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**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE  
 PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY**

**PROCEEDINGS**

**OF THE**

**One Hundred Thirty-Third Annual Session**



**Sandra Witmer, Secretary**

**20 Erford Road, Suite 310**

**Lemoyne, PA 17043**

**Held at**

**West Middlesex, Pennsylvania**

**October 22-24, 2005**



PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

ROLL OF HONOR

PAST MASTERS

OF THE  
PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

Organized September 18, 1873

At

Reading, Pennsylvania

*DAVID B. MAUGER.....	1873-1876
*VICTOR E. PIOLLET.....	1876-1880
*LEONARD RHONE.....	1880-1898
*W.F. HILL.....	1898-1908
*WILLIAM T. CREASY.....	1908-1914
*JOHN A. McSPARRAN.....	1914-1924
*PHILIP H. DEWEY.....	1924-1927
*E.B. DORSETT.....	1927-1932
*J.A. BOAK.....	1932-1938
*KENZIE S. BAGSHAW.....	1938-1944
*SHARP FULLERTON.....	1944-1950
*BEATTY H. DIMIT.....	1950-1956
*J. COLLINS McSPARRAN.....	1956-1962
JOHN W. SCOTT.....	1962-1968
A. WAYNE READINGER.....	1968-1974
*J. LUTHER SNYDER.....	1974-1979
*ROBERT E. STEESE.....	1979-1979
CHARLES E. WISMER.....	1979-1988
WILLIAM H. RINGLER.....	1988-1992
GORDON HILLER.....	1992-1996
WILLIAM A. STEEL.....	1996-2002

\*Deceased

OFFICERS

OF THE

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

2005

MASTER .....	BETSY E. HUBER
OVERSEER.....	BRIAN EBERSOLE
LECTURER.....	SHARON KIMMEL
STEWARD.....	CHESTER TAU
ASSISTANT STEWARD.....	JAMES SCHOONOVER
LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD.....	KELLY VAN ORD
CHAPLAIN.....	JUDY PRESSLER
TREASURER.....	HENRY SEIDEL
SECRETARY.....	SANDRA WITMER
GATEKEEPER.....	RICHARD MANGEL
CERES.....	TAMMY SCHAEFFER
POMONA.....	SARA SHANK
FLORA.....	AMY FOSTER
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.....	CARL RUDY
	ELIZABETH DOWNEY
	DAVID TROUTMAN
	BARBARA GROSS



**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE**  
**133rd ANNUAL SESSION**  
**WEST MIDDLESEX, MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

HEADQUARTERS: Radisson Hotel Sharon, West Middlesex, PA  
HOSTS: Crawford, Mercer, and Venango Counties

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2005**

State Officers, Departmental Committees arrive  
2:00-5:00 Registration - Radisson  
2:00 Exhibit Rooms set-up - Sheffield, Devonshire, Essex  
2:30 Executive Committee meeting - Room 103  
5:00 Host Banquet - State Officers & Dept. Heads  
**6:30 p.m. - 2007 Farm Bill Listening Session - Grand Ballroom**  
9:00 State Officer Rehearsal - Grand Ballroom  
10:00 Youth officers' rehearsal - Grand Ballroom

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2005**

8-12 Receive Exhibits  
8-12 Committee meetings at call of chair  
8-12 Sixth Degree Practice - Officers & drill teams - West Middlesex High School  
8-5:30 Registration of delegates/guests - Radisson  
8:30 Youth Officer Closing Rehearsal - Grand Ballroom  
10:00 Credit Union Annual Meeting/Brunch - Radisson Courtyard  
11-1:00 Junior Jamboree Registration  
**1:00 Official Opening of 133rd Annual Session - Grand Ballroom**  
Roll Call of Officers  
Presentation of Honored Guests-National Representatives  
Henrietta & Norman Keller, National Grange Secretary  
Welcome - Host counties  
Partial Report of Credentials Committee  
Master's Address  
Officer Reports - Secretary, Treasurer  
Committee Reports on Resolutions  
2:00 Judging of Exhibits begins  
4:00 Suggestions for Office and Introduction of Candidates  
4:15 Closing of Saturday's session by Youth Officers  
5:30-7:00 Registration of delegates/guests--West Middlesex High School  
6:30 Sixth Degree by State Officers - West Middlesex High School  
9:00 Reception hosted by State Officers & Youth Party - Youth party sponsored by former Crawford County Young Grangers  
9:00-10:30 Exhibits Open

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2005**

7:00 Service Corp Annual Meeting/Breakfast - Radisson Courtyard  
8:30 Worship Service - Lebanon Presbyterian Church  
9:45 Junior Grange meeting and degree by Hookstown Junior Grange - Grand Ballroom  
10:00 Masters' Meeting - Grand Ballroom  
10:00 Exhibits Open  
10-6:00 Registration - West Middlesex High School  
10:45 Americare Home Care Services Workshop - Service Corp. - Grand Ballroom  
11:00 Youth Luncheon - Radisson Courtyard  
1:00 Sign A Song, Public Speaking Contest - High School D&CS and Youth Directors  
1:30 Committees meet at call of chairman  
1:30 Workshop - Chesapeake Financial Services - Grand Ballroom  
3:00 Talent Contest - Juniors & Adults - W. Middlesex High School  
6:30 All Granger Banquet - Grand Ballroom  
Entertainment - "The Five of Us"  
Community Service Awards  
Granger of the Year  
9-10:30 Exhibits open

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2005**

7:00 Family Activities Breakfast - Radisson Courtyard  
Director Ginny Mangel  
8:00 Exhibits open  
8-10 Registration - Radisson  
8:30 Opening of Monday's session - Grand Ballroom  
Roll Call of Officers, Minutes of Saturday's session  
Report of Credentials Committee  
Reports of Committees on Resolutions  
10:00 Exhibits close for pack-up  
11:45 Election of Officer - Executive Committee member  
12:00 Past Officers Luncheon - Radisson Courtyard  
2:00 Session reconvenes - Teller's report  
Past Officers Recognition  
Reports of Committees on Resolutions  
3:00 Exhibits released  
4:00 Installation of Officer  
Completion of business  
Recognition of Host Committee  
Invitation to 134th Annual Session - Berks County  
Closing of 133rd Annual Session



## 2005 Session Committees

### Good of the Order Committee

Nettie Kauffman, Chair, Berks Co.  
Frank Poust, Lycoming Co.  
Steve Stettner, Lancaster Co.  
Boyd Dimpsey, Dauphin Co.  
Charles Brackman, Bradford Co.  
Roger Williams, Crawford Co.  
Jim Scott, Beaver Co.  
Glenn Supplee, Juniata Co.  
Chris Straub, Mercer Co.

### Credentials Committee

Grace Mitchell, Washington Co.  
Shirley Burkhardt, Berks Co.  
Andy Springer, Bradford Co.

### Sixth Degree Committee

Ross & Jeanne Metz, Huntingdon Co.  
Marie Leach, Chester Co.  
Kerwin & Mary Ann Springer,  
Montgomery Co.

## 2005 MINUTES

The activities of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange began on Friday evening, October 21, 2005 with a banquet for the State Officers and the Department Directors and their spouses. In attendance was the National Grange Representatives, Secretary Henrietta Keller and husband Norman from Illinois. The blessing was given by Past First Lady Frances Steese. A very delicious hamloaf dinner was served by the Middlesex Presbyterian Church.

A 2007 Farm Bill Listening Session was held in the Radisson Hotel Sharon Ballroom with Mike Brubaker, agricultural consultant. There were about fifty (50) Grange members in attendance. They had a good discussion that lasted about two (2) hours.

### Saturday, October 22, 2005

The 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange officially opened in the 6<sup>th</sup> degree on Saturday, October 22, 2005, at 1:00 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel Sharon Ballroom, West Middlesex PA with Worthy Master Betsy Huber presiding. The opening was under the direction of Heather Mengel from Berks County.

National Grange Secretary, Henrietta Keller, and husband, Norman, were presented as honored guests. Recognized also as honored guests were Past National and State Grange Master John Scott and wife, Helen; Past Master Gordon Hiller and wife, Mary; and Past First Lady Frances Steese. Each gave greetings and well wishes for a great session.

Roll call found all officers and pianist, Amy Hickman, present.

Brother Chester Tau, Co-Chairman of the 2005 Hosting Committee, welcomed everyone to West Middlesex PA.

Sister Grace Mitchell gave a partial report of the Credentials Committee. There are 54 Pomona delegates and 178 Subordinate delegates represented. A quorum being present, the Session was declared at work and the program was adopted.

Master Huber announced that Ross and Jean Metz would serve as the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Chairpersons, and Nettie Kauffman would serve as Chairperson for the Good of the Order Committee. Master Huber mentioned that at the end of this Session, Youth Director, Christie Straub, will be resigning and Norman Houser will be the new Youth Director.

Master Huber presented the Annual Master's address.

State Grange Secretary, Sandy Witmer, presented her report and it was accepted.

State Grange Treasurer Henry Seidel presented the Treasurer's report and reviewed the audit report from Edward Wagoner, CPA of Seligman, Friedman and Company. Brother Seidel presented the budget for the year 2006-2007. The Budget will be adopted later in the Session.

Sister Nettie Kauffman, Chairperson for the Good of the Order Committee, read resolutions #71 and #73 and 2 handouts titled *Late Dues Penalty* and *Dues Increase* for consideration on a later day.

Master Huber introduced Dennis Wolff, Secretary of Agriculture. Secretary Wolff mentioned some important issues, such as ACRE, Ethanol, and Listening Sessions dealing with the 2007 Farm Bill concerning the future of agriculture.

Brother Scott Dengler, Chairman of the Agriculture and Environmental Issues Committee, presented some of their resolutions.



Sister Dina Zug, Grange representative on the Board of the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, gave a brief report. Sister Zug spoke of the 3-a-day program, and the Department of Education's recommended milk portion size.

Brother Donald Steeley, on behalf of Sister Pamela Courtney, Chairperson of the Family Issues Committee, presented some of their resolutions.

Brother Doug Bonsall, Chairman of the Salary Committee, gave a report of the committee. The report was approved by the delegates.

Brother Tim Schaeffer, Chairman of the Government Issues Committee, presented some of their resolutions.

At 4:05, Master Huber asked for suggestions for one (1) Executive Committee member for a four-year term. The following were given:

1. Barbara Gross from Venango County
2. Charlene Espenshade from Lancaster County
3. Ronald Shaffer from Lancaster County

Door prizes were given from the Host Counties.

The first day of Session closed at 4:15 p.m. by a team of Youth Officers under the direction of Christie Straub.

Master, Matt Espenshade, Lancaster County  
Overseer, Charlene Espenshade, Lancaster County  
Lecturer, Daniel Gibboney, Lawrence County  
Steward, Andrew Kieffer, Berks County  
Assistant Steward, Philip Vonada, Centre County  
Lady Assistant Steward, Brittany Schaeffer, Berks County  
Chaplain, Catherine Carberry, Huntington County  
Treasurer, Mike Tau, Crawford County  
Secretary, Clark Kitner, York County  
Gatekeeper, Jon Sattazahn, Berks County  
Ceres, Martha Bollinger, Berks County  
Pomona, Jenn Kramer, Berks County  
Flora, Jodi Keith, Huntington County  
Executive Committee, Adam Waite, Juniata County  
Kyle Supplee, Juniata County  
Ronald Conrad, Blair County  
William Schlemmer, Lawrence County

The activities continued in the evening at the West Middlesex High School with the conferral of 39 candidates receiving the Degree of Flora presented by the Officers of Pennsylvania State Grange under the direction of Heather Mengel. The marching candidates were Daniel Gibboney, Catherine Carberry, William Schlemmer, and Jodi Keith.

The Officers/Youth party was held in the Courtyard of the Radisson Hotel Sharon following the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree. Cookies, chips, pretzels, and drink were served. An auction was held from the contest entries.

### Sunday, October 23, 2005

A worship service as held at 8:30 a.m. at the Lebanon Presbyterian Church led by State Grange Chaplain, Judy Pressler. Sister Pressler presented Pastor David Lingle who gave the message. His sermon was *Check the Oil* from Matthew 25:1-13. The offering that was collected amounted to \$553.78 and was given to the church.

The activities continued in the afternoon with the Sign-a-Song and Public Speaking Contests, followed by the Junior Grange and Lecturer's Talent Contests in the auditorium of the West Middlesex High School.

The activities continued Sunday evening with the All Granger Banquet at 6:30 in the Ballroom of the Radisson Hotel Sharon. After singing *America the Beautiful* a very nice meal was provided for us. Master Huber introduced the special guests that were invited for the evening. Among the guests were National Grange Secretary Henrietta Keller and husband, Norman; Mr. and Mrs. James Foster, West Virginia State Master; Katie Skaggs, PA Dairy Princess; and Alternate Dairy Princess, Sara Mowrer. Katie Skaggs presented her winning speech.

Master Huber gave the Friend of the Grange award to George Wolff, Grange member from Lebanon County, who has assisted the State Grange in legislative work for many years.

The entertainment for the evening was a singing group called the *Five of Us*.

Lois Steele, Director of Deaf & Community Service presented her awards.

Ginny Mangel, Director of Family Activities, announced the winners of their drawing.

Carl Meiss, Public Relations/Membership Director, presented the membership awards. Ruth Wright from Bucks County won the Outstanding Recruiter Award and \$100 for signing up thirteen new members.

Master Huber announced the Granger of the Year, Susan Tau of Crawford County. Congratulations!

Christie Straub and the Youth announced the winner of their Hope Chest drawing.

The State Officers handed out the different baskets that were donated by the officers and raffled off for \$5.00 for an arm's length of tickets. \$1,065.00 was collected and will benefit the Grange Foundation Scholarship Fund.

The evening closed with everyone singing *God Bless America*.

### Monday, October 24, 2005

The session opened in the 4<sup>th</sup> degree, Monday October 24, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. in the ballroom of the Radisson Hotel Sharon, West Middlesex PA with Worthy Master Betsy Huber presiding.

State Grange Chaplain Judy Pressler presented devotions entitled "God's Perfect Light" from Isaiah 16:1-3 and Genesis 9:13, 16 and 17.

Roll call found all officers and pianist, Amy Hickman, present. The minutes of the first days of session were read and approved.

Sister Pamela Courtney, Chairman of the Family Issues Committee, presented the rest of the committee's resolutions and policy statement. Both were adopted.

Sister Mary Sproat, Chairman of the History Committee, gave the report of the committee. The report was accepted.



Brother Scott Dengler, Chairman of the Agriculture and Environmental Issues, presented the rest of the committee's resolutions and policy statement. Both were adopted.

Brother Brian Ebersole announced the tellers for the election of an Executive Committee member. They were Boyd Dimpsey, Evelyn Cottrell and Bob Ditmer.

Sister Grace Mitchell, Chairman of the Credentials Committee gave the committee's report. One hundred seven Subordinate Granges are represented with 194 delegates, 35 Pomona Granges represented with 61 delegates. Total registration for the convention was 475.

Master Huber called on Brother Ronald Shaffer, President, for the report of the Service Corporation.

Brother Steve Stettner, member of the Good of the Order Committee, presented the *Dues Increase Resolution* and the *Late Dues Penalty Resolution*.

Door prizes were given.

The election of the Executive Committee Member was held at 11:50. Master Huber declared the session at recess for lunch.

Master Huber called the session back to order at 2:00 p.m. with the report of the Tellers as follows: For the office of Executive Committee Member for a four-year term, 207 votes were cast, with Barbara Gross from Venango County receiving the majority of votes.

Sisters Tammy Schaeffer, Amy Foster, and Sara Shank gave special recognition to all the Past Officers of the State Grange.

Brother Chester Tau and Sister Susan Tau presented a new rug to the State Grange on behalf of Crawford County Pomona Grange and dedicated it in memory of their Uncle, Earl Mosier, past State Grange Executive Committee member.

Sister Nettie Kauffman, Chairman of the Good of the Order, presented the rest of the committee's resolutions and report. Both were adopted.

State Grange Treasurer, Henry Seidel, presented the Budget for the year 2006-2007. The budget was accepted.

Brother Tim Schaeffer, Chairman of the Government Issues Committee, presented the rest of the committee's resolutions and policy statement. Both were adopted.

Master Huber called on Brother David Troutman, President of the Credit Union, for their report.

Master Huber gave the Report of the State Session Evaluation Committee. The report was accepted.

Master Huber thanked the Host Committee for a wonderful session.

Master Huber thanked National Grange Secretary, Henrietta Keller and husband, Norman for their contributions to the Session and presented them with a small gift.

Sister Nettie Kauffman, Chairman of the Host Committee for 2006 gave a special invitation to the Reading area where the 134<sup>th</sup> Session will be held.

Master Huber thanked John Master, outgoing Executive Committee member, for his eight years of service..

Installation of Barbara Gross to the Executive Committee was held.

Installing Officers – Susan Tau, Crawford County

Marshall – Joyce Snyder, York County

Regalia Bearer – Amy Steese, Mercer County

Emblem Bearer – Carol McCullon, Venango County

Master – Stan Gruber, Mercer County

Pianist – Amy Hickman – Washington County

Door prizes were given.

The 133<sup>rd</sup> Session closed at 4:20 p.m. with the Friendship Circle and all singing *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra K. Witmer  
State Secretary



## Master's Address

Betsy E. Huber

Worthy Master, Worthy National Secretary, Past Masters, delegates and guests,

It is again a privilege to present my annual Master's Address to the Pennsylvania State Grange.

I welcome you again to West Middlesex for the 133rd Annual Convention. We last met here just ten years ago in this same hotel and high school. Thank you very much to Crawford, Mercer, and Venango County Pomona Granges for their hard work in planning and hosting this convention.

This year has been one of great changes in the Pennsylvania State Grange. Last year at this convention the delegates voted to sell the headquarters building, where we had lived for 53 years, and that has been accomplished. The property was listed with RSR Realty for \$259,900 and was sold on March 23 for \$276,000 to Murray Associates Architects, who have been located next door at 1600 North Second Street for many years.

A search committee was appointed to find a suitable location to lease for our office space. Glenn Gross, Bud Snyder, Henry Seidel, Nettie Kauffman, Overseer Brian Ebersole and I looked at numerous properties in the greater Harrisburg area and recommended Suite 310 at 20 Erford Road as the best location. We were able to negotiate an agreement, the State Executive Committee approved, and the 5-year lease was signed on July 13.

I would like to express my great appreciation to office staff Carl Meiss and Gerry Berger for their hard work above and beyond their "job descriptions" in preparing for the move and arranging everything in the new office. Thank you very much. Thank you also to the many volunteer Grangers who helped clean out the old building and move us into the new building. The big move was completed on August 30 with a minimum of problems. Our door is always open and you are welcome to visit anytime.

### The Year in Review

The 2004 National Grange Convention was held in Rochester, NY in November. Henry served as chairman of the Taxation and Transportation Committee and I served on the Grange Law Committee. Only two of PA's resolutions were adopted, and four were accepted as present policy. Our youth Jennifer Nauss and Jodi Keith represented us well in the Talent and Public Speaking and other youth activities. Our bus of Pennsylvanians had a great time at the Convention.

In December the State Officers and Department Directors met for a visioning session, where we developed a mission statement and priorities for the year.

January we were very active at the PA Farm Show with our theme, "The Hunt is On—for New Members" and our duty of staffing the Farmer for a Day booth for kids.

Our Regional Meetings in February and March were led by National Grange Leadership/Membership Director Ed Luttrell. Ed presented 8 workshops on how to reorganize or organize a Grange. Since then we have seen interest in organizing new Granges in three towns. We reorganized Girard Grange #788, Clearfield County, on September 29th and are working with several others to reorganize in their areas. Grange enthusiasm is increasing across our state! We hope you will take advantage of this and revive your own Grange with new members and new activities.

Henry and I attended the State Masters Conference in Orlando in February. It is very helpful to meet with Grange leaders in other states and see what they are doing.

In March our PA Legislative Bus Tour joined with the National Grange Fly-in this year for an interesting and enjoyable time. More than 50 Pennsylvanians participated in the meetings, Congressional luncheon, and tours of the Spy Museum and the World War II Memorial. We also attended the live TV show Crossfire and had a dinner experience at a Moroccan restaurant.

We accepted with regret the resignation of Darlene Foose, secretary to the State Master. Due to budget constraints we have not filled this position. Our parttime bookkeeper Anita Smith is keeping up the Membership database and helping out here at the Session on an hourly basis. Thank you Anita for your help.

The Youth Department held their annual Young Adults/Young Marrieds conference in Dubois March 18-20. Unfortunately this great weekend was again very poorly attended. Pennsylvania hosted the Eastern Regional Youth Conference in April with more than 75 youth from five states attending. Thanks to Christie Straub and her committee for a great job.

The annual Grange Day Legislative Luncheon was held on April 11 with educational workshops and lunch with many legislators and staff. Thanks to Legislative Director Brenda Shambaugh for planning this event and the bus trip.

Last year you approved a resolution to appoint a committee to study the State Session. This committee met on April 23 and is presenting a resolution to change the dates of the Annual Session. They plan to meet again following this Session to evaluate the new shorter schedule.

On May 7 over 20 Grange volunteers came to the State Headquarters to clean out the basement and fill a large dumpster. A big thank you to those who helped with this effort. We never would have been able to move in August without this help in May!

I was honored to be elected the first female Agricultural Trustee of Penn State University. I have attended both of the meetings held since then and find it very interesting to learn about the inner workings of our land grant university.

Throughout the summer, History Committee Chairperson Mary Sproat with a couple helpers cataloged all the minute books in the office from closed Granges. We turned over 29 boxes to the Pennsylvania State Archives to be microfilmed and stored in their climate controlled building where they will be available to researchers. The Archives also is filming the State Journals of Proceedings from 1874 to 2004. Thank you Mary for accomplishing this huge job. The Committee is also developing guidelines for Subordinate Granges concerning their historical records. Personnel from The State Museum came and selected Grange-related items for a future exhibit.

July was very busy with Youth Camp, Junior Camp, and the second annual Family Festival. More than 190 people registered for the Festival (30 more than last year) and the evaluations were very positive. All Grange Departments participate in this event involving all ages, from babies to 80-somethings, and there are activities of interest to all. Thank you to Lee and Judy Pressler for all their work, and to the Centre County Grange Fair board for allowing us to use their facilities. Thank you to Deb and Wayne Campbell for preparing the delicious meals and thank you to all the Department Directors for their workshop and activities planning. If you haven't yet attended this event, you really need to be there next year, July 20-23, 2006. Grangers attend the Festival who don't participate in any other statewide activities, so it really does fill a need in our organization. We have lots of room at the fairgrounds for all of you!

We had our annual Ag Progress Days booth in August, where we talked to many people who were interested in what the Grange has to offer. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped staff this booth.



In addition to all these activities, I also visited Walker, Washington, Venango Pomona, Shermanata, Lycova, Kennett, Kimberton, Russellville, Long Branch, Girard, and Hamburg Granges, and Pomona 31, Berks, and Chester Counties' Legislative Banquets, and Berks County Junior Camp.

I represent you on numerous boards, including Farm Link, Ag Awareness, University of Pennsylvania Vet School Board of Overseers, the Ag Air Quality Task Force, the Ag Education Advisory Committee, the Council of Farm Organizations, the Keystone Ag Innovation Board, the Penn State Ag Council, and the Grange Service Corp.

#### **Legislative Activities**

We are in the middle of a two year legislative session, and as always legislative activity abounds in Harrisburg. The Grange continues to have a great relationship with members of the PA General Assembly and we welcome the opportunity to voice your concerns in the halls of the Capitol. As always, the Grange has participated in numerous hearings and meetings on a variety of issues such as nutrient management, milk over-order premiums, non-point source pollution, the 2007 Farm Bill, and Grange priorities. A special thanks to all those Grangers who testified at hearings and attended meetings on behalf of the Grange. Also I would like to acknowledge all those Grangers who participated in our annual legislative events such as our Washington Trip and our Grange Week celebration.

#### **A.C.R.E.**

By far the biggest victory for the Grange and the agricultural community this year is the passage of ACRE. I remember telling last year's delegate body about this legislation and the hundreds of hours the Grange had already devoted to it. After many more hours of deliberations and a radical last minute change in the bill itself, we were finally successful with the passage of Act 38. As a result farmers can petition the PA Attorney General to determine the legality of township ordinances that they feel are more stringent than state law allows. Attorney General Tom Corbett has stated publicly on numerous occasions that he welcomes this new task and has already begun the process. I encourage any farmer who believes that his township has passed or is considering passing a local ordinance restricting agriculture to contact the Attorney General's office.

