated by vote of the Delegate body!

Resolution #7

Submitted by: Claremont Grange #9

Subject: New Hampshire tick and other insect borne disease information system

WHEREAS the New Hampshire State Grange passed a resolution in 2016 to support the formation of a New Hampshire based online Lyme Disease support/information system and

WHEREAS the owners of equines and livestock in the state of New Hampshire are also seeing an increase in other airborne diseases besides Lyme Disease by ticks and other insects, and

WHEREAS the 2016 resolution is considered to limited in scope to enact upon by some New Hampshire policy makers

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New Hampshire State Grange supports the formation of a New Hampshire based online support/information system to be used by the owners of animals affected by tick and other insect borne diseases.

The resolution was adopted by vote of the Delegate body!

Resolution #8

Submitted by: Arlington Grange #239

Subject: Health Care Reform

WHEREAS The Affordable Care Act was signed into law with the intension of providing comprehensive health insurance for all Americans at a reasonable cost

WHEREAS over the last seven years the benefits of the health care law have become more popular and have become more appreciated by the public

WHEREAS the implementation of the new health care system has exposed a number of flaws in rafting of the legislation that need revising

WHEREAS no other social welfare program that has been implemented has been perfect the first time around

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED The ~~New Hampshire State~~ **National** Grange support a bipartisan effort to repair the ~~healthcare law~~ **affordable care act**.

The amended resolution was adopted by vote of the delegate body and will be forwarded to National Grange for consideration!

Resolution #9

Submitted by: Walpole Grange #125

Subject: Controlling Invasive Aquatic Species in New Hampshire's Waterways

WHEREAS, New Hampshire's water bodies have become increasingly infested with non-native, invasive aquatic species such as Trefoil and Zebra Mussels, and

WHEREAS, invasive aquatic species have no local, natural predators and thus they crowd out valuable native plant and fish species in our lakes, streams, rivers and ponds as well as add to costly maintenance and repair of boats, docks and other marine structures. If not controlled, these invasive aquatic species will eventually take over the major waterbodies of our state and diminish the value of those waterbodies for sports, recreation and other uses, and

WHEREAS, The State of New Hampshire and many local municipalities currently provide modest funding to volunteer based, locally controlled lake associations, boaters clubs, sports clubs and other similar private, volunteer staffed organizations to carry out invasive aquatic species monitoring and control programs on about 40 of New Hampshire's major waterbodies, or about half of the infested water systems in the state, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire State Grange encourage the State Legislature to enact legislation directing the Department of Fish and Game to implement an invasive aquatic species management program that is designed to reduce the occurrences of invasive aquatic species in our state's lakes, rivers, streams and ponds by 90% by the year 2022, and maintaining their occurrences at these levels thereafter, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Legislature enact legislation that directs the Department of Fish and Game to work with, and provide funding to, local volunteer based private groups, such as lake associations, boaters clubs and sports clubs to develop and implement appropriate invasive aquatic species management programs for each major waterbody in New Hampshire.

The resolution was adopted by vote of the Delegate body!

The State Master thank the committee for their service and ordered this report printed in the Journal.

Richard Patten was escorted to the Master's station to give the report of the Master's address committee.

Worthy Master, Worthy National Master, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters all,

We the members of the Masters Address Committee would like to commend our State Master for all his hard work and many miles that he has committed to our organization.

As we have been informed from our Worthy Master, this year has been a turbulent one. Unfortunately, due to multiple reasons Granges have had to either close their doors or consolidate. Also, reported by the Worthy Master, not all closings or consolidations have happened in the correct procedure. It is evident that the regulations and bylaws that are in place for a Grange to consider closing/consolidating is not common knowledge.

The committee recognizes that the Journal of Proceedings is not commonly requested from Granges. The Masters Address contains important information that is relevant to all Grange members. Therefore, we recommend that the Masters address be sent by the State Secretary to all Grange Masters and Secretaries with the expectation that it will be read at their meetings.

The committee is also in agreement with the Worthy Master that the image of the Grange and knowledge that we are still active must be brought to the forefront. We therefore endorse the Worthy Masters recommendation that the NH State Grange Executive Committee consider adding publicity as a line item in the budget, and allocate the necessary funds.

