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# 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
BETSY HUBER	2002-2010
CARL H. MEISS, III	2010-2014

\*Deceased

**PA STATE GRANGE OFFICERS  
2014-2016**

PRESIDENT .....	Elizabeth Downey
OVERSEER.....	Richard Mangel
LECTURER.....	Lorena Baughman
STEWARD.....	Michael Adams
ASSISTANT STEWARD.....	Andrew Kieffer
LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD.....	Miranda Irons
CHAPLAIN.....	Jennifer Nauss
TREASURER.....	Henry Seidel
SECRETARY.....	Debra Campbell
GATEKEEPER.....	Gene Zvarick
CERES.....	Jennifer Beamon
POMONA.....	Ashley Furman
FLORA.....	Jodi Keith
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.....	JV Lamb Wayne Oakley Robert Bair Janet Pratt

## **STANDING COMMITTEES 2015 STATE SESSION**

### **Agriculture & Environmental Issues**

James Huber, Chairperson – Lancaster Co  
John Courtney – Mercer Co  
Ronald Houtz – Centre Co  
Dorothy Houtz – Centre Co  
Dustin Kunkle – Berks Co  
Stanley Reyburn – Chester Co  
Dale Shupp – Wyoming Co

### **Family Issues**

Barbara Warden, Chairperson – Venango Co  
Pamela Courtney – Mercer Co  
Keith Karasik – York Co  
Jerilynn Millvan – York Co  
Tammy Schaeffer – Berks Co  
Donald Steeley – Bucks Co  
Ronald Sweeney – Huntingdon Co

### **Government Issues**

C. Arthur Zug, Chairperson – Juniata Co  
Lizzie Bailey – Cumberland Co  
George Gregg – Mercer Co  
Carol Ann Gregg – Mercer Co  
Carole Huber – Lancaster Co  
Martha Sherman – Erie Co

### **Good of the Order**

Barbara Schroeder, Chairperson – Berks Co  
Jane Birk – Bucks Co  
Jim Diamond – Bucks Co  
Janet Fishovitz – Beaver Co  
Glenn Gross – Venango Co  
Leonard Heim – Lehigh Co  
Gerald Pratt – Bradford Co

### **Credentials**

Grace Mitchell, Chairperson, Washington Co  
Jane Birk, Bucks Co

### **Sixth Degree**

Denise Clair, Chairperson, Berks Co  
Jane Adams, Berks Co  
Georgette Mummert, Huntingdon Co

## PA STATE GRANGE ANNUAL SESSION SCHEDULE

### Friday, October 16

1:00 pm	State Officers, Committees arrive Executive Comm. Mtg. (Forester Rm, Holiday Inn) Exhibit Room Set-up (Ballrooms, Holiday Inn)
2:00 - 5:00	Convention Registration (Lobby, Holiday Inn)
4:00 - 5:00	State Officers Rehearsal (TWAC Bus Garage)
5:30 - 7:00	Host Dinner (Watson Grange)
7:00 - 9:00	Exhibit Entries Accepted (Ballrooms, Holiday Inn)
7:30 - 9:00	Movie <i>Farmland</i> (Allegheny Community Center)
7:30 - 9:30	Convention Registration (Lobby, Holiday Inn)
7:30 - 9:00	State Officers Rehearsal (TWAC Bus Garage)
9:00	Youth Officers Rehearsal (TWAC Bus Garage)

### Saturday, October 17

8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Convention Registration (Lobby, Holiday Inn)
8:00 - 9:00 am	Session Committee Mtgs (TWAC Bus Garage & Allegheny Comm Ctr)
8:00 - 10:30	Exhibit Entries Accepted (Ballrooms, Holiday Inn)
8:00 - 9:30	Junior Jam Registration (Lobby, Holiday Inn)
9:00	OFFICIAL OPENING (TWAC Bus Garage)
10:30	Introduction of Junior Royalty
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Lunch Recess
12:00 - 1:00	Past Officers Luncheon (Allegheny Community Center)
1:00	Junior Jam Departure from the TWAC Garage
1:00	Judging of Exhibits
1:30	Session Reconvenes (TWAC Bus Garage)
3:30	Suggestions for Office (Executive Comm. Member & Gatekeeper)
4:15	Closing of Session by Youth Officers
5:30 - 6:15	Punch Reception w/ Dairy Princess (Holy Redeemer Center)
6:30 - 9:30	All Granger Banquet & Auction (Holy Redeemer Center)
9:00 - 10:30	Exhibit Rooms Open (Ballrooms, Holiday Inn)
9:00 - 11:00	Youth Event (The Crossing—350 Pennsylvania Ave W, Warren PA 16365)

### Sunday, October 18

9:00 - 10:00 am	Church Service (TWAC Bus Garage)
10:30 am - 5:00 pm	Convention Registration (Lobby, Holiday Inn)
10:30 am - 5:00 pm	Exhibit Rooms Open (Ballrooms, Holiday Inn)
10:15 - 11:15 am	Junior Grange Degree (TWAC Bus Garage)
11:15	President/Masters' Meeting (Allegheny Comm. Center)
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Youth Luncheon (Allegheny Community Center)
1:00 - 3:00	Sign-A-Song & Public Speaking (TWAC Garage)
4:00 - 5:30	Conferral of 6th Degree (TWAC Bus Garage)
7:00 - 9:00	Night of Honors, Cookie Social (TWAC Bus Garage)
9:00 - 10:30	Exhibit Rooms Open (Ballrooms, Holiday Inn)

**Monday, October 19**

7:00 - 11:00 am	PICK UP ALL CONTEST ENTRIES
8:00 - 10:00	Convention Registration (Lobby, Holiday Inn)
8:30 am	Opening of Monday's Session (TWAC Bus Garage)
11:30	Election of Officers
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Lunch Recess
1:30	Session reconvenes (TWAC Bus Garage)
4:00	Installation of Officers
5:00	Closing of 2015 Annual Session



## MINUTES OF THE 143<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL PA STATE GRANGE SESSION

### FRIDAY

1. The activities of the 143<sup>rd</sup> Pennsylvania State Grange Annual Session began Friday evening, October 16, 2015 with a banquet at Watson Grange hosted by the Host Committee for the State Officers and the Department Directors.

### SATURDAY

2. The 143<sup>rd</sup> Pennsylvania State Grange Annual Session officially opened in the 6th degree on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the Transit Authority of Warren County (TAWC), Warren, Pennsylvania with President Elizabeth Downey presiding. The opening drill was under the direction of Andrew Kieffer, Assistant Steward from Berks County.
3. Honored guests recognized were National Grange High Priest of Demeter and New York State Grange Executive Committee Member Bruce Croucher and wife Sharon. Also recognized as honored guests were Past Masters of the Pennsylvania State Grange Gordon Hiller and Carl Meiss, Past Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange and Past National Executive Committee Member, Betsy Huber, and Past First Lady and Past National Priestess Annalist, Fae Snyder.
4. Roll call found all officers present. Amy Hickman served as the pianist for the session.
5. Overseer Mangel announced that \$10 will be collected for every cell phone that goes off and the money will be donated to the Grange Foundation.
6. A video was then presented from National Master Ed Luttrell.
7. Sister Miranda Irons, Committee Member of the 2015 Host Committee, welcomed everyone to Warren County, Pennsylvania. PA State Grange Session was hosted by the Northwest Convention District. Sister Irons asked if we could keep Kelly VanOrd, Chairperson of the 2015 Host Committee, in our prayers due to her illness and absence.
8. Appointment of Session Committees—Credentials—Grace Mitchell and Jane Birk  
—6<sup>th</sup> Degree—Denise Clare, Jane Adams and  
Georgette Mummert
9. Sister Grace Mitchell gave a partial report of the Credential's Committee as follows:  
116 Delegates and 56 Subordinate Granges and  
46 Delegates and 27 Pomona Granges represented at this time.
10. A motion was made to accept the official program, motion carried.
11. President Downey appointed Wayne Campbell and Cassidy Cheddar as Session parliamentarians.
12. President Downey presented the highlights from her Annual President's Address. It was accepted and the full report will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

13. Sister Campbell, State Grange Secretary, presented highlights from her report. It was accepted and the full report will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
14. Sister Mary Sproat Chair of the History Committee reported that Granges are still sending records. Records have been received from 11 counties since last year's report as follows: 1 Pomona Grange and 23 Subordinate Granges. This brings to 190 the number of Granges that have preserved their records! The Executive Committee of the PA State Grange Foundation has given us permission to use their 501(c)3 status to help the committee with fundraising, which is appreciated. The State Archives has changed its policy and is no longer microfilming records. Therefore, record books sent there will remain in storage. The report was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
15. Brother Seidel, State Grange Treasurer, presented his report. His report was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*. He then presented the budget for information only, the budget will be voted at Monday's session.
16. President Downey introduced Lurae Benzio, Junior Grange Director. Sister Benzio invited everyone to come to the Jr. Degree Sunday at 10:15 to support the Beaver County Juniors as they present the Junior Degree.
17. Sister Benzio introduced the Junior Princess, Mikayla Davis, and Junior Prince, Isaiah Blatt, both from Ontelaunee Junior Grange in Berks County.
18. The Juniors presented a gift of a mint with a note inviting everyone to the Junior Grange meeting on Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 10:15 am. They appreciate your support and encouragement of the youngest members of our Order by the PA Junior Grange Committee. On the other side of the note was "Did you Know." At the 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the National Grange, the delegates adopted changes to requirements for Junior Grange membership which allows for individual Junior Grange members in any Subordinate/Community Grange. This "1+" program allows you to start with just 1 Junior member and build from there! This is a great way to GROW the GRANGE and our membership! For more information contact Sister Lurae.
19. Brother JV Lamb, Chair of the Executive Committee, gave the committee's report. It was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
20. Sister Dina Zug asked for any Dairy Farmers to stand. Sister Zug has served on the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council for 15 years. Providing good wholesome milk to our school lunches. You can buy milk at all fast food restaurants.
21. Sister Ruth Vonada thanked us for all items donated to the Community Service. Collecting for the Warren County Pregnancy Center and Northwest Food Bank backpack program.
22. Brother Richard Mangel, Chair of the Grange Foundation Committee, presented the Foundation report. It was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
23. The Good of the Order Committee's By-Laws-change resolutions (including the amendment for Resolution 35) were read for your information; they will be acted upon on Monday.