#### **Humane Officer Legislation Passes**

At the very end of the last legislative session, the General Assembly passed a new Humane Society Police Officer Enforcement Act. This bill added more hours of instruction for Humane Officers. It also allows the courts to suspend or revoke an Officer who has been convicted of a crime including presenting false credentials or carrying a firearm without proper training and certification.

#### **Ag Loan Forgiveness Program Expanded**

The Commonwealth continues to encourage students who obtain agriculture or veterinary degrees to work in PA. The General Assembly passed Act 181, which makes Pennsylvania resident students who attend college out-of-state eligible for assistance also. Prior to this Act, the Ag Loan Forgiveness program was only open to students who had earned their degrees in PA and continue to work in a related field here in the Commonwealth. By including students who pursue their education elsewhere, we can help bring some of these talented people back to our state.

#### **Crop Insurance Changes**

Act 208 was also passed at the end of last year. This legislation enhances the state crop insurance program by encouraging producers of agricultural commodities to purchase federal

crop insurance as a risk management tool. It also provides financial assistance to eligible producers by defraying the crop insurance premium costs.

#### **State Budget**

The state budget this year was an uphill battle. Our emphasis was to restore the funding for agricultural and rural programs not included in the Governor's proposed document. We were able to restore funding for a number of agricultural programs including the PA Fair Fund and the Animal Health Commission.

#### **Growing Greener II**

Most of you are familiar with the bond issue entitled Growing Greener II which voters approved for environmental improvements. Within the plan is a substantial amount of money for the PA Farmland Preservation Program. The Grange participated in the bill signing ceremony on this legislation.

#### **Health Care Success**

The Grange successfully convinced the Governor to protect PA's low income chronically ill, disabled and elderly during the transition from Medicaid to Medicare prescription programs. The Governor has agreed to allow new state regulations to coincide with federal changes so that patients will not have to switch their medicines twice within a few months.

#### **Sponsorship of Meetings**

This Fall the Grange has been very visible at meetings all around the state. We co-sponsored 12 Listening Sessions on the 2007 Farm Bill and participated in several others. We also co-sponsored a series of five seminars on "How to Deal with the Challenges of Overabundant Deer in Your Community." Thank you very much to all the members who attended and spoke at these events and gave the PA State Grange a presence there.

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Two years ago, my first series of Regional Meetings in Spring 2003 was based on the book "Who Moved My Cheese," a cartoon story about two mice and two little people who were lost in a maze looking for cheese, and their different ways of approaching life and the search. [If you missed these workshops, call the State Office and schedule us to come and present it to your Grange.]

The story is about Hem, Haw, Sniff and Scurry. The maze symbolizes their lives, and the cheese symbolizes what they want from life. They notice that day by day their supply of cheese is dwindling, but do nothing about it, nothing to prepare for the time when it is gone. One day, sure enough, they go as usual to the place in the maze where the cheese has always been, but it is gone. After a few days of returning and finding nothing, Sniff and Scurry move out into the maze, the "great unknown," to find a new place and a new supply of cheese. Hem and Haw are too set in their ways; they keep returning every day to the same location, even though there is no more cheese. They are too afraid of change, of going in a different direction, to try something new, even though they are starving. Eventually Haw slowly ventures out into the maze alone and, after some trial and error, finds a new supply of cheese better than the one before. Hem is just too afraid to try, and the story leaves him stuck in the old place with no cheese.

The PA State Grange has seen a huge amount of change in the last couple years. The election of a female Master for the first time, new office staff, moving the offices around within the building, the sale of the old headquarters where we had been for 52 years, moving the office to a new location— just to mention a few of the larger changes.

The world around us is certainly changing more rapidly than we can keep up with. Many of our members were born in a time with no cars or tractors, no indoor plumbing, no electricity



or telephones, no milking machines or hay balers. Think what we have today! Microwave ovens, cell phones, satellite TV dishes, computers, farming by GIS, manned space stations, the list could go on and on.

The Grange began as a radical, cutting-edge organization in the forefront of current issues. Somehow along the way we have lost our radical outlook and decided to take a more comfortable position. We have forgotten how to change.

Change is uncomfortable. It is hard to try something new, to break out of our routine and take a chance. However, if something is not growing and changing it is dying. Change is a big part of living and we need to embrace it, not avoid it.

To bring this down to the local level, do your members keep the same office year after year? At the State level we have 6-year term limits for a reason—even the best Lecturer or Chaplain or Master gets stale and runs out of steam. It is good—it is essential—to rotate offices to keep your Grange alive and fresh. Giving someone else a chance at a new office develops leadership in him or her and may reveal new talents you are not aware of.

It becomes difficult to attract new people to a group that does the same thing with the same people again and again. New people find it too difficult to break into the group, and may give up quickly and drop out. Give the new people a chance to suggest new projects, and let them plan and carry them out, with your help of course. This will give your Grange new life and attract others to join you.

As State Master I will continue to suggest and try new things to keep the Grange alive and vibrant. Some of them won't be successful, some may. But if we don't try anything new, we definitely will not be successful and will soon die.

I challenge you to try one new thing in your Grange each meeting, or at least a few times a year. All of them may not work, but some will—and your Grange meetings will be more interesting as a result.

Let's all try to be a little more radical this year, try taking a chance on a new project, and watch our Grange grow.

Betsy E. Huber  
Master

## REPORT OF LECTURER

Worthy State Master, National and State Officers, Delegates, Distinguished Guests and members of the Pennsylvania State Grange, it is with great pleasure that I submit this report. I have had many new experiences since I have been elected as your new State Lecturer in October 2004. Thank you for this privilege.

As Mom and I left State Grange Session in Harrisburg, we were excited to get home to partake in the flurry of activity on our farm from the Secret Service and Presidential Team. We were preparing to host a visit from President Bush on Thursday October 28th, 2004. There were 23 thousand people standing in the middle of our front field on that special day. The evening ended with a spectacular array of fireworks that lit up the evening sky over our barn which was lit up with a large American Flag proudly hung from the eaves and the President waving to the crowd. We then were escorted to meet the President and had a great conversation with him and a photo session. Mom and I were elated that our worthy Master Betsy Huber joined us that day and met with our friends and family and shook the President's hand. We were honored to have this event on our farm and be able to provide a place for so many people (especially the children) to be part of such an historical event.

My head was swimming with ideas and wonder concerning my new position as Lecturer and what my job would entail. I thank God every day for my wonderful committee. They are truly special and gifted people and I can't thank them enough for all of their help. I must also thank Susan Tau and Leon and Althea Grim for their help and support. You have all been fantastic. Of course I have to thank my mother (Ruth Wright) for all her help also. She is a 60 year member, loves the Grange and I am grateful that she is able to help me and travel to all my events. I also must thank the great Lecturers of this great state of Pennsylvania.

The 2004 National Grange Session was held in Rochester New York. Pennsylvania was represented by the talented pianist Miss Jennifer Nauss of Valley Grange in York County in the instrumental division of the National Grange Talent Show/ Evening of Excellence.

I attended my first State Grange Planning Meeting in Milesburg in January '05. It was so nice getting together with fellow Grangers to "brainstorm" and share ideas and strategies for the Second Family Festival and future events. It was at this meeting that the many great workshops, daily activities, meals, decorative competitions, fun and games were planned at our "Christmas in July" Family Festival in Centre Hall, PA.

In February and March Mom and I attended 6 of the 8 Regional Meetings. We found the speaker, Brother Ed Luttrell from Boring, Oregon (the only Grange that should be "boring") to be very enthusiastic, inspirational and a great motivator when presenting his ideas on revitalizing a Grange, creating its growth and recruiting new members. It was great traveling around PA meeting with fellow Grangers in regions A, B, C, F, G and H, sharing great meals and supporting the Grange. You know how the saying goes: enjoy the "Fun, Food and Fellowship."

On April 11th we attended the Grange Day Legislative Luncheon. The workshops were very informative on legislative issues and a point was made stating the importance of sending your views to your representatives. I have great respect for Sister Brenda Shambaugh who is very knowledgeable and does a magnificent job concerning the legislature and you!

On April 22-24th we set up the PA State Grange booth at "A-Day" an agricultural fair held at Delaware Valley College in Doylestown. It was a great way to introduce and promote the Grange to the public. I must thank Harry and Eleanor Atkinson, Ruth Wright and Jean Dilliplane



from Middletown Grange and Donel Moss, Harold, Ruth and Donald Steeley, Dr. Jim and Betty Diamond from Plumsteadville Grange for their presence at the booth and help and support.

I would like to thank Mr. Leon Grim for inviting me to Schnecksville on May 14. I was honored to speak before their Pomona Grange and speak of Grange issues in a changing society. I sang a few songs, shared a few stories and great memories of Brother Keith Grim, our Past State Lecturer. What a pleasure it was to meet with fellow Grange members, their families and friends and enjoy our discussions, celebrations and music.

On Sunday May 15th we attended a Rural Life Sunday Church Service at the Rolling Hills United Methodist Church in Pipersville, PA. I was very pleased to see so many Grange members and their families attending this beautiful and meaningful service.

Mom and I (and dog "Prince") attended the Mid-Atlantic Lecturers' Conference in Bridgeport, West Virginia. Phyllis Hall and her committee did an absolutely fantastic job organizing this event. PA was represented by 9 Grange members. Thank you to Ruth Wright, Susan Tau, Faye Heckman, Nettie Kauffman, Ruth Stewart, Carol Kushma, Nancy McMillin, Janet Fry and myself.

The speakers and workshops were very interesting. Inetta Fluharty lectured us on the "AgrAbility" organization from WV that helps farmers and farm families with disabilities continue in agriculture. Jim Foster (W.V. State Master) gave an informative Power Point presentation on conservation entitled "This Soil Is Our Soil," stressing the importance of preserving our land and keeping our streams clean for future generations. Next was "Preserving Family Heirlooms and Keepsakes," presented by Leone Ohnoutha (W.V. Extension Agent) and "History of the Grange," a wonderful presentation given by Cindy Benson from N.Y. entitled "The Grange-Did you know?" A lecture on "Newborns in Need," presented by Kathie Reed of W.V., who had a wonderful display of newborn items that people had donated to be given to the less fortunate. The next workshop was a fun craft and creative program. Phyllis Hall had all of us painting a garden stone to resemble a lady bug and had everyone involved, laughing and "showing off" their artistic abilities.

Saturday evening we enjoyed a prime rib and BBQ dinner. After dinner we were fortunate to have a wonderful guest speaker, a Lieutenant from the police department narcotics unit who gave a very informative program on drugs in today's society. He kept a captive audience while discussing the ease criminals have in manufacturing methamphetamines using household and "store bought" ingredients (example rubbing alcohol, paint thinner, starting fluid and Epsom salts.) We were in amazement as he read, in detail, the exact recipes used in these "make-shift methamphetamine labs" that he had taken from the internet prior to his arrival at our banquet.

After the banquet, Phyllis called a meeting with all State Lecturers present at MALC to plan for the 2006 convention which will be held in New Jersey.

Sunday morning the State Lecturers held a very moving memorial service for Keith Grim our beloved Past PA State Grange Lecturer. During the ceremony we sang "Sweet Bye and Bye" and "Amazing Grace." Phyllis displayed a few items that Keith had used in some of his programs. Following the ceremony W.V. State Chaplain, Jennings Eddy, officiated at the worship service.

On July 21st to 24th we attended the 2nd Annual Grange Family Festival held in Centre Hall, PA at the Grange Fairgrounds. It was so nice to see everyone at the Festival! If you did not attend this fun event you truly missed an exciting 4 days with your fellow Grangers. It was bigger and better than last year's Festival, (just like we promised!) There was something offered

for everybody and no time to get bored! The workshops were great and very informative. Included were "Stranger Danger, safety tips for adults and kids," "First Aid and CPR tips and techniques," "Red Cross for Juniors," "Home Chemical Safety measures," "History of the Grange Fair," and "Is it Fair" (a great lecture on Fair exhibits), just to name a few.

The tours were great! We visited a Dairy farm that milked 2300 cows 3 times a day and farmed over 6000 acres. The Penns Cave tour through caverns in boats was awesome! The tour to the Boalsburg Military Museum was great also.

We had arts and crafts for everyone, a "Pampered Chef" demonstration and last but not least a "Drug Dog Search and Seizure" demonstration. Mr. Sandy Deveney from Fern Gulch Canine Services volunteered his time to talk about the different illegal drugs that are prevalent in this country and how drug dogs are a necessity to win the war on drugs. Thank you Mr. Deveney and his canine partner "Haday," a Belgian Malinois.

On Friday night we had fun playing "BINGO." Thank you to all who helped with the game. The money collected for the bingo cards was \$102 which was given to Lois Steele for the soldiers and the items donated by everyone for the "shoeboxes for soldiers" was overwhelming! Thank you!

During the Bingo game, our two wonderful teams of judges walked around the campgrounds and chose the top three winners in each category of the Christmas Decorations. The Mangels' with their grandson Hunter, won the camper/trailer division, Carl Meiss won the tent division, and a beautiful little Angel won the costume division. The "Best in Show" award went to Carl Meiss. Congratulations Carl for your "Griswald Grange Family Christmas display."

Dinner at the bonfire was GREAT! Thanks goes to Ginny Mangel and her committee for doing a great job. The "dogs" were cooked just right and all the "fixings" that went with them were super.

We even had a few Santa sightings! He came down from the North Pole on Friday and Saturday evenings to visit with us and give out treats. Thank You Santa!

The Festival ended Sunday morning with a very meaningful spiritual worship service held under a beautiful clear blue sky. Officiating at the service was Brother Reverend Gary Gibson.

For this year's judging I received 6 Community Night Program Books and 8 Community Night Reports, 5 Subordinate Lecturer Scrapbooks and 28 Subordinate Lecturer Reports, 2 Pomona Lecturer Scrapbooks and 4 Pomona Lecturer Reports, 3 Pen in Hand entries (2 in "The Blink of an Eye" and 1 "Read a Book.") The judge, Grace Haney, a teacher from New Jersey, was very impressed with all the books and their content. She stated that "The Grange is a wonderful organization and I had no idea that it did so much for the community."

Well the time travel is over for now. It's been fun! Most of all it is a pleasure belonging to the "Greatest Organization in the World!"

Fraternally submitted;  
Sharon Kimmel  
State Lecturer

Region A-Ken Merritt of Venango, PA  
Region B-"We're still looking."  
Region C-Jessie White of Turbotville, PA  
Region D-Evelyn Cottrell of Thompson, PA



Region E-Lois Rumbaugh of East Brady, PA  
Region F-Georgette Klotz of Alexandria, PA  
Region G-Jane Thoman of York, PA  
Region H-Faye Heckman of Hamburg, PA

### LECTURER'S CONTEST WINNERS

#### Art - Scenes

- 1 - Carole Koerbel, Frankfort Springs Grange, Beaver County
- 2 - Anita Reed, Fulton Grange, Lancaster County
- 3 - Donna Kunkle, Shartlesville Grange, Berks County

#### Art - Animals

- 1 - Florence Shaffer, Wills Grange, Somerset County
- 2 - Carole Koerbel, Frankfort Springs Grange, Beaver County
- 3 - Gloria Fogle, Pleasant Hill Grange, Cambria County
- 4 - Doris Hough, Fulton Grange, Lancaster County

#### Art - Nostalgia

- 1 - Carole Koerbel, Frankfort Springs Grange, Beaver County
- 2 - Gloria Fogle, Pleasant Hill Grange, Cambria County
- 3 - Donna Kunkle, Shartlesville Grange, Berks County

**Best of Show Art** - Carole Koerbel - Nostalgia entry

#### Photography - Celebrations

- 1 - Jessie White, California Grange, Montour County
- 2 - Darla Supplee, Walker Grange, Juniata County
- 3 - Brenda Lengel, Virginville Grange, Berks County
- 4 - Ruth Poust, Canusarago Grange, Lycoming County

#### Photography - Where in the World?

- 1 - Grace Mitchell, Chestnut Ridge Grange, Washington County
- 2 - Johna Rerko, Hayfield Grange, Crawford County
- 3 - Denise Kostelansky, Laurel Point Grange, Armstrong County
- 4 - Barb Fenstermacher, California Grange, Montour County

#### Photography - Old Glory

- 1 - Tammy Schaeffer, Pioneer Grange, Berks County
- 2 - David Hay, Hillcrest Grange, Somerset County
- 3 - Steve Rohrbach, Fleetwood Grange, Berks County
- 4 - Grace Mitchell, Chestnut Ridge Grange, Washington County

#### Photography - Those Crazy Animals

- 1 - Pat Daily, Hookstown Grange, Beaver County
- 2 - Kelly Rohrbach, Fleetwood Grange, Berks County

- 3 - Grace Mitchell, Chestnut Ridge Grange, Washington County
- 4 - Marci Schaeffer, Pioneer Grange, Berks County

**Best of Show Photography** - Grace Mitchell, Where in the World? entry

#### Digitally Enhanced Photography

- 1 - Jessie White, California Grange, Montour County

#### Create A Favor - Holidays

- 1 - Pat Dailey, Hookstown Grange, Beaver County
- 2 - Marilyn Hickman, Buffalo Grange, Washington County
- 3 - Pat Roncaglione, Lakeland Grange, Crawford County
- 4 - Carolyn Mantz, Central Grange, Lehigh County

#### Create A Favor - Celebrations

- 1 - Shirley Burkhart, Virginville Grange, Berks County
- 2 - Dorothy Porter, Lakeland Grange, Crawford County
- 3 - Shirley Swires, Scotch Valley Grange, Blair County
- 4 - Rosa Kistner, Buckhorn Grange, Cambria County

#### Pumpkins - Neck - Most Creative

- 1 - Lillian Mengel, Virginville Grange, Berks County

#### Pumpkins - Field - Painted

- 1 - Ella Engel, Ontelaunee Grange, Berks County
- 2 - Dorothy Miller, Virginville Grange, Berks County
- 3 - Frances Steese, London Grange, Mercer County

#### Pumpkins - Field - Most Creative

- 1 - Gladys Kieffer, Virginville Grange, Berks County
- 2 - Kathryn Edinger, Richland Grange, Venango County
- 3 - Shirley Burkhart, Virginville Grange, Berks County
- 4 - Irene Blatt, Bernville Grange, Berks County

**Best of Show Pumpkin** - Ella Engel, Painted Field Pumpkin

#### Pen In Hand - Blink of an Eye

- 1 - Sandra Voegtlen, Columbia-Gillett Grange, Bradford County
- 2 - Lois Pifer, Henderson Grange, Jefferson County

#### Pen In Hand - Read the Book

- 1 - June Schuler, Fleetwood Grange, Berks County

#### My Favorite Anything

- 1 - Betty Rae Clark, Sandy Creek Grange, Venango County  
Ella Engel, Ontelaunee Grange, Berks County



- Althea Grim, Schnecksville Grange, Lehigh County
- Clyde Neeley, Frankfort Springs Grange, Beaver County
- Shirley Swires, Scotch Valley Grange, Blair County
- Diane Waxler, Hookstown Grange, Beaver County
- 2 – Vincent Conrad, North Woodbury Grange, Blair County
- Denise Kostelansky, Laurel Point Grange, Armstrong County
- Naomi Lauchner, Schnecksville Grange, Lehigh County
- Hannah Reese, Spring Church Grange, Armstrong County
- Pat Roncaglione, Lakeland Grange, Crawford County
- Margaret Storm, Pleasant Hill Grange, Cambria County
- Eleanor Van Buskirk, Lawsville Grange, Susquehanna County
- Lois Williams, Lakeland Grange, Crawford County
- 3 – Mary Hite, Pleasant Hill Grange, Cambria County
- Kenneth Holden, Brokenstraw Grange, Warren County
- Paul Miller, Virginville Grange, Berks County
- Dorothy Porter, Lakeland Grange, Crawford County
- Karen Reed, Fairdale Grange, Susquehanna County
- Caroline Reilly, Scotch Valley Grange, Blair County
- 4 – Diane Burlingame, Diahoga Grange, Bradford County
- Grace Mitchell, Chestnut Ridge, Washington County
- Gladys Nadik, Frankfort Springs Grange, Beaver County
- Rita Yeckley, Scotch Valley Grange, Blair County

**Pomona Lecturer's Scrapbooks**

- 1 – Kenneth Merritt, Crawford County Pomona Grange
- 2 – Nila Graybill, Perry County Pomona Grange

**Subordinate Lecturer's Scrapbooks**

- 1 – Shirley Burkhart, Virginville Grange, Berks County
- 2 – Nettie Kauffman, Ontelaunee Grange, Berks County
- 3 – Alverna Hotchkiss, Hayfield Grange, Crawford County
- 4 – June Schuler, Fleetwood Grange, Berks County
- 4 – Cynthia Newhard, Schnecksville Grange, Lehigh County

**Community Night/Day Program**

- 1 – Tammy Schaeffer, Pioneer Grange, Berks County
- 2 – Shirley Burkhart, Virginville Grange, Berks County
- 3 – Eleanor Atkinson, Middletown Grange, Bucks County
- 4 – Nettie Kauffman, Ontelaunee Grange, Berks County

**Talent – Vocal**

- 1 – John Goodman, Hookstown Grange, Beaver County
- 2 – Donna McAnich, Reynoldsville Grange, Jefferson County
- 3 – Carol Kallenberger, Shermanata Grange, Perry County

**Talent – Instrumental**

- 1 – Ann Kieffer, Marion Grange, Berks County
- 2 – Alice Whitehill, Frankfort Springs Grange, Beaver County
- 3 – Evelyn Grant, Sugar Hill Grange, Jefferson County

**Talent – Variety Acts**

- 1 – Alice Whitehill, Frankfort Springs Grange, Beaver County
- 2 – Jim Grant, Sugar Hill Grange, Jefferson County

**Best of Show Talent – John Goodman, Vocal entry**

**Runner-up Best of Show – Alice Whitehill, Variety Acts entry**



## REPORT OF STATE STEWARD

Worthy Master, National Representatives, fellow State Officers, Delegates and Guests of this 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual State Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange:

Once again another year has gone by so quickly and we wonder where the time has gone. It has again been an honor to serve as your State Steward. This past year has been fun and challenging but also very rewarding. As your State Steward I have been to the annual legislative meeting in Harrisburg and to many meetings across western Pennsylvania and across the state. It has been a pleasure to give out continuous membership pins to people who have been members longer than I have been on this earth and to many who have been members just a short time. But, all have worked very hard and been an asset to the Grange in many ways. I have also had the pleasure to install officers on the Subordinate and Pomona levels. It takes many people with many diverse backgrounds to make this organization work. I also attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Family Festival weekend and this year the attendance was up. It was another time to renew old acquaintances and friendships and enjoy the weekend. There were many workshops and tours to go on and I think that all had a good time.

Unless we all strive to work together for a common cause and a vision for the future we cannot and will not grow. The founders of this great organization had a vision for the future of the Grange when they started this organization 138 years ago. What is your vision for the future of the Grange over the next 138 years? Do you see the Grange growing? As you think about that remember the words of Henry Ford "If you think you can or you think you can't, you are right." I am also reminded of the story of a little boy who was carrying a bird in his hand as he walked down the street and passed by a wise old man on the street. The wise old man asked the boy what he had in his hand. The boy said a bird. The boy asked the wise old man, "Do you think the bird is dead or alive?" The wise old man said, "If I say to you it is alive you will crush the bird and it will be dead and if I say the bird is dead you will let the bird fly away. The wise old man said to the boy, "The bird is as you will it to be." What is your vision for the Grange of the future?

We can make the Grange thrive for the future if we will all work together to make it happen. There is a place for the ritual in the Grange. The ritual teaches us lessons about not only planting and cultivating and harvesting crops but in planting and cultivating hopes and dreams and then working toward the harvest of our labors. When we are open minded about where this organization can go and what we can do every one wins. There is so much that we can do, not only for the Grange but also for our communities as the Grange. When we take ourselves out of the equation and put others first everyone benefits. "In essentials unity, in nonessentials liberty, and in all things charity."

Fraternally submitted,  
Chester Tau

## REPORT OF LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD

Worthy National Secretary, Worthy State Master, State Officers, Brothers and Sisters, I bring you greetings from the office of Lady Assistant Steward.