Electronic meetings, while we must acknowledge that technology is an essential part of everyday life, we must remain true to our ritualism. The committee agrees that the physical presence of members is an important part of being a grange member. However, every member should be able to have a voice and we encourage that in whatever way possible.

Junior Grange, we need to encourage our young people, who will be our future leaders of our organization. The committee echo's the words of the Worthy Master, it is imperative that the juniors that exist in your Grange be communicated to the State Secretary and the State Junior Director.

While reviewing the address, the committee has noticed a theme. Communication. Only with effective communication can we make our organization successful. To the delegate body, please make sure that your roster information is submitted to the State secretary in time for printing the roster. This is what many people use to send communications to the granges.

Membership, the committee agrees with the recommendation that an incentive program be initiated at the state level. With providing an incentive program this often increases engagement. We encourage the delegate body to support the Worthy Master in the incentive program. We further recommend that a dedicated membership director be chosen that is not the Worthy Master. We believe that having someone dedicated to this task would help alleviate some of the work from his plate.

With regards to the insurance policies for granges. We indorse the Worthy Masters recommendation for the NH State Grange Executive committee to take on the project of seeking a plan for our granges. With hopes that we could find something more cost effective and beneficial to our membership.

As an organization, we must put aside our differences and come together to ensure the survival of our great organization. To quote our Worthy State Master. “We must make it our responsibility to ensure that our beloved Grange survives into the next century”.

In closing we would like to thank you Worthy Master for all your hard work. We would like to acknowledge and thank you for your candor. You have provided the delegate body with the true condition of the NH State Grange even though it must have been extremely difficult to both say and hear.

Fraternally Submitted
Richard Patten
Doris Mitton
Adam Paquin-Varnum

Committee Recommendations:

- Sending a copy of Master’s Address to the Master and Secretary of each Pomona and Subordinate Grange with the expectation that it will be read to the members.
- NH State Grange Executive Committee add Publicity as a line item in the budget, and allocate the necessary funds.
- An “Incentive Program” be initiated at the State Level and further recommend that a dedicated Membership Director be chosen that is not the Worthy Master.
- The NH State Grange Executive Committee take on the project of seeking an insurance plan for our Granges. With the hope that something be found that is more cost effective and beneficial to our membership.

All committee recommendation were approved by the Delegate body.

Emilie Leclerc gave the report of the Credentials Committee:

Voting Delegates	
Master	25
Wives of Masters	5
Husbands of Masters	4
Delegates	<u>25</u>
Total Delegates	60
State Officers	10
Deputies	12
Committee Members	37
Non-Delegates	40
Special Guests	4

Respectfully submitted,

Emilie Leclerc, Chairman

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

State Steward, Arthur Merrill installed Executive Committee Members Mark Collins and Tricia Taylor.

With no further business to discuss the Grange was closed in the 4th degree.

The Saturday evening session open at 7:00 by the officers of the New Hampshire State Grange. State Secretary, Gerald J. Leclerc announced that the following members have presented applications for admission to the Court of Flora.

Christine Savage	Wingold Grange #308
Theresa Avery	Mohawk Grange #217
Esther Herrick	Concord Grange #322
Armond Gerritsen	Antrim Grange #98
Claire Lebel	Wicwas Lake Grange #292
Herb Vadney	Wicwas Lake Grange #292
Karen Vadney	Wicwas Lake Grange #292
Mollie Durand	Wicwas Lake Grange #292
Paul Lafavre	Wicwas Lake Grange #292
Diane Lafavre	Wicwas Lake Grange #292
Devin Schwarz	Wicwas Lake Grange #292
Debra Standley	Watatic Grange #36
Mike Brailey	Blazing Star Grange #77
Liz Hewes	Blazing Star Grange #77

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

Flora's Court

State Flora: Lois Enman
Personal Attendants: Doris Mitton, Riverside Grange
Emilie Leclerc Hudson Grange

Court Ladies: Rhoda Davis, Pembroke Grange
Cookie Belanger, Wicwas Lake Grange
Dale McDonald, Lower Intervale Grange
Virginia Blackmer, Harmony Grange

State Pomona: Sarah Leclerc
Personal Attendants: Camilie Twiss, Watatic Grange
Sherrill Bokousky, Watatic Grange

State Ceres: Kerrienne Heath
Personal Attendants: Sandra Binette, Rochester Grange
Jean Abbott, Riverside Grange