24. Sister Barbara Schroeder, Chair of the Good of the Order Committee, presented a portion of the committee's resolutions.
  - a. A motion was made on Resolution #37 to strike the 3<sup>rd</sup> Resolved, motion carried.
  - b. A motion was made on Resolution #39 to table this resolution until after lunch, motion carried.
25. Door Prizes were given by the Host Committee.
26. Session recessed for lunch at 12:00 PM.
27. President Downey called session back to order at 1:30 PM.
28. Sisters, Ashley Furman (Pomona), Jodi Keith (Flora) and Jennifer Beamon (Ceres), recognized all the Past Officers that were present.
29. Sister Barbara Schroeder, Chair of the Good of the Order Committee, continued with of the committee's resolutions. The Good of the Order Committee will continue on Monday.
  - a. A motion was made on Resolution #39 to strike the 2<sup>nd</sup> Resolve, motion carried.
  - b. A motion was made on Resolution #43 to include Act 33 and 34 clearances, motion carried.
30. Executive Committee member, JV Lamb, presented By-Law changes.
31. President Downey stated that all candidates will be limited to 2 minutes. President Downey then asked for suggestions for State Officers. Those suggested were:
 

<u>Office</u>	<u>Names Suggested</u>	<u>County</u>
a. Gatekeeper	John Master	Venago
	Gene Zvarick	Montgomery
b. Executive Committee	Barbara Gross	Venago
32. Door Prizes were given by the Host Committee.
33. Brother Jim Huber, Chair of the Agriculture and Environmental Issues Committee, presented a portion of the resolutions for his committee.
34. Session closed at 4:15 PM with a team of Youth Officers:
  - a. Master—Philip Vonada, Centre County
  - b. Overseer—Gail Switzer, Berks County
  - c. Lecturer—Lindsay Schroeder, Berks County
  - d. Steward—Jennifer Beamon, Berks County
  - e. Asst. Steward—Ryan Berger, Berks County
  - f. Lady Asst. Steward—Hannah Leibensperger, Berks County
  - g. Chaplain—Derek Snyder, York-Adams County
  - h. Treasurer—Benjamin Wadsworth, Chester County
  - i. Secretary—Heather Druckenmiller, York-Adams & Beaver County

- j. Gatekeeper—Robert Beamon, Berks County
  - k. Ceres—Grace Wadsworth, Chester County
  - l. Pomona— Anna Benzio, Beaver County
  - m. Flora— Nicole Robinson, Berks County
  - n. Executive Committee—Serena Wingard, Beaver County
35. The activities continued in the evening with a milk punch reception.
36. All Granger Banquet was held at the Holy Redeemer Center, Warren. MC for the evening was Brother Richard Mangel, Overseer.
37. Entertainment was provided by the winners of the Talent Contest that was held at Family Festival. Junior Granger, Isaiah Blatt, Berks County—1<sup>st</sup> Place Instrumental 10-14, played “You Got a Friend” on his Saxophone.
38. Subordinate Grange—1st Place Instrumental and Best of Show—Michael Adams, Hand Chimes played “Take Me Out to the Ball Game”, Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County; 1st Place Vocal—Jennifer Beamon, Hamburg Grange #2103 and Gail Switzer, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County sang “For Good” from Wicked, 1st Place—Variety—Virginia Straub, Comedy Act as Minnie Pearl, Stony Point Grange #1694, Mercer County. Jennifer Beamon and Gail Switzer will represent Pennsylvania at National Grange since Michael Adams is unable to attend.
39. National Grange High Priest of Demeter, Bruce Croucher and wife Sharon were introduced. Sister Sharon stated that we had a great opening session. She formally invited Pennsylvania to New York for a picnic at Letchworth State Park. Brother Croucher addressed fellow Grangers with a very inspiring message about being a good Granger and the need to bring new members into the Grange. Brother Croucher shared a very interesting story that was told by an anthropologist about how the anthropologist had put a bowl of fruit on the far side of an opening and told a group of children that whoever got to it first could have all the fruit. When he said go, they joined hands and all ran to the fruit at the same time. They all sat down and started to enjoy the fruit. When he asked them why they did that, the one child stated “if one of us is glad and the others are all sad, how can we live with that”? “I am because we are”. This fits into our concept of Grange as well, how can if one of us is sad can the rest be happy. You need to be happy together. When we think about of how the Grange was formed and what its purposes was for, this was the basically the whole concept of the Grange.
40. Sister Ellen Wadsworth, Youth Director, introduced Female Youth Ambassador Hannah Leibensperger, and Male Youth Ambassador Ryan Berger. Hannah and Ryan spoke about how many people in the room you would know if it wasn’t for the Grange. Grange has given them both confidence to be able to speak in front of their class at school or large crowds.
41. Sister Ellen Wadsworth introduced the Young Married Couple, Robert and Jennifer Beamon, Berks County. Jennifer and Robert are looking forward to another year as Young Couple and working with the Female and Male Youth Ambassadors. Looking forward to being invited to any Grange.

42. Senator Scott Hutchinson, 21<sup>st</sup> District welcomed everyone to the area, for five counties in Northwestern Pennsylvania. America is made up of voluntary associations, neighbors and communities got together and volunteer our time and efforts and solve the problems. The Grange is that kind of organization.  
Thank you for what you do!
43. President Downey announced the “Friend of the Grange Award” will be awarded to Dr. Jim Diamond and wife Betty. They have been outstanding over their lifetime as devoted Grangers.
44. President Downey announced that there is no Granger of the Year this year due to no entries received by the due date.
45. The State Officers each donated a basket or craft item to be auctioned with the proceeds going to the Grange Foundation. Brother Sherman Allen was the Auctioneer, \$1,595.00 was collected. Also the Youth Department sold baked goods from their contest and collected \$176.00 with the proceeds also going to the Grange Foundation.
46. The evening concluded with a Youth Party at The Crossing and was sponsored by Straub Insurance. Twenty-five young and young-at-heart gathered to play table shuffleboard, pool, Scattergories, watch the Penn State football game and hang out. It was a relaxing evening and everyone in attendance enjoyed themselves.

**SUNDAY**

47. On Sunday, October 18, 2015 a worship service was held at the TAWC under the direction of State Grange Chaplain, Jennifer Nauss. The message was given by Reverend Ralph Culp, Covenant United Methodist Church. The morning message was Charity....Sharing God's Love. An offering was received totaling \$913.32. The offering was divided between Reverend Culp's home church and Northwest Food Bank for their Backpack Program.
48. Brother Mike Adams played “America the Beautiful” on the Hand Chimes.
49. Junior Grange meeting and Degree was held at the TAWC. Opening drill was marched to “Hey Brother” by Avicii and Send Me on My Way by Rusted Root. Honored guests were Bruce Coucher, National Grange High Priest of Demeter and New York State Grange Executive Committee Member, Elizabeth Downey, PA State President; Lurae Benzio, State Jr. Grange Director; Princess Mikayla Davis and Prince Isaiah Blatt. Sister Benzio congratulated Beaver County Juniors for a great degree. Sister Benzio introduced her committee: Heather Druckenmiller, Philip Vonada, Derek Schroeder and Dina Zug. Samantha Gourley was not present. Sister Benzio gave out awards for Junior Grange All Stars, those Juniors who attended all 3 events, Junior Camp, Family Fest and Junior Jamboree. There were 10 Juniors who received this award. Sister Benzio also gave out 15 awards for those Juniors who attended 2 of the 3 events. The Junior Grange Supporter of the Year was given to Derek Snyder. Closing drill song was “Glad you Came” by The Wanted.
50. At the Youth luncheon Sister Ellen Wadsworth, Youth Director, welcomed and thanked everyone for supporting the Youth. Sister Wadsworth introduced the Female Youth Ambassador, Hannah Leibensperger; Male Youth Ambassador, Ryan Berger. Also recognized were National Grange High Priest of Demeter Bruce Croucher, PA State

Grange President, Elizabeth Downey; National Youth Director, Charlene Espenshade; and National Youth Ambassadors, Cassidy Cheddar and Derek Snyder. The “Friend of the Grange” Youth Award was presented to Anna May Nauss by Sister Wadsworth.

Charlene Espenshade, National Youth Director, announced they are working on reorganizing the Penn State Grange. The Advisory Board for the reorganization is Matt and Charlene Espenshade, Philip Vonada, Michael Martin, Christie Straub and Gene Zvarick. Sister Wadsworth introduced her committee: Matt & Miranda Irons, Lindsay Schroeder, Jennifer & Robert Beamon, Hannah Leibensperger, Braden Gourley and Ryan Berger. (Ashley Mohn was not present.)

51. The Sign-a-Song and Public Speaking contests were held at the TAWC.
  - a. Public Speaking categories included, Prepared Speech, Impromptu, Speech with Visual Aid and Radio Spot. There were a total of 17 contestants: 6—Prepared Speech; 9—Impromptu; 1—Visual Aid; 1—Radio Spot.
  - b. Sign-a-Song categories included Junior, Adult Group and Adult Individual. There were a total of 5 contestants: 2—Junior, 1—Adult Group; 2—Adult Individual. Winners will represent Pennsylvania at the Eastern Regional.
52. President Downey thanked Fae Snyder and her family for all that they have done for the Grange and the example they have been as a Grange Family at all levels in the organization.
53. The Degree of Flora was conferred on 15 candidates with Anna Benzio, Denae Zvarick, Brian Marfink and Russell Thomas, as the marching candidates.
54. A Night of Honors was held Sunday evening in the Ballroom. Sister Barbara Gross was the M.C.
55. Sister Ruth Vonada, Deaf and Community Services Director handed out the Community Service Awards for Subordinate and Pomona Grange. Sister Vonada announced they are still collecting food and clothes.
56. Sister Lorena Baughman, State Lecturer, handed out her awards. Sister Baughman introduced her committee: Jacqueline Clabaugh, Denise Clare, Thomas Kostelansky, Georgette Mummert Weaver, Jessie White. JV Lamb was not in attendance. Sister Baughman announced that Denae Zvarick was appointed to her committee today.
57. Sister Martha Ebersole, Family Activities Director, thanked everyone for helping throughout the year. She feels that there is a lack of communication within our Granges. Secretaries should be opening the packets and sharing the information with their fellow Grangers. Sister Ebersole introduced her committee: Diane Burlingame, Evelyn Cottrell, Shirley Garren, Cindy Leibensperger, Melanie Melius and Patty Lou Pardee. Sister Ebersole handed out her awards. Sister Ebersole announced the People’s Choice awards was presented to Deb Kolpak from Chester County. Sister Ebersole presented her awards. The raffle winners were announced and were ready to be picked up in the Exhibit Room. Barry Dunmore, Annville PA won the quilt from the Raffle.

58. Sister Stacy Bruker, Public Relations/Membership Director, spoke about the Farm Show and that there will be no Farmer for a Day in 2016, but that the PA State Grange will be assisting the Family Living instead.
59. Sister Bruker said she would be willing to come to your Grange to present a program. Sister Bruker is conducting a survey of Grangers that have left in the past 2 years. Sister Bruker stated our Granges need to be willing and ready to take in new members. From July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 we took in a total of 210 new members. Sister Bruker presented her awards.
  - a. 1 - 19 member Granges was awarded to Allegheny #1843, Lycoming County with 6 new members; 20 - 49 members was awarded to Red Lion Grange #1781, York County with 29 new members; 50+ members was awarded to Plumsteadville Grange #1738. Bucks County with 10 new members.
60. Sister Lurae Benzio, Junior Director, thanked everyone for attending the Junior Degree. Sister Benzio announced that she handed out her awards at the Junior Degree. Sister Benzio stated she doesn't just want Juniors to join the Grange, she wants the whole family because we are a Family Organization. Sister Benzio announced there were 319 Junior entries in the contest. That is an increase from last year.
61. Young Couple Robert and Jennifer Beamon represented Sister Ellen Wadsworth, Youth Director. Brother & Sister Beamon talked about the friends and supporters of the Youth throughout the year. Anna May Nauss received the "Friend of the Grange" Youth Award.
62. President Downey thanked all her Committee Directors and PR and Membership Director and the past Directors for making the transition to the new Directors much smoother.
63. Door Prizes were given by the Host Committee.
64. The evening concluded with a delicious cookie social by the Host Committee.

### **MONDAY**

Monday, October 19, 2015

65. The Annual Session opened in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree at 8:30 AM at the Transit Authority of Warren County (TAWC), Warren, Pennsylvania with President Elizabeth Downey presiding.
66. Devotions were given by Sister Jennifer Nauss, State Grange Chaplain, Sister Nauss read from the book of John 13:34-35 and 1 John 4: 7-12; 19-21. Sister Nauss read a poem entitled "How Full is Your Bucket?" by Tom Rath and Donald O. Clifton. Are you a bucket filler or a bucket dipper? Sister Nauss also read from the book of Mathew 5:13-16.
67. Roll call found all officers present. Joanne Heim served as the pianist for the session.
68. The minutes of Saturday's Session were read and approved with corrections.
69. Sister Ruth Vonada, Director of the Community Service Committee introduced Cynthia Plymyer, Second Harvest Food Bank spoke about the Backpack Program for school

children who may not have food over the weekend. Sister Vonada presented the Second Harvest Food Bank with a check of 1,251.66. There was also \$177.85 donated from soda tabs and books.