During the past year I have been busy doing many activities for my Subordinate and Pomona Granges. I serve as Treasurer, Junior Leader, and Family Activities Chairman. I also

chair turkey parties, dinners and along with my Mom, our food booth at the PA State Fishing Tournament and work in the food booth the week of our fair.

I attended the State Officers and Committees planning meeting in Harrisburg earlier this year.

I have been a very proud Mom this year as well. My son, Justin, graduated from high school with honors and then he joined the Marines. While at boot camp he was made Squad Leader and got Expert Marksmanship. We traveled to Parris Island, SC in September to see his graduation. That was an experience and really something to see.

Now I am going through Whitney's senior year. We are looking into colleges and she is trying to figure out where life is leading her.

I look forward to my first State Session as your Lady Assistant Steward and hope I can serve you well. I will do my best.

As we continue to move forward, we need to keep our eyes, minds, and hearts open to what is handed to us. I know many dislike change but sometimes change is the only way to go. God bless you all!

Fraternally submitted,  
Kelly Van Ord

## REPORT OF TREASURER

Worthy State Master, National and State Officers, Delegates and Members of the Pennsylvania State Grange, it is a pleasure to bring you greetings from the office of Treasurer at this 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

I would like to express my appreciation to Anna May Nauss, past State Treasurer for her help in bringing me up to speed as I learned the details of what this office required. I would also like to thank State Master, Betsy Huber and the office staff for their patience and understanding with the many questions I asked during my first year as Treasurer.

I am happy to report that interest rates on investments have finally begun to turn upward. This will help the general finances of the State Grange as well as those of individual Granges across the State and Nation.

Today, we are reviewing the financial records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005. My records, as well as the records of the department heads and State Office were prepared for the annual audit by late August. This audit was performed under the direction of Marguerite Erby, CPA and Edward Wagoner, CPA, who are with the firm of Seligman, Friedman and Company, P.C. in Camp Hill. We greatly appreciate their time and effort.

As your Treasurer, I am responsible for keeping the financial records of the following accounts: the Scholarship Funds - Leonard Rhone and Ellis M. Santee, Subordinate Grange Trusts, Subordinate Grange Improvement Loans, Lifetime Memberships and the Property Account established from the sale of the previous State Office.

### Scholarship Funds:

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005 there was 1 grant of \$300.00 awarded from the Leonard Rhone Scholarship Fund. These grants are available to Grange members in good standing. The student must attend Penn State and pursue the study of Agriculture or Home Economics (known today as Human Development and Family Services). The grant was issued in July 2004 to David Sattazahn of Berks County.



There were two (2) loans of \$500.00 each awarded during the past fiscal year from the Ellis M. Santee trust. The late Ellis M. Santee, a country doctor from Shickshinny and an active Grange member, established the Santee Student Loan program. The committee has reviewed applications for the 2005 - 2006 academic year and will be awarding seven (7) loans. This student loan is available to members of the Grange or children of Grange members. The Santee Loan program operates on the interest earned on the investments and is administered by Wachovia. These loans are to be repaid within three (3) years of graduating from or leaving school and are interest free. The program depends on the student's repayment of the loans to ensure continuation of the program.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, there were 25 students involved in the program. Two (2) students completed repayment of their loans, sixteen (16) are either paying or delinquent with their payments and seven (7) are still in school.

Applications are available from the State Treasurer and the State Office and can be downloaded from the PA State Grange website, [www.pagrang.org](http://www.pagrang.org). This is one of our benefits that should be better utilized to help add and retain younger members.

**Subordinate Grange/Pomona Grange Trusts:**

These are funds received by Subordinate and Pomona Granges from the sale of Grange real estate. The National Grange Digest requires that these funds are to be held in trust and invested by the State Grange with no less than 90% of the interest being returned to the Subordinate or Pomona Grange every six (6) months, as long as the Subordinate or Pomona Grange remains active. As of June 30, 2005, there were 119 Granges with invested funds. 45 of those Granges are closed. Funds were received from six (6) Granges for the sale of real estate during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005

**Subordinate Grange Improvement Loans:**

During the past year, the State Grange Master and Executive Committee continued the program of loaning funds to Subordinate Granges desiring to make improvements to their Grange properties. These funds are from the Subordinate Grange Trust funds from the sale of Granges who have surrendered their charters. These funds must be held in trust for seven (7) years in the event the Subordinate Grange would reorganize (Funds from ten (10) Granges were turned over to the State Office during the fiscal year). This program invests Grange dollars back into Grange improvements. As of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, both loans were repaid in full. Granges interested in utilizing this program must submit an application to the State Office for approval by the State Master and State Grange Executive Committee.

**Lifetime Members:**

As of June 30, 2005, there have been a total of 1,314 members who have become lifetime members since the program's inception in 1984. We gained 33 new lifetime members during the Grange fiscal year. This program provides an opportunity to honor special members, with the Grange paying all or part of the lifetime fees. It also permits members to give a gift to family and friends.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your trust and confidence. I will strive to keep the best interest of the Grange in mind when handling both the day to day work of the office and considering conservative investment options for the various Grange funds.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Henry L. Seidel, Treasurer

**Accountant's Report**

We have reviewed the accompanying Statements of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis of Pennsylvania State Grange (a Non-Profit Corporation) as of June 30, 2005 and 2004, and the related Statements of Revenue, Expenses, and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis for the years then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. All information included in the financial statements is the representation of the management of Pennsylvania State Grange.

A review consists principally of inquiries of company personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended June 30, 2005 and 2004 have not been presented. Generally accepted accounting principles require that such statements be presented when financial statements purport to present financial position and results of operations.

Based on our review, with the exception of the matter described in the previous paragraph, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting, as described in Note 2.

Our review was made for the purpose of expressing limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting, as described in Note 2. The information in the accompanying supplementary schedules on Pages 18 through 35 is presented only for supplementary analysis purposes. Such information has been subjected to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements. This information is presented on the modified cash basis of accounting and we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made thereto.

Seligman, Friedman & Company  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  
September 26, 2005



PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND  
NET ASSETS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
JUNE 30, 2005 AND 2004

	Operating Fund	Committee Funds	Lifetime Membership Fund	Ellis M. Santee Educational Loan Fund	Scholarship Funds	Subordinate Grange Trust Fund	June 30, 2005 Total All Funds	June 30, 2004 Total All Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>								
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>								
Cash	\$45,530	\$29,212	\$0	\$34,726	\$69,883	\$2,793,691	\$2,973,042	\$2,858,657
Certificates of Deposit	154,209	20,000	0	0	0	0	174,209	123,410
Cash - Board Designated - National Host Committee	25,313	0	0	0	0	0	25,313	24,863
Cash - Restricted - Help Our Headquarters Fund	1,018	0	0	0	0	0	1,018	1,010
Investments	269,270	0	0	0	0	0	269,270	20,898
Accounts Receivable - Cookbook	8,050	0	0	0	0	0	8,050	4,053
Prepaid Expenses	744	0	0	0	0	0	744	1,011
Current Portion of Loans to Subordinates Granges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,304
Inventory - Cookbooks	94,936	0	0	0	0	0	94,936	117,284
Inventory - Other	7,940	0	0	0	0	0	7,940	7,497
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>607,010</b>	<b>49,212</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34,726</b>	<b>69,883</b>	<b>2,793,691</b>	<b>3,554,522</b>	<b>3,160,987</b>
<b>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT - At Cost,</b>								
Less Accumulated Depreciation	847	0	0	0	0	0	847	11,089
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>								
Investment - Pennsylvania State Grange Service Corporation	2,500	0	0	0	0	0	2,500	2,500
Student Loans Receivable	0	0	0	17,199	0	0	17,199	20,445
Investments - Lifetime Membership Fund	0	0	269,054	0	0	0	269,054	241,252
Investments - Ellis M. Santee Educational Loan Fund	0	0	0	325,980	0	0	325,980	297,455
<b>TOTAL OTHER ASSETS</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>269,054</b>	<b>343,179</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>614,733</b>	<b>561,652</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$610,357</b>	<b>\$49,212</b>	<b>\$269,054</b>	<b>\$377,905</b>	<b>\$69,883</b>	<b>\$2,793,691</b>	<b>\$4,170,102</b>	<b>\$3,733,728</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>								
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>								
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,204
Payroll Taxes Withheld	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Contest Winners Fund	1,752	0	0	0	0	0	1,752	1,540
Deposits - Subordinate Granges	0	0	0	0	0	2,784,191	2,784,191	2,670,777
Other Liabilities	8,435	0	0	0	0	0	8,435	25,853
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>10,187</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,784,191</b>	<b>2,794,378</b>	<b>2,713,394</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>								
Restricted	0	0	269,054	377,905	69,883	0	716,842	663,394
Unrestricted	325,916	0	0	0	0	9,500	335,416	277,598
Temporarily Restricted	274,254	49,212	0	0	0	0	323,466	79,342
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>600,170</b>	<b>49,212</b>	<b>269,054</b>	<b>377,905</b>	<b>69,883</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>1,375,724</b>	<b>1,020,334</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$610,357</b>	<b>\$49,212</b>	<b>\$269,054</b>	<b>\$377,905</b>	<b>\$69,883</b>	<b>\$2,793,691</b>	<b>\$4,170,102</b>	<b>\$3,733,728</b>

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**SCHEDULES OF GRANGE FUNDS  
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Active Granges	Beginning Balance	Interest Earned	Interest Paid Grange
Atlantic - #344	\$ 11,756	\$ 122	\$ 119
Baileyville - #1991	36,742	245	238
Battlefield - #2063	19,000	283	274
Bedford #619 - (Charlesville #698)	750	10	10
Blanco - #2099 (Marshall #539)	15,397	108	105
Brandywine - #60	87,061	1,301	1,262
Charleston Valley - #54 (Stoney Fork #1033)	4,353	64	62
Clearfield Pomona - #33	19,885	164	159
Cochranton - #2030	48,187	377	366
Community - #1994 (Derry Twp)	18,925	209	203
Community - #2048	6,639	47	45
Corry - #55	13,737	124	121
Cross Creek Village - #1751	35,000	490	475
East New Castle - #1536	29,069	234	227
Eastbrook - #1706	11,045	166	161
Economy - #2013	1,000	15	15
Edinboro - #947	52,812	630	611
Elk Creek - #997	34,000	476	461
Eulalia - #1088	1,500	10	9
Eureka - #816	43,014	410	397
Fairview - #1351	25,000	380	369
Fort Granville - #1902	1,191	5	5
Friendship - #1799	37,457	558	541
Goshen - #121	30,960	384	372
Harford - #418 (Lenox #931)	17,589	263	255
Hartslog Valley - #375 (McConnellstown #1001)	10,443	156	97
Hayfield - #800 (Cambridge #168)	25,000	372	361
Henderson - #1315	5,252	34	33
Honeybrook - #1688	52,092	572	555
Jackson - #1506 (Mt. Pleasant #1687)	31,225	282	274
Kennett - #19	130,402	1,973	1,914
Kimberton - #1304	117,635	1,490	1,446
Liberty - #1780 (Willard #1440)	3,712	55	53
Little Gap - #1882	19,700	78	75
London Grove - #63	45,470	319	309
Lycova - #2006	25,392	273	265
Mahoning Valley - #1649 (Wilmington #1477)	49,942	421	408
Subtotal	1,118,334	13,100	12,653

Interest Paid State Grange	Additions/Withdrawals	June 30, 2005 Ending Balance	June 30, 2004 Ending Balance
4	\$ 0	\$ 11,756	\$ 11,756
7	0	36,742	36,742
8	0	19,000	19,000
0	(750)	0	750
3	0	15,397	15,397
39	0	87,061	87,061
2	0	4,353	4,353
5	0	19,885	19,885
11	0	48,187	48,187
6	(1,892)	17,033	18,925
1	0	6,639	6,639
4	0	13,737	13,737
15	0	35,000	35,000
7	0	29,069	29,069
5	0	11,045	11,045
0	0	1,000	1,000
19	0	52,812	52,812
14	0	34,000	34,000
0	0	1,500	1,500
12	0	43,014	43,014
11	0	25,000	25,000
0	0	1,191	1,191
17	0	37,457	37,457
12	0	30,960	30,960
8	0	17,589	17,589
59	(7,486)	2,957	10,443
11	0	25,000	25,000
1	(525)	4,727	5,252
17	3,000	55,092	52,092
8	0	31,225	31,225
59	(4,375)	126,027	130,402
45	0	117,635	117,635
2	0	3,712	3,712
2	0	19,700	19,700
10	0	45,470	45,470
8	0	25,392	25,392
13	14,883	64,825	49,942
447	2,855	1,121,189	1,118,334

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Marshallton - #1394	\$ 56,909	\$ 544	\$ 528
Mill Run - #1109	0	10	9
Mt. Summit - #843	4,480	67	65
Ontelaunee - #1617 (Centerport #1600)	19,274	201	195
Penn - #534 (Greenwood #706)	1,999	14	14
Pennsylvania State Grange	0	0	0
Plainfield - #1727	49,878	313	303
Pleasant Hill - #1505	40,384	392	380
Red Lion - #1781	545,474	15,555	15,088
Reynoldsville - #1825 (Hemlock #1341)	845	12	11
Roseville - #1290 (Freedom #2073)	3,211	23	22
Rostraver - #919	0	1,005	975
Rural Valley - #1750	11,597	157	152
Russellville - #91 (Fernwood #1329)	3,001	44	43
Sabinsville - #989 (Middlebury #705)	2,211	32	31
Sanatoga - #25 (North Coventry - #2011)	27,965	351	341
Shannondale - (Murphy #735/Prosperity #1985)	26,609	356	346
Shavers Creek - (Donation #330)	11,786	175	170
Shenango Township - #2057	0	0	0
Slippery Rock - #1441	18,585	131	127
South Buffalo - #1908	35,074	394	382
Spring Church - #1803	17,999	284	275
Spring Garden - #32	6,020	90	87
Sugarcreek - #1131	8,503	305	295
Tamarack - #1388	18,025	270	262
Tioga - #1223 (Mitchell Mills)	4,038	19	18
Valley - #1880 (Community #1712)	3,460	54	52
Walker - #2007	31,535	124	121
Watson - #1068	21,210	89	86
West Branch - #136 (Capt John Brady #1355)	1,960	29	28
West Valley - #1760	10,694	91	88
Westfield - #1514 (North Beaver #1646)	6,000	54	53
White Deer - #122	22,515	95	92
Wills - #1690 (Tenner #1661)	35,904	248	241
Woodcock Center - #1034	7,346	110	106
Worth - #1421	5,580	39	38
York Run - #1699	21,405	177	171
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE GRANGES</b>	<b>\$ 2,199,810</b>	<b>\$ 34,951</b>	<b>\$ 33,849</b>

16	\$ (2,000)	\$ 54,909	\$ 56,909
0	1,500	1,500	0
2	0	4,480	4,480
6	0	19,274	19,274
0	0	1,999	1,999
0	0	0	0
9	(1,500)	48,378	49,878
12	0	40,384	40,384
467	0	545,474	545,474
0	0	845	845
1	0	3,211	3,211
30	89,915	89,915	0
5	(1,000)	10,597	11,597
1	0	3,001	3,001
1	0	2,211	2,211
11	0	27,965	27,965
11	0	26,609	26,609
5	0	11,786	11,786
0	74,127	74,127	0
4	(1,858)	16,727	18,585
12	(1,500)	33,574	35,074
9	0	17,999	17,999
3	0	6,020	6,020
9	2,724	11,227	8,503
8	0	18,025	18,025
1	(5,461)	(1,423)	4,038
2	0	3,460	3,460
4	0	31,535	31,535
3	0	21,210	21,210
1	0	1,960	1,960
3	0	10,694	10,694
2	0	6,000	6,000
3	0	22,515	22,515
7	0	35,904	35,904
3	0	7,346	7,346
1	(558)	5,022	5,580
5	0	21,405	21,405
<b>1,103</b>	<b>\$ 157,244</b>	<b>\$ 2,357,055</b>	<b>\$ 2,199,810</b>

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**SCHEDULES OF GRANGE FUNDS  
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	<u>Date Closed</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Interest Earned</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS - ACTIVE GRANGES</b>		\$ 2,199,810	\$ 34,951
<b>CLOSED GRANGES</b>			
Ackley - #870	May 2000	17,169	260
Armstrong - #1645	December 2004	0	0
Big Valley - #1417	March 2005	22,580	187
Blue Ball - #1331	March 1998	13,000	91
Bolivar Run - #2060	March 2005	0	0
Center - #1870	July 1997	63,763	448
Cherry Hill - #1214	March 2005	25,561	282
East Great Bend - #940	May 2004	5,312	50
Eureka - #1011	June 2004	31,842	208
Elder - #503	October 1995	4,219	46
Fremont - #1906	December 1999	32,190	266
Girty - #1813	July 1997	3,396	0
Gold - #1207	December 2002	7,351	118
Home Camp - #1222	October 1996	3,751	39
Lamar - #274	March 2002	26,990	257
Laurel - #2029	March 2001	2,421	36
Liberty - #1182	April 2003	16,841	250
Madison - #899	March 1997	10,000	70
Markleysburg - #1947	June 2000	1,416	20
Mountain - #1152	March 2000	4,081	16
Mt. Pleasant - #975	June 2004	21,271	150
North Sewickley - #1566	March 2000	41,096	613
Penfield - #1240	December 1998	11,176	167
Subtotal		365,426	3,575

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**CLOSED GRANGES**

Sadsburyville - #1085	March 2000	\$ 13,460	\$ 201
Sharon - #1247	September 2001	9,801	74
Steuben - #858	December 2002	10,019	65
Troups Creek - #981	July 1997	1,759	13
West Pike Run - #1928	September 2001	0	0
Beaver Run - #2049	March 2003	163	0
Claysville - #1510	February 1997	1,434	0
Colley - #365	January 2000	353	0
Covington Boro - #1016	December 2003	14,233	0
East Sullivan - #821	February 1997	10,011	0
Frenchville - #1534	March 2003	2,975	0
Green Valley - #770	March 2001	1,796	0
Jackson - #1468	March 2000	2,193	0
Jordan - #758	February 1997	4,785	0
Lyndell - #1179	December 1999	3,363	0
Mt. Pleasant - #975	June 2004	274	0
Oxford - #1460	December 1996	3,888	0
Penn Run - #1816	March 2000	4,272	0
Union - #155	March 2000	224	0
Valley - #1411	September 2000	4,623	0
Wattsburg - #106	July 1999	8,802	0
West Bingham - #1328	September 2001	7,114	0
<b>TOTAL CLOSED GRANGES</b>		<u>470,968</u>	<u>3,927</u>
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE AND CLOSED GRANGES</b>		<u>\$ 2,670,777</u>	<u>\$ 38,879</u>

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<u>Interest Paid Grange</u>	<u>Interest Paid State Grange</u>	<u>Additions/ Withdrawals</u>	<u>June 30, 2005 Ending Balance</u>
\$ 33,849	\$ 1,103	\$ 157,244	\$ 2,357,055
0	260	0	17,169
0	0	23,280	23,280
49	138	659	23,239
0	91	(13,000)	0
0	0	37,671	37,671
232	216	(63,763)	0
273	8	0	25,561
23	27	0	5,312
208	0	0	31,842
0	46	(4,219)	0
3	263	0	32,190
0	0	(3,396)	0
0	118	0	7,351
0	39	(3,751)	0
0	257	0	26,990
0	36	0	2,421
0	250	0	16,841
0	70	(10,000)	0
0	20	0	1,416
0	16	0	4,081
0	150	0	21,271
0	613	0	41,096
0	167	0	11,176
<u>788</u>	<u>2,787</u>	<u>(36,518)</u>	<u>328,907</u>

\$ 0	\$ 201	0	\$ 13,460
72	2	0	9,801
65	0	0	10,019
0	13	0	1,759
0	0	6,968	6,968
0	0	0	163
0	0	(1,434)	0
0	0	0	353
0	0	0	14,233
0	0	(10,011)	0
0	0	0	2,975
0	0	0	1,796
0	0	0	2,193
0	0	(4,785)	0
0	0	0	3,363
0	0	0	274
0	0	(3,888)	0
0	0	5,837	10,109
0	0	0	224
0	0	0	4,623
0	0	0	8,802
0	0	0	7,114
<u>925</u>	<u>3,003</u>	<u>(43,831)</u>	<u>427,137</u>
<u>\$ 34,773</u>	<u>\$ 4,106</u>	<u>\$ 113,413</u>	<u>\$ 2,784,191</u>



**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE**

	<u>APPROVED BUDGET 7/1/05-6/30/06</u>	<u>NEW PROPOSAL 7/1/05-6/30/06</u>	<u>PROPOSED BUDGET 7/1/06-6/30/07</u>
<b>***REVENUE</b>			
<b>MEMBERSHIP &amp; DUES</b>			
Subordinate Dues	294,545	210,000	210,000
Intitiation Fees	2,000	2,000	2,000
Junior Dues	0	300	300
Associate Dues	8,000	5,000	5,000
<b>TOTAL DUES &amp; FEES</b>	<b>304,545</b>	<b>217,300</b>	<b>217,300</b>
<b>SALES OF MERCHANDISE</b>			
Cookbooks	60,000	60,000	60,000
Resale/Promotional Items	9,000	9,000	9,000
Purchases Discounts	1,000	1,000	1,000
<b>TOTAL SALES AND TAX</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>70,000</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Headquarters Rent/Parking	30,000	0	0
Headquarters Interest	0	14,000	14,000
Interest/Dividends	3,600	5,000	6,000
Grange Property	32,000	11,000	44,300
Special Projects	11,000	0	0
Washington Trip	7,000	7,000	6,000
Bus Tours	8,000	8,000	7,000
State Session Registration	2,500	2,500	2,500
Sixth Degree Fees	600	600	600
Grange Week Activities	2,000	2,000	2,000
Grange Family Festival	5,000	10,000	10,000
Advocate Ads/Subscriptions	1,000	1,000	1,000
Misc/Contributions	1,000	1,000	1,000
<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>103,700</b>	<b>62,100</b>	<b>94,400</b>
<b>Copier Income</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>
<b>PA Grange Headquarters Repair Fund</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sale of Headquarters Building</b>			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>482,245</b>	<b>353,400</b>	<b>385,700</b>

	<u>APPROVED BUDGET 7/1/05-6/30/06</u>	<u>NEW PROPOSAL 7/1/05-6/30/06</u>	<u>PROPOSED BUDGET 7/1/06-6/30/07</u>
<b>***EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>EMPLOYEE EXPENSE</b>			
Payroll	145,200	127,000	132,000
Taxes, benefits	43,560	36,000	37,000
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE</b>	<b>188,760</b>	<b>163,000</b>	<b>169,000</b>
<b>GRANGE HEADQUARTERS</b>			
Electric	3,200	0	0
Water/Sewer/Trash	1,200	0	0
Oil	5,500	110	0
Lawn/Snow/Bugs	1,000	0	0
Janitorial	300	200	200
Janitor	3,900	0	0
Taxes	12,000	0	0
Insurance	7,500	5,000	5,000
Spring Water & Soda	300	300	300
Repairs and Other	23,000	250	250
Help Our Headquarters	0	6,500	0
Rent Expense	0	22,200	24,000
<b>TOTAL HEADQUARTERS</b>	<b>57,900</b>	<b>34,560</b>	<b>29,750</b>
<b>STATE SESSION</b>			
Rooms/Food for Officers/Comm., etc.	14,000	14,000	14,000
Pre-session Meetings	750	500	500
Session-Labor	350	350	350
Resolution Booklet	800	800	800
Reports/Printing	500	500	500
Session-Equipment	500	500	500
Sixth Degree Expenses	500	500	500
Journal of Proceedings	2,500	2,500	2,500
Flowers/Awards	300	300	300
Hosting Nat'l Rep.	250	250	250
Misc.	900	900	900
<b>TOTAL STATE SESSION</b>	<b>21,350</b>	<b>21,100</b>	<b>21,100</b>
<b>PROMOTIONS</b>			
Farm Show/Ag Progress Days	3,000	3,000	3,000
Grange Week	2,500	2,500	2,500
Grange Family Festival	5,000	10,000	10,000
Misc. Promotions	500	500	500
<b>TOTAL PROMOTIONS</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>16,000</b>