Solist's: Hannah West and Karlena Henry
Lighting: Robert Paquin-Varnum

Honor Court:

Betsy Huber	National Grange Master
Dick and Debra Patten	Past State Master and State Ceres
Richard and Patricia Bailey	Past State Steward and State Flora
Rachel Bailey	Past State Pomona
Ida Hutchins	Past State Pomona
Kimber Bascom	Past State Flora
Ann Leger	Past State Flora
Virginia Clark	Past State Pomona
Karlina Henry	MA State Home and Community Member
Laura and Tom Gotauco	RI State Grange Assistant and Lady Assistant Stewards
Joann Brandt	Past State Flora
Jim Tetreault	Past State Master
Hannah West	Past State Ceres

2017 Rose Drill by New Hampshire State Grange Juniors:

Natalie Brandt, Wingold Grange
Isabell Brandt, Wingold Grange
Madison Brandt, Wingold Grange
Bowen Brandt, Wingold Grange
Lily Ricker, Blazing Star Grange
Blaze MacMullen, Blazing Star Grange
Juliette Adams, Blazing Star Grange
David Klapyk, Blazing Star Grange
Adam Klapyk, Blazing Star Grange

Lisa Brailey, Blazing Star Grange
Mallory Enman, Rochester Grange
Cole Enman, Rochester Grange
Trevor Clark, Prentice Hill Grange
Seth Clark, Prentice Hill Grange
Rebecca Boisvert, Chichester Grange
Jacob Scanzani, Hudson Grange
Tristan Gotauco, Rhode Island Junior Granger

Betsy was presented a gift from Chris and Kerriann with items from the State of NH.

The final day of the 144th New Hampshire State Grange Session was closed in the Fourth Degree. A receiving line of the State Officers followed the closing.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary
New Hampshire State Grange

2017 TABULAR SCORE
SUBORDINATE GRANGES

Grange	Number	Membership		Real Estate	Total Assets	Average
		6/30/2016	6/30/2017			Attendance
Antrim	98	29	28	\$ 92,400.00	\$ -	8
Arlington	139	26	22	\$ 184,000.00	\$ 2,690.99	8
Aurora	235	28	26	\$ 66,600.00	\$ 6,023.44	5
Baker's River	290	13	15	\$ 33,700.00	\$ 1,173.89	5
Barnstead	360					
Blazing Star	71	63	60	\$ 185,000.00	\$ 152,140.34	7
Blow-Me-Down	234	42	41	\$ 398,800.00	\$ 10,912.10	8
Centennial	185	21	21	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 335.00	9
Chichester	132	41	35	\$ 4,736.00	\$ 11,566.70	7
Claremont	9	20	16	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 869.67	8
Cocheco	81	27	26	\$ 111,200.00	\$ 8,231.22	9
Concord	322	48	59	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	12
Crown Point	65	36	34	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 13,651.80	8
Croydon	357	13	13	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,936.09	7
Daniel Webster	100					
Dorchester	280	21	18	\$ 750.00	\$ 59,815.88	6
Gilman	1	22	21	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 240,222.40	8
Golden Rod	114	17	12	\$ 100.00	\$ 17,548.20	11
Granite	7					
Granite State	149					
Halestown	287					
Halloween	317	11	11	\$ 126,600.00	\$ 393.92	6
Hampton Falls	171	39	37	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,858.73	8
Harmony	99	43	40	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 9,031.55	12
Henry Wilson	205	25	24	\$ 24,600.00	\$ 2,754.56	8
Hudson	11	28	28	\$ 422,700.00	\$ 38,064.24	9
Jeremiah Smith	161					
Joe English	53	26	25	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 12,038.16	11
Lake Shore	128	18	17	\$ 500.00	\$ 80,812.02	7
Londonderry	44					
Lower Intervale	321	32	30	\$ 31,700.00	\$ 1,094.54	15
Manchester	359					
Meriden	151					
Mohawk	217	44	46	\$ 55,300.00	14636.19	13