70. President Downey requested “A Duties of the Officers Handbook For Community/Subordinate and Pomona Granges” be handed out to those who requested them.
  71. President Downey explained how the State Grange has changed working with the Legislature from having a lobbyist agency to hiring Sister Betsy Huber under the title of Government Relations Director. Sister Huber, over the years, has earned the respect from everyone on the Hill. Sister Huber sends out a biweekly Legislative update that also appears on our Facebook page and has a column in *PA Grange News*.
  72. President Downey stated that there is a lot of work that goes into the preparation for the State Convention. President Downey thanked Sandy Herman, Office Manager and Sister Stacy Bruker for hard work to get this all accomplished and ready for the Convention.
  73. President Downey announced that next year is the 150<sup>th</sup> Session of the National Grange and the Eastern States have met to discuss the Convention. The Logo that was selected for the 150<sup>th</sup> National Session celebration was created by Pennsylvania’s own Christie Straub.
  74. Sister Mitchell, Chair of the Credentials Committee, reported—
    - Delegates representing the Subordinate Granges—129
    - Delegates representing Pomona Granges—48
    - Juniors—37; 6 chaperones
    - Guests—77
    - Total in attendance—296
  
    - Subordinate Granges represented—73
    - Pomona Granges represented—30
- Sister Mitchell also reported that there were 236 in attendance at the All Granger’s Banquet.
75. Sister Stacy Bruker gave a preliminary report of the Membership Survey Report that was recently sent out to our members. The data gathered was to determine why people joined the Grange, why they stay in the Grange and why they leave. The top three reasons Grange members joined the Grange were Personal Family Tradition, Community Involvement and Family Oriented Activities. Sister Bruker also stated that a results summary will be sent out to Granges. Sister Bruker reminded Subordinate and Pomona Secretaries that they are responsible to make sure that the information they receive from the State Grange office is forwarded to the proper person or committee within their Grange.
  76. Sister Barbara Gross gave the Heritage Quilt Trail Report. There are over 100 blocks now mounted in on Grange Halls, Fairgrounds and community buildings in Pennsylvania. Sister Gross has signs available for quilt block displays.



77. Sister Barbara Gross gave the Master/President Study Committee Report. This study which was the result of Resolution No. 31 from the 2014 PA State Grange Convention. The study was to determine if the Pennsylvania State Grange Master/President should continue as a Full-time position or change to a Part-time position. The committee recommended that the Pennsylvania State Grange continue to employ a full-time Master/President.
78. Sister Nettie Kauffman gave the report of the Lifetime Membership Committee. The committee has recommended an increase of the dues amount for each age category. There has been no increase in 7 years. The report was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
79. Sister Nettie Kauffman gave the Salary Committee Report. Committee's report was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
80. Sister Barbara Schroeder Chair of the Good of the Order Committee presented the recommended changes to the By-Laws —By-Law changes were accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
- a. A motion was made to strike the line added by the committee on Resolution #35, reverts back to the resolution as written, motion carried.
  - b. A motion was made to strike the word “or” and add the word “guardians” to line 17 of Resolution #35, motion carried.
  - c. A motion to amend the Resolution #49 to be changed to “PA State Grange Executive Committee WILL NOT be authorized to access the principle of the PA State Grange Property Account”, motion failed.
  - d. A motion was made to send Resolution #49 back to Committee, motion failed.
  - e. A motion was called for the question and seconded, to vote this takes a 2/3 vote, motion carried, the vote for the Resolution must be done immediately. Delegates adopted Resolution #49 as amended by the committee.
81. President Downey called National High Priest of Demeter and Executive Committee Member of the New York State Grange, Bruce Croucher, and his wife Sharon to the stage for a farewell. Brother Croucher thanked everyone for a great Session and that he enjoyed talking with PA Grangers and meeting new friends. Sister Sharon stated it was a wonderful experience participating in our State Session and talking with fellow Grangers. President Downey presented Brother Croucher and his wife Sharon with a gift.
82. Door Prizes
83. President Downey asked if there were any other suggestions for officers. Carl Meiss was nominated for the Office of Executive Committee. Tellers were appointed by Brother Richard Mangel, Overseer.
84. Election was held and then recessed for lunch.

85. President Downey called session back to order at 1:30 PM with the report of the Tellers.

86. The officers receiving the majority of the votes are listed below—

<u>Office</u>	<u>Officers Elected</u>	<u>County</u>
a. Gatekeeper	Gene Zvarick	Montgomery
b. Executive Committee	Barbara Gross	Venango

87. Sister Denise Clair, Chair of the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree, reported that 15 candidates received the Degree of Flora. Counties represented by candidates were as follows—Beaver-1; Centre-4; Columbia-1; Erie-1; Greene-2; Montgomery-1; Perry-1; Warren-4.

88. Brother Bob Hollabaugh, from the Host Committee announced that TAWC did not charge the Host Committee anything for the use of the Building. The Host Committee made a donation of \$1,000 to the Allegheny Community Center.

89. Brother Jim Huber continued with the Agriculture Committee Resolutions. Brother Huber presented the Policy Statement. The report in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

90. Sister Barbara Warden, Chair of the Family Issues Committee, presented the committee's resolutions. Sister Warden presented the Policy Statement. The report in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

a. A motion to eliminate the words "and law enforcement" on Resolution #21, motion carried.

91. President Downey called Sister Kelly VanOrd to come forward to thank her for all her hard work on the preparations for the 143<sup>rd</sup> State Grange Session. Sister VanOrd thanked everyone for their prayers for her recovery. Sister VanOrd also thanked the Host Committee for stepping up to keep things moving for a successful State Session

92. Brother Art Zug of the Government Issues Committee presented the committees resolutions. Brother Zug presented the Policy Statement. The report in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

93. President Downey called on Sister Lizzie Bailey, Chair of the 2016 Host Committee. Sister Bailey invited everyone to Shippensburg, PA. The dates are October 21-24 2016. Proceedings will be at the Shippensburg University. Host hotel is the Marriot Hotel which is right beside the University.

94. Sister Barbara Schroeder, Chair of the Good of the Order Committee, continued with the committee's resolutions. Sister Schroeder presented the Policy Statement. The report in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

a. A motion was made that the PA State Grange Executive Committee not be authorized to spend principle from PA State Grange Property Account, from sale of the former PA State Grange Headquarters at 1604 North Second Street, Harrisburg without PA State Grange Delegate approval, motion carried.

95. Brother Seidel, State Grange Treasurer, presented the Budget, it was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
- a. A motion to approve the increase from Lifetime Interest from \$12,500 to \$15,625, an increase of \$3,125, motion carried.
96. At 3:55 PM the Installation of Officers took place with—
- a. Installing Officer—Anna May Nauss
  - b. Master—Brad Nauss
  - c. Chaplain—Fae Snyder
  - d. Pianist—Joann Heim
  - e. Marshall—Fae Snyder
  - f. Emblem Bearer—Susan Tau
  - g. Regalia Bearer—Joyce Snyder
97. President Downey also thanked the Host Committee and called on the committee to be recognized for a great job. Sister Irons introduced Host committee. Sister Irons thanked everyone for coming to Warren.
98. President Downey thanked the State Officers. She also thanked Wayne Campbell and Cassidy Cheddar for their input. Parliamentarians are needed for the Session. There is a lot that is not in the By-Laws etc. President Downey appreciated the input from the Parliamentarians.
99. President Downey thanked the pianists, Amy Hickman and Joann Heim. She also thanked Doris Koenig for assisting Sandy Herman, in the Session PA State Grange Office.
100. Motion made and seconded to have the Monday minutes of the 2015 State Session approved by the Executive Committee. Motion carried.
101. Door Prizes were given by the Host Committee.
102. The was 143<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange closed with the Friendship Circle and everyone singing “God Be With You Until We Meet Again”.

Fraternally Submitted  
Debra Campbell, State Grange Secretary

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

President Report to the Delegate Body, State Session 2015, from Elizabeth "Beth" Downey Worthy National Priest of Demeter, Bruce Croucher, and your wonderful wife, Sharon, Worthy Past State Presidents/Masters, Pennsylvania State Grange Officers, Brother and Sister Delegates, staff and guests, welcome to Warren, in the Wilds of Pennsylvania.

This has been a whirlwind year. It's difficult to realize an entire year has gone by; it seems like a month at most since our 2014 State Session.

Let's begin with the bad news and get that behind us. In the past year we closed eighteen Granges, four of which blessedly merged with other Granges. We lost 633 members and that is a sobering figure to contemplate. It's been an interesting and difficult experience. Often when I called a particular Subordinate/Community Grange Master/President about their Grange, I was told their Grange had asked to close two, three, and four years ago. Meanwhile, because this action did not happen, we paid the dues for those Granges and Grangers for far too long. I asked our office manager, Sandy Herman, to compile the amount we lost in dues revenue because these Granges continued to remain open when they were no longer paying dues. That amount is over \$9,000. No, it is not good for a state Grange President/Master to have to report closed Granges and lost members and the financial loss. But this is a reality.

It is my strong conviction that if we don't do the best we can to mentor Granges at the state level and to mentor Granges and Grangers at the Community/Subordinate, Pomona and State level we WILL continue to lose members. Our Grange existence depends on mentoring! In faith, hope and charity, we MUST be caring and watching out for our brothers and sisters. WE ARE NOT DOING THAT WELL ENOUGH!!!!

So much of my time this past year has been solving interpersonal disputes. I'm dumbfounded! Our Grange motto: In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity. Why are we fighting in our Granges? Sometimes it's over the price of a paper product for use at a community service event. These issues confound and exhaust me. They take precious time away from so many other important issues. And yet I realize these battles are important to address, also. Some Granges have closed over in-house bullying. YES, that's what it is—bullying. Other Grangers get sick and tired of listening to the battles at meetings and they quit going and eventually drop their membership. There is so much micro-managing and petty personality issues in our Granges. So what can we do about this?

First, we can recall why our forefathers in Grange organized us. It was to look after one another. We wanted fairness in rail pricing to transport our agrarian commodities. We wanted better rural care in all aspects. We wanted to take Civil War battle-ravaged farms in the south and the north and clean them up into productive farming again. We wanted to look after one another. In Faith, Hope and Charity!

It is my belief we can get back to looking after one another. I've become aware we desperately need officer training as we once had in the past at Leadership Training Workshops. We will be doing that in the coming year at Officer Training Workshops across the state. The Executive Committee took the lead in creating a handbook for Subordinate/Community and Pomona Grange officers and Granges. Copies will be sent to every Grange. This handbook will explain your officer duties. Program Directors, please conduct some meeting programs on this handbook to help all of us do a better job as officers. Invite Advocates (formerly Deputies) to help with this officer training.

We have an Advocate system in place and the new Advocates are being trained and in many areas are working well with the local Granges. There was objection from many about changing the name from Deputy to Advocate and changing the goals and direction. I respect that objection. It was my strong belief that the Deputy system was not working. I don't know about your Grange but in my Granges, the visit of a Deputy was looked upon in fear. The deputy came with a

clipboard to evaluate the conduct of the meeting, the placement of the altar rug, how you wore your sash, and other ritual aspects. Yes, I think Grange ritual is important but frankly I do not think it is the most important thing in Grange. For the most part, the Deputy would make notes; give a stern lecture on proper procedures of the ritual and leave.

Advocates, as the word implies, are there to assist and help the Grange in any way possible. They are to visit Granges with a positive stance. They are there to see how they can help with anything the Grange members' desire. They will be delighted to speak about various topics. They are there to serve you in Faith, Hope and Charity! All PA State Officers with the exception of our Secretary and Treasurer are Advocates. There are additional Advocates. I tried hard to make sure we have Advocates all over the state. The term "Advocate" came from Treasurer Henry Seidel at the Officer/Committee Planning Meeting in February where everyone contributed to that decision. There are also two Chief Advocates to whom the Advocates report and/or get assignments.

Before I came on board there had been discussion about a change to our former newspaper, *The Advocate*. One day at the end of last year, I went out to our lobby library and scanned my eyes over the volumes of old Grange newspapers. I discovered that our oldest PA Grange publication was titled simply, "Pennsylvania Grange News." That title fully identifies our publication. We went to the magazine format to upgrade our publication. We appreciate all the positive input about the new format from you and from the non-Grange legislative and organizational leadership to whom we send the publication!