	<u>APPROVED BUDGET 7/1/05-6/30/06</u>	<u>NEW PROPOSAL 7/1/05-6/30/06</u>	<u>PROPOSED BUDGET 7/1/06-6/30/07</u>
<b>DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES</b>			
Community Service	1,500	1,500	1,500
Junior Grange	1,500	1,500	1,500
Youth/Young Adults	1,500	1,500	1,500
Membership	1,500	1,500	1,500
Family Activities	1,500	1,500	1,500
Lecturer	4,000	3,000	3,000
Historical Committee	765	500	500
Special Committee	0	100	100
Executive Committee	1,500	1,500	1,500
Other State Officers	300	300	300
Standing Legislative Comms.	0	0	0
Program Book/Legislative Handbook	1,500	1,500	500
<b>TOTAL DEPART. &amp; COMM.</b>	<b>15,565</b>	<b>14,400</b>	<b>13,400</b>
<b>OFFICE EXPENSES</b>			
Quarterly Report Booklets	900	900	800
Directory	0	0	4,000
Postage	2,000	2,000	2,000
Supplies/Printing	4,000	4,000	4,000
Maintenance Agreements/Rentals	1,500	1,500	1,500
Equipment Repairs	500	500	500
UPS Charges	1,500	1,500	1,500
Telephone	8,000	8,000	8,000
Website	3,500	4,000	4,000
Computer updates	1,000	1,500	1,000
Copier lease	5,500	5,000	5,000
<b>TOTAL OFFICE EXP</b>	<b>28,400</b>	<b>28,900</b>	<b>32,300</b>
<b>GRANGE ADVOCATE</b>			
Printing/Mailing List Expense	16,000	16,000	16,000
Postage	29,000	25,000	25,000
<b>TOTAL ADVOCATE</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>41,000</b>	<b>41,000</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>			
Deputies	250	250	250
Master	9,000	9,000	9,000
Public Relations Department	6,000	6,000	6,000
Legislative Department	1,500	1,500	1,500
Local Grange Expense	500	500	500
New Member Orientation	1,000	1,500	1,500
<b>TOTAL ADMIN</b>	<b>18,250</b>	<b>18,750</b>	<b>18,750</b>

	<u>APPROVED BUDGET 7/1/05-6/30/06</u>	<u>NEW PROPOSAL 7/1/05-6/30/06</u>	<u>PROPOSED BUDGET 7/1/06-6/30/07</u>
<b>CONTRACT SERVICES</b>			
Bookkeeping and Payroll Services	6,000	8,500	8,500
Legal Counsel	2,000	2,000	1,500
Accounting/Audit	7,500	7,500	7,500
Assoc. Member Expense	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL CONTRACTS</b>	<b>15,500</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>17,500</b>
<b>COOKBOOKS</b>			
Printing/Purchase	29,000	24,000	24,000
Postage/Supplies	3,000	3,000	3,000
Sales Tax	12,500	12,500	12,500
<b>TOTAL COOKBOOK</b>	<b>44,500</b>	<b>39,500</b>	<b>39,500</b>
<b>RESALABLE/PROMOTIONAL ITEMS</b>			
Cost basis	8,000	7,500	7,500
Postage/Supplies	600	400	400
<b>TOTAL RESALE EXP.</b>	<b>8,600</b>	<b>7,900</b>	<b>7,900</b>
<b>SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>			
<b>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS</b>			
Deputies	500	0	1,000
Regional Leadership Meetings	500	1,000	1,000
Departmental Planning Meetings	2,000	2,500	2,500
National Grange Conference	1,500	1,200	1,500
Tours	8,000	8,000	8,000
Washington Bus Tour	7,000	7,000	7,000
<b>TOTAL CONF/WORK</b>	<b>19,500</b>	<b>19,700</b>	<b>21,000</b>
<b>DONATIONS/DISASTERS</b>			
	<b>500</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>HEADQUARTERS SALE EXPENSES</b>			
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE</b>			
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CONTINGENCY</b>			
	<b>1,420</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>482,245</b>	<b>424,810</b>	<b>428,200</b>
<b>NET REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES</b>			
	<b>0</b>	<b>(71,410)</b>	<b>(42,500)</b>



## REPORT OF SECRETARY

Worthy Master, National Grange Secretary, Henrietta Keller, State Officers, delegates and guests of the Pennsylvania State Grange. I bring you greetings.

The year was very busy and I can't believe the holidays will be here before you know. As your State Secretary I had a chance to visit Granges throughout the state. In January, my Subordinate Grange helped with the State Grange Booth and the Farmer for a day booth at the Farm Show. My husband and I got to go on the Legislative trip to Washington D.C. I attended Grange Day at the Radisson in Harrisburg and enjoyed the 2nd Annual Family Festival at Centre County Grange Fairgrounds. I had two young girls with me and they enjoyed the fun filled weekend, and said it was very rewarding. I attended other activities that my work schedule would allow me to attend.

One of my duties as the State Secretary is to do Grange membership recognitions. The State Grange recognizes Grange members that have 5, 10, 15 and 20 years of membership in the Grange with a letter of appreciation for their years of service. The State Grange recognizes members that have 25, 40, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75 and 80 years of membership in the Grange. The number of letters and certificates that were sent this year, are as follows:

25 years —————	93	65 years —————	43
40 years —————	43	70 years —————	32
50 years —————	103	75 years —————	8
55 years —————	93	80 years —————	1
60 years —————	75		

I would like to give special recognition to the 1 member for his 80 years of membership to the Grange. His name is Donald Reed from Henderson Grange # 1315 in Jefferson County. Congratulations!

Another recognition is Lifetime Membership. This year I issued 33 memberships, which brings the Lifetime membership to 1314. More detailed information will be in the lifetime report.

In closing I would like to thank the 2005 Hosting Committee for inviting the State Grange to hold the Annual Session here in West Middlesex. Thanks again and I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe week.

Fraternally submitted,  
Sandy Witmer, State Secretary

## REPORT OF GATEKEEPER

Greetings from the western end of the state and the office of Gatekeeper. Since this is not a real high stress office, as many of my fellow brothers and sisters have, I do wish to keep in touch with my fellow Grangers across the state. I have gone many miles this year in Grange work, some for the request of the Gatekeeper and some with my wife and the Family Activities Committee.

My year started out with attending a meeting in Harrisburg with fellow state officers to discuss the future and progress needed for the Grange. In early January I went to the PA Farm Show to assist with the manning of the display booth. As the snow started and we were getting

into the new year, I was called upon by Lawrence County to be their guest speaker at their planning meeting. I spent a few hours there with them as we discussed many programs of the Grange. After many questions and answers we held a very productive evening in discussion. Then it was off to the State planning meeting in Milesburg. Again I went with my wife and had a chance to discuss several aspects of the Grange with those attending. I also assisted the Family Activities Committee in stuffing the packets for their annual mailing. This was their way of assisting the State Office in office staff time. It worked and all the mail was ready to go in a short time.

Then it was off to the Regional meetings. We attended Region B where I got to hear the program put on by Ed Luttrell, and come away with some good ideas and thoughts.

Over the summer I spent time working with my own Subordinate and Pomona Granges. One of the most enjoyable stops in the Grange year was the Family Festival in July. I worked along with the crafts of the Family Activities to put bluebird houses together and give the instructions on locations and posting times. We had approximately 30 people attend that workshop.

Now as we progress into the busy event of the Grange year, the annual State Grange Convention in West Middlesex, PA, I am looking forward to fulfilling my obligation as the State Gatekeeper and the duties it calls upon me to do. I also look forward to another session to see the evidence that is set by the Grange delegates.

I wish to fulfill my office to the highest degree, so if there is ever a time that you would like me to attend any Grange function for any reason, my door is always open and I am just a phone call away. But most of all, I look forward to serving you for another year as your Gatekeeper.

Fraternally,  
Dick Mangel

## REPORT OF CERES

Worthy Master, State Officers, Brothers and Sisters:

Greetings to you from the State Office of Ceres. It has been another busy year for me. I have been active as Lecturer in my Subordinate Grange, Pioneer #1777, and also serve as Pomona in Berks County Pomona Grange. I am the co-chairman for the 2006 State Session Convention.

I'm also an active member of St. Peter's UCC in Topton where I teach Sunday School to the 3-5 year olds and sing in the choir.

This past year I have attended the State Officers meeting in December held in Harrisburg to get my duties for the coming year.

In April I had the honor of being a guest speaker at Harmony and Star Grange's Recognition Night. I presented certificates and pins to 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 and 75 year Grange members. During the month of March and April I attended several Grange Community Nights in Berks County representing the State Grange.

May found me at Camp Swatara at the Berks County Junior Grange Camp. While there, I served as "Camp Nurse" and also as a judge for the Prince and Princess contest.



In July I attended the Family Festival and helped Amy with the vespers each evening. I had a great time. A big thank-you to the organizers of the event. I hope we can make next year's Festival bigger and better.

During August, the Reading and Kutztown Fairs were held. I helped at the Pomona Grange exhibit promoting the Grange to non-members.

September and October found me getting prepared for State Session.

Thank-you for allowing me to be your State Grange Ceres this past year. I look forward to meeting many new people and serving you for another year. See you in Berks County in 2006.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tammy Schaeffer  
PA State Grange Ceres

### REPORT OF POMONA

Greetings, State Master, State Officers, Delegates and Members of the Pennsylvania State Grange, from the office of Pomona.

I am preparing my report just a few days before the 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual State Session. As I reflect back on the past year I realize how quickly time flies and my intentions were far greater than my accomplishments.

My Grange activities include serving as treasurer in my Subordinate Grange and Lecturer in my Pomona Grange. My husband, Scott, serves as treasurer in our Pomona Grange. We had the opportunity to visit the Bunkerhill Grange in Lebanon County, and Elizabethtown Grange and Fulton Grange in Lancaster County. What a marvelous way to gain new friendships and new ideas. I helped at the Elizabethtown Grange's milkshake stand during the Elizabethtown Fair. Quite an adventure! Lancaster County folk sure like their milkshakes!!!

My Subordinate Grange is struggling to not only maintain membership but to increase members as well. Carl Meiss presented a program on recruiting members, sharing a wealth of information with us. The challenge is to put that information into action.

We were not able to attend the Family Festival this year due to scheduling conflicts, as both Scott and I work fulltime. Hopefully, we will be able to attend next year, as I understand it has proved to be a great event for all ages.

Other activities include involvement with the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Scott and I serve on two teams, one in Lancaster County and one in Lebanon County. The Lebanon County team, known as "Norman's Neighbors," is named after my father, Norman Shirk, who was a Granger for many years. Being members of these teams in the coming year(s) will have special meaning for us, as Scott was recently diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma. His is a slow growing lymphoma, which requires continual observation by his oncologist. We are living with cancer and determined to face it with a positive attitude.

We enjoy traveling in our motor home. We traveled to the Great Smokies in North Carolina this spring, staying in a campground on the Cherokee reservation. We learned in more depth about our Native Americans. We also visited family in Tennessee. We do weekend excursions with family and friends as often as possible. The greatest reward in this mode of travel is the opportunity to meet new people from all walks of life.

Scott and I are members of a planning committee to initiate the first annual spring auction (commonly known as a "mud sale") in March of 2006 as a fundraiser for our local fire company and our Amish community. Two cultures working side by side to reach a common goal is proving to be a very interesting endeavor.

As for our family, our daughter Karen was married in August, living in the Lancaster area. Our son Bill remains a resident in the Pittsburgh area, having bought a home in the suburbs of Pittsburgh. No grandchildren, just two rather spoiled cats grace our home. At this writing a 12 ounce kitten, rescued by our son-in-law Tim, is part of their lives. Try 4-hour feedings with a kitten....talk about a challenge.

So now I know where the year has gone. As I end this report I can only say I feel "just as toddlers do, we take a few small steps forward each day and try to relish the moments. By focusing on one day at a time, eventually we can look back and we are amazed at how far we've come on this bumpy road." (Jan Markell, Waiting for a Miracle)

Respectfully submitted,  
Sara Shank

### REPORT OF FLORA

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters,

It only seems like yesterday that I was elected to this office and looked forward to new opportunities.

This past year I have attended Regional meeting, Eastern Regional Youth Conference, Youth Camp, Junior Camp, Grange Family Festival, and Lawrence County visitation night.

One aspect of the Grange that I enjoy is that it is a family organization. Many of the events I attended I was accompanied by one or both of my children. They really enjoyed spending time with everyone and I enjoyed having many babysitters.

I am active in my local Subordinate Grange, Shavers Creek #353 and Huntingdon County Pomona Grange.

I would like to thank the following counties for presenting the drills for the Sixth Degree: Ceres Drill - Lawrence County; Pomona Drill - Washington County; and Flora Drill - Beaver County. In addition, I would like to thank everyone who served on my court in the Degree.

I thank you again for allowing me the privilege to serve you as your State Flora. In closing, I remind you that the emblem of Flora is the rose. There are many different colors and types of roses just like there are people in the Grange, so I encourage you to appreciate the other roses in your Grange family.

Fraternally submitted,  
Amy Foster



## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Worthy Master, National Secretary, State Officers, Delegates and members of the Pennsylvania State Grange, I would like to present the annual report of the Executive Committee for 2004—2005.

At this time, I would like to introduce you to the members of this committee.

Betsy Huber—Master  
Brian Ebersole—Overseer  
Carl Rudy—Vice Chairperson  
Elizabeth Downey—Secretary  
David Troutman

And myself John Master—Chairperson

First we would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the host committee, consisting of Venango, Mercer and Crawford Counties. The efforts of these counties are greatly appreciated. In addition, Lawrence County has housed and fed the Junior Grangers for their Jamboree. Thank you very much.

We would like to commend Betsy Huber our State Master for her untiring time and efforts expended for the good of our order. Betsy has had a very stressful year with her husband Henry having been diagnosed with a Melanoma early in the year combined with her duties in Harrisburg to the State Grange. Thank you Betsy and May the Lord continue to bless you and yours.

Membership, as in previous years is still a big issue. As you know, members and their dues are what financially support the State Grange programs and expenditures. The June 2005 quarterly report shows we have 318 Granges with 14,001 active members and 841 associate members for a total 14,842 members. This still is a loss of members and a loss of income. We all need to work harder to increase membership.

By the time you read this report we will have organized one new Grange in Hamburg, Pennsylvania, and another is very near to being organized. We have seen a small decrease in the loss of members but we are still looking at RED figures. We all need to work harder to turn this around to the BLACK figures. To all of you who have gotten new members THANK YOU.

We still have a very large inventory of cookbooks, which is tying up a considerable sum of money. Everyone get out and sell cookbooks.

The past year has been very challenging. We have worked very hard to make good and wise decisions for the best interest for the membership. Some of the highlights of the past year include the following:

- Approved scholarships and student loans
- Worked on schedule changes to State Session for 2005.
- Updated the computer system at the office.
- Worked with the Legislative director on planning legislative day and the Farm Show program.

As per the vote by the delegate body at last year's session the State Office building was put up for sale. After several months, the sale took place. We no longer have to replace the furnace, the roof, or the windows. A new location was obtained and the move was accomplished.

We would like to thank the office staff for their hard work all year long and all the extra work and time they put in making the move to the new office across the river.

We want to thank the Headquarters Search Committee for their time and trips to Harrisburg to locate the new Pennsylvania State Grange home. Thank You.

Thank you to the Historical Committee for their dedication in the preservation efforts of Grange archives.

We want to commend every one who helped make the second Family Festival a success. We broke even on expenses. This was largely due to the willingness of Wayne and Deb Campbell who prepared the meals at cost. Thank you, Wayne and Deb.

The upcoming year for the Pennsylvania State Grange will be a challenging one. YOU, the delegates will be approving a budget and setting policy for this next year. PLEASE think clearly and review all information carefully in making your decisions.

I would like to thank the other members of the Executive Committee and fellow State Officers. It has been challenging and frustrating, but most of all a pleasure to work and serve with you during my term of office on the Executive Committee.

To you, the members of the Pennsylvania State Grange, I have truly enjoyed serving you for the past eight years.

Fraternally Submitted,  
John E. Master, Chairman

## DEAF & COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT AND WINNERS

Worthy State Master, National Representatives Brother & Sister Keller, State Officers, Delegates, and Brothers and Sisters:

The clock continues to tick on in our lives as individuals and as Grangers. Here, in this report to our membership, lies the legacy we leave as we move ever forward in our efforts to do good for others and collectively work to create a better world for everyone though our Deaf and Community Department.

### We Are Unique

No other State Grange in the nation does what PA State Grange does in requesting funds from our local and county Granges to distribute throughout the state! Did you know that?

Our generous sharing of our treasuries allows us, as a State Grange, to donate specifically requested items and sometimes monies directly in ways that we, as individual Granges, may have never considered.

This year's totals continue to prove our efforts are not in vain. Almost \$3200 (a 16% decrease from '04) from 81 of our Community/Subordinate Granges (25% less Granges than in '04). We also have almost \$750 (a 10% decrease from '04) from 12 of our Pomonas (a 50% decrease from '04). A few more checks will arrive after this report has gone to print so look for a final total in a future edition of The ADVOCATE.

This information should show you that when we have to do more with less - we can!

### No Small Matter

Our '04 session collection was men's outerwear - coats, hats, gloves, etc. Some folks also donated other types of men's clothing. Br. Amos and Sr. Carol Kallenberger deserve a huge thank you for finding places in the Harrisburg area needing your donations and for seeing that everything got distributed in a timely manner.

### If One is Good, Two is Better

This year we have expanded our collection efforts to two for the year. Again, the heartwarming response shows just what we can do when we work together. We asked and you



responded by bringing in educational toys; children's books; diapers or pull ups; coats, hats or mittens and kids educational programs/games for Windows computer programming to Session. These will go to the Children's Center of Mercer County. The Center provides children's programs in: Early Intervention classes with Developmental programming, Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy and/or Occupational Therapy; Aquatics Instruction; Day Care; Before and After School Programs; Summer School; and Camps. Just take a look at what we have collected before we pack up and send everything off with Sr. Barbara Gross.

Earlier this year we heard of Operation Shoebox thanks to Sr. Laura McCardle. One man and his merry band of volunteers collects items requested by the soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. We invited Dino Campanis and two of his volunteers to join us at the Family Festival. He officially came to accept the TWO pickup truck loads of items that had made their way to the Festival. We also surprised him with a check for \$1000 to cover about half the cost of mailing all our Grange donated items. The Deaf and Community Service Dept. also felt it was worth donating another \$1000 to cover the full cost of shipping everything we donated.

Operation Shoebox (or as we referred to it Something for Soldiers) was so popular we will be supporting it again until Family Festival time next year.

We will also make a donation to Christ the King Deaf Church in Chester County for some computer software they requested.

We also made a small donation to the PA Rural Leadership Program (RULE) for their most recent event. This past September they hosted the International Leadership Alumni (ILAC) Conference in Hershey, PA.

Several Grange members have graduated from the RULE program.

Make sure you look around your community and send us the names of groups you know of that could use our financial support. We're only as good as you help us to be.

#### **Special Thank Yous**

We would like to thank everyone that supported any of our Deaf and Community Service projects as individuals or as Granges. Also, thanks to the Lecturer's Dept. that donated the proceeds from their Bingo Night at the Family Festival and to our Worthy Chaplain who announced the Sunday Worship Service collection would also be donated to Something for Soldiers. Your kind efforts made us all feel good.

#### **Buy the Book**

We tried something new at session last year. We had you donate your used paperback books, CDs and videos to us and we resold them for a small fee. This was another well received event and we'll continue it annually with your support.

For our first attempt we realized \$97.50. We're anxious to see what we can bring in this session.

#### **Grangers Through and Through**

Our hearts and dollars also go to support the land...the Kelley Farm to be specific. Our PA State Grange donation to the Kelley Farm will be at least \$590 as of September 1, 2005. That is a 70% increase over last year!

Please remember that checks forwarded to support the Kelley Farm should make that notation on the Memo line of the check and be sent to the current Deaf and Community Service Director.

#### **School Days**

We had lots of Poster and Essays to send to the judges this year. Seems the writers and artists were up to the challenge we gave them. Our goal is to introduce deafness to kids in a

positive way and at an early age so that they realize people who happen to be deaf can do as I. King Jordan, President of Gallaudet University says, "anything but hear".

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners received checks. Their work as well as the Honorable Mentions were published in various editions of The ADVOCATE throughout the year. The top honors went to:

#### **Posters-**

1st Place Name: Mackenzie Wirth

Title: See the World From a Deaf Person's View

Sponsored by: Perry Valley Grange #1804

2nd Place Name: Alexis Shoemaker

Title: How I Hear the World

Sponsored by: York-Adams Pomona #40, Rolla Lehman, Chair

3rd Place Name: Jeremy Mittner

Title: With Our Eyes We See the Same

Sponsored by: Perry Valley Grange #1804

HM Name: Travis Gennaro

Title: Life Without Hearing Doesn't Affect the Game

Sponsored by: Mercer Co. Pomona #25, Sandy Moore, Chair

#### **Essay -**

1st Place Name: Rowan Rumbaugh

Title: Juliete Godon Low

Sponsored by: Perry Valley Grange #1804

2nd Place Name: Alicia Bates

Title: Kindness is a Language the Deaf Can Hear

Sponsored by: Crawford Co. Pomona #26, Wilma Ferguson, Chair

3rd Place Name: Mackenzie Wirth

Title: Biography of Rush Limbaugh

Sponsored by: Perry Valley Grange #1804

HM Name: Bonniebel Quintero

Title: Deaf

Sponsored by: Ontelaunee Community Grange #1617

#### **At Your Service**

We are pleased to share the names of the Granges receiving honors for their Community Service Reports awarded at our All Grangers Banquet last October during Session. They were:

#### **Under 75 members**

1. Kennett #19, Chester County

2. Pleasant Hill #1861, Cambria County



3. Union #152, Susquehanna County

**Over 75 members**

1. Big Knob #2008, Beaver County
2. Perry Valley #1804, Perry County
3. Middletown #684, Bucks County

Thanks to everyone that worked on a project on behalf of their Grange.

**Music to Our Eyes**

Everyone seems to enjoy this annual tradition. Signing to music takes some work on the part of those who enter. The audience's awe and applause makes it worth the effort.

Congratulations to:

**Individual**

1. Susan Waxler, "The Invitation," Hookstown #1980, Beaver County
2. Stacie Keith, "Concrete Angel," Lincoln #914, Huntingdon County
3. Jodi Keith, "Live Like You Were Dying," Lincoln #914, Huntingdon County

And to the **Group** that included: Jodi and Stacie Keith, "Mary Did You Know?" Lincoln #914, Huntingdon County

**A Personal Thank You**

You have noted the names of the various Committee members that are called into service any number of times and for any number of occasions. As the Department Director, I can think of no better people to be working with. I have enjoyed being the 'front man' for the Department but it is through their efforts that this all comes together so well. My thanks to each of them named below, that I so proudly serve with.

**To the End**

We close another Grange year, looking back at what we have accomplished and forward to where we might go. Keep in touch with us by phone or letter or e-mail to provide us with new ideas, visionary suggestions and challenges to get us all to where we only dare imagine we can go with this great organization we call the GRANGE.

We begin again.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Steele, Department Director  
Barbara Gross  
Carol Kallenberger  
Laura McCardle  
Sandy Moore

**2005 SIGN A SONG CONTEST WINNERS**

**Group Winners -**

1. Susan Waxler & Jeremy Osyewski, Beaver County
2. Jodi & Stacie Keith, Huntingdon County
3. McMillen Family, Lawrence County

**Individual Winners -**

1. Stacie Keith, Huntingdon County
2. Laura McMillen, Lawrence County

3. Jodi Keith, Huntingdon County

**2005 COMMUNITY SERVICE WINNERS**

**Subordinate Granges Over 75 members:**

- First -** Perry Valley #1804, Perry County  
**Second -** Hayfield #800, Crawford County  
**Third -** Valley #1360, York County  
**Tie -** Schnecksville #1684, Lehigh County

**Subordinate Granges Under 75 members:**

- First -** Pleasant Hill #1861, Cambria County  
**Second -** Elkland #976, Sullivan County  
**Third -** Union #152, Susquehanna County

**Pomona Granges**

- First -** Montour-Northumberland-Union #31  
**Second -** Bucks County #22  
**Third -** Lehigh-Northampton #68

**FAMILY ACTIVITIES REPORT AND WINNERS**

Worthy Master, National and State Officers, members of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

Once again, another year is past and I am reporting to you on the activity of the Family Activities Department for the year 2004-2005. It has been an honor to work for you and I look forward to another year as I and the committee begin to plan for another year. We met the challenge this past year as we jumped into our work with both feet and had a great time doing it. We all are blessed to work with 7 great ladies and their husbands that all have a heart to this committee and the work it calls us to do. They are:

Region A	Mazie Master
Region B	
Region C	Libby Green
Region D	Cathy Oakley
Region E	Elaine Nilon
Region F	Grace Lepperd
Region G	Cassie Conrad
Region H	Joanne Heim

We started off our year by assisting the State Office staff by helping to get our mailing to the Family Activities Directors across the state. We were there at the Regional meetings to do our part and cover the many programs and projects as well as contests that we sponsor. We have encouraged many Granges and Grangers to be part of the projects that reach out into the community. The Community Awareness Projects we sponsor are all things that can be done and the results can be used and seen in the local community. We feel this is a great place because



we feel that "we must help care for those in need," whether it be family, friends, neighbors, or strangers. This is a great way to open the door for the Grange, to get its name out into the community and let people know that we like working with and helping others.