Mount Hope	77	29	34	\$ 1,500.00	5386	11
Mt Livermore	288	18	17	\$ 1,820.07	5818.75	6
Mt Pistareen	145					
Park	249					
Pembroke	111	31	27	\$ 3,000.00	24585.91	6
Pine Grove	298	22	16	\$ 4,000.00	10000	7
Pleasant Valley	272					
Prentice Hill	257	19	13	\$ -	0	0
Riverhill	346					
Riverside	137					
Rochester	86	53	54	\$ 194,800.00	35198.54	11
Rockingham	183	21	22	\$ 236,200.00	2023.5	8
Stratford	238	12	10	\$ 1,000.00	945.71	7
Sunapee Lake	112	23	17	\$ 1,000.00	38046.05	5
Tuftonborough	142	16	19	\$ 117,300.00	5108.21	8
Walpole	125	53	51	\$ 1,800.00	8226.48	13
Watatic	36	17	18	\$ 3,350.00	2064.3	7
West Thornton	253					
Wicwas Lake	292					
Wingold	308	59	58	\$ 2,500.00	8480.92	11
Winthrop	315	11	9	\$ 3,000.00	709.4	4

2017 TABULAR SCORE
POMONA GRANGES

Grange	Number	Membership		Total	Average
		6/30/2016	6/30/2017	Assets	Attendance
Cheshire County	6	47	44	\$ 20,318.42	8
Eastern NH	2	77	70	\$ 3,867.97	21
East Rockingham	11	61	56	\$ 15,696.55	13
Hillsborough County	1	70	70	\$ 4,319.20	9
Mascoma Valley	7				
Northern NH	5	40	49	\$ 2,893.83	7
Pemigewasset Valley	18	57	85	\$ 3,820.50	13
Suncook Valley	12	33	66	\$ 4,815.77	11

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE
CHECKING ACCOUNT**

October 1, 2016	TD Bank Checking Account	15,506.13
	Income – Exhibit B	63,716.68
	Expense – Exhibit C	<u>-71,874.17</u>
September 30, 2017	Balance	7,348.64

Accounts Receivable

October 1, 2016	Balance	345.00
	Payment on loans	<u>0</u>
September 30, 2017	Balance	345.00

State Grange Building Hooksett

October 1, 2016	Purchase Price	87,500.00
September 30, 2017	Purchase Price	87,500.00

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

October 1, 2016	TD Checking Account	846.60
	Income	1,624.11
	Expense	<u>2,049.00</u>
September 30, 2017	Balance	421.71

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

October 1, 2016	Balance	197,122.53
	Transferred	0.00
	Taxable Income	4,181.74
	Realized Gain/Loss	1,286.25
	Deposits	14,272.91
	Quarterly Income Paid	-6,580.16
	Withdrawals	0.00
	Fees Paid	-2,472.17
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	22470.95
September 30, 2017	Ending Market Value	221,572.83

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

October 1, 2016	Balance	38,942.04
	Taxable Income	577.33
	Realized Gain/Loss	10.43
	Deposit	2,091.08
	Withdrawals	-11,658.49
	Fees paid	-349.92
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	3,197.86
September 30, 2017	Ending Market Value	32,521.37

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

October 1, 2012	Purchase Price	2,106.91
September 30, 2017	Purchase Price carried forward	2,106.91

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

October 1, 2016	Balance	514,832.91
	Taxable Income	10,313.87
	Realized Gain/Loss	4,485.48
	Paid Granges	-18,346.13
	Deposits	1,271.08
	Withdrawal	-4,270.95
	Fees Paid	-6,273.77
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	60,365.03
September 30, 2017	Ending Market Value	540,044.82

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

October 1, 2016	Balance	26,059.31
	Taxable Income	569.49
	Contributions	105.00
	Realized Gain/Loss	84.18

	Aid to Youth	0.00
	Fees Paid	-328.17
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	3,403.29
September 30, 2017	Ending Market Value	28,518.32

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

October 1, 2016	Balance	144,720.12
	Taxable Income	3,133.51
	Realized Gain/Loss	1,260.73
	Scholarships	-2,000.00
	Fees Paid	-1,818.76
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	16,892.99
September 30, 2017	Ending Market Value	155,302.30

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

October 1, 2016	Balance	17,704.00
	Deposits	23,046.47
	Taxable Income	212.67
	Realized Gain/Loss	35.56
	Withdrawals	6,741.48
	Fees Paid	-147.18
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	1,698.83
September 30, 2017	Ending Market Value	35,384.87