It has been a busy traveling year. National Session in Ohio followed almost immediately after State Session 2014. Our own Government Relations Director Betsy Huber served as second delegate. Next it was Farm Show time in January where we presented some new concepts such as the Prize Wheel which brought a lot of attention and interest to our booth. The first part of February found all state officers and committees in State College for a two-day planning meeting. We all worked hard putting together programming for this past year. (As I left the office to go to State College, I collided with an immovable object in the office garage and the impact caused me to pass out and fall to the floor. I am still having issues from that concussion and spinal damage.) In February I traveled to Illinois for a very educational Masters meeting. With a family at home, a mother and sister in nursing homes and all the challenges and budgetary constraints of this office, I am very selfish and guarded about traveling. The trip must be extremely worthwhile or I won't pursue it. That master's conference was worthwhile in so many ways, especially for all of us in attendance as new president/masters.

Other major events of the year I attended included speaking to the annual conference of the Pennsylvania Letter Carriers, participating at the Annual State Conference of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, Food Safety Symposium, National Grange Fly-in in Washington, DC, Legislative Family Day on the Hill, Family Festival, two state picnics, Junior Grange and Youth Grange camps, many hearings and conferences, including natural gas pipelines and heroin/drug abuse, GOAL Seminars and Advocate training and Ag Progress Days.

Some of my favorite times were visits to your special Grange activities, meetings, and legislative banquets all over the state. I really appreciate all the invitations and found your events to be so delightful. Our Granges are doing amazing things. I don't want to get too specific and then be cause for shame at leaving out some other Grange event I attended! But there is a lot of positive excitement running through many Granges, much to my delight. I found sheer pleasure helping in a certain Elizabethtown Grange fair booth at the cash register taking orders and giving change for milkshakes. I enjoyed receiving their invitation to help in the form of "You are scheduled.....!!" Actually it was the perfect change of pace I needed that particular day from the full and hectic office routine and found it very relaxing in a peculiar way in the midst of the fast paced customer rush. (We served 1,500 handspun milkshakes that evening.) The chocolate milkshake I consumed on my way back to my Harrisburg Radisson home was one of THE best

I've ever had! Thank you all for those wonderful invitations to all your celebrations, legislative banquets, anniversaries, annual entertainment for your community, honoring a fellow Granger or an outstanding citizen, Pomona visitations—where three or more Pomona's traveled to “play” together, and so many other Grange festivities across this amazing state. I truly appreciate and loved every moment with you!

While I appreciate the minimal opposition to a different form of legislative representation, Government Relations Director, Betsy Huber, has done an amazing job prior to and since her official start in January 2015. We have developed great relationships with the Governor's office, Secretary of Ag, Russell Redding, and various departments of Agriculture, so many of our legislators at both the state and national level and so many others. It was my desire to reach out to other agriculture and family organizations during my tenure. Within the first month, we enjoyed a delightful lunch meeting with Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and have taken advantage since of several meetings to confer together on topics of mutual interest. We have taken a lead in National Grange states with our participation in natural gas pipeline coalitions. You will learn much more about our membership role in various coalitions and organizational roles from Betsy. I have such great respect for the grassroots capabilities that Grange provides and the legislative activities give me great excitement in what we are all able to do to make rural and urban life better for our neighbors and ourselves.

As I stated at the beginning, due to many closures, we lost many members. However, we gained many members! Permit me to share a great story about one Grange I had to close. The student PSU Grange is in the process of being reorganized. This was decided after one of the student members did extensive research as to how to sustain the Grange even after students graduated and moved away. Some adult members in other Granges developed a mentoring program. This board consists of six non-student members from around the state with two members in Centre County that will mentor and watch over the student Grange. This is a new format not tried before in National Grange. I'd like to recognize the work of Elizabethtown Area Grange members Matt Espenshade and Cassidy Cheddar in this endeavor.

Membership Director, Stacy Ebersole Bruker, has done a good job organizing the two GOAL seminars led by former National Grange Membership Director, none other than our own Michael Martin. Michael has a contagious enthusiasm and positive attitude that makes one want to run out and recruit at least a hundred new members each! Stacy is planning two GOAL seminars in 2016. Please attend one of these exciting and informative events. You will hear more from Stacy during our session about the results of the membership survey. The most important thing I need to say is call Membership Director, Stacy, to come to your Grange to help you with membership!! Do not expect her to gain that membership for you: that's your job. But she would be delighted to help you.

Thank you. Oh my, where do I begin? First of all, in addition to our wonderful Host Committee, we would not be here today without all the work of your office staff. I continue to be astounded by the capabilities of Sandy Herman. My favorite example is asking her to catalogue all our books and manuscripts in the Grange library. She had it done within hours. I appreciate her ability to create data graphs. As any of you who call the office know, she has a professional and particularly pleasant phone demeanor. Thank you, Sandy!

Public Relations/Membership Director Stacy Bruker delights me with her graphic capabilities and membership enthusiasm. She has done a remarkable job with our new magazine publication. I look forward to seeing her carry out the positive results of our membership survey. Thank you, Stacy!

Government Relations Director, Betsy Huber, is so respected at both the state and national level in legislative endeavors. I also see that same level of respect to her work from leaders of the various organizational and coalition activities in which we participate as members and board members. It is delightful to “divide and conquer” when there are two hearings or legislative

meetings to attend and between us we are able to attend both! It is so gratifying having you on board carrying out our legislative goals, Betsy! Thank you very much!

This year we have all new committee directors. They have all performed their duties with grace and excellence. I would also like to thank the prior directors who, speaking of grace, made the transition nearly seamless. They continue to provide input when asked by the new directors. Thank you so much, Karen Mohn, Anna May Nauss, Ginny Mangel and Kelly VanOrd. And thank you to the new directors, Ellen Wadsworth, Lurae Benzio, Ruth Vonada and Martha Ebersole. You did excellent work on so many activities this year—all the camps, Family Festival. I know our state session will go well with all your preparations you have put forth on your committees. Thank you!

I would like to offer a special thanks to Dr. James Diamond. Dr. Jim came in my office shortly after election and we talked. I really appreciate his mentoring. He helped on a special committee this year and actually wrote the protocol for that committee for future years. I really respect you, Dr. Jim. Thank you!

I have also been blessed by the input from former State Grange Masters. Our conversations are respectful, delightful and educational. Thank you!

Thank you to all our new Advocates and to our State Officers. We are blessed by all of you and the hard work you are doing for Pennsylvania State Grange.

Finally, thank you to our Host Committee here in Warren. They have been so busy this past couple years preparing for all of us to celebrate our annual state session. So, with that, it is time to do the work of our members and to celebrate Grange!

God bless all of you!

Elizabeth (Beth) Downey, President

## **REPORT OF OVERSEER**

Worthy Master, National Representatives, State Grange Officers, Delegates, and Guests.

As my 5<sup>th</sup> year as your State Grange Overseer comes to an end, there have been many opportunities, challenges and rewarding experiences in this position. I would like to thank all of you for support and for giving me this opportunity to serve you and your Granges.

The State Grange Overseer does a lot more than just fill a station at the State Grange Annual Session. One of the jobs of the State Overseer is to assist the Master/President in their job in whatever areas he is ask and when he is asked. The State Grange Overseer chairs the Grange Scholarship Foundation. I encourage each Grange and Granger to contribute to the Scholarship Foundation as it provides scholarships to some of our younger Grange members for their college education. The State Grange Overseer along with the State Master/President attends all of the State Executive Committee meetings throughout the year. Together they make decisions that not only effect the everyday operation of the State Grange Office, but also each Grange/Granger throughout the State. Sometimes these decisions are not easy, but they are necessary for the Good of the Order.

At last year's State Grange Session in October 2014 in Reading, PA, we elected a new State Grange Master/President, Beth Downey to run the PA State Grange for the next two years. Upon taking office Beth decided to make some changes within the State Office staff and directors. One person Beth decided to keep was Sandy Herman our State Grange Office Manager. She has been and continues to be a great asset to our office staff. She has done many things that have helped improve the everyday operation of our State Grange Office. If you need anything from the State Grange Office don't be afraid to call and ask Sandy, she is willing to help anyone in any way her job lets her. Sandy, keep up the good work.

The first change Beth decided to make was in our PR/Membership position. After several interviews, Beth made the decision to hire Stacy Bruker to fill this position. Stacy has been working hard over the past year to improve our *Pennsylvania Grange News*. I think it is much better than it has been for awhile. Stacy has also been working with Granges on membership. She is working on ideas to help Granges turn membership loss into membership gain. Remember membership growth is not just Stacy's job; it is each and every Grangers' job to find ways to improve and increase membership in their local Grange. If we all pull together we can turn the membership decline into membership growth. If anyone has any ideas that are working in your Grange, please share them with Stacy. They may help others also.

The second change Beth decided to make was within our Legislative department. Instead of using Versant Strategies, Beth opted to hire Betsy Huber to be our Government Relations Director. Betsy has many contacts on Capitol Hill and is well known. Betsy knows the Grange's position on Legislative issues and continues to keep the Grange in front of our Legislatures. Betsy also continues to keep the Granges in the loop on what is happening with a bill that can affect each and every Granger.

The third decision Beth made was to replace all of the existing department heads with new people. Putting new people in charge of the departments with new committees hopefully will bring new ideas which in turn can bring new growth into the departments.

Since October 2014, Beth Downey our Master/President has been working very hard with many Granges concerning many different Grange issues. She has been working with Stacy Bruker on membership issues as well as working with Betsy Huber on many Legislative issues. One of the programs that Beth has implemented is in what used to be the Deputy Program. There is no longer a Deputy Program as we knew it but now they are Advocates. Beth has appointed most state officers and other new people to be these Advocates. The propose of the Advocates are to work with Granges who need help in whatever area they need. There will be two Chief Advocates, they are Richard Mangel for Western Pennsylvania, and Michael Adams for Eastern Pennsylvania. The Advocates will report to the Chief Advocate who will in turn report to the State Master/President. To receive help, a Grange only has to request help through the State Grange Master/President and an Advocate will be assigned to work with that Grange. So far I have had the opportunity to work with two different Granges in Western PA on issues concerning Grange officers.

What else has been happening in 2015 on the State Grange Level? That is a good question.

Starting in February 2015, we had our Annual State Officers and Directors/Committees Planning Meeting. At this meeting, we discussed future programs, the upcoming Family Festival, other events that happen through the year, and last but not least, the State Grange Annual Session. This year our Annual State Grange Session was held in Warren, PA. The Planning Meeting is a great weekend for officers, department heads and committee people to get together and discuss the PA State Grange and its programs. We do accomplish a lot at this meeting.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the past Department Directors, Family Activities—Virginia Mangel, Youth—Anna May Nauss, Juniors—Karen Mohn, Deaf & Community Service—Kelly VanOrd and their committees for their dedication and hard work over the years.

I also want to thank all the past State Officers who filled their position with dignity and honor.

Last, but not least I want to thank our present Executive Committee for all the hours they dedicate and the work they put in helping to operate the PA State Grange.

Remember the Grange is your family. When you are asked to do something for your Grange or community, remember to say, **"I WOULD BE DELIGHTED"**

Thank you for taking time to read my report. I look forward to another great Grange year. Let's all work together as a TEAM, not only to keep our Granges alive—but also growing.

Fraternally submitted,  
Richard Mangel



## REPORT OF LECTURER

Worthy State Master, National and State Officers, Delegates, Distinguished Guests and members of the Pennsylvania State Grange, greetings from the office of Lecturer. I have enjoyed many experiences this past year in office.

The months of October and November I traveled to several Granges to install their new officers.

In February I attended the State Grange Planning Meeting in State College where I enjoyed meeting with my committee, State Officers, other committees, and Grangers while exchanging ideas and making plans for the upcoming year.

I attended three GOAL Seminars. If you haven't attended one yet, please sign up. It is full of information.

I attended the Youth and Junior Grange Camp Coronations at Camp Sylvan Hills, Howard, PA., and the State Grange Picnic held at DelGrosso's Park.