According to the annual reports forms I received and had a chance to read over, Grangers were in action doing many things, and they were not just for the Grange. Some Granges worked hard to get the community to attend various functions. Below are things they did to get into the community.

- Hold dinners and invite the community
- Sponsor and hold community yard sales, craft shows, barn dances
- Community Thanksgiving Dinners
- Hold Birthday dinners or other occasion parties to get the community there
- Hold annual deer hunters breakfast, well accepted in the community
- Assist seniors with transportation to doctors, hospitals, etc.
- Promote the Grange on local radio talk shows
- Let local Fire companies, Lions Clubs or Red Cross to name a few, use their hall for meetings, etc.

Of course many of the projects the Family Activities Department sponsors are things that are to be used in the community of the Grange. They put back into the community much of which they did that involved the community or was a need. Here are some of the things they did:

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Bike Safety Derbies                                                                          | Blanket drives for shelters                      |
| Prepared frozen dinners for elderly                                                          | Clothing drives, Goodwill, Salvation Army        |
| Food Banks for homeless and clothing                                                         | Stuffed toys for various organization            |
| Meals on Wheels                                                                              | Sweaters for organizations and kids homes        |
| Stockings for kids for Christmas                                                             | Packages, blankets, food for Soldiers overseas   |
| Lap robes, walker bags, wheelchair bags all                                                  | for Nursing homes and personal care homes        |
| Worked for City Missions                                                                     | Raised funds for kids equipment in parks         |
| TLC boxes for women, children, nursing homes, and some went overseas for soldiers            |                                                  |
| Worked at fair booths                                                                        | ABC crib quilts for single moms with newborns    |
| Quilts, premie caps, booties for infants in hospitals and slippers for toddlers and children |                                                  |
| Cancer Relay sponsors                                                                        | Hold soup days for homeless                      |
| Made sleeping bags for homeless                                                              | Hats for cancer patients                         |
| Hospital dolls for children, used by emergency personnel and hospitals                       |                                                  |
| Serve dinners to help VFD raise money for equipment                                          |                                                  |
| Books to Children's Place                                                                    | Soup labels, pop tabs, stamps                    |
| Slippers for Walk a Mile project                                                             | Collected funds for hurricane support            |
| Toys for Tots sponsor                                                                        | Assisted families in church, Grange and nearby   |
| New mothers and infant programs                                                              | Veterans homes, delivered packages and needs     |
| Collected for Women & Pregnancy Ctr.                                                         | Dictionaries to local elementary school students |
| Use our Grange hall for assisting community groups and projects                              |                                                  |
| Hold Quilt raffle to raise funds for various community needs                                 |                                                  |
| Headstart worked to make clothing needs for the kids                                         |                                                  |
| Hold Blood Drives                                                                            | Kelley Farm donations                            |
| Make a Wish                                                                                  |                                                  |

And many other things were done. You have been working and I could see where a lot of work went back into the community. Great Job!!!! These were all wonderful ideas and I hope that some more of you will pick up some ideas and do something like these. If you have other ideas, put them to work and bring the "Grange" name into the community with a little more excitement. Better yet, please share it with others and maybe they will have some success and a new challenge to face.

Well this year is gone, but a new one is on the horizon. This department is working hard to set the right programs, projects and contests before you. A change will appear now and again to keep with the needs of our department. This also reflects what needs you have. We are now bringing back a contest of quilt blocks to allow us to get them made by folks across the state to use in our annual quilt raffle. We have added a few favorites that have been suggested to us or something that we would like to see. However, every year or every other year we do make some changes to meet our needs. Watch the contest and program guide paper and you will see the things that we have changed. Most of these contest articles can be done during the long cold winter months after we are done shoveling the snow. This is the perfect time to do something more than watch tv or the snow fall. Also we handed out in the state session exhibit room a flier with all of the contests for the up coming year. We have no way of knowing just what the contests can do until we give them a try. We will stay with most of what we have for another year and then make adjustments as needed. If you know of something that you feel would draw a lot of contest entries, be sure to share it with the Family Activities Committee or Director. We are here to work for you!!! Get together with your Grange Lecturer and have a combined program at your meetings and make something that you can enter in the contests.

**THE GRANGE FAMILY FESTIVAL:** "Christmas in July". What a wonderful celebration and time we had again at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Grange Family Festival. This year under the direction of the Lecturer's Committee we all were encouraged to decorate with the Christmas theme. So as all of the tenters, campers and motor homes moved in, you could see the excitement of the weekend begin as all of the decorations went up. Friday brought us some more excitement as we began our agenda of activities. The Family Activities committee and director held crafts for the children by making blue bird houses, a request from the children who missed out last year. As the evening began with the hot dog roast supper at the bonfire, hosted and provided by the Family Activities Committee and some much needed help from area Grangers, we began our weekend. Under the stars and the light of the fire, we joined in the vespers and relaxed atmosphere. As we returned to our campsite, we could see the judged results of the Christmas decorations. Wow!!! What a beautiful sight to see all the lights, etc. again, and it won't be long until Christmas is here. Saturday became a busy day for us. Our big day started by the much anticipation of the Pampered Chef cooking show. We opened it up to the public and waited to see how many people would come. Much to our surprise, it was very well attended. As the ladies demonstrated their favorite recipes, we all got to sample the goodies they prepared. After all the goodies were gone, we had some door prizes and cookbooks to hand out to everyone. Later that afternoon some of the committee ladies held workshops of "make your own thing", which was a time to bring something from home that you wanted to make or decorate for any of the contests. We even had some of the ladies bring their yarn and make some of the new "fuzzy" scarves that are now the rage. We kept ourselves busy and helped others along the way. We all had a great time as things wound down on Sunday and everyone left for home. If you did not



make the trip this year, please make plans to come next. This is a weekend jam packed full of things to keep everyone busy, yet have time to relax.

**GRANGE ADVOCATE.** Another year has gone by and we are all getting better at our Advocate writings. Oh yes, there are times that we have a dry spell in writing, but for the most we have met our goal. We have tried to keep in touch with you through the updates of our contests and programs. We are asking for your help, to bring to us ideas of some of the things that you would like to see our committee do. If there are new things out there that we need to take a look at and change to be with the times, let us know. Again we will keep up with our contests, quilt raffles and other programs, but we cannot do this without you. Keep in touch with the Advocate each month and we will bring you some updates in our department.

**CONTESTS:** A BIG, BIG thank you goes out to each of you that participated in the various contests, whether local or state. We have seen the evidence of your talent at the state session. It is always a great thing to see so many beautiful things shown. Last year brought us over 200 entries into the contests. But with the help of very dependable judges, we awarded winners in all the categories. Please read the Programs and Contest material so you will see what is in store for the next year. Also we will keep you updated through our articles in the Grange Advocate. We hope to see a lot of great things!!!! Winners from this year's contests will be listed in the Grange Advocate and at the end of this report.

#### **QUILT & MORE RAFFLE:**

A big "THANK YOU" goes out to all of my committee and all the Grangers who sold our Quilt & More Raffle tickets. You just don't know how this makes you feel, when you depend upon others to make sure things are going well. Yes I do my part, but out there is a different world. It is very gratifying to know that they did their jobs. With their help and contact with area Grangers, we sold enough tickets to cover the expenses in our contests and the other functions throughout the year that require financial help. This is our only way of raising funds to pay for the expenses of our department. A total cost to our department every October at state session is approximately \$1600 for all the ribbons, monetary prizes, certificates and awards given out. We truly appreciate all of your efforts and we look forward to you doing the same for us again. With the help of the Pomona Granges we had many wonderful gifts for our drawing. I must also thank all of the Pomona Granges across the state that donated a beautiful gift to us to raffle off. Many great things were given and we truly appreciate all of you. The quilt this year was made by the Quilters Club in Lycoming County. This year again it was a quilt which was made from the quilt block contest of the past years. This quilt top was displayed last year at state session. Tickets were made available for purchase throughout the year from any of the committee members and at the exhibit room of the session headquarters for \$1.00 per ticket. Since we have now run out of quilt blocks, we are bringing back our quilt block contest so we can keep making quilts for the raffles each year. The quilt drawing and the drawing for all of the Pomona Grange donated gifts was held on Sunday afternoon at the state session. Quilt Winner for 2005 was Joanne Heim of Trexlertown Grange

Something new this year that our department is giving out is a Peoples Choice Award. This year the people attending the session voted for their favorite article in all of the Family Activities exhibits. This is given to the article with the most votes, it is not necessary a ribbon winner. Peoples Choice Award was awarded to Madaline Carper - Blair Co.

**DISPLAYS:** "Fall is in the Air" in West Middlesex, Pa. It is that time of the year when we meet that the leaves are falling, the pumpkins and corn stalks are all out to trim our homes, and it won't be long till we see little ghosts and goblins at our front doors. This year we decorated and trimmed the exhibit rooms for fall as we prepared for another annual session. We all arrived on Friday and set up for the exhibits to arrive on Saturday. What a beautiful set up we had when all was said and done. Many Grangers passed through and voted on their favorite Family Activity Department entry for the Peoples Choice Award, and picked up the fliers and patterns for the 2006 contests. After all the judging, we took the entries in the baking and cooking contest, except the ribbon winners, to the auction which is sponsored by the youth. Again we had another successful auction and the funds to go into our account for future Family Activities responsibilities.

**PROJECTS:** we sponsor so many projects, all of which will now be used in your local community. We have patterns for the stuffed toys, wheelchair bags, premie caps and booties, scarves, by calling upon any one of the Family Activities regional directors. These are the patterns we have been using for the Community Awareness Projects for the past several years and are still being used today.

I have listed below in general many projects that the Granges were involved in over the past months with the number of articles which were given away. They are:

Stuffed toys - 2836	ABC Quilts / Children's Quilts- 331
Wheelchair bags- 73	Walker bag - 96
Premie Caps & Booties- 358	Pairs of Mittens/Gloves- 185
Hats & Scarves- 226	Pairs of Socks/Slippers - 519
Blankets/Afghans- 295	Adult Knitted Hats - 12
Personal Care Bags- 325	Lap Robes- 275
Personal Care Items- 2227	Cancer Turbans- 394
TLC Boxes-256	Hospital Demo Dolls- 628
Adult Bibs-6	200 Dictionaries for Children
Booties (Premie)- 354	270 Hand made diapers
Prs. of Eyeglasses (VOSH)-Prs of Lenses (VOSH) - combined - 563	
Boxes for Christian Children - no number, but reports of many being used	
Shoe boxes for Women's Resource Centers - no number, but several areas reported using this	
Boxes overseas to service personnel - 102	
Stamps, thousand and thousands being reported	
Betty Crocker Points collected for community projects	
Box Tops for Education - used at local schools in their communities	
Campbells Soup labels - given to D &CS committee	
Several areas reported giving food boxes to needy families at Easter and Christmas	
Pop tabs for the Deaf	

I am sure there were more than this, but according to the annual reports this is a summary of what was donated or given back into their community. When reporting these activities on your annual Family Activities Report, please report the number of pieces that you donated within your community. These are part of the requirements for the Certificate of Merit Awards.



**“Walk a Mile in My Little Slippers”** was a new community awareness project that we instituted this year as a committee project. We asked all the Grangers across the state to make us some slippers for children of all ages. Our goal was to measure them and see if we come up with a “mile” of them. These slippers then will be donated back into the community of where state session is held, this year being in Mercer, Crawford and Venango counties. Representatives from each county attended the Family Activities Breakfast and received their portion of the slippers that were made. We did not make our goal, but this will not stop us from going for another year with the project, which will then be distributed in the eastern part of the state in 2006. They were to be made in any style, from your choice of yarn or material. What a great variety we had. We thank each of you that made and donated these slippers. I know they will be put to good use.

**COOKBOOKS:** we have many in stock and would like to get them out of there. We are asking for your help with this. If there is any bookstore or any place in your community that would like to sell our cookbooks, please check that out and let the state office know. You can order your cookbooks through the state office or if you have some ideas to share with them about helping to sell the cookbooks, they would be glad to hear from you. Remember, these make wonderful gifts for showers, Christmas or for a friend. Use them in drawings at the fairs, Grange meetings or special events that the Grange is having and where the public is invited. Call the office at 1-800-552-3865 and the staff will assist you.

**REPORTS:** Oh yes, the big bad annual reports of the Family Activities Department. This seems to be the hardest part of the job, but it does not need to be. As the year goes along and you do the activities you planned ahead, take a lot of notes and then put them down onto your report. This year plan to put your notes down on the report after you have completed that portion of the report and then you do not have to try to recall what all happened at that time. The fear about doing paper work and forms is only a myth. We have made these reports as simple as possible without missing the point. However, we really need to know what is going on out there. This is our only way of know this. We received 73 reports from Subordinate Granges and 18 reports from Pomona Granges. What a job it was to read over all of the things that people do by individuals or by the Grange. Many good ideas are spent over the state to do good things for others. After reading all of this we made judgment for the top three winners in each county for Subordinate awards and the same for the Pomona award in each region. Also from the reports were selected the Pomona and Subordinate Director of the Year award and the Outstanding Performance Award to an individual which were given out at the Family Activities Breakfast at State Session. The directors of the year are:

Subordinate Director of the Year – Gladys Nadik, Frankfort Springs, Beaver Co.  
 Pomona Director of the Year - Debra Durilla, Washington County  
 Outstanding Performance Award – Alice Whitehill, Frankfort Springs, Beaver Co.

These reports make up the Certificate of Merit Awards that are given out at the annual state session Family Activities Breakfast. In order to receive this award, you must meet the requirements. Meeting 9 of the 10 articles should not be too difficult. However, if your report is not entirely completed, you will not qualify. The questions on the front coincide with the same number of question inside the report that needs filled out. We did this to help you out.

We also included the instructions for filling out this form in your spring packet of mail with all of the forms. This is the simplest way to make them easy to fill out.

Here is a listing of all the Pomona Granges that sent in a completed annual report:

Region A Crawford, Venango, Warren-Forest  
 Region B Jefferson, McKean,  
 Region C Lycoming,  
 Region D Susquehanna  
 Region E Beaver, Washington, Westmoreland  
 Region F Blair, Somerset  
 Region G Centre, Perry, York  
 Region H Berks, Chester, Lehigh-Northampton

Also, here is a listing of all of the Subordinate Granges by county that sent in a completed annual report:

Beaver: Big Knob #2008, Fairview #1351, Frankfort Springs, and Hookstown #1980  
 Berks: Shartlesville #1512, Fleetwood #1839, Virginville #1832, Gouglersville #1743, Kutztown #1836, Bernville #1887, Alleghenyville #2065, Pioneer #1777, Ontelaunee #1617  
 Blair: North Woodbury #1923, Scotch Valley, Sinking Valley #484  
 Bradford-Sullivan: Columbia Gillett #83  
 Butler: Unionville #1971, Donegal #1495 and Jefferson #1373  
 Centre: Progress #96, Halfmoon #290, Union #325, Walker #2007, Penns Valley #158, Logan #109, Baileyville #1991, Marion #223  
 Chester: Brandywine #60, Kimberton #1304, Chester Valley #1496 Russellville #91  
 Crawford: Lakeland #2095, Cochranon #2030, Hayfield #800, Vernon #936  
 Jefferson: Sugar Hill #1969  
 Lawrence: East New Castle #1536, East Brook #1706, Mahoning Valley #1649, Pleasant Hill #1505, Big Beaver #1578, Westfield #1514, Liberty #1780  
 Lehigh-Northampton: Central #1650, Macungie #1569, Schnecksville #1684, Seipstown #1657, Trexlertown #1755, Harmony #1692, Star #993  
 Lycoming: Canusarago #27  
 Perry: Shermanata #1796  
 Somerset: Kingwood #1765, Wills #1690, Hillcrest #1674  
 Susquehanna: Union #152  
 Venango: Scrubgrass #1705  
 Washington: Chestnut Ridge #1133, Ginger Hill #1549, Cross Creek Village #1751, Millers Run #2020, Pawnee #1375, North Strabane #1434  
 Westmoreland: Sewickley #1897, Rostraver #919, Harrolds #1984, Bell Township #1756  
 York: Valley #1360

**CONCLUSION:** a goal for this committee is and always will be to work for the betterment of the order. I wish to thank Master Huber and Carl Meiss for all of their time and patience. Both



have proven to be a great help to our organization and department. They are on top of things and are willing to share their thoughts and concerns. Carl has kept in touch with us to make sure that our Advocate article is in proper form to publish. To the state office staff, thanks for all of your work in assisting any of the committee and myself. To anyone who sent me suggestions, or just sat down to discuss our programs, thanks for all of your support. We must call upon each of you to assist us where needed. This department strives to work for you, so we need you there to assist us. If you have anything to share with us, please contact your regional director or the state director and we will get you an answer. We are still up to the challenge and we look forward to another year and many good things to come about.

### 2005 Family Activities Contest Winners

- Quilt Block Pillow:**
- Class 30 Any design - pieced**  
 First Place - Florence Shaffer - Somerset  
 Second Place - Nettie Kauffman - Berks  
 Third Place - Patty Lou Pardee - Crawford
- Class 31 Any design - applique**  
 First Place - Barbara Gross - Venango  
 Second Place - Trudy Wigton - Lawrence  
 Third Place - Nettie Kauffman - Berks
- Class 32 Any design - embroidered**  
 First Place - Ginny Mangel - Butler  
 Second Place - Ruth Paul - Somerset  
 Third Place - Trudy Wigton - Lawrence
- Class 33 Any design - counted cross stitch**  
 First Place - Ruth Marshall - Lawrence  
 Second Place - Lorena Baughman - Blair
- Class 34 Any design - whole cloth**  
 First Place - Trudy Wigton - Lawrence  
 Second Place - Esther Stitzel - Berks  
 Third Place - Mary Riddle - Venango
- Quilts:**
- Div. A - Class 35 Entirely Hand Quilted by an Individual**  
 First Place - Madeline Carper - Blair  
 Second Place - Mary Riddle - Venango  
 Third Place - Pat Weir - Butler
- Div. A - Class 36 Entirely Hand Quilted by a Group**  
 First Place - Plumsteadville Grange - Bucks  
 Second Place - Ruth Wallis - Lycoming  
 Third Place - Rodney Fleeger - Butler

- Div. B - Class 37 Baby quilt/Wall Hanging Hand Quilted**  
 First Place - Pat Weir - Butler  
 Second Place - Judy Miller - York  
 Third Place - Ruth Paul - Somerset

- Div. B - Class 38 Baby Quilt/Wall Hanging Machine Quilted**  
 First Place - Barbara Gross - Venango  
 Second Place - Alice Whitehill - Beaver

### Baking/Cooking:

- Class 39 Dessert Breads (Cranberry or Apple)**  
 First Place - Donna Shawley - Centre  
 Second Place - Christine Conner - Mercer  
 Third Place - Lorraine Lauer - Susquehanna

- Class 40 Sugar Cookies**  
 First Place - Dorothy Porter - Crawford  
 Second Place - Carol Frankhouser - Berks  
 Third Place - Florence Shaffer - Somerset

- Class 41 Fudge (chocolate or peanut butter)**  
 First Place - Helen Sweeley - Centre  
 Second Place - Shelly Pellis - Blair  
 Third Place - Helen Coughanour - Westmoreland

- Door Decoration:**
- Class 42 Christmas**  
 First Place - Marlene Edwards - Beaver  
 Second Place - Dorothy Porter - Crawford  
 Third Place - Sally Holets - Washington

- Class 43 Flowers**  
 First Place - Florence Guinan - Chester  
 Second Place - Elaine Nilon - Beaver  
 Third Place - Joanne Heim - Lehigh

- Class 44 Miscellaneous**  
 First Place - Sally Holets - Washington  
 Second Place - Carolyn Mantz - Lehigh  
 Third Place - Lillian Schlegel - Berks

- Afghan:**
- Class 45 Full Size**  
 First Place - Lillian Schlegel - Berks  
 Second Place - Lorraine Beck - Jefferson  
 Third Place - Lillian Dusch - Mercer

- Class 46 Baby Afghan**



First Place – Alice Whitehill - Beaver  
Second Place – June Stricker - Berks  
Third Place – Lorraine Beck - Jefferson

**Class 47 Woven**  
First Place – Gladys Nadik - Beaver  
Second Place – Marilyn Von-Wolffradt – Bradford  
Third Place – Trudy Wigton - Lawrence

**Knitted Sweaters:**

**Class 48 Infants**  
First Place – Lorraine Beck - Jefferson  
Second Place – Nina Clawson - Westmoreland  
Third Place – Jean Ball - Susquehanna

**Class 49 Children's**  
First Place – Betty Christie - Chester  
Second Place – Helen Mausteller - Lycoming  
Third Place – Nina Clawson - Westmoreland

**Class 50 Adults**  
First Place – Martha Lott - Susquehanna  
Second Place –  
Third Place – Nina Clawson - Westmoreland

**Decorated Bird Houses:**

**Class 51 Spring design**  
First Place – Pat Roncaglione - Crawford  
Second Place – Denise Kostelansky - Armstrong  
Third Place – Clyde Neeley - Beaver

**Class 52 Summer design**  
First Place – Bob Fogle - Cambria  
Second Place – Florence Shaffer - Somerset  
Third Place – Caroline Reilly - Blair

**Class 53 Fall design**  
First Place – Yvonne Conrad - Blair  
Second Place – Evelyn Cottrell - Susquehanna  
Third Place – Elaine Nilon - Beaver

**Class 54 Winter design**  
First Place – Miriam Warren - Chester  
Second Place – Evelyn Cottrell - Susquehanna  
Third Place – Trudy Wigton - Lawrence

**Embroidery, Crewel, Plastic Canvas:**

**Class 55 Embroidery**  
First Place – Grace Mitchell - Washington  
Second Place – LaRue Dell - Chester  
Third Place – Lillian Mengel - Berks

**Class 56 Counted Cross Stitch**  
First Place – Nettie Kauffman - Berks  
Second Place – Donna Shawley - Centre  
Third Place – Caroline Reilly - Blair

**Embroider, Crewel, Plastic Canvas continued:**

**Class 57 Crewel**  
First Place – Trudy Wigton - Lawrence  
Second Place – Naomi Lauchnor - Lehigh

**Class 58 Plastic Canvas Needlepoint**  
First Place – Jane Reppert - Berks  
Second Place – Elaine Nilon - Beaver  
Third Place – Carolyn Mantz - Lehigh

**Cotton Crochet Thread:**

**Class 59 Dollies / Centerpieces**  
First Place – Pat Roncaglione - Crawford  
Second Place – Mildred Reinert - Berks  
Third Place – Evelyn Smith - Lawrence

**Class 60 Tablecloths**  
No Entries

**Class 61 Table Runners**  
First Place – June Stricker - Berks  
Second Place – Gloria Hahn - Lawrence  
Third Place – Ellen Mausteller - Lycoming

**Family Wood Craft:**

**Class 62 Any Wooden Craft Article**  
First Place – Ginny Mangel - Butler  
Second Place – Bob Fogle - Cambria  
Third Place – Shirley Swires - Blair

**Vests:**

**Class 63 Vest for Men or Women**  
First Place – Susan Tau - Crawford  
Second Place – Sandra Hill - Berks  
Third Place – Ruth Marshall - Lawrence



Snowman: Class 64 Fabric  
First Place – Ginny Mangel - Butler  
Second Place – Miriam Warren - Chester  
Third Place – Helen Coughanour - Westmoreland

Class 65 Ceramic  
First Place – Pat Roncaglione - Crawford  
Second Place – Ginny Mangel - Butler  
Third Place – Sue Gourley - Beaver

Class 66 Wood (any finish)  
First Place – Margaret Dyer - Butler  
Second Place – Carla McCormick - Westmoreland  
Third Place – Trudy Wigton - Lawrence

To all of those who participated in the above contests, this committee owes you a big "thank you" for allowing us to see the gifts and talents you have and the beauty it brings. What a beautiful sight to see, so much talent. Thanks to all for their hard work and dedication to our programs and we look forward to another great year. Please be sure that you read the 2006 Guide to Programs and Contests. We look forward to seeing your entries next year.