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

October 1, 2016	Balance	50,652.92
	Taxable Income	1,082.61
	Deposits	100.01
	Withdrawal	-75.00
	Donations	0.00
	Realized Gain/Loss	350.34
	Aid to Members	-1,000.00
	Fees Paid	-625.26
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	5,996.32

September 30, 2017	Ending Market Value	53,601.22
	NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE	
	MORGAN STANLEY	
	NH Grange Trust – Blaisdell Fund	
October 1, 2016	Balance	13,667.93
	Taxable Income	313.28
	Realized Gain/Loss	42.15
	Fees Paid	-171.72
	Unrealized Gain/Loss	1,718.43
September 30, 2017	Ending Market Value	14,923.58

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE TRUST
CHECKBOOK SUMMARY**

October 1, 2016	Morgan Stanley Checking Account	3,485.47
	Income	
	3.5% Income from investments	1,772.85
	Donations	0.00
	Minus restricted donations & donations	<u>-178.12</u>
	Total Income	5,080.20
	Expenses	
	Aid paid to members	-1,500.00
	Minus previously added filing fees and budget income	-475.00
	State of NH – charitable filing fee	<u>-75.00</u>
	Total Expenses	-2,050.00
September 30, 2017	Ending Balance	3,030.20

Exhibit C
 NH State Grange
Expenses 2016-2017

Date	Paid To	Account Charged	Check #	Amount
10/11/2016	Dick Patten	Historian	2642	21.37
10/16/2016	Total Lock LLC	State Grange Building	2643	157.00
10/16/2016	Christine Hamp	State Session	2644	1,187.94
10/16/2016	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies	2645	1,462.62
10/16/2016	Arthur Merrill	Deputy Mileage	2646	388.50
10/16/2016	Andrew Savage	General Deputy	2647	119.10
10/16/2016	Jean Abbott	Deputy Mileage	2648	124.20
10/16/2016	Ida Hutchins	Deputy Mileage	2649	49.50
10/16/2016	Arlene Fall	Deputy Milage	2650	66.40
10/21/2016	Wilber Heath	Deputy Milage	2651	73.02
10/21/2016	Concord Monitor	GSG	2652	300.53
10/21/2016	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	2653	39.75
10/21/2016	Deb Patten	Cake for Carl Adams	2654	41.99
10/21/2016	Mark Collins	State Session - supplies	2655	110.64
10/21/2016	Kim Bascom	State Session - flowers	2656	106.50
11/13/2016	National Grange	Assessment	2657	1,563.00
11/13/2016	Fireside Inn & Suites	State Session	2658	3,954.83
11/13/2016	Hooksett Village Water	State Grange Building	2659	30.00
11/15/2016	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	2660	959.40
11/21/2016	Dick Patten	Historian	2661	141.00
12/1/2016	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	2662	39.72
10/31/2016	Bank Charge	Misc		2.00
11/28/2016	Eversource- 4 months service	State Grange Building		463.06
11/30/2016	Bank charge	Misc		2.00
12/10/2016	National Grange	Dues	2663	3,843.00
12/10/2016	Deb Patten	Family & Community	2664	375.00
12/10/2016	Lois Enman	Grange Services	2665	75.00
12/10/2016	Jane Trombi	Lecturer	2666	300.00
12/10/2016	Robert Haefner	Legislative	2667	175.00
12/10/2016	Sarah Leclerc	Department Budget	2668	300.00
12/10/2016	Trust Fund	Department Budget	2669	50.00
12/10/2016	Joann Brandt	Department Budget	2670	200.00
12/10/2016	Chris Heath	Master's Budget	2671	1,125.00
12/10/2016	Gerald Leclerc	Secretaries Budget	2672	250.00
12/10/2016	Dan Bascom	Treasurer's Budget	2673	125.00
12/10/2016	Concord Monitor	GSG	2674	300.53
12/10/2016	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	2675	52.25
12/10/2016	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	2676	1,397.91
12/17/2016	Eversource	State Grange Building		46.63
12/31/2016	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2677	60.00
12/29/2016	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2678	60.00
12/29/2016	Hannah West	GSG	2679	206.55
12/29/2016	Fairpoint Communications	Ststa Grange Building	2680	39.72
12/29/2016	Norman Brandt	Ag Budget	2681	100.00
12/29/2016	National Grange	Assessment	2682	25.00