Mid-Atlantic Lecturer's Conference was held this year in Galax, Virginia, where I was one of 9 members who attended from Pennsylvania.

This year's Family Festival, Centre Hall, PA, was our 12<sup>th</sup> year. Coordinating this event is always challenging yet very rewarding to see it all come together. Attendees voted for next year's theme, which is *Under the Sea!* Plan to attend next year so you don't miss out on the fun!

This year there were 13 subordinate entries in the talent contest! The winners are as follows:

**Vocal:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jennifer Beamon and Gail Switzer

**Instrumental:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Michael Adams

**Variety:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Virginia Straub

**Best of Show Winner: Michael Adams!**

Michael is unable to attend National Grange. Jennifer Beamon and Gail Switzer will be representing Pennsylvania at National Grange in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The first place winners will be the entertainment at the State Session All Granger Banquet. I hope to see more contestants next year. Please share your talent! A big THANK YOU to all those who jumped in and helped make the Family Festival a success.

Working all three days in the booth at Ag Progress Days, State College, PA, is always exciting as I get to talk with members and potential members from across the State, along with a few inquiries from people in other neighboring states. This year I also helped with the sales of the quilt tickets and cookbooks.

I would like to thank those who helped me through this year. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Lecturer.

Lorena Baughman

Lecturer's Committee:

Region A – J.V. Lamb, New Castle, PA

Region B & F – Jackie Clabaugh, Williamsburg,  
PA & Georgette Mummert, Alexandria, PA

Region C – Jessie White, Turbotville, PA.

Region E – Thomas Kostelansky, Vandergrift, PA.

Region H – Denise Clare, Hamburg, PA.

## 2015 LECTURER CONTEST WINNERS

### **Pen in Hand - Short Story**

1st - Shirley Swires – Scotch Valley – Blair

### **Pen in Hand - Poem**

1st - Caroline Reilly – Scotch Valley – Blair

### **Wind Chimes (Pretty)**

1st - Caroline Reilly – Scotch Valley – Blair

### **Wind Chimes (Most Creative)**

1st - Deborah Kolpak – Chester Valley – Chester

### **Wind Chimes (Funny)**

1st - Ashley Kolpak – Chester Valley – Chester

### **Wind Chimes (Most Creative) - Junior Division**

1st - Kay Reyburn – Russellville – Chester

### **Wind Chimes (Pretty) - Junior Division**

1st - Cayla Reyburn – Russellville – Chester

### **Container Pots (Pretty) – Junior Division**

1st – Ava Jenkins – Pioneer – Berks

### **Container Pots (Funny) – Junior Division**

1st – Tucker Sattazahn – Marion – Berks

### **Container Pots (Pretty)**

1st - Deborah Kolpak – Chester Valley – Chester

### **Container Pots (Funny)**

1st - Deborah Kolpak – Chester Valley – Chester

### **Container Pots (Grange)**

1st - Jackie Clabaugh – Scotch Valley – Blair

### **Frames (Pretty) – Junior Division**

1st – Tabatha Samsel – Marion

### **Frames (Grange) – Junior Division**

1st – Conrad Long – Walker – Juniata

### **Frames (Holiday) – Junior Division**

1st – Cadence Tempel – Pioneer – Berks

### **Frames (Funny) – Foam – Subordinate**

1st - Shirley Swires – Scotch Valley – Blair

### **Frames (Pretty) – Foam – Subordinate**

1st - Deborah Kolpak – Chester Valley – Chester

### **Frames (Pretty) – Plastic – Subordinate**

1st – Marci Jenkins – Pioneer – Berks

### **Frames (Funny) – Plastic – Subordinate**

1st - Deborah Kolpak – Chester Valley – Chester

### **Frames (Pretty) – Wood – Subordinate**

1st - Heather Druckenmiller – Big Knob – Beaver

### **Frames (Funny) – Wood – Subordinate**

1st - Deborah Kolpak – Chester Valley – Chester

### **Frames (Grange) – Wood – Subordinate**

1st - Shirley Swires – Scotch Valley – Blair

### **Photography (Animals)**

1st - Alice Whitehill – Frankfort Spring – Beaver

### **Photography (Flowers)**

1st – Marci Jenkins – Pioneer – Berks

### **Photography (Sunrise/Sunset)**

1st – Tammy Schaeffer – Pioneer – Berks

### **Photography (Holiday)**

1st - Shelley Fayewicz – Virginville – Berks

### **Photography (Barns)**

1st - Alice Whitehill – Frankfort Spring – Beaver

### **Photography (Photo Collage)**

1st – Hannah Leibensperger – Pioneer – Berks

### **Photography (Photo Gallery)**

1st – Georgette Mummert – Hartslog Valley – Huntingdon

### **Photography (Digitally Enhanced)**

1st - Alice Whitehill – Frankfort Spring – Beaver

### **Art (Still Life)**

1st – Jodi Keith – Lincoln – Huntingdon

### **Art (Portraits)**

1st - Ashley Kolpak – Chester Valley – Chester

### **Art (Animals)**

1st - Ashley Kolpak – Chester Valley – Chester

### **My Favorite Anything (Wood)**

1st - Matt Irons – Watson – Warren

**My Favorite Anything (Plastic)**

1st - Ben Reilly – Scotch Valley –  
Blair

**My Favorite Anything (Material/Yarn)**

1st – Dori Kralj – Scrubgrass –  
Venango

**My Favorite Anything (Misc)**

1st – Charles McKee – Walker –  
Juniata

**Container Pots –**

Deborah Kolpak – Chester

**Frame –**

Deborah Kolpak – Chester

**Photography –**

Alice Whitehill – Beaver

**Art –**

Ashley Kolpak – Chester

**Best of Show****Wind Chimes –**

Ashley Kolpak – Chester

**Chalkboard –**

Deborah Kolpak – Chester

**Best of Show (Juniors)****Container Pots –**

Ava Jenkins – Berks

## REPORT OF STEWARD

Worthy Master, National Representative, State Officers, Delegates, and Guests,

I bring greetings from the eastern part of the state. Berks County is my home, where I serve as the Pomona Master, Hamburg Master, and Kutztown Overseer. I attend a lot of Grange meetings and participate in a lot of activities, from serving banquets to attending social events.

I want to thank the delegate body at the 2014 State Session for electing me to my first state officer position as your State Steward. It has been a good year and also a learning experience.

Beth Downey, the PA State President, asked me to be a Chief Advocate for the eastern half of Pennsylvania soon after the 2014 State Session. I started 2015 by attending the planning meeting in January. This gave me an opportunity to offer suggestions to move this organization in a positive direction.

I attended several Open Houses/Community Nights in Berks County as the State Steward. I attended the Family Festival in July, where I received “Best Of Show” in the talent contest for a hand chime performance, and I visited Keystone Grange #2 in August. Finally, I attended the GOAL Seminar at California Grange in August.

I am looking forward to being the State Steward for the State Grange session in Warren, PA.

One final note, if you would like me to visit any of your Grange functions, contact me so that we can schedule a visitation.

Fraternally Yours,  
Michael Adams

## REPORT OF LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD

Greetings from the headquarters of the 2015 PA State Grange Annual Session in Warren, PA. It is a great honor to have all of you here in my hometown and I hope you grow to love it as much as we do. We may be small, but as the saying goes “good things come in small packages!”

This past year has gone by so quickly with all of the planning needed for State Session and, unfortunately due to our schedule, the only thing we have been able to attend was the planning meeting itself. This summer my husband was taking 3 graduate classes which kept him busy

studying and me busy parenting. I would not have traded the time with my son for anything. Family is what comes first. We really enjoy all of the summer Grange activities and are saddened we were not able to attend. I look forward to what each department will bring next year and the fun my family and I will have.

Thank you again for your continued support and trust in me as your Lady Assistant Steward and I look forward to spending time with you all in Warren and serving you another year. God Bless you and yours.

Fraternally Submitted,

Miranda L. Irons

## **REPORT OF CHAPLAIN**

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

It is hard to believe that another Grange year is over. It has been a busy year full of many blessings, and I continue to praise God for the blessings he has bestowed upon me. It is truly an honor to continue to serve the Grange in the capacity as State Grange Chaplain, and I want to thank you for allowing me this great privilege.

In February, I attended the State Officers planning meeting to help plan the year's events. It's always a pleasure to spend time with the Officer Team, especially to discuss the plans for this great organization.

This summer was again a busy one for me as Chaplain. I attended Youth Camp on Sunday morning, where I led the worship service. I was disappointed to not be able to attend Junior Camp this year, due to work conflicts, but I hope to attend next year. The Pennsylvania State Grange is fortunate to have so many active and engaged Youth and Juniors who will lead our organization into the future. Later in July, I attended the annual Family Festival, where I again had the opportunity to lead the worship service Sunday morning.

At this year's annual State Session, we will again be utilizing the Session Headquarters for the worship service. We are honored to have Reverend Ralph Culp, from Warren, PA join us on Sunday to lead the worship service.

In addition to my work with the State Grange, I continue to be an active member of my Subordinate and Pomona Grange. Outside of the Grange, I continue to work in an elementary school as a speech therapist, working with children in Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. In my spare time, I continue to be active in my home church (playing the piano for children's Sunday School, playing in the chime choir, singing in the choir, and serving on the Church Council), volunteering in my community, and spending time with my family.

I would like to thank you again for entrusting me with the office of Chaplain. I look forward to continuing to serve the Grange in the future and will continue to strive to do my best for this organization and its members. God Bless!

Fraternally submitted,

Jennifer Nauss

## 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 143rd Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

Today, we are reviewing the financial records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. My records, as well as the records of the Department Heads and State Office were forwarded to the firm of Hamilton & Musser, P.C. in Mechanicsburg. The audit was performed under the direction of Whitney Kohler and Thomas Welch.

As your Treasurer, I am responsible for keeping the financial records of the following accounts: the Scholarship Funds including the Leonard Rhone Grant, Ellis M. Santee Loans, Foundation Scholarships and Jonathan Sattazahn Camp Scholarships, Subordinate Grange Trust Funds (for both Active and Closed Granges), Subordinate Grange Improvement Loans, Lifetime Membership, Property Account, Emergency Fund and a portion of the general assets of the PA State Grange.

Sandy Herman, under the guidance of our Worthy Master, managed the day-to-day financial requirements of the State Office.

### **Scholarship Funds:**

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, no grants were awarded from the Leonard Rhone Scholarship Fund. These grants are available to Grange members in good standing. The student must attend Penn State and preference is given to those who pursue the study of agriculture or home economics (known today as Human Development and Family Services).

There was one (1) loan of \$1,000, two (2) loans of \$750 and one (1) loan of \$500 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. 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 Wells Fargo. 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, 2015, there were thirty-four (34) students involved in the program. Two (2) students completed the repayment of their loan during the year. Eight (8) are making payments, seventeen (17) are setting up a repayment schedule 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.pagrange.org](http://www.pagrange.org). This is one of our benefits that continues to be promoted 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. The PA State Grange returns 97%. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, there were 109 Granges with invested funds. Twenty-six (26) of those Granges are closed and two (2) had their assets transferred to the State Grange after having been closed for seven (7) years. Three (3) active Granges and one (1) closed Grange added funds to the trust for the first time. Three (3) Granges transitioned from active to closed.

### **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. This program invests Grange dollars back into Grange improvements. Two (2) new loans were approved during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. There were four (4) Granges with loans in the program and one was paid back in full. Granges interested in utilizing this program must submit an application to the State Office for approval by the State Grange Master and State Grange Executive Committee.

**Lifetime Members:**

As of June 30, 2015, there have been a total of 1,572 members who have become lifetime members since the program's inception in 1984. We gained 20 new lifetime members during the Grange fiscal year. In addition to permitting individuals to make an investment in their Grange future it also provides an opportunity for Granges to honor special members by paying all or part of the lifetime fees. Occasionally, members may give a lifetime membership as a gift to family members.