Fraternally submitted,  
Mrs. Virginia "Ginny" Mangel

#### JUNIOR DEPARTMENT AND CONTEST WINNERS

Dear Worthy Master, National and State Officers, Delegates and Guests;

As we start our second term as Directors we are committed to doing the best we can for the Junior Grange. The Juniors energize us and keep us striving to make a difference in their lives. After a week with the Juniors at camp, we realize the positive difference the Grange makes in these campers' lives. We firmly believe that kids have so much positive potential and need to be given the opportunity to let it grow.

The new Junior Committee consisting of Karen Mohn, Ann Kieffer, Dina Zug, Ruth Vonada, and Judith Hetzell have been a blessing. They work hard and well together. You should personally commend them for a job well done, because the Junior Grange is truly run as a committee. They are truly dedicated to the Junior Grange.

Now let us talk about specific areas our committee worked on:

#### CONTRIBUTIONS:

We as a committee say "Thank You" to the 93 Subordinate Granges, and the 19 Pomona Granges, and the individuals who answered the Junior Grange Appeal. It would be impossible to continue the Junior Grange programs without your support. THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS!!

#### FARM SHOW:

The Junior Royalty took their turn making sure the Grange was well represented at the Farm Show. They enjoyed helping teach people about agriculture and sharing their Grange experience with people of all ages.

The outreach of the Junior Royalty always helps to define the Grange as truly a family organization.

#### ROYALTY TRIP:

The Royalty trip was hosted by the State Grange office this year. The Royalty were taken to the Capitol and given a tour of the Capitol building. While at the Capitol the group met with various Representatives and Senators. An added bonus was our unplanned visit with the Lieutenant Governor. We were even taken on to the floor of the House by Representative Miller from Berks County and onto the floor of the Senate by the Lt. Governor. We shared lunch with the office staff and the State Executive Committee, in the conference room at the State Office. In addition to the other activities we toured the Civil War Museum and went to Hershey Park in the later afternoon for some fun. Thank you to the PA State Grange for sponsoring this program.

#### STATE JUNIOR GRANGE CAMP – "The Most Wonderful Days of the Year"

"Announcements, announcements, announcements" – camp numbers were up for the 3rd consecutive year. We had 47 campers and some new counselors as well.

We reviewed last year's evaluations to improve our camp and choose a theme. This year's theme was "The Most Wonderful Days of the Year," a daily celebration of six different holidays during the week. We then proceeded to plan activities and workshops. Then it is pack your bags and off to camp July 3 to July 9.

Camp started again this year with a mandatory training session for all Counselors and Helpers. We trained them on safety procedures, familiarized them with the camp, and discussed the week's activities.

A standard day at camp starts with the bell ringing, up and at it to morning exercises, followed by flag raising and breakfast. After breakfast we went to our cabins to clean, decorate, set up treats and write notes to our "ever so faithful" cabin inspectors. Saved by the bell, we would travel to workshops which rotated throughout the week. These workshops were: "Ritual" led by Ann Kieffer, "Drill" – Derek Schroeder, "Community Service" – Dina Zug, where we made lap robes and baby blankets, "Cooking" – Judy and Rebecca Hetzell, where the campers made Christmas cookies, "Vespers" – Dina Zug and Judy Hetzell, "Crafts" – Carol Kallenberger, a different craft was made for each Holiday, "Credit Union" – David Troutman, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, "Etiquette" – Rebecca Hetzell, "Flag Etiquette" – Karen Mohn, "Pond Study" at Bald Eagle State Park by Park Ranger, PSU Cooperative Ext. Service did a deer workshop, State Police safety workshop, and Shaver's Creek bird of prey presentation.

Lunchtime. The cooks were great and made sure we had plenty to eat. THANKS A BUNCH FOR THE GRANGERS AND GRANGES THAT HELPED BY DONATING FOOD AND FOR THE GRANGERS THAT CAME AND HELPED IN THE KITCHEN!!! F.O.B., (flat on bunk), followed lunch, a time to rest a minute and let lunch settle. Then off to afternoon activities consisting of a Grange meeting each day, swimming at Bald Eagle State Park, and then there was BINGO on Thursday. We boarded a bus and took the Juniors to Center Crest Nursing Home to play Bingo with the residents. This activity was a hit from last year and the Juniors definitely wanted to do it again. The Juniors left wanting to return next year. Words can't explain how much joy was shared that day. Afternoon activities ended with supper, flag lowering, and vespers.



Evening Activities were as follows: Sunday was Get Acquainted Night and the Scavenger Hunt. Monday evening we gathered the campers and bussed them to the Houserville Park to watch the State College fireworks.

Tuesday evening was a rainy evening complete with bobbing for apples, hay ride, and costume party as this day we celebrated Halloween.

Wednesday was Easter and we hunted Easter eggs. The evening activities were kickball, volleyball and campfire.

Thursday night was Christmas complete with a visit from Santa Claus and every person at camp received a gift. The campers traveled from table to table during game night.

Friday evening was our annual Coronation Ceremony and dance, as we celebrated New Year's Eve. The High Ritual Awards went to Hannah Pratt, Ashley Mohn, and Gail Switzer. The Camp Superlatives were Sierra Hollabaugh, Hannah Pratt, and Jacob Heim. The 2005-2006 Runners-up to Junior Princess and Prince are Elizabeth Hoff and Jesse Pitts. The new 2005-2006 PA State Junior Grange Princess and Prince are Gail Switzer of Berks County and Zachery Snyder of Warren County. Congratulations to all the court members. You are wonderful, keep up the good work!

Thank you to all the counselors, helpers, workshop leaders, camp nurse – Susan Downey, newspaper staff – Tina Houser and Rebecca Vonada, cooks – Ruth Vonada, Norman Houser, Ginny and Richard Straub, Carol and Amos Kallenberger, and Bert Lackey. WE had a fantastic week!

Camp teaches our Juniors leadership, responsibility, kindness, independence, Grange ritual, fellowship and much more. We are training our future leaders, and you are going to like what you see.

If you have never been to camp you need to come experience it, even if it is only for a day. You will never be the same again. It is uplifting and rewarding. The Juniors and adults are amazing.

This year at camp we had 12 full time staff, 10 full time counselors, 7 full time helpers, and 47 full time campers. The staff consists of cooks, nurse, committee and office worker. Over the course of the week we had over 90 people attend at least part of Junior camp. Thank you to the State Officers who came to camp to visit: Beth Downey; Carl Rudy; Betsy Huber; and several State Committee members from various committees.

**YEH!!!! OUR CAMP NUMBERS ARE INCREASING!!!!!! KEEP THOSE JUNIORS COMING!!!**

#### **FAMILY FESTIVAL:**

Family Festival was successful at bringing Grange families together for the weekend. The Junior Committee planned a Red Cross workshop with about 20 kids attending. The Junior aged participants were up this year. The fairgrounds are a great place to ride miles and miles on paved streets with almost no traffic and that's exactly what they did all weekend. One other highlight was seeing the Juniors and the older members square dancing together. Grange families together.

#### **COMMUNICATION:**

We prepared a Junior Handbook which was sent to all Subordinate Granges in the early spring. We also have a section in the Program Book and each month the Junior Committee is typically The Advocate centerfold. We are trying to encourage our Juniors to read The Advocate and let them know they are a vital part of our organization. Feel free to email us if you ever have a question or comment.

#### **TALENT CONTEST:**

Our District Talent eliminations were held and you will be well entertained at the State Contest by these young people. They will perform in all three categories instrumental, vocal and other acts. Wait until you see them.

#### **OTHER PROGRAMING:**

Our individual Junior Granges offer a variety of activities. Some of our larger Junior Grange counties still have county camps. Get involved and help them out. If you don't have a Junior Grange take your children to a Grange that does or start your own. We are here to help. Pennsylvania has 29 Junior Granges and 330 Junior Grange members. The Junior Committee is dedicated to trying to increase these numbers and provide needed programming. Our Junior Committee is willing to travel and help you with your Juniors' needs. Please contact us. We are excited to have 1 new Junior Grange finalized this year and 1 in the process. There were 2 Junior Granges reorganized this past year, as well. Please remember the new membership program where any child age 5 to 14 may be a member of the PA State Junior Grange for only \$1, even if there is no Junior Grange in your area. These Juniors are encouraged to participate in the local Subordinate Grange and can take part in all Junior activities. **BRING YOUR FAMILY TO GRANGE.**

#### **STATE GRANGE:**

All our crafts, creative writing, photography, baking, reports, etc. are judged and are on display in the display room, at State Session.

Please don't miss the Junior Degree and Junior Jamboree. The Junior Jamboree, sponsored by the host committee, will be taking the Juniors to several local sights and will be staying at Mahoning Valley Grange. The Junior Degree will be put on by the Hookstown Junior Grange, Beaver County. Thank you for your commitment to the Junior program.

#### **CONCLUSIONS:**

It takes countless hours to plan Junior activities and contests and even more hours to plan Junior Camp. Your State Junior Committee is committed to ensuring the safest camp environment possible for your Juniors. We developed a training guide, policies, procedures, and rules, based on National Camping Assoc. guidelines, to help facilitate this process. We tried to fill camp with quality workshops and activities to help Juniors learn and grow while having fun. Our other major activities such as Family Festival, State Grange and our contests are well planned with the focus being on reaching the interests of the Junior Grange members and potential Junior Grange members. All this time given shows great commitment to the Grange. We believe in the Grange and we believe that if we can keep the Junior program growing, the Grange will grow as well.

Fraternally yours,  
Michael and Janet Pratt  
PA State Junior Grange Directors

#### **JUNIOR CONTEST WINNERS**

Neck Pumpkins – painted 5-9  
1<sup>st</sup> – Tylor Phillips – Marion  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Elizabeth Schnoke – Marion  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Ashley Rittle – Marion



4<sup>th</sup> – Samantha Haag – Marion

Neck Pumpkins – painted 10-14

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Brittany Haag – Marion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ashley Mohn – Marion
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Felicia Weitzel – Marion
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Tyler Sattazahn – Marion

Neck Pumpkins – most creative 5-9

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Jenna Sattazahn – Marion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Taylor Pool – Marion

Neck Pumpkins – Most creative 10-14

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Gail Switzer – Marion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ashley Mohn – Marion
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Caitlyn Pool – Marion
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Tyler Sattazahn – Marion

Field Pumpkins – painted 5-9

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Meredith Lengel – Virginville
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Richard Wike – Fleetwood
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Michelle Lengel – Virginville
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Elizabeth Schnoke – Marion

Field Pumpkins – painted 10-14

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Eli Getgen – Bottle Run

Field Pumpkins – most creative 5-9

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Rebecca Blatt – Ontelaunee
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kelley Nelson – Watson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lindsey Schroeder – Virginville
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Stehanie Burris – Watson

Field Pumpkins – most creative 10-14

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Amanda Burris – Watson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kyle Kulp – Virginville
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Carlene D. Heck – Fleetwood
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Ashley Mohn – Marion

Art – Scenes 5-9

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Dustin Rohrbach – Fleetwood
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Alex Rittle – Marion

Art – Scenes 10-14

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Kristen Folk – Fleetwood
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Desira Kunkle – Shartlesville

3<sup>rd</sup> – Gail Switzer – Marion

Art – Animals – 5-9

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Dustin Rohrbach – Fleetwood
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Meredith Lengel – Virginville
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Taylor Pool – Marion

Art – Animals 10-14

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Tyler Sattazahn – Marion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kerissa Rohrbach – Fleetwood

Art – Nostalgia 5-9

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Jenna Sattazahn – Marion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dustin Rohrbach – Fleetwood

Art – Nostalgia 10-14

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Kristen Folk – Fleetwood
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Desira Kunkle – Shartlesville
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ashley Mohn – Marion

Photography – Celebrations 5-9

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Lindsay Schroeder – Virginville
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Hannah Leibensperger – Pioneer

Photography – Celebrations 10-14

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Carlene Heck – Fleetwood
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nathan Leibensperger – Pioneer
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ashley Mohn – Marion

Photography – Where in the world? 5-9

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Dustin Rohrbach – Fleetwood
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Daniel Pratt – PA State
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Meredith Lengel – Virginville
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Hannah Lebensperger – Pioneer

Photography – Where in the world? 10-14

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Elizabeth Hoff – Washington
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ben Rohrbach – Fleetwood
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ashley Mohn – Marion
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Clinton Allen – Pioneer

Photography – Old Glory 5-9

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Hannah Leibensperger – Pioneer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dustin Rohrbach – Fleetwood
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lindsay Schroeder – Virginville
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Daniel Pratt – PA State



**Photography – Old Glory 10-14**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Nathan Leibensperger – Pioneer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ashley Mohn – Marion
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kerissa Rohrbach- Fleetwood

**Photography – Those Crazy Animals 5-9**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Hannah Leibensperger – Pioneer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dustin Rohrbach – Fleetwood
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Michelle Lengel – Virginville
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Daniel Pratt – PA State

**Photography – Those Crazy Animals 10-14**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Clinton Allen – Pioneer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nick Supplee – Walker
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kerissa Rohrbach – Fleetwood
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Brian Hoff – Washington

**Digitally Enhanced Photography 10-14**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ashley Mohn – Marion

**Digital Graphic Artwork 10-14**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ashley Mohn – Marion

**Host County Craft 5-9**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Michelle Lengel – Virginville
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Stephanie Burris – Watson

**Host County Craft 10-14**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Amanda Burris – Watson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ashley Mohn – Marion

**Host County Essay 5-9**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Meredith Lengel – Virginville

**Host County Essay 10-14**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ashley Mohn – Marion

**Power Point/Videography 10-14**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ashley Mohn – Marion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Hannah Pratt – PA State Jr. Grange

**Recycled Craft 5-9**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Jenna Sattazahn – Marion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Stephanie Burris – Watson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ian Lengle – Virginville

4<sup>th</sup> – Alyssa Foreman – Perry Valley

**Recycled Craft 10-14**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Amanda Burris – Watson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Desira Kunkle – Shartlesville
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Heather Lamb – Shermanata
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Ashley Mohn – Marion

**No Bake Cookies 5-9**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ian Lengel – Virginville
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Daniel Pratt – PA State
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ian Supplee – Walker
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Stephanie Burris – Watson

**No Bake Cookie 10-14**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Tyler Supplee – Walker
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Amanda Burris – Watson

**Creative Writing 5-9**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Samantha Haag – Marion

**Creative Writing 10-14**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ashley Mohn – Marion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Amanda Burris – Watson

**Volunteer of the Year 10-14**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ashley Mohn - Marion

**YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT DEPARTMENT & CONTEST WINNERS**

Worthy Master, Worthy National Secretary, State Officers, Delegates, Members and Guests of the PA State Grange.

Another year in the Grange has gone by and the Youth Department has been very busy in 2004-2005, and we are already planning for the year ahead. As my second year has gone by, I have learned a lot and figured out that the Grange is like a huge puzzle. We each represent a piece of the puzzle. "Isn't it a wonderful thing that we're all different? Each of us has strengths and skills to share. When we link our individual strengths together, we're invincible." It takes each and every one of us. This is a perfect saying for State Session as we have Juniors and Youth, young and old, Masters and regular members, State and National officers. We all have to fit together somehow and someway in order to grow. In this huge puzzle we will keep on growing.

The committee and I would like to THANK YOU for your generous contributions to the "GROWING" (Go Right On Working in Nourishing Granges) Promotion Fund. It is because of



your financial support that we are able to function. Your donations were used to keep expenses to a minimum for participation in various activities, award monetary prizes in some of our contests, and give support to the youth and young marrieds to attend special functions or workshops. We also use these funds to purchase trophies, plaques, ribbons, and other promotional items. All this support allows us to recognize the work that is done by the Youth and Young Adults. Again thank you.

#### **"Making a difference"**

An old man walked up a shore littered with thousands of starfish, beached and dying after a storm. A young man was picking them up and flinging them back into the ocean. "Why do you bother?" the old man scoffed. The young man picked up another starfish and sent it spinning back to the water. "Made a difference to that one," he said.

#### **January 2005 FARM SHOW**

Our Youth Ambassadors Miranda Hollabaugh and Andrew Kieffer represented the PA State Grange at the Farm Show Dinner with the Secretary of Agriculture Dennis Wolff and Gov. Ed Rendell. We spent Saturday morning at the rodeo and in the afternoon we were at the State Grange Booth. The Youth Committee got the privilege of spending the day at the "Be a Farmer for a Day" booth where we handed out coloring books, played with the chickens, and swept up corn from the corn box.

#### **January 2005 Committee Meeting**

The committee met for the day in Milesburg, PA and if you could have been a fly on the wall, you would've seen that the Youth walls were shaking from excitement. There was so much energy and the ideas were bouncing off the walls. We all left the meeting flying high because of all the enthusiasm.

#### **March 2005 Youth/Young Adult weekend**

This year we were in Dubois, PA. The theme was "Oh the places you'll go...". The committee presented workshops based on that theme. We went and toured the Straub Brewery and we toured around the historical sites of St. Mary's and surrounding areas. Our Community Service project for the year was to donate to our military in Iraq with donations of Phone Cards. The Banquet was Saturday night, followed by the Coronation and social time. This year a couple from Lancaster County took on the adventure of being the Young couple, Matt and Charlene Espenshade. Thank you Matt and Charlene!

#### **April 2005 Mid-Atlantic Youth Conference**

The annual event was held at Camp Sylvan Hills in Howard, PA. There were 35 PA Youth present. Pennsylvania had 2 Public Speaking entries, Jodi Keith and Yvonne Conrad. We were also represented in the Sign-a-Song contest by Jodi Keith and Susan Waxler in the individual competition and Jodi and Stacie Keith in the group category. We even had 2 teams in the Knowledge Bowl. Needless to say, we were all busy and well represented as a State. Everyone had a great time. It needs to be mentioned that Susan Waxler won for the Best of Show for her Speech and as a result will be going to National Grange in Columbus, OH in November to represent our region. GO Susan GO!

#### **June 2005 Royalty Trip:**

In June, the Pennsylvania State Grange Royalty Team including Junior Grange Prince Jonathan Sattazahn, Youth Ambassadors Miranda Hollabaugh and Andrew Kieffer, and Young Couple Matt and Charlene Espenshade, along with Junior Director Janet Pratt, traveled to Harrisburg for the annual Royalty trip.

The team met with legislators from their respective areas. At each meeting, the Royalty thanked them for their continued support of Grange legislative issues.

Representatives Art Hershey (R-Chester) and Sheila Miller (R-Berks) spoke about several issues under discussion in the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

Hershey noted that there were very few members of the House that had an agricultural background. Because of this, the Royalty gained an appreciation for the value of Grange involvement to educate legislators in ag issues. Many legislators are looking for the feedback from their legislative districts to decide how to react to an issue.

Before the Senate went into session, the Royalty met with Senator David Brightbill (R-Lebanon). Brightbill is Senate Majority Floor Leader and serves on the Appropriations, Game and Fisheries, Urban Affairs and Housing, and Rules and Executive Nomination (Majority Chair) Committees.

While in the capitol, Lieutenant Governor Catherine Baker-Knoll addressed the group. Baker-Knoll expressed appreciation for the Royalty's sacrifice of time to promote the organization and the importance of youth in agriculture.

Besides meeting with members of the General Assembly and Baker-Knoll, the Royalty toured the capitol, learning about its history and the ongoing restoration project. State Grange President Betsy Huber hosted a lunch for the Royalty at the State Office. The Executive Committee was in for a meeting and also spoke with the team.

Other events of the two-day experience included the National Civil War Museum and spending the evening at Hersheypark.

#### **July 2004 Youth Camp**

Youth Camp was held at Camp Sylvan Hills in Howard, PA. Our camp theme was "Reach for the Stars" and the grounds were decorated for the theme. Workshops included Grange 102, Star Gazing and How to Write a Resoulution. Our Community Service project this year continued and we donated more Telephone Cards to our Military over in Iraq.

Saturday afternoon we played Volleyball just for fun and the Court decorated the Pavilion for the Coronation. The Court was introduced by our PA Young Couple.

Philip Vonada, Centre County and Brittany Schaffer, Berks County, were named the 2005-2006 Youth Ambassadors. If you did not meet our Royalty at last night's program prior to the sixth degree, you truly missed some great young people. I do hope that you take some time to meet and talk with them this weekend. Also, invite them to your Grange to do a program for you and find out all about the Youth and its programs. The Better Ritual Award was presented to Matt Espenshade for having the high test score. There were 30 Campers in all and we had 5 FIRST YEAR CAMPERS THIS YEAR!

#### **July 2005 Family Festival**

The youth presented two workshops, Grange 101 and Did you see that Tail-all about Deer. We had a total of 14 Youth in attendance for the weekend.

#### **State Session... NOW**

Highlights in the Youth Department during this Annual Session are able to be seen in the Display Room. The contests are open to all Grangers from 14-105, so whether you are young or old there is something for you to be involved in. All of these contests were judged on Saturday and are on display at the Youth Exhibit area for your viewing pleasure. We do hope that you take the time to visit this area and all of the exhibits. A complete listing of the winners will be on file with the Secretary and will be in the Official Journal of Proceedings of the 133rd Annual



Session Booklet. Hopefully you witnessed the Public Speaking and Sign-A-Song contests that were held on Sunday.

On Saturday you witnessed the Closing of the Session by some very fine Youth, Young Adults, and Young Married Grangers from across the State of PA. These are your Youth Officers for the 2005 State Session and they are only a few of the many young people we have here in the state who have become involved in our activities. A listing of these officers is attached to the end of the report. Sunday at noontime, we had the annual Youth Luncheon. At this luncheon, the new Youth Chairperson of the year was named. I ask that you continue to complete these and the other forms so we know what the Youth of Pennsylvania are doing. Also if you need a program please call on our Youth Chairperson of the year.

Mr. Rogers once wrote: "What makes the difference between wishing and realizing our wishes? Lots of things, of course, but the main one, I think, is whether we link our wishes to our active work. It may take months or years, but it's far more likely to happen when we care so much that we'll work as hard as we can to make it happen. And when we're working toward the realization of our wishes, some of our greatest strengths come from the encouragement of people who care about us."

I would like to thank my committee: Tina Houser, Derek Schroeder, Matt & Charlene Espenshade, and Rebecca Vonada for their continued support and ideas. I would also like to thank my husband Joel for his continued support through this very busy 2nd year. I could not have done it without any of you. Thank you very much. I also appreciate the support of the State Master, Betsy Huber and the State Grange Office Staff. I need to say a thank you to one and all for your supporting the Youth Department.

It's hard to believe that my time is up. Knowing that I have helped some Youth members to become a better public speaker, a leader of their Grange, or maybe helped them to be able to stand up and be heard has made it all worth while. I have given my ideas and have worked to keep the Grange Youth alive. During this year I have seen a lot of new faces at camp and at Youth/Young Adult's weekend and hope this trend continues.

It is so rewarding to hear that Grangers are promoting Youth members to become officers or to serve on committees. I hope that you have opened your eyes and seen that we need more Youth and Young Adult members in your Grange or there will not be a Grange in the future.

Let's look outside the fish bowl that we live in and invite more Youth to swim in our fish bowl. Remember, without the Youth there is one crucial puzzle piece missing in the overall picture of the Grange.