12/29/2016	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2683	60.00
12/31/2016	Bank charge	Misc		2.00
1/5/2017	Business Card	Postage/Printing/Supplies	2684	1,502.40
1/31/2017	Bank Charge	Misc - Paper Statement		2.00
2/2/2017	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2685	120.00
2/2/2017	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	2686	39.70
2/2/2017	MSA Group	State Grange Insurance	2687	2,220.00
2/2/2017	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	2688	528.83
2/2/2017	Hooksett Sewer Commission	State Grange Building	2689	62.25
2/24/2017	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2690	300.00
2/24/2017	Hooksett Water Precinct	State Grange Building	2691	35.00
2/24/2017	Hennessey / Vallee PLC	Accounting	2692	1,650.00
3/3/2017	Morgan Stanley	Defunct Grange	2693	3,643.78
3/8/2017	National Grange	Bonding	2694	3,362.00
3/8/2017	National Grange	Dues	2695	4,116.00
2/10/2017	Eversource	State Grange Building		174.68
2/28/2017	Bank charge	Misc		2.00
3/9/2017	NH Grange Foundation	Fund Raising Loan	2696	500.00
3/16/2017	Hannah West	GSG	2697	197.72
3/21/2017	Dan Bascom	Postage	2698	115.08
3/21/2017	Concord Monitor	GSG	2699	300.53
3/30/2017	Chris Heath	Master's Budget	2700	1,125.00
3/30/2017	Bank Charge	Misc - Paper Statement		2.00
3/30/2017	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary Budget	2701	250.00
3/30/2017	Dan Bascom	Treasurer Budget	2702	125.00
3/30/2017	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building – 2 month	2703	79.34
3/30/2017	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2704	60.00
4/8/2017	Belisle Machine Works	State Grange Building	2705	60.00
4/8/2017	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	2706	341.55
4/24/2017	Donald F, Whittum	Legal Fees	2707	269.63
4/24/2017	Northeast Connection	T-shirts	2708	1,450.00
4/24/2017	Eastern Propane & Oil	State Grange Building	2709	106.71
4/24/2017	Hooksett Sewer Comm.	State Grange Building	2710	57.25
4/24/2017	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	2711	39.69
4/30/2017	Wilber Heath	Office Equipment	2712	1,139.28
5/7/2017	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	2713	1,200.27
4/30/2017	Bank charge	Misc		2.00
3/10/2017	Eversource	State Grange Building		164.27
4/10/2017	Eversource	State Grange Building		138.62
5/8/2017	Hooksett Water Precinct	State Grange Building	2714	35.00
5/21/2017	NH Preservation Alliance	Misc - donation	2715	500.00
5/21/2017	Northeast Connection	National Session 2018	2716	4,500.00
5/21/2017	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	2717	39.72
6/12/2017	Eversource	State Grange Building		149.88
5/31/2017	Bank Charge	Misc		2.00
6/9/2017	Dick Patten	Misc.-flowers	2718	28.00
6/9/2017	LaVallee Oil	State Grange Building	2719	291.20
6/9/2017	Arthur Merrill	Deputy Mileage	2720	507.30
6/9/2017	Hannah West	GSG	2721	417.74
6/9/2017	Deb Patten	Dept. Budget	2722	375.00