In closing, I thank you for your trust and confidence. The Executive Committee and I continue to deal with low interest rates that limit the return on investment for all of the assets of the PA State Grange, the Active & Closed Granges and the Grant and Scholarship Funds. I will continue to keep the best interest of the Grange and its membership in mind when considering future conservative investment options.

Fraternally submitted,  
Henry L. Seidel, Treasurer



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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Directors of  
Pennsylvania State Grange  
Lemoyne, Pennsylvania

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have reviewed the accompanying consolidating financial statements of Pennsylvania State Grange (a nonprofit organization) and Pennsylvania State Grange Foundation (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the consolidating statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets – modified cash basis as of June 30, 2015, and the related consolidating statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets – modified cash basis for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidating financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the consolidating financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidating financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidating financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

### **Accountant's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the consolidating financial statements for them to be in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

### **Accountant's Conclusion**

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying consolidating financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting.

## **Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 of the consolidating financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our conclusion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## **Supplementary Information**

The supplementary information included in pages 13-21 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic consolidating financial statements. The information is the representation of management. We have reviewed the information and, based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the information in order for it to be in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting. We have not audited the information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion on such information.

The supplementary information included in pages 22-27 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic consolidating financial statements. The information is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed such information and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, or provide any assurance on it.

October 1, 2015

Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania



*Certified Public Accountants*



**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE**  
Schedule of Income and Expenses – Operating Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Membership and Dues Income	
Subordinate Dues	\$ 183,228
Initiation Fees	975
Golden Sheaf	(7,682)
Lifetime Member	(37,375)
Miscellaneous	(2,872)
Subordinate Associate Member	<u>1,760</u>
Total Membership and Dues Income	<u>\$ 138,034</u>
Profits from Sale of Merchandise	
Sale of Merchandise	<u>\$ 28,801</u>
Cost of Merchandise	
Sold	12,205
Sales Tax Paid	1,947
Postage/Fees	<u>2,625</u>
Total Cost of Merchandise	<u>16,777</u>
Total Profits from Sale of Merchandise	<u>\$ 12,024</u>
Gross Profit Percentage	<u>41.7%</u>
Restricted Member Fund Income	
Restricted Member Fund Income	<u>\$ 1,570</u>
Total Restricted Member Fund Income	<u>\$ 1,570</u>
Investment Income	
Interest	\$ 10,177
Unrealized Gain	<u>4,876</u>
Total Investment Income	<u>\$ 15,053</u>
Forfeited Granges	
Forfeited Granges	<u>\$ 30,856</u>
Total Forfeited Granges	<u>\$ 30,856</u>
Other Income	
Lifetime Membership Interest	\$ 12,478
Sixth Degree	260
Disaster Relief	178
Family Festival	9,943
Miscellaneous	<u>20,173</u>
Total Other Income	<u>\$ 43,032</u>

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE**  
Schedule of Income and Expenses – Operating Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Employee Expenses	
Gross Payroll	\$ 132,952
Payroll Taxes	13,375
Employee Benefits – Health	8,312
Employee Benefits – Retirement	1,879
Employee Benefits – Life	367
Workers’ Compensation Insurance	689
Contract Services	<u>2,017</u>
Total Employee Expenses	<u>\$ 159,591</u>
Grange Headquarters	
Depreciation	\$ 3,324
Rent Expense	33,060
Other Insurance	6,504
Spring Water/Soda/Beverages	<u>237</u>
Total Grange Headquarters	<u>\$ 43,125</u>
State Sessions	
Rooms and Food	\$ 9,255
Reports and Programs	1,022
Pre-Session	530
Journal of Proceedings	125
Other	<u>1,872</u>
Total State Sessions	<u>\$ 12,804</u>
Promotions	
Farm Show	\$ 2,672
AG Progress Days	3,085
Family Festival	7,152
Other	<u>2,049</u>
Total Promotions	<u>\$ 14,958</u>
Departments and Committees	
Young Adults Department	\$ 1,643
Department Head Meetings	3,303
Membership Department	3,206
Community Service Program	595
Family Activities Department	1,491
Lecturer Department	2,525
Executive Committee	4,809
State Officer Expense	439
Deputy Expenses	<u>145</u>
Total Departments and Committees	<u>\$ 18,156</u>

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE**  
Schedule of Income and Expenses – Operating Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Office Expenses	
Quarterly Reports	\$ 840
Assessment Expense	13,128
Public Relations	3,641
Legislative	15,459
Supplies	6,027
Equipment Repairs	60
Computer Support/Supplies	3,750
Website	519
Telephone	5,204
Copier – Lease	4,294
National Grange Convention	753
Donations	1,285
Miscellaneous	<u>741</u>
Total Office Expenses	<u>\$ 55,701</u>
Pennsylvania Grange News	
Printing	\$ 15,635
Postage/Mailing List	<u>12,154</u>
Total Pennsylvania Grange News	<u>\$ 27,789</u>
Administrative Expenses	
Legal	\$ 5,077
Accounting	9,945
President	12,251
Local Grange	4,011
Miscellaneous	1,211
Restricted Member Fund	<u>4,857</u>
Total Administrative Expenses	<u>\$ 37,352</u>

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE**  
 Consolidating Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis  
 June 30, 2015

	Operating Fund	Committee Funds	Lifetime Membership Fund	Ellis M. Santee Educational Loan Fund	Scholarship Funds	Pennsylvania State Grange Total	Subordinate Grange Trust Fund (Agency Funds)	Total All Funds	Pennsylvania State Grange Foundation	Consolidating Total
<b>Assets</b>										
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 160,929	\$ 45,640	\$ 11,594	\$ 83,778	\$ 1,893	\$ 303,834	\$ 494,539	\$ 798,373	\$ 5,701	\$ 804,074
Student Loans Receivable	-	-	-	33,735	-	33,735	-	33,735	-	33,735
Certificates of Deposit	-	20,000	-	-	19,000	39,000	382,548	421,548	26,403	447,951
Investments (Note 3)	369,306	-	392,586	373,158	-	1,135,050	3,039,044	4,174,094	59,429	4,233,523
Accrued Interest Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	736	736	-	736
Inventory - Cookbooks	75,121	-	-	-	-	75,121	-	75,121	-	75,121
Inventory - Other	1,374	-	-	-	-	1,374	-	1,374	-	1,374
Property and Equipment, Net (Note 4)	811	-	-	-	-	811	-	811	-	811
Subordinate Granges Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,503	10,503	-	10,503
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 607,541</b>	<b>\$ 65,640</b>	<b>\$ 404,180</b>	<b>\$ 490,671</b>	<b>\$ 20,893</b>	<b>\$ 1,588,925</b>	<b>\$ 3,927,370</b>	<b>\$ 5,516,295</b>	<b>\$ 91,533</b>	<b>\$ 5,607,828</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>										
<b>Liabilities</b>										
Contest Winners Fund	\$ 25,203	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,203	\$ -	\$ 25,203	\$ -	\$ 25,203
Deposits – Subordinate Granges	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,927,370	3,927,370	-	3,927,370
Other Liabilities	18,444	-	-	-	-	18,444	-	18,444	-	18,444
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>43,647</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,647</b>	<b>3,927,370</b>	<b>3,971,017</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,971,017</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>563,894</b>	<b>65,640</b>	<b>404,180</b>	<b>490,671</b>	<b>20,893</b>	<b>1,545,278</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,545,278</b>	<b>91,533</b>	<b>1,636,811</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 607,541</b>	<b>\$ 65,640</b>	<b>\$ 404,180</b>	<b>\$ 490,671</b>	<b>\$ 20,893</b>	<b>\$ 1,588,925</b>	<b>\$ 3,927,370</b>	<b>\$ 5,516,295</b>	<b>\$ 91,533</b>	<b>\$ 5,607,828</b>

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE**  
**Consolidating Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis**  
**June 30, 2015**

	Operating Fund	Committee Funds	Lifetime Membership Fund	Ellis M. Santee Educational Loan Fund	Scholarship Funds	Pennsylvania State Grange Total	Subordinate Grange Trust Fund (Agency Funds)	Total All Funds	Pennsylvania State Grange Foundation	Consolidating Funds
<b>Income</b>										
Membership and Dues Income	\$ 138,034	\$ -	\$ 8,142	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 146,176	\$ -	\$ 146,176	\$ -	\$ 146,176
Profits from Sale of Merchandise	12,024	-	-	-	-	12,024	-	12,024	-	12,024
Restricted Member Fund Income	1,570	-	-	-	-	1,570	-	1,570	-	1,570
Investment Income (Note 3)	15,053	25	21,304	3,143	236	39,761	-	39,761	1,394	41,155
Forfeited Granges	30,856	-	-	-	-	30,856	-	30,856	-	30,856
Other Income	43,032	20,462	-	-	-	63,494	-	63,494	3,417	66,911
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>240,569</b>	<b>20,487</b>	<b>29,446</b>	<b>3,143</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>293,881</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>293,881</b>	<b>4,811</b>	<b>298,692</b>
<b>Expenses</b>										
Employee Expenses	159,591	-	-	-	-	159,591	-	159,591	-	159,591
Grange Headquarters	43,125	-	-	-	-	43,125	-	43,125	-	43,125
State Sessions	12,804	-	-	-	-	12,804	-	12,804	-	12,804
Promotions	14,958	-	-	-	-	14,958	-	14,958	-	14,958
Departments and Committees	18,156	-	-	-	-	18,156	-	18,156	-	18,156
Office Expenses	55,701	-	-	-	-	55,701	-	55,701	-	55,701
Pennsylvania Grange News	27,789	-	-	-	-	27,789	-	27,789	-	27,789
Administrative Expenses	37,352	-	-	-	-	37,352	-	37,352	-	37,352
Committee and Other Department Expenses	-	25,937	12,478	11,140	-	49,555	-	49,555	14,706	64,261
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>369,476</b>	<b>25,937</b>	<b>12,478</b>	<b>11,140</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>419,031</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>419,031</b>	<b>14,706</b>	<b>433,737</b>
Changes in Net Assets	(128,907)	(5,450)	16,968	(7,997)	236	(125,150)	-	(125,150)	(9,895)	(135,045)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	692,801	71,090	387,212	498,668	20,657	1,670,428	-	1,670,428	101,428	1,771,856
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 563,894	\$ 65,640	\$ 404,180	\$ 490,671	\$ 20,893	\$ 1,545,278	\$ -	\$ 1,545,278	\$ 91,533	\$ 1,636,811

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE**  
Schedule of Income and Expenses – Committee Funds  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

	<u>Lecturer's Department</u>	<u>Deaf and Community Service</u>	<u>Junior Grange</u>	<u>Youth/ Young Adult</u>	<u>Family Activity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Receipts						
Appeals & Donations	\$ -	\$ 4,152	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,152
Junior Grange	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	-	-	1,560	1,346	-	2,906
Quilt Raffle	-	-	-	-	2,025	2,025
Camp Registration	-	-	8,098	701	-	8,799
Miscellaneous	1,859	-	2	136	-	1,997
ERYC	-	-	-	-	-	-
Awards Income	-	250	-	-	-	250
Book Sales	-	42	-	-	-	42
Family Festival	-	-	-	-	291	291
Interest	-	-	4	16	5	25
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>25</u>
Total Receipts	<u>1,859</u>	<u>4,444</u>	<u>9,664</u>	<u>2,199</u>	<u>2,321</u>	<u>20,487</u>
Expenditures						
Camp	-	-	8,821	1,695	-	10,516
Contest Winners	120	1,080	-	-	1,971	3,171
Donations	-	2,920	-	-	-	2,920
ERYC	-	-	-	180	-	180
Family Festival	748	100	305	73	71	1,297
Miscellaneous	-	5	1,002	538	526	2,071
Operation Shoe Box	-	1,511	-	-	-	1,511
State and National Sessions	767	111	1,309	2,084	-	4,271
	<u>767</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>1,309</u>	<u>2,084</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,271</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>1,635</u>	<u>5,727</u>	<u>11,437</u>	<u>4,570</u>	<u>2,568</u>	<u>25,937</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Expenditures	224	(1,283)	(1,773)	(2,371)	(247)	(5,450)
Beginning Cash	<u>1,900</u>	<u>4,536</u>	<u>21,527</u>	<u>16,706</u>	<u>6,421</u>	<u>51,090</u>
Ending Cash	<u>\$ 2,124</u>	<u>\$ 3,253</u>	<u>\$ 19,754</u>	<u>\$ 14,335</u>	<u>\$ 6,174</u>	<u>\$ 45,640</u>