**Youth Committee:**

Derek Schroeder  
Tina Houser  
Matt & Charlene Espenshade  
Rebecca Vonada  
Joel Straub

**Royalty who served until their successors were chosen:**

Miranda Hollabaugh- Female Ambassador  
Andrew Kieffer- Male Ambassador

**Current Royalty:**

Phillip Vonada  
Brittany Schaeffer

Matt & Charlene Espenshade  
Your Friend in the Grange.... Christie Straub

**YOUTH DEPARTMENT WINNERS**

**Pie Baking - 1 Crust**

1. Kelly Van Ord  
Watson Grange #1068  
Warren County
2. Betty Yeager  
Kutztown Grange # 1836  
Berks County

**Cake Baking - Chocolate**

1. Marilyn Von Wolfradt  
Diahoga Grange #1951  
Bradford County
2. Mary McMillin  
Westfield Grange #1514  
Lawrence County
3. Margaret Storm  
Pleasant Hill Grange #1505  
Lawrence County

**Cake Baking - White**

1. Marilyn Von Wolfradt  
Diahoga Grange # 1951,  
Bradford County

**Cake Baking - Miscellaneous**

1. Betty Yeager  
Kutztown Grange #1836  
Berks County
2. Mary McMillin  
Westfield Grange #1514  
Lawrence County

**Cookie Baking**

1. Joel Straub  
Stony Point Grange #1694  
Mercer County
2. Marilyn Von Wolfradt  
Diahoga Grange #1951  
Bradford County
3. Christie Straub



Stony Point Grange #1694  
Mercer County

Scrapbooking - Juniors (5-13)

1. Ashley Mohn  
Marion Grange #1853  
Berks County
2. Elizabeth Hoff  
Washington Grange #1949  
York County

Scrapbooking - Youth (14-22)

1. Jodi Keith  
Lincoln Grange #914  
Huntingdon County

Scrapbooking - Adults (23+)

1. Charlene Espenshade  
Elizabethtown Grange #2076  
Lancaster County
2. Matthew Espenshade  
Elizabethtown Area Grange #2076  
Lancaster County
3. Lorrie Wesner  
Ontelaunee Grange #1617  
Berks County

Youth Activity Report - 100 or Less

1. Cindy Leibensperger  
Pioneer Grange #1777  
Berks County

Youth Chairperson of the Year - 100 or Less

1. Cindy Leibensperger  
Pioneer #1777  
Berks County

Public Speaking Over 35

1. Joan Keith  
Lincoln #914  
Huntingdon County
2. Carol Kallenberger  
Shermanata #1796  
Perry County
3. Nancy McMillin  
Westfield #1514

Lawrence County  
4. Cindy Keith  
Lincoln #914  
Huntingdon County

14-19

1. Jodi Keith  
Lincoln #914  
Huntingdon County

10-14

1. Stacie Keith  
Lincoln #914  
Huntingdon County
2. Elizabeth Hoff  
Washington #1949  
York County

Impromptu

1. Chris Straub  
Stony Point #1694  
Mercer County

## REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Worthy Master, National Officer, Officers and Members of the Pennsylvania State Grange:

The Credentials Committee of the 2005 Session held in West Middlesex reports the following:

Number of Subordinate Granges represented	107	
Number of Subordinate Delegates	193	
Number of Pomona Granges represented	35	
Number of Pomona Delegates	60	
Number of Guests	176	Total 429

The Credentials Committee makes the following recommendations to the Granges:

1. All information on the Credential cards, except the signatures should be typed or printed – typing preferred.
2. Delegates should make sure that the secretary affixes the Grange seal to make the Credential valid.
3. Pomona delegate Credentials should be completed with the name of Pomona as well as the number.



4. When delegates' names are substituted on a Credential card, the change should be initialed by the Overseer or Secretary.
5. When Granges are permitted more than two delegates, the number of members should be noted on the Credential card.
6. Delegates must bring their Credentials to the State Convention in order to be registered and to obtain their voting rights.

Fraternally submitted,

Grace Mitchell, Washington Co.  
Shirley Burkhart, Berks Co.  
Andy Springer, Bradford Co.

### PA GRANGE FOUNDATION

The Pennsylvania Grange Foundation was formed as a result of delegate action at the 1994 State Session. Officers for 2004-05 are Chairman, Brian Ebersole and Secretary/Treasurer Henry Seidel. The purpose of the Foundation is to house the two Grange scholarship funds established by delegate action at the 1996 State Session in Warren.

The Community Service and Deaf Activities Committee and the PA State Grange Executive Committee oversee the Sign Language Training Program Scholarship Fund, from which a grant of \$250 is given each year. The current balance in this fund is \$836.00. The 2005 grant was awarded to Jessica Kostelansky of Laurel Point Grange #915 in Armstrong County. Jessica is a senior at Thiel College where she is majoring in History with a minor in Sociology.

The Grange Scholarship Fund provides for grants to be given to Grange members in their junior or senior years at any institution of higher learning for any course of study, according to specifications in the resolution of 1996. The Executive Committee administers the fund. A scholarship committee comprised of the State Overseer, one Executive Committee member, and three Grange members, one of who is an educator, selects the grantees. The current balance in this fund as of June 30, 2005 is \$49,215.00. These funds are on deposit in the PA Grange Federal Credit Union in CDs. Only the interest may be used for scholarships each year.

This is our sixth year for awarding a scholarship. This year's winner of the \$500 scholarship was Abby Peffer of Plain Grove Grange #1431 in Lawrence County. Abby is entering her junior year at Baptist Bible College where she is majoring in Elementary Education with a minor in Missions.

The greater the principal, the more grants we are able to give to our young adults. The State Officers will hold an auction at this State Session on Sunday evening to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. We strongly encourage all Granges and members to consider donating to the fund now, or leaving a bequest in your will to the Grange Foundation.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Brian Ebersole

### PA STATE GRANGE HISTORY COMMITTEE

The PA State Grange History Committee held 3 meetings since the last State Session, including one at the new State Headquarters. Our meetings had better attendance and so we were able to make many decisions. We also played a large role in the Clean-out Day at the Second Street Headquarters in May. The dumpster was filled that day with the help of many Patrons with strong backs and willing hands. Sr. Alda Scheib of Chester Co. took charge of the flea table on the front lawn and brought in \$192!

After cleaning out the Second Street Headquarters, we kept as many items as were in good condition, including Subordinate sashes, staves, implement boxes and ballot boxes.

Sister Beth Downey is working to place the Charters of closed Subordinates in portfolios so that they are preserved and can be viewed.

All of the minute books of closed Subordinates and Junior Granges were gathered and inventoried; 29 cubic feet were sent to the State Archives for microfilming. For some Granges, there were also Dues Account Books and/or Roll Books. My thanks to Sisters Mary Buffington and Mary Jane Pennoyer for helping me with this project.

Sister Mary Buffington also arranged and boxed the volumes of State and National Grange Proceedings. Because the Worthy Master hired a locksmith to open one of the safes in the basement, we now have a complete run of minutes of State sessions. The State Proceedings have gone to PHMC for filming; I understand that they have filmed through 1974 on 12 rolls of microfilm.

The History Committee has begun to formulate a records retention policy so that Subordinates will know which records must be turned in to the State Office when they turn in their Charter. These include minute books, roll books and dues account books. Furthermore, all Granges should keep these volumes permanently. Our hope is, of course, that all Granges have a complete run of their minute books, know where they are, and keep them in an environment where they will not be harmed and are not subject to extremes of temperature and humidity.

During the coming year, the History Committee plans to turn its attention to composing guidelines for the records that must be submitted to State Grange when a Subordinate closes and for the items that may not be submitted to State Grange but rather to a local historical society or museum.

On behalf of the Committee,  
Mary M. Sproat, Chairman



## MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Grange recruiter of the year: Ruth Wright, Middletown Grange #684, Bucks County, recruiting 13 new members.

Recruiting 3 new members:

Carolyn McCullon, Wesley #1675, Venango County  
Brenda Gardner, Middletown #684, Bucks County

Recruiting 4 new members:

Matt Espenshade, Elizabethtown #2076, Lancaster County

Recruiting 5 new members:

Chuck Campbell, Fairview #1351, Beaver County  
Rebecca Beckert, Hookstown #1980, Beaver County

Recruiting 6 new members:

Eleanor Atkinson, Middletown #684, Bucks County  
Douglas Bonsall, Perry Valley #1804, Perry County

Recruiting 8 new members:

Yvonne Conrad, North Woodbury #1923, Blair County

## SALARY COMMITTEE

Worthy Master, State Officers, Delegates and Guests of the Pennsylvania State Grange, the following is the report of the Salary Committee.

Salaries for the following elected Officers of the Pennsylvania State Grange for 2006-2008 to be set as follows, beginning November 1, 2006:

Master \$32,500  
Lecturer \$ 1,800  
Secretary \$ 2,000  
Treasurer \$ 2,000

The Lecturer, Secretary and Treasurer are paid quarterly.

Housing allowance for the State Master to live in the Harrisburg area to be set at a maximum of \$600.00 per month. Insurance benefits are to be provided for the State Master and his/her family at the same levels as those provided for the State Grange employees.

Mileage reimbursement for authorized Grange travel to be set at 30 cents per mile.

Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas Bonsall, Perry Co., Chairman  
Charlene Espenshade, Lancaster Co.  
Nettie Kauffman, Berks Co.  
Henry Seidel, Treasurer, ex officio

## PENNSYLVANIA GRANGE SERVICE CORPORATION

National Secretary, State Officers, Past State Officers, delegates and guests,

The Pennsylvania Grange Service Corporation has a goal to provide quality services which will assist in promoting membership in your local area.

The Service Corporation has continued this through timber and insurances across the board. The insurance industry has been making many changes, and therefore keeping up with the changes and promoting the insurances have been a challenge. Rates for all insurance coverage are being repackaged. So the best thing for the members and potential members to do is call the office.

Our new service, Americare Home Care, was presented at a workshop on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. You can also get more information on all the services available by calling the office at 800-292-4060, extension 22 or stop by the table in the lobby area.

Thank you to those of you who have been supportive in the past. We look forward to working with all of you.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Ronald Shaffer, Vice President

## PAST STATE OFFICERS MEETING

The Pennsylvania State Grange Past State Officers met October 24, 2005, in the Courtyard of the Radisson Hotel Sharon, Mercer County, PA. There were 35 in attendance, which included spouses and friends of State Officers.

Welcome remarks were given by President Susan Tau and she asked Jean Hollabaugh to give the prayer. A delicious buffet luncheon followed.

Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given by President Susan Tau since Nettie Martsolf was unable to attend. The following is the report of the savings and checking accounts:

### Checking Account:

Beginning balance 9/30/04	\$943.63
Income	1656.22
Subtotal	2599.85
Expenditures	1465.83
Ending balance 9/30/05	\$1134.02

### Savings Account:

Beginning balance 9/30/04	\$1812.64
Interest earned	13.64
Ending balance 9/30/05	\$1826.28

Moved by Andy Springer and seconded by Martha Ebersole to accept Treasurer's report. Motion carried.



The following were appointed or volunteered to the Audit Committee for 2005 by President Tau: Carol McCullon, Martha Ebersole, and Janet Fishovitz.

A discussion was held about the Good of the Order Awards as to whether we would continue to do this or not. A motion was made by John Scott and seconded by Janet Fishovitz to discontinue these awards. Motion carried.

**Grange resales/jewelry:** Our percentabe from sales at the table is 3 percent. Sales at the table have been going well and there is not much left.

**Old Business:** Thanks was offered to John Master and Pat Beck for today's favors. Jean Hollabaugh and Kelly Van Ord are responsible for 2006 luncheon.

**New Business:** A discussion was held about the resale table. A committee was appointed to look into how we could do better at the table with sales. The committee is Martha Ebersole and Mary Buffington. President Tau will contact Mary. Information to go to the new President Gordon Hiller.

**Election:** The following officers were elected for 2006:

Vice President	Bob Hollabaugh
Secretary	Pat Beck
Treasurer	Nettie Martsof

It was noted that the current Vice-President Gordon Hiller takes the position of President for 2006.

**Sickness and Concerns:** Charles Wismer, Nettie Martsof, Ruth Hoover, Bill Ringler, Margie Vernam, Frances Blank, and Jesse Erickson are ill. Carl Blank thanked everyone for the cards.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Beck, Secretary

## SIXTH DEGREE CANDIDATES

NUMBER	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRANGE & NO.
PA691	Beckert	Joshua	Hookstown 1980
PA 692	Callen	Diane	Unionville 1971
PA 693	Callen	Louis T.	Unionville 1971
PA 694	Casselberry	George Malcolm	East New Castle 1536
PA 695	Casselberry	Joseph Homer	East New Castle 1536
PA 696	Christy	Frank P.	Conneaut 955
PA 697	Christy	Jean C.	Conneaut 955
PA 698	Denney	Nancy C.	Richland 1413
PA 699	Edwards	Marlene R.	Hookstown 1980
PA 700	Ferry	Raymond L.	Hayfield 800
PA 701	Fortna	Sandra	Bunkerhill 1368
PA 702	Gibboney	Daniel R.	Mahoning Valley 1649
PA 703	Goodman	John George II	Hookstown 1980
PA 704	Groner	Beulah	Richland 1413
PA 705	Groner	Paul	Richland 1413
PA 706	Grossman	Albert A.	Unionville 1971
PA 707	Hollowood	J. Thomas	Harveys 1444
PA 708	Hunzinger	Mona R.	Brokenstraw 407
PA 709	Hunzinger	Paris	Brokenstraw 407
PA 710	Koch	Pamela Jo	Big Knob 2005
PA 711	Locktosh	Pamela	Scrubgrass 1705
PA 712	McClintock	Betty	Richland 1413
PA 713	Morris	Dorothy C.	Rundells 871
PA 714	Morris	Rodney V.	Rundells 871
PA 715	Narry	Travis	Hookstown 1980
PA 716	Nelson	Stephanie M.	Brokenstraw 407
PA 717	Payne	Janet M.	Edinboro 947
PA 718	Pitts	Corey	Big Beaver 1578
PA 719	Pitts	Jesse	Big Beaver 1578
PA 720	Shaffer	Arthur N.	Fairview 1351
PA 721	Sherrd	Lester	Edinboro 947
PA 722	Sherrd	Sandra	Edinboro 947
PA 723	Smith	Helen L.	Sugar Hill 1969
PA 724	Smith	William C.	Sugar Hill 1969
PA 725	Stettner	Steven William	Elizabethtown Area 2076
PA 726	Stewart	Carolyn	Richland 1413
PA 727	Sweeney	Ronald J.	Hartslog 375
PA 728	Tucker	Bonnie L.	New Vernon 608
PA 729	Van Tassel	Brandon	Big Beaver 1578
PA 730	Van Tassel	Michele	Big Beaver 1578
PA 731	Ward	Deborah Ann	New Vernon 608
PA 732	Ward	Timothy Wane	New Vernon 608



## STATE SESSION EVALUATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. on April 23, 2005, by State Master Betsy Huber. This committee was formed in response to the resolution passed at the 2004 State Session to evaluate the State Session and report back in 2005. Present were Nettie Kauffman, Carrie Steese, Tina Houser, Bob Hollabaugh, Ruth Ann Wood, Deb Campbell, Betsy Huber.

Discussion took place on time of year, type of facility, length, and schedule. The committee felt that all events currently held at the Session need to remain there. They did not feel there were any other events that are not held there now that need to be added.

The committee recommends that the Session date be changed to begin the Saturday before the second Monday in October. This will allow more time for preparation for the National Session, and also fall on Columbus Day which is a holiday for some people. The committee will present the following resolution at the 2005 Session:

RESOLVED, that Article IV, Section 1.4.1 (PA State Grange By-Laws – Meetings) be changed to read:

The State Grange shall begin regular annual meetings on the Saturday prior to the second Monday in October, at such place as the delegate body may from time to time determine. Should the delegate body fail to select a place, the State Grange Executive Committee shall make the selection. Special meetings may be called by the Master and Secretary, by giving in writing notice to each Subordinate and Pomona Grange thirty days preceding, or by vote of the State Grange at a regular meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this meeting date change take effect with the 2007 annual State Session.

Other recommendations: New equipment is needed for the Sixth Degree (wheat, roses, fruit trays). This equipment will need to be stored by the next year's host committee between Sessions. The banquet program is often too long--no entertainment should be scheduled in years when the State Officers' Auction is held. The pre-session meeting for committees to review resolutions is working very well. This year's shortened Session schedule should be evaluated following the Session to note what works well and what does not.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Betsy E. Huber  
State Master

## REPORT OF AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

Worthy Master, Pennsylvania State Grange Officers, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Sisters:

We wish to thank Master Betsy Huber and Brenda Shambaugh, Legislative Director for their work on our behalf to influence legislation and accomplish our policy goals. In recognition of accomplishments along these lines and changing priorities, we recommend dropping the following sections from the published Policy Book. The policies will still be available to guide but we feel no longer need to be part of the published book.

Page 5 – Right To Farm Act – second paragraph should be deleted because it concerns the ACRE bill which passed.

Page 7 – American Heritage Trust Act – delete section because it is from an old legislative session.

Page 8 – Clean and Green – first paragraph deleted because the bill has already been amended to satisfy the northern tier counties who had some problems with absentee owners.

Page 8 – Impact Fees – delete because it is old policy – impact fees are regularly assessed.

Page 9 – Autumn Olive and Barberry – delete because it is old policy.

Remember that farm policy is created by our State and National Legislators. Take advantage of opportunities to thank them and take advantage of forums, public and private, to share your thoughts and concerns with them. Other venues such as Farm Bill 2007 Listening Sessions letters or "on line" comments are routinely available to receive input to regulatory or legislative proposals. Use them.

Many cultural, husbandry and management practices in agriculture and forestry pay benefits in and contribute to enhanced air, water and soil quality. These benefits are enjoyed not only by the local area but also by the State, National and International community. These environmental benefits are being encouraged and farmers rewarded by the Conservation Security Program (CSP). The Grange supports the Conservation Security Program. We recognize that the Conservation Security Program rewards working farmers and historical landowners for continuing contributions to environmental quality. We would like to see the Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) re-instituted.

Rural Pennsylvania is extremely dependent on road and bridges. Many of which are substandard with some bridges so inadequate that all trucks and many emergency responders find them posted to prohibit their use. Rural Pennsylvania roads and bridges have been adversely affected by the flexing (transferring) of highway funds to support mass transit. We would support establishing predictable funding for mass transit without using highway funds and that funds already flexed be returned to the highway program.

The Food Stamp Program benefits the health and well-being of disadvantaged Americans and agriculture. This program should remain in the Department of Agriculture as a federally administered program and not redirected as State Block Grants. USDA guidelines should carry supremacy in recommendations for school lunch programs. For better understanding, the USDA



Food Programs should be more visibly accounted for in USDA budget and appropriation publicity. There is a great need to continue and expand programs to educate consumers on balanced nutrition and economical ways to purchase and prepare food.

With the ever present threat of outbreaks of known and emerging animal borne diseases, (ie. West Nile, Avian Flu, BSE) it is paramount that we are prepared. The Grange encourages our Government at all levels to work to establish centralized co-ordination to harmonize the work of public and private groups to safeguard animal health and protect our citizens. There is much room for improvement in the way public and private agencies work together, share data and communicate with themselves and with the public. We support efforts to upgrade, replace and build next-generation facilities for biological and agricultural defense.

We recognize Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, the poultry industry and New Bolton Center for their pioneering work in premises ID that has allowed prompt responses to contain avian flu in recent years.

Pennsylvania State Grange applauds the Animal Health Commission, Penn Ag Industries, and New Bolton Center for the identifying and mapping all poultry facilities, thus being able to establish criteria for quarantining and depopulation. This program has put Pennsylvania as a leader in the world for helping to contain Avian Influenza. The world has learned that being vigilant, having a plan and being able to activate that plan quickly is imperative.

We support the efforts to refurbish the New Bolton Center and support upgrading the laboratories and the poultry science department.

We recommend that national protocols for animal feeds be established to eliminate risks that are associated with feed and feed handling. These should maximize ease of compliance to guarantee acceptance at all levels. New uses for animal by products need to be researched and if adopted, animal by products could be removed from food chain entirely.

**Tributary Strategies -**

Pennsylvania State Grange commends the efforts of DEP to develop the Tributary Strategy and Nutrient Trading between point and non-point sources of nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment.

However, we are very concerned about the lack of identified Nutrient Value assigned to projects. We believe legacy sediment and legacy nutrients are an integral and important portion of any nutrient strategy, because without these two giant contributors of nutrient sediment being understood and addressed it will be virtually impossible for Pennsylvania to meet the 2010 reduction to the bay.

No values have been established for important programs such as precision farming, improved animal nutrition, new cropping practices, nor most of the already identified practices.

We are also concerned that there appears to be minimal involvement in developing tributary strategy and nutrient trading with PDA, state conservation commission, local conservation districts and interested agriculture organizations.

We suspect that municipal governments will need assurances of long term contracts for the purchase or sale or nutrient credits. Conditions for land owners change so that they will be interested in granting short term contracts. This establishes the need for the involvement of a local broker who knows and understands both needs and can act as the negotiator for the nutrient credits.

All parties are concerned that the 2007 study currently under way by EPA will establish new requirements thus changing all existing plans and present understandings. Causing potentially increasing expenses and change of nutrient collaborations.

Pennsylvania State Grange pledges to work with PDA, DEP, State Conservation Commission, Local Conservation Districts and other groups to identify and develop practices to advance important opportunities.

Fraternally submitted,

Scott Dengler, Chairman – Bucks Co.  
John Courtney, Mercer Co.  
Bobbi McMullen, Lancaster Co.  
Larry Eshelman, Berks. Co.

Richard Pennay, Perry Co.  
John Strittmatter, Cambria Co.  
Charles Wismer Jr., Montgomery Co.  
Charles Seidel, Berks Co.

**Resolution No. 2 - Alternate Fuel Sources  
Susquehanna County Pomona Grange #7**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange respectfully request that all avenues be checked to try to bring the cost to affordable levels. We also support research on alternative fuel sources.

**Resolution No. 3 - Farm Profits, Cell Towers and Wind Farms  
Keystone Grange #2 – Montgomery County**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange support that the state and county regulations be changed to allow for cell towers to be built on preserved land; and be it further RESOLVED, that wind farms or a wind generator, that produces electricity for the farm, can sell excess electricity to an electric utility company and that this shall also be allowed on preserved land.

**Resolution No. 4 - PUC Rule Change  
Bradford-Sullivan County Pomona Grange #32**



RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange advocate legalizing smart metering technology and use.

**Resolution No. 5 - Storm Water Management  
Lancaster County Pomona Grange #71**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange advocate that better water recharge practices need to be adopted so as to ease the burden on Pennsylvania Agriculture and minimize the loss of valuable nutrients from our most productive farmland.

**Resolution No. 9 - Agriculture Zoning  
Lancaster County Pomona Grange #71**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange work with all state, county, and local governmental bodies to strengthen *AGRICULTURAL ZONING* to better protect agricultural use of land.

**Resolution No. 10 - CREP - Part of USDA Program  
Montgomery County Pomona Grange #8**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange support the NRCS adhering to the law and only enrolling highly erodeable soils in the CREP program.

**Resolution No. 11 - Conservation Reserve  
Dauphin County Pomona Grange #60**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange be opposed to public monies (tax) being used to fund the CREP program unless they allow hunting.

**Resolution No. 12 - Family Farm Preservation Act  
Montgomery County Pomona Grange #8**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange support a Family Farm Preservation Act.

**Resolution No. 13 - Farmland Preservation  
Lancaster County Pomona Grange #71**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange amend current policy to include the sentence *Emphasis should be given to preserve farms in blocks so as to protect more viable parcels of land instead of just open space.*

**Resolution No. 16 - Farm Show Parking  
Keystone Grange #2 - Montgomery County**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange support efforts to enhance permanent parking facilities for farm show complex activities.

**Resolution No. 17 - Sunday Hunting  
Lancaster County Pomona Grange #71**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange amend the current policy to strike *Pennsylvania State Game Commission in their stance against it*, and instead use the phrase *antlered and antlerless deer season be extended by one week, allowing more hunting time and more harvest of deer, without SUNDAY HUNTING.*

**Resolution No. 19 Deer Damage  
Bucks County Pomona Grange #22**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange support that a farmer experiencing deer damage be permitted to designate a licensed hunter of his choice, and approved by his local Wildlife Conservation Officer (WCO), to act in place of the farmer himself in order to reduce the damage on his property while using the same regulations that have been in place for the farmer heretofore; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the farmer avail himself of the services of the Federal Wildlife Conservation Control unit to protect his property from deer, vultures, and other wildlife and bird problems.

**Resolution No. 20 Equine Liability Law  
Bucks County Pomona Grange #22**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange work to support concepts currently addressed by the "Preserving the Pennsylvania Farmer" initiative, including equine liability.