6/9/2017	Lois Enman	Dept. Budget	2723	75.00
6/9/2017	Jane Trombi	Dept. Budget	2724	300.00
6/9/2017	Robert Haefner	Dept. Budget	2725	175.00
6/9/2017	Norman Brandt	Dept. Budget	2726	100.00
6/9/2017	Sarah Leclerc	Dept. Budget	2727	300.00
6/9/2017	Joann Brandt	Dept. Budget	2728	200.00
6/9/2017	Trust Dept.	Dept. Budget	2729	50.00
6/9/2017	National Grange	Dues	2730	4,067.00
6/9/2017	Wilber Heath	Office Equipment	2731	329.00
6/26/2017	Dick Patten	Historian	2732	82.72
6/26/2017	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	2733	39.72
6/26/2017	Arlene Fall	Deputy Mileage	2734	81.60
6/26/2017	Dick Patten	Historian.	2735	65.60
6/26/2017	Chris Heath	Master's Budget	2736	1,125.00
6/26/2017	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary Budget	2737	250.00
6/26/2017	Dan Bascom	Treasurer Budget	2738	125.00
5/14/2017	Eversource	State Grange Building		66.50
6/30/2017	Bank Charge	Misc.		2.00
7/13/2017	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	2739	187.56
7/20/2017	Fairpoint Communications	State Grange Building	2740	39.76
7/20/2017	Hooksett Sewer Comm.	State Grange Building	2741	57.25
7/31/2017	Bank Charge	Misc.		2.00
8/8/2017	Jean Abbott	Deputy Mileage	2742	178.80
8/8/2017	Andrew Savage	Deputy Mileage	2743	151.50
8/8/2017	Ida Hutchins	Deputy Mileage	2744	77.70
8/8/2017	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	2745	192.09
7/16/2017	Eversource	State Grange Building		104.44
8/13/2017	Eversource	State Grange Building		178.49
8/17/2017	Hooksett Water Precinct	State Grange Building	2746	35.00
8/31/2017	Dick Patten - Historian	Anniversary Fund	2747	246.38
8/29/2017	Fair Point Communication	State Grange Building	2748	39.86
8/28/2017	LaVallee Oil Inc	State Grange Building	2749	1,611.75
8/31/2017	National Grange	Dues	2750	3,993.50
8/31/2017	Bank Charge	Misc		2.00
9/12/2017	Eversource	State Grange Building		176.46
9/20/2017	Concord Monitor	GSG	2751	297.86
9/20/2017	Hannah West	GSG	2752	188.46
9/20/2017	Fair Point Communication	State Grange Building	2753	35.61
9/29/2017	Dan Bascom	Postage	2754	107.41
9/30/2017	Chris Heath	Master Budget	2755	1,125.00
9/30/2017	Business Card	Printing/Postage/Supplies	2756	743.13
9/30/2017	Dan Bascom	Treasurer Budget	2757	125.00
9/30/2017	Gerald Leclerc	Secretary Budget	2758	250.00
9/30/2017	National Grange	Assessment	2759	1,498.00
9/30/2017	Bank Charge	Misc.		2.00

Exhibit D
New Hampshire State Grange
Expense Annual Summary
2016 – 2017

Accounting Services	1,650.00
Bonding Fee Sub & Pom	3,170.00
Bonding Fee State Grange	376.00
Defunct Grange Account	3,643.78
Department Expenses	
Agriculture	200.00
Family & Community	750.00
Grange Services	150.00
Historian *submit bills by quarter	310.69
Lecturer	600.00
Legislative	350.00
Membership	0.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	100.00
Youth	0.00
Junior	400.00
Deputies Expenses	1698.52
Dues- National Grange	16,019.50
Family Weekend	200.00
General Deputy Expenses	119.10
Granite State Granger/mailing permit	2,209.92
Legal Fees	269.63
Miscellaneous	3,273.89
National Assessment – 2 years	3,086.00
National Session 2018	5,950.00
Office Equipment	1,504.25
Officer Expenses	
Master	4,500.00
Secretary	1,000.00
Treasurer	500.00
Operations-Fund Raising	0.00
Printing/Postage/Supplies	4,333.49
Sixth Degree Fees	0.00
Spring Fling	0.00
State Grange Building	5,666.28
State Grange Insurance	2,22.00
State Session	6,098.73
State Session Deposit	1,090.00
State Session Sound System	0.00
Supply Department	309.42
Website	308.97
Totals	71,874.17

**New Hampshire State Grange
Income Annual Summary
2016-2017
Exhibit B**

Operating Account Income	6,580.16
Withdrawals from Principal	0.00
Defunct Grange Account	3,869.53
Investment Management	0.00
Bonding Fees Subordinate/Pomona	2,594.00
Donations	0.00
Dues & Fees	37,122.75
Family Weekend	200.00
Granite State Granger Donations	575.00
Miscellaneous	2,561.68
National Assessment	2,242.00
National Session 2018 – T shirts	260.00
Operations – Fund Raising	0.00
- Eastern States Blueberry Pie	0.00
Sixth Degree Fees	30.00
Spring Fling	0.00
State Grange Building Donations	110.00
State Grange Building Use	3,325.00
State Session	4,240.56
Supply Department	6.00
Trust	0.00
	0.00
Total Income	63,516.68