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE**  
Schedules of Active Grange Funds  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

<b>ACTIVE GRANGES</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Interest Earned</b>	<b>Interest Paid Grange</b>	<b>Interest Paid State Grange</b>	<b>Additions/ Withdrawals</b>	<b>June 30, 2015 Ending Balance</b>
Atlantic - #344	\$ 11,755	\$ 277	\$ 269	\$ 8	\$ -	\$ 11,755
Baileyville - #1991	36,742	868	842	26	-	36,742
Blanco - #2099 (Marshall #539)	15,397	364	353	11	-	15,397
Boot Jack - #1680	26,540	627	608	19	(2,650)	23,890
Bottle Run - # 1301 (Lycova #2006)	18,510	437	424	13	-	18,510
Brandywine - #60	87,103	2,057	1,995	62	-	87,103
Buffalo Valley - #520	29,657	700	679	21	-	29,657
Clearfield Pomona - #33	19,885	469	455	14	-	19,885
Cochranton - #2030	46,190	1,049	1,018	31	(4,000)	42,190
Community - #2048	18,290	432	419	13	-	18,290
Dawson - #419	84,572	1,930	1,872	58	(4,144)	80,428
East Lynn - #1263	264,612	6,247	6,060	187	-	264,612
East New Castle - #1536	29,069	666	646	20	(2,000)	27,069
Edinboro - #947	52,813	1,247	1,210	37	-	52,813
Elk Creek - #997	34,000	803	779	24	-	34,000
Eureka - #816	34,843	823	798	25	-	34,843
Fallowfield - 1382	20,425	482	468	14	-	20,425
Friendship - #1232	13,795	326	316	10	-	13,795
Fulton - #66	-	932	904	28	78,880	78,880
Gibson - #798 (Harford #418)	17,600	415	403	12	-	17,600
Goshen - #121	29,960	697	676	21	(1,000)	28,960
Hartslog Valley -#375	39,600	935	907	28	-	39,600
Hayfield - #800 (Cambridge #168)	12,950	399	387	12	(1,000)	11,950
Hayfield - #800 (W. Center #1034)	4,645	-	-	-	-	4,645
Hillcrest - #1674 (1/2 of Valley #878)	5,926	140	136	4	-	5,926
Honeybrook - #1688	66,812	1,577	1,530	47	-	66,812
Kennett - #19	71,863	1,540	1,494	46	(7,186) *	64,677

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE**  
Schedules of Active Grange Funds - Continued  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

ACTIVE GRANGES	Beginning Balance	Interest Earned	Interest Paid Grange	Interest Paid State Grange	Additions/ Withdrawals	June 30, 2015 Ending Balance
Kimberton - #1304	117,663	2,778	2,695	83	-	117,663
Little Gap - #1882	19,700	465	451	14	-	19,700
London - # 1492	58,166	1,362	1,321	41	(625) *	57,541
London Grove - #63	45,470	1,073	1,041	32	-	45,470
Long Branch Comm. - #2072 (Deemstown # 1372)	29,585	669	649	20	(1,500) *	28,085
Mahoning Valley - #1649 (Wilmington #1477)	64,728	1,456	1,412	44	(4,000)	60,728
Marshallton - #1394	45,909	1,045	1,014	31	(4,599)	41,310
Menallen - #1091	79,425	1,875	1,819	56	-	79,425
Morning Star - #1271	14,933	342	332	10	(1,000)	13,933
Mountain - # 1307	20,197	477	463	14	-	20,197
Mt. Nebo - #1872	321,393	7,589	7,361	228	-	321,393
New Vernon -#608 (Millbrook # 1601)	720	18	17	1	-	720
North Woodbury -#1923	26,970	614	596	18	(2,700)	24,270
Ontelaunee - #1617 (Centerport #1600)	19,275	455	441	14	-	19,275
Penn - #534	22,119	569	552	17	-	22,119
Penn - #534 (Greenwood #706)	2,000	-	-	-	-	2,000
Perry Valley - #1804	-	1,105	1,072	33	177,099	177,099
Pleasant Hill - #1505	40,384	954	925	29	-	40,384
Pleasant Valley - # 1643	38,718	914	887	27	-	38,718
Red Lion - #1781	388,005	7,579	7,352	227	(67,000) *	321,005
Ridgeview - #1948	33,083	781	758	23	-	33,083
Rostraver - #919	64,915	1,563	1,518	45	(5,000)	59,915
Rural Valley - #1750	5,670	134	130	4	(525)	5,145
Russellville - #91 (Fernwood #1329)	3,000	71	69	2	-	3,000
Sanatoga - #25 (N. Coventry - #2011)	28,000	743	721	22	-	28,000
Sanatoga - #25 (Valley - #1880)	3,500	-	-	-	-	3,500
Sandy Creek - # 2021	22,409	265	257	8	-	22,409



**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE**  
Schedules of Active Grange Funds - Continued  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

<b>ACTIVE GRANGES</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Interest Earned</b>	<b>Interest Paid Grange</b>	<b>Interest Paid State Grange</b>	<b>Additions/Withdrawals</b>	<b>June 30, 2015 Ending Balance</b>
Shannondale - (Murphy #735/Prosperity #1985)	20,370	481	467	14	-	20,370
Shavers Creek - (Donation #330)	7,377	161	156	5	(1,277) *	6,100
Shenango Township - #2057	74,127	1,751	1,698	53	-	74,127
Sinking Valley - # 484	19,440	425	412	13	(2,160)	17,280
South Buffalo - #1908	21,624	510	495	15	-	21,624
Spring Church - #1803	7,000	158	153	5	(700)	6,300
Star - #993	101,047	2,386	2,314	72	(1,224)	99,823
Stony Point - #1694 (Jackson #1506)	6,794	146	142	4	(850)	5,944
Stony Point - #1694	-	-	-	-	34,441	34,441
Union City - #89 (Corry #55)	13,739	325	315	10	-	13,739
Unionville - #1971 (S. Rock # 1441)	7,055	167	162	5	-	7,055
Valley - #1184	58,195	1,374	1,333	41	(705)	57,490
Valley - # 1420	11,285	266	258	8	-	11,285
Vernon - #936	26,019	614	596	18	-	26,019
Walker - #2007	31,535	744	722	22	-	31,535
Washington - # 1949 (Battlefield)	18,990	448	435	13	-	18,990
Watson - #1068	2,320	46	45	1	(500)	1,820
Wesley - #1675 (Sugar Creek # 1131)	2,921	69	67	2	-	2,921
West Branch - #136 (C. J. Brady #1355)	2,000	46	45	1	-	2,000
West Valley - #1760	9,694	229	222	7	-	9,694
Westfield - #1514 (N. Beaver #1646)	21,600	483	469	14	(2,160)	19,440
White Deer - #122	22,515	532	516	16	-	22,515
Wills - #1690 (Jenner #1661)	24,004	706	685	21	-	24,004
Wills - #1690 (1/2 of Valley #878)	5,926	-	-	-	-	5,926

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE**  
Schedules of Active Grange Funds - Continued  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

<b>ACTIVE GRANGES</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Interest Earned</b>	<b>Interest Paid Grange</b>	<b>Interest Paid State Grange</b>	<b>Additions/ Withdrawals</b>	<b>June 30, 2015 Ending Balance</b>
York Run - #1699	38,353	905	878	27	-	38,353
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE GRANGES</b>	3,163,421	74,307	72,086	2,221	171,915	3,335,336
PA State Grange Assets in Trust Fund	100,000	2,361	-	2,361	-	100,000
<b>Grand Total for Trust Fund</b>	<b>\$ 3,263,421</b>	<b>\$ 76,668</b>	<b>\$ 72,086</b>	<b>\$ 4,582</b>	<b>\$ 171,915</b>	<b>\$ 3,435,336</b>

Notes: (1) - Fulton, Perry Valley and Stony Point are new additions to the list.

(2) - \* to right of addition/withdrawal column indicates that some of these funds were withdrawn during the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE**  
Schedules of Closed Grange Funds  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

CLOSED GRANGES	Date Closed	Beginning Balance	Interest Earned	Interest Paid Grange	Interest Paid State Grange	Additions/ Withdrawals	June 30, 2015 Ending Balance
Bell Township - # 1756	December 2008	\$ 40,371	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,371
Blairsville - #2012	December 2008	180	-	-	-	-	180
Brady - # 1218	October 2011	26,327	-	-	-	-	26,327
Charleston Valley - # 54	December 2011	19,319	-	-	-	-	19,319
Community - # 1994	March 2012	13,800	-	-	-	-	13,800
Cross Creek Village - #1751	August 2012	35,000	390	378	12	-	35,000
Donegal - #1927	May 2012	29,595	-	-	-	-	29,595
DuBois - #808	December 2008	35,284	-	-	-	-	35,284
East Branch - #1262	March 2010	12,946	-	-	-	-	12,946
Economy - #2013	December 2009	41,444	-	-	-	-	41,444
Eulalia - #1088	September 2008	1,500	-	-	-	-	1,500
Fort Granville - #1902	August 2014	1,191	28	27	1	-	1,191
Henderson - #1315	August 2014	2,790	31	30	1	-	2,790
Lightstreet - #31	July 2012	74,422	-	-	-	-	74,422
Loveton - #1250	June 2007	5,851	-	-	-	(5,851)	-
Macungie - #1569	March 2009	118,454	-	-	-	-	118,454
Mahoning - # 1732	March 2014	70	-	-	-	-	70
Miller's Run - #2020	December 2012	45,544	-	-	-	-	45,544
Mountain - # 567	December 2014	-	-	-	-	639	639
Mt. Summitt - #843	December 2008	4,521	-	-	-	-	4,521
Nittany - #334	June 2006	45,491	-	-	-	-	45,491
Ogdensburg - #293	June 2007	9,846	-	-	-	(9,846)	-
Ohiopyle - #1933	June 2008	2,087	-	-	-	-	2,087

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE**  
Schedules of Closed Grange Funds - Continued  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

<b>CLOSED GRANGES</b>	<b>Date Closed</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Interest Earned</b>	<b>Interest Paid Grange</b>	<b>Interest Paid State Grange</b>	<b>Additions/ Withdrawals</b>	<b>June 30, 2015 Ending Balance</b>
Pine Run - #250	January 2015	7,090	167	162	5	-	7,090
Plainfield - # 1727	July 2014	36,878	410	398	12	-	36,878
Plum Creek Valley - # 1702	April 2014	1,355	-	-	-	-	1,355
Tamarack - # 1388	August 2013	14,215	-	-	-	-	14,215
Unity - #2002	June 2008	6,744	-	-	-	-	6,744
Weishample - #1898	March 2012	4,310	-	-	-	-	4,310
Wilmont - #512	December 2009	41,389	-	-	-	-	41,389
<b>TOTAL CLOSED GRANGES</b>		<b>\$ 678,014</b>	<b>\$ 1,026</b>	<b>\$ 995</b>	<b>\$ 31</b>	<b>\$ (15,058)</b>	<b>\$ 662,956</b>

Notes: (1) - Loveton and Ogdensburg assets were forwarded to the PA State Grange after having been closed 7 years.

(2) - Henderson and Mountain are new to the list.

(3) - Cross Creek, Fort Granville, Henderson, Pine Run and Plainfield were transitioned from the Active to the Closed list.

## 2016-17 Organizational Budget – Income

	2014- 2015 Actual	2014- 2015 Budget	2015- 2016 Budget	2016-2017 Proposed Budget
<b>MEMBERSHIP &amp; DUES</b>				
Subordinate Dues	135,052	145,000	196,608	<u>186,000</u>
Initiation Fees	975	1,500	1,500	<u>1,000</u>
Junior Dues	247	250	200	<u>250</u>
Associate Dues	<u>1,760</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,700</u>
<b>TOTAL DUES &amp; FEES</b>	<b>138,034</b>	<b>147,250</b>	<b>199,308</b>	<b><u>188,950</u></b>
<b>SALES OF MERCHANDISE</b>				
	0			
Cookbooks	28,660	50,000	25,000	<u>25,000</u>
Resale/Promotional Items	<u>142</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>150</u>
<b>TOTAL SALES AND TAX</b>	<b>28,802</b>	<b>51,000</b>	<b>25,500</b>	<b><u>25,150</u></b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>				
Headquarters Interest	8,840	9,500	7,000	<u>8,800</u>
Interest/Dividends	1,716	5,000	2,300	<u>1,700</u>
Grange Property	30,856	13,300	188,100	<u>86,200</u>
Restricted Membership Fund	1,570	1,500	20,900	<u>9,500</u>
Lifetime Interest	12,478	12,500	12,500	<u>12,500</u>
Membership Seals	321	0	0	<u>500</u>
Washington Trip	0	1,000	1,000	<u>1,000</u>
Bus Tours	0	1,000	1,000	<u>1,000</u>
State Session Registration	3,705	3,300	3,000	<u>3,700</u>
Sixth Degree Fees	260	300	300	<u>260</u>
Grange Week Activities	588	1,000	1,000	<u>1,000</u>
Grange Family Festival	9,943	12,000	8,000	<u>9,000</u>
PA Grange News Ads	0	500	500	<u>2,000</u>
Vision Insurance Service Fee	502	500	500	<u>500</u>
Misc/Contributions/Commissions	<u>15,057</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>85,836</b>	<b>63,400</b>	<b>248,100</b>	<b><u>139,660</u></b>
<b>Copier Income</b>	<u>4,093</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<b><u>4,000</u></b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>256,764</u></b>	<b><u>265,650</u></b>	<b><u>475,908</u></b>	<b><u>357,760</u></b>

## 2016-17 Organizational Budget - Expenses

### EMPLOYEE EXPENSE

Payroll	132,952	131,500	138,000	<u>179,000</u>
Taxes, benefits	23,933	25,000	30,000	<u>33,500</u>
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE</b>	<u>156,885</u>	<u>156,500</u>	<u>168,000</u>	<u>212,500</u>

### GRANGE HEADQUARTERS

Insurance	7,192	5,000	8,000	<u>7,500</u>
Spring Water & Soda	237	300	300	<u>325</u>
Repairs and Other	0	500	500	<u>500</u>
Rent Expense	33,060	33,000	35,000	<u>34,500</u>
<b>TOTAL HEADQUARTERS</b>	<u>40,488</u>	<u>38,800</u>	<u>43,800</u>	<u>42,825</u>

### STATE SESSION

Rooms/Food for Officers/Comm., etc.	10,432	10,000	12,000	<u>12,000</u>
Pre-session Meetings	530	700	700	<u>700</u>
Session-Labor	0	500	500	<u>300</u>
Reports/Printing	1,054	1,500	1,500	<u>1,200</u>
Sixth Degree Expenses	65	200	500	<u>100</u>
Journal of Proceedings	125	75	150	<u>150</u>
Flowers/Awards	23	200	200	<u>200</u>
Hosting Nat'l Rep.	1,212	500	500	<u>700</u>
Misc.	640	1,800	1,800	<u>800</u>
<b>TOTAL STATE SESSION</b>	<u>14,082</u>	<u>15,475</u>	<u>17,850</u>	<u>16,150</u>

### PROMOTIONS

Farm Show	2,672	2,500	5,000	<u>3,000</u>
Ag Progress Days	3,085	2,500	5,000	<u>3,000</u>
Grange Week	839	1,000	1,000	<u>1,000</u>
Grange Family Festival	7,152	12,000	8,000	<u>9,000</u>
Miscellaneous Promotions	30	500	500	<u>500</u>
<b>TOTAL PROMOTIONS</b>	<u>13,777</u>	<u>18,500</u>	<u>19,500</u>	<u>16,500</u>

### DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES

Community Service	595	1,000	1,600	<u>800</u>
Junior Grange	1,180	1,400	1,600	<u>1,400</u>
Youth/Young Adults	1,643	1,400	1,600	<u>1,400</u>
Family Activities	1,491	1,400	1,600	<u>1,400</u>
Lecturer	2,525	2,500	3,000	<u>2,500</u>
Historical Committee	0	100	400	<u>100</u>
Executive Committee	4,809	6,000	8,000	<u>6,500</u>
Other State Officers	439	1,200	1,500	<u>1,500</u>
Membership Seals	400	0	0	<u>500</u>
Program Book/Legislative Handbook	0	250	750	<u>0</u>
Special Committee	0	100	500	<u>100</u>
Heritage Quilt Trail	(50)	500	2,000	<u>2,000</u>
<b>TOTAL DEPART. &amp; COMM.</b>	<u>13,031</u>	<u>15,850</u>	<u>22,550</u>	<u>18,200</u>

## 2016-17 Organizational Budget - Expenses

### OFFICE EXPENSES

Dues, Subs, Memberships	512	400	500	550
Quarterly Reports	840	700	1,000	800
Directory	111	200	500	125
Postage	(213)	0	500	500
Supplies/Printing	6,027	5,500	5,500	5,000
Maintenance Agreements/Rentals	2,354	2,500	2,500	2,400
Equipment Repairs	60	250	250	250
Telephone	4,811	4,000	5,000	4,800
Cell Phone	392	600	700	840
Website	519	500	2,500	500
Computer Support	3,750	3,800	4,000	3,800
Computer updates	1,660	1,000	4,000	1,500
Bank Fees	(14)	100	200	200
Copier lease	4,294	6,000	6,000	4,300
<b>TOTAL OFFICE EXP</b>	<b>25,105</b>	<b>25,550</b>	<b>33,150</b>	<b>25,565</b>

### PA GRANGE NEWS (Advocate)

Printing/Mailing List Expense	15,635	11,000	13,500	16,000
Postage	12,154	15,000	15,500	12,500
<b>TOTAL ADVOCATE</b>	<b>27,790</b>	<b>26,000</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>28,500</b>

### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Advocates (Deputies)	0	200	1,000	3,600
President General Expenses	7,913	6,500	8,000	9,500
President Housing	4,338	4,800	7,200	9,000
Membership General	3,206	6,000	6,000	4,000
Membership Restricted	4,857	1,500	20,900	9,500
Public Relations Department	3,641	3,500	4,500	4,000
Legislative Department	15,459	28,000	28,000	4,000
Local Grange Expense	1,226	1,500	1,000	1,000
Local Grange Fund	2,785	500	500	3,000
Vision Plan Expense	65	100	100	100
<b>TOTAL ADMIN</b>	<b>43,489</b>	<b>52,600</b>	<b>77,200</b>	<b>47,700</b>

### CONTRACT SERVICES

Payroll Services	1,952	1,700	2,000	2,000
Legal Counsel	5,077	2,500	5,000	7,000
Accounting/Audit	9,945	8,000	10,000	10,000
<b>TOTAL CONTRACTS</b>	<b>16,974</b>	<b>12,200</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>19,000</b>

### COOKBOOKS

Printing/Purchase	12,205	12,500	12,500	12,500
Postage/Supplies	2,513	2,000	3,500	2,800
Sales Tax	1,947	1,000	2,000	2,000
<b>TOTAL COOKBOOK</b>	<b>16,665</b>	<b>15,500</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>17,300</b>

## 2016-17 Organizational Budget - Expenses

### RESALABLE/PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Cost basis	112	250	250	100
Postage/Supplies	0	100	100	50
<b>TOTAL RESALE EXP.</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>150</b>

### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Grange Assessment Expense	3,334	100	1,500	1,000
National Dues Expense	13,128	12,372	700	500
<b>TOTAL MISC</b>	<b>16,462</b>	<b>12,472</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>2,500</b>

### CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

(Advocates) Deputies	145	200	1,000	0
Regional Leadership Meetings	n/a	n/a	1,000	2000
Departmental Planning Meetings	3,303	2,800	3,000	3,000
National Grange Conference	753	1,000	1,500	1,000
Tours	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Washington Bus Tour	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
<b>TOTAL CONF/WORK</b>	<b>4,201</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>8,000</b>

### DONATIONS/DISASTERS

	785	1,500	3,000	1,500
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### TOTAL EXPENSES

	389,846	397,297	462,100	456,390
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### NET REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES

	(133,083)	-131,647	13,808	-98,630
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#### Note 1

EC Restricted Membership Fund

\$9,500 Budgeted for 15/16

\$20,100 Balance as of 9/15/15 in this account that can only be used toward membership efforts

#### Note 2

EC Restricted Local Grange Fund

\$3,000 Budgeted for 15/16

\$64,700 Balance as of 9/15/15 in this account that can only be used to help local Granges



## REPORT OF SECRETARY

Worthy Master, National Grange High Priest of Demeter Bruce Croucher and Executive Committee Member of the New York State Grange, and Wife Sharon, State Officers, Delegates, and Guests of the Pennsylvania State Grange, I bring you greetings and wishes for a very successful and enjoyable Annual Session here in Warren, PA.

As your State Secretary I am responsible for processing Membership Awards and special recognitions. The State Grange recognizes Grange members that have 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 35 and 45 years of membership in the Grange with a letter of appreciation for their service. The State and National Grange recognizes members that have 25 years with a Silver Star Certificate 40 years with a seal, 50 years with a Golden Sheaf booklet, 60, 65 and 70 years with a seal to add to the booklet, 75 years with a certificate and 80 and 85 years with a letter. The number of certificates, seals and letters sent this year are as follows:

5 years	22	45 years	30
10 years	24	50 years	43
15 years	30	55 years	40
20 years	23	60 years	21
25 years	53	65 years	31
30 years	19	70 years	11
35 years	11	75 years	8
40 years	43	80 years	2
		85 years	1

The total number of certificates recognized this year was 412, which is an increase of 115 from last year.

I would like to give a special recognition to the 80 and 85 year members recognized this year. They are:

**80 years—Helen Latshaw** from  
Ontelaunee Grange #1617. Berks Co.

**80 years—Martha Shannon** from Mahoning Valley Grange #1649, Lawrence Co.

**85 years—Alice B. Fox** from Gideon  
Grange #2010, York County

CONGRATULATIONS Helen, Martha and Alice for being members of this organization for so many years!

I would also like to thank Subordinate Secretaries for honoring their members for their years of service. I encourage more Secretaries to honor their members as well.

I am also responsible for processing Lifetime Memberships. Since 2014 State Grange Session we have issued 20 new memberships, which bring the total of lifetime memberships to 1572.

I would especially like to thank Sandy Herman, Office Manager of the State Grange Office, for her assistance. She is a wonderful asset to the State Grange office with her knowledge and willingness to assist in whatever capacity is needed!

### Visitations by the State Grange Secretary:

**January 10—PA Farm Show**—my husband Wayne, Grandchildren, Bryce and Riley Danko and I worked in the Grange Family Living Center. We had a great time sweeping up corn and interacting with the children coming to farm for a day!

**July 15-19—Family Festival**—Centre County —my husband and I, along with our daughter Jennifer, and her husband Ken, our Grandchildren and many volunteers, prepare breakfast for Friday, Saturday and Sunday and lunches for Friday and Saturday. My family and I have been

cooking for Family Festival for 11 years. If you have ever been there, it looks like we bring everything but the kitchen sink!

I would like to thank the 2015 Host Committee for inviting the State Grange to hold the Annual Session in Warren. Thanks again and I hope everyone has a great Session.

It is an honor to serve as your Pennsylvania State Grange Secretary.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Debra Campbell, State Secretary

## **REPORT OF GATEKEEPER**

Hello Brothers and Sisters of the PA State