**REPORT OF THE FAMILY ISSUES COMMITTEE**

The Family Issues Committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange recognizes the importance of "good/healthy" nutrition for all its citizens, especially for our children. Childhood obesity continues to increase across the country. Since the definition of



"good/healthy" nutrition seems to change over the years, the Family Issues Committee would like the emphasis to be on "balance" in nutrition, not on definitions. Along with balanced nutrition, emphasis should also be placed on increased physical activity.

In order to maintain balanced nutrition, many Pennsylvanians rely on food stamps. The State Grange would like this program to remain within the Department of Agriculture.

The school lunch program has been affected by the mandate by the Department of Education to limit the size of 100% fruit juices to 4 oz. Containers, and milk to 8 oz. Containers. Schools will only be reimbursed for these specifications. However, fruit drinks, iced tea and bottled water have been observed being dispensed in 12 oz., 16 oz. and 20 oz. containers, in school cafeterias.

The Pennsylvania State Grange supports expanding vending policies for fruit juices and milk in our schools. This includes, but is not limited to, bottle sizes and fat content in milk. The Pennsylvania State Grange will establish dialogue with the Department of Education regarding its wellness policies for our schools.

The State Grange has policy opposing teacher strikes. State Senate Democratic leader Bob Mellow has introduced legislation that intends to end teacher strikes in PA. The state has been hit with strikes involving over 900 teachers and 13,000 students. The legislation is popularly known as "last best offer". The State Grange supports this or similar legislation.

Recently the State Grange worked with Pfizer Inc. and other health care organizations to help Pennsylvanians who receive both Medicare and Medicaid. These individuals were going to be forced to change their medications in September 2005 to meet state regulations and again in January 2006 to meet federal regulations. Through our collective efforts, we were able to convince the Governor's administration to coordinate state and federal regulations meaning these individuals would only have to change their medications once. It was a real success story for the Grange. Pfizer was so grateful that they are donating \$3,000 to the Grange for our efforts. What a testament for the Grange helping members and non-members alike.

The Family Issues Committee recommends the following Policy Book changes:

Pg. 10 - Sweepstakes by Mail - Consider deleting because federal law changes.

Pg. 10 - Terrorist Attacks - Delete first sentence - already being done.

Pg. 10 - Trespassing and Liability - Merge with Landowner Liability section Pg .8.

Pg. 10 - Interpreter Certification - Delete because it is now law.

Pg. 10 - Sign Language Course - Add the following: " People who are deaf (native signers), but are without current teaching credentials should also be considered qualified sign instructors until there are enough certified teachers available."

Pg. 11 - General Statement - Delete 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph because standardized testing is already done.

Pg. 11 - Driver Education - Delete "We therefore support continuing driver education in public school districts" because it is law.

Pg. 11 - Home School Regulations - Delete last sentence.

Pg. 12 - Sustaining Penn's Woods - This is a program that has already been implemented.

Pg. 12 - State Lottery - Delete because it is already used for senior citizen programs.

Pg. 12 - Gambling - General Policy - Delete last sentence because it is being dedicated to property tax reduction.

The Family Issues Committee wishes to thank Master Betsy Huber for the opportunity to serve State Grange. Also, thanks to Brenda Shambaugh for her guidance.

Fraternally submitted,

Pamela E. Courtney, Chairman - Mercer Co.

William Cameron - Perry Co.

Bernard Downey - Lycoming Co.

Donald Steeley - Bucks Co.

Youth Representatives:

Jennifer Kramer - Berks Co.

Brittany Schaeffer - Berks Co.

Ronald Conrad - Blair Co.

#### **Resolution No. 22 - Nursing Home Patient Tax Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange work with State and Federal legislators, the Federal Center for Medicare Services, and private nursing homes to eliminate Nursing Home Patient tax on patients who are already financially burdened.

#### **Resolution No. 23 - Protecting Seniors Bradford-Sullivan Pomona Grange #23**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange urge our political representatives to fight to protect seniors in Pennsylvania and throughout the country from becoming victims of the Nation's budget cuts.

#### **Resolution No. 25 - Smoking in Public Facilities Lycoming County Pomona Grange #28**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange encourage legislation prohibiting smoking in public facilities.

#### **Resolution No. 27 - Health Insurance Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange support that public officials, government employees and public school employees pay a portion of their total health insurance package.

#### **Resolution No. 28 - Rest Room Facilities Bradford-Sullivan County Pomona Grange #23**



RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange ask the Department of Labor and Industry to implement action needed to require all establishments who expect the public to patronize their business to either provide public-access rest rooms or allow use of their private facilities in the event of emergency use being necessary.

**Resolution No. 29 – Political Telemarketing  
Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange support that the Do-Not-Call list needs to be expanded to include political telemarketing.

**Resolution No. 32 - Federal Government Benefits to American Soldiers Killed in  
Action  
Chester County Pomona Grange #3**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange encourage the United States Government to increase the compensation to the surviving family of American military personnel killed while on active duty.

**Resolution No. 33 - Spyware  
Chester County Pomona Grange #3**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange encourage that entities or individuals wanting to place the computer program identified as spyware onto a computer be required to notify users that spyware is installed in the computer, describing what types of information would be collected and the scope of the information's use, and providing users with a way to opt out of the spyware program when it has been installed by entities or individuals.

**Resolution No. 34 - Child Sex Offenders  
Fairview Grange #1351 – Beaver County**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange seek and promote sentencing first time sex offenders of children twelve years of age or younger to a mandatory minimum of not less than twenty-five years with no parole or early release.

**Resolution No. 35 - Child Molesters  
Bradford-Sullivan Pomona Grange #23**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange ask our legislators to enact legislation to require child molesters to wear tracking devices for the rest of their lives when released from prison after molesting charges.

**Resolution No 37 - Foster Care  
Chester County Pomona Grange #3**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange support legislation giving foster parents the right to an interview with the foster family care agency in the event that they are interested in becoming adoptive parents for a foster child who has been in their care for at least six months. The information obtained from the interview shall be conveyed to the county children and youth agency for its consideration when making a determination as to the placement of the child.

**Resolution No. 38 - School Vending Machines  
Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange recommends dairy drinks and nutritional fruit drinks be sold in the vending machines of our schools.

**REPORT OF THE GOOD OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE**

Worthy Master, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates, and Guests:

We're honored to have had the opportunity to serve the delegate body by sitting on this committee.

We ask for your continued support and please keep an open mind to suggestions and changes that are adopted by continuing to look at issues from various aspects. As the State Master said during her address to the delegates --- "Our organization was founded as a progressive organization to deal with issues of the day. We must not lose sight of this fact." We can keep the oldest agricultural organization in the commonwealth moving forward by advocating the historic values of America today.

Improving the lines of communication in the Grange will ensure that our time and resources are utilized to their maximum potential.

To improve the lines of communication between the State and National Granges, we suggest that an audit of the National Grange be completed and their report and be included in the Journal of Proceedings that is distributed in the spring. As individual members, we must hold accountable those we elect to hold local, Pomona, State, and National offices just as we do in our political system. This may include tough questions like what has the organization done for our local Granges; how are the dues to be used; and are there other functions they can or should serve.



The state office is seeking ways to cut costs and we understand the "standing committees" lodging expenses will be eliminated in the future. We suggest that the Executive Committee consider making the Good of the Order Committee a standing committee and they be included in the pre-session committee meeting process. Due to the short time period involved at State Grange Convention in which we have to review the resolutions, it makes it difficult to get answers to some things which need more clarification.

We recommend changing the address listed in the Constitution & ByLaws under Article VII, section 1.7.1.2. to the current address.

The Good of the Order Committee would like to thank Crawford, Mercer and Venango Counties for hosting us here in West Middlesex.

We thank Berks County for their willingness to host the 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Session in 2006 and encourage other Pomonas to come forward (as an individual or combination group) to host future sessions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nettie Kauffman, Chairperson – Berks Co. Chris Straub, Mercer Co.  
Charles Brackman, Bradford Co. Glenn Supplee, Juniata Co.  
Boyd Dimpsey, Dauphin Co. Roger Williams, Crawford Co.  
Frank Poust, Lycoming Co. **Youth Representatives:**  
Jim Scott, Beaver Co. Martha Bollinger, Berks Co.  
Steve Stettner, Lancaster Co. Charlene Espenshade, Lancaster Co.  
Jonathan Sattazahn, Berks Co.

**Resolution No. 72 - Financial and Budget Voting – State Session  
Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange financial report and next year's budget be presented on the first business day of the annual session and adopted on the last business day of annual session; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this change in reporting of the financial/budget reports be implemented for the 2005 annual session.

**Resolution No. 73 - Recommended Grange By-Laws Change  
State Session Study Committee**

RESOLVED, that Article IV, Section 1.4.1 (PA State Grange By-Laws be changed to read:  
*The State Grange shall begin regular annual meetings on the Saturday prior to the second Monday in October, at such place as the delegate body may from time to time determine. Should the delegate body fail to select a place, the State Grange Executive Committee shall make the selection. Special meetings may be called by the Master and*

*Secretary, by giving in writing notice to each Subordinate and Pomona Grange thirty days preceding, or by vote of the State Grange at a regular meeting; and be it further*  
RESOLVED, that this meeting date change take effect with the 2007 annual State Session.

**Resolution No. 75 - Dictionary Project  
Beaver County Pomona Grange #66**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange urge and encourage Subordinate Granges to provide dictionaries to third graders within their local school district; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the initiative be taken to organize an effort to seek support and funding to ensure that every third grade student has a free dictionary in the 2005-2006 school year.

**Resolution No. 77 – Fee for Replacement Reports  
Good of the Order Committee**

RESOLVED, that the Subordinate Grange shall be charged a replacement fee of \$4.00 for any Quarterly Report Book that must be re-sent to that Grange.

**Resolution No. 78 – Dues Increase  
Good of the Order Committee**

RESOLVED, that Section 1.10.1 of the Pennsylvania State Grange Bylaws be amended to state: *The Secretary of the Subordinate Grange shall remit to the State Grange Office the sum of \$7.50 per member each quarter, less \$2.00 per quarter for pre-2001 Golden Sheaf Members, and no remittance for Lifetime Members, on the Quarterly Report Form; and be it further*

RESOLVED, that Section 1.10.2 be amended to state: *The minimum dues for Subordinate Grange Associate Members shall be \$20.00 per year. The Secretary of the Subordinate Grange shall report all Associate Members and remit \$8.00 per member per quarter to the State Grange.*

**Resolution No. 79 – Late Dues Penalty  
Good of the Order Committee**

RESOLVED, that Section 1.10.5 of the Pennsylvania State Grange Bylaws be amended to add: *Subordinate Granges who have not paid their quarterly dues payment to the Pennsylvania State Grange within 60 days of the end of each quarter shall be subject to a penalty of one (1) percent per month on the amount of dues paid in the last quarter for which a report was filed.*

**Resolution No. 80 – Family Membership  
Good of the Order Committee**



RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange institute a family membership; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the family membership be calculated using the formula of two (2) State of the state's portion of Subordinate membership dues, plus two and one half (2 ½) Youth State's portion of dues, plus the National Family Membership dues.

## GOVERNMENT ISSUES COMMITTEE

Worthy Master, National Representative, State Officers, Delegates & Guests:

The members of the Government Issues Committee commend Master Huber for her perseverance in tending to the needs of the Pennsylvania State Grange throughout this past year of personal and organizational challenges.

Legislative Director Brenda Shambaugh and the staff of the Pennsylvania State Grange also deserve recognition for their efforts in preserving the integrity of State Grange policies.

This year our committee's youth representatives were Phillip Vonada from Centre County, Adam Waite from Juniata County and Michael Tau from Crawford County. Their input was much appreciated, as was the insight provided by Bro. George Wolff.

On June 23, 2005 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the case of Kelo vs. New London. As a result of this ruling, a large number of properties have now become vulnerable to being taken for eminent domain. The Government Issues Committee recommends support for Senate Bill 881 known as the "Property Rights Protection Act." This act prohibits the application of eminent domain for private business, restricts eminent domain in redevelopment areas and redefines the term "blight" in the urban redevelopment law. Brenda has been involved in gathering support for this bill and will be testifying on its behalf on Tuesday in Harrisburg.

Resolution 68 "United Nations Ban On Firearms" was amended to allow flexibility in voicing our support for or against legislative bills dealing with this issue. We support House Bill 3436 and Senate Bill 1488 to withhold United Nations funding in such circumstances.

The Government Issues Committee is concerned about telemarketer accessibility to cell phones and limited use phones. We support the placement of all cell phone and limited use phone numbers on the "Do Not Call" list.

The Responsible Utility Consumer Protection Act was enacted in November 2004. This law allows immediate termination of utility service with no warning. We recommend modifying Chapter 14 to restore the previous 48 hour notice of termination and limit reconnection deposits to one month.

We recognize the fact that as a percentage of the current cost of living, the minimum wage is no longer at adequate levels. Therefore, we support efforts to raise the minimum wage to a level comparable to current economic needs.

The legislative department would like to recognize Representative Sheila Miller in advocating the desires of the agri-business community. Representative Miller constantly seeks input from Grange members and values members' opinions in debating bills relating to rural Pennsylvania that come before the House of Representatives.

The following recommended deletions are for housekeeping purposes only. We are not recommending total deletion of these policies, only their appearance in the printed summary of Grange policy.

The Government Issues Committee recommends deleting our current policy entitled "Answering Systems" on Page 14 of the Policy Booklet due to operational costs.

We also recommend the deletion of policy entitled "Inflation" on page 14 as it is covered in the "Balanced Federal Budget".

Our policy entitled "Farm Tax Relief" on page 17 is also recommended for deletion, as the referenced bill is not current legislation.

We recommend deleting policy on page 18 entitled "Maintenance of Rail Crossings" as it is unnecessary.

Our committee recommends deletion of our policy entitled "Bridges", first paragraph only on page 18. The first paragraph is a concern covered by paragraph #2 and #3.

Pennsylvania State Grange policy entitled "Herbicide Spraying On Roadsides" found on page 19 is covered under Penn Dot specifications. Therefore, we recommend deletion of this paragraph.

For our policy entitled "Maintenance Of Rural State Roads" on page 19, we recommend deletion of the second paragraph and transferring paragraph #1, 3 and 4 to our "Highway Funding" policy also found on page 19. We further recommend that in paragraph #1 the words "immediate priority" be changed to "adequate funding".

On page 20 our policy entitled "Driver's License Tests" is also recommended for deletion due to current computer technologies.

Our policy entitled "Vanity Plates" on page 20 is recommended for deletion due to current D.O.T. guidelines.

We encourage all Pomona Granges to explore the possibility of sponsoring a Legislative Banquet within their respective areas. We recognize that in areas where this type of activity is sponsored, legislators and local officials are more accepting of Grange policy in influencing their decisions.



On a closing note, due to the nature of my profession, I have not always been readily available to my committee to provide oversight. I feel it appropriate at this time to publicly thank the members of the Government Issues Committee for continuing to work with integrity in my absences.

Fraternally submitted,

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Paul Dawson, Beaver Co.  
Clifford Holloway, Lancaster Co.  
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**Resolution No. 39 - Pennsylvania Legislative Pay Raise**

**Compiled from Resolutions submitted by:**

**Fulton Grange #66 – Lancaster County**

**Pomona Grange #28 – Lycoming County**

**Ginger Hill Grange #1549 – Washington County**

**Pomona Grange #43 – Berks County**

**Fairview Grange #1351 – Beaver County**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange urge the PA General Assembly to rescind their latest pay raises; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Grange support action prohibiting any legislative pay increase outside of the Pennsylvania Constitution, which does not allow legislative salary increases during the legislators' current term of office.

**Resolution No. 40 - Unvouchered Expenses, COLA Increases**

**Compiled from Resolutions submitted by:**

**Pomona Grange #28 – Lycoming County**

**Ginger Hill Grange #1549 – Washington County**

**Pomona Grange #43 – Berks County**

**Pomona Grange # 8 – Montgomery County**

RESOLVED, that any COLA given to governmental personnel be equal to the Social Security adjustments.

**Resolution No. 41 - Pensions**

**Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange support that all federal, state, county, local, and pension funds guaranteed by the taxpayer must be invested in principal guaranteed investments.

**Resolution No. 44 - Gambling Bill Money  
Fulton Grange #66 – Lancaster County**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange support that the gaming revenue be distributed to the school districts on a per child basis.

**Resolution No. 45 - Supreme Court and Eminent Domain  
Dauphin County Pomona Grange #60**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange oppose a municipality using eminent domain to acquire property not needed for its services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a municipality may not sell or give any property acquired by eminent domain to any individual, group of individuals, corporation or other government entity.

**Resolution No. 49 - Controlling State Expenditures  
Lycoming County Pomona #28**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange support that the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be amended to Section 1., Article XI: (2) 13. Appropriations (a) Operating budget appropriations made by the General Assembly shall not exceed the actual and estimated revenues and surplus available in the same fiscal year.

**Resolution No. 50 - EMS Tax  
Lancaster County Pomona Grange #71**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange work with the Pennsylvania State Legislature to encourage local municipalities to apply the tax to emergency and municipal purposes.

**Resolution No. 55 - Hazardous Automobile Headlamps  
Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

RESOLVED, that the National Grange encourage U. S. Department of Transportation to redefine the candlepower of motor vehicle headlamps so as to not cause hazardous conditions to oncoming drivers.



**Resolution No. 56 - Street Signs  
Bradford-Sullivan County Pomona Grange #23**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange urge Highway Departments, state and local, to have road signs a uniform size and that these signs be kept free of obstruction.

**Resolution No. 62 - Licensing of Driver Examiners  
Wesley Grange #1675 - Venango County**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange request that all PennDot driver examiners be required to be licensed for all the types of vehicles for which they administer the skills driving tests.

**Resolution No. 65 - Illegal Aliens - Secure our Borders  
Fairview Grange #1351 - Beaver County**

RESOLVED, that the National Grange seek to have the Federal Government implement a plan immediately to improve border security. This plan should include ending the status quo where illegal aliens are allowed to live like other Americans without worrying about getting arrested and swiftly deported. We also recommend eliminating benefits, such as free health care, schooling, housing, food stamps and driver licenses, which are very great incentives for people to enter and stay in the United States illegally.

**Resolution No. 66 - Agreement with Mexican Government  
Bradford-Sullivan Pomona Grange #23**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange ask Congressmen to support legislation to prevent Social Security benefits being paid to illegal alien workers from any political entity such as Mexico when such persons have not contributed to the Fund.

**Resolution No. 68 - United Nations Ban on Firearms  
Bradford-Sullivan Pomona Grange #23**

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislation to withhold funding from the United Nations if it violates the rights provided by the second amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

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59. Mandatory Helmet Law	Govt. Issues - Present policy
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63. Animal Restraint in Vehicles	Govt. Issues - Rejected
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69. Change Date of Voting Referendums	Govt. Issues - Rejected
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72. Financial and Budget Voting - State Session amended	Good of the Order - Adopted as amended
73. Recommended Grange By-Laws Change	Good of the Order - Adopted
74. Regional Leaders Conferences	Good of the Order - Rejected
75. Dictionary Project	Good of the Order - Adopted
76. Lifetime Membership	Good of the Order - Rejected
77. Fee for Replacement Reports	Good of the Order - Adopted
78. Dues Increase	Good of the Order - Adopted
79. Late Dues Penalty	Good of the Order - Adopted
80. Family Membership	Good of the Order - Adopted

### ANNUAL SESSIONS OF STATE GRANGE

Reading (organization meeting)	September 18, 1873
1 Harrisburg	January 7, 1874
2 Williamsport	January 5, 1875
3 Lancaster	December 14, 1875
4 Meadville	December 12, 1876
5 Hollidaysburg	December 11, 1877
6 Bellefonte	December 10, 1878
7 Bloomsburg	December 9, 1879
8 Greensburg	December 14, 1880
9 Williamsport	December 13, 1881
10 Harrisburg	December 12, 1882
11 Harrisburg	December 11, 1883
12 Harrisburg	December 9, 1884
13 Harrisburg	December 8, 1885
14 Harrisburg	December 14, 1886
15 Harrisburg	December 13, 1887
16 Harrisburg	December 11, 1888
17 Harrisburg	December 10, 1889
18 Harrisburg	December 9, 1890
19 Harrisburg	December 8, 1891
20 Harrisburg	December 13, 1892
21 Harrisburg	December 12, 1893
22 Harrisburg	December 11, 1894
23 Williamsport	December 10, 1895
24 Altoona	December 8, 1896
25 Harrisburg	November 9, 1897
26 Williamsport	December 13, 1898
27 Lock Haven	December 12, 1899
28 Lock Haven	December 11, 1900
29 Johnstown	December 10, 1901
30 Clearfield	December 9, 1902
31 Wilkes-Barre	December 8, 1903
32 Erie	December 13, 1904
33 Sunbury	December 12, 1905
34 DuBois	December 11, 1906
35 West Chester	December 10, 1907
36 Altoona	December 8, 1908
37 State College	December 21, 1909
38 Butler	December 13, 1910
39 Scranton	December 12, 1911
40 Clearfield	December 10, 1912
41 Reading	December 9, 1913
42 Meadville	December 8, 1914
43 State College	December 21, 1915



44 Philadelphia	December 12, 1916
45 Williamsport	December 11, 1917
46 Tyrone	December 10, 1918
47 Pittsburgh	December 9, 1919
48 Allentown	December 14, 1920
49 York	December 13, 1921
50 Williamsport	December 12, 1922
51 Pittsburgh	November 12, 1923
52 Reading	December 9, 1924
53 Johnstown	December 8, 1925
54 Lancaster	December 14, 1926
55 Erie	December 13, 1927
56 Williamsport	December 11, 1928
57 Indiana	December 10, 1929
58 Pottsville	December 9, 1930
59 DuBois	December 8, 1931
60 Williamsport	December 13, 1932
61 Johnstown	December 12, 1933
62 Hershey	December 11, 1934
63 New Castle	December 10, 1935
64 Altoona	December 8, 1936
65 Harrisburg	November 8, 1937
66 Washington	December 13, 1938
67 Chambersburg	December 12, 1939
68 Wilkes-Barre	December 10, 1940
69 Uniontown	December 9, 1941
70 Harrisburg	December 8, 1942
71 Williamsport	December 14, 1943
72 Harrisburg	December 12, 1944
73 Clearfield	December 11, 1945
74 Wilkes-Barre	October 22, 1946
75 New Castle	October 28, 1947
76 Reading	October 26, 1948
77 Kane	October 25, 1949
78 York	October 24, 1950
79 Butler	October 23, 1951
80 Allentown	October 28, 1952
81 Williamsport	October 27, 1953
82 Washington	October 26, 1954
83 Scranton	October 25, 1955
84 Erie	October 23, 1956
85 Reading	October 22, 1957
86 Clearfield	October 28, 1958
87 Bedford	October 26, 1959
88 Harrisburg	October 24, 1960
89 Washington	October 23, 1961

90 Reading	October 22, 1962
91 Erie	October 21, 1963
92 Wellsboro	October 26, 1964
93 Allentown	October 25, 1965
94 New Castle	October 24, 1966
95 Gettysburg	October 23, 1967
96 Butler	October 22, 1968
97 Lewistown	October 28, 1969
98 Meadville	October 27, 1970
99 Somerset	October 26, 1971
100 Williamsport	October 23, 1972
101 Reading	October 22, 1973
102 Washington	October 28, 1974
103 Lancaster	October 27, 1975
104 Sharon	October 25, 1976
105 Danville	October 24, 1977
106 Butler	October 23, 1978
107 Williamsport	October 22, 1979
108 Lewistown	October 27, 1980
109 Altoona	October 26, 1981
110 Harrisburg	October 25, 1982
111 Clearfield	October 24, 1983
112 Gettysburg	October 22, 1984
113 Warren	October 27, 1985
114 Reading	October 26, 1986
115 Butler	October 26, 1987
116 Allentown	October 24, 1988
117 Uniontown	October 22, 1989
118 West Chester	October 21, 1990
119 Altoona	October 28, 1991
120 Williamsport	October 26, 1992
121 Clarion	October 24, 1993
122 Carlisle	October 23, 1994
123 West Middlesex	October 23, 1995
124 Warren	October 28, 1996
125 Reading	October 27, 1997
126 Meadville	October 24, 1998
127 Allentown	October 23, 1999
128 Carlisle	October 21, 2000
129 Altoona	October 20, 2001
130 Washington	October 25, 2002
131 Exton	October 25, 2003
132 Harrisburg	October 23, 2004
133 West Middlesex	October 22, 2005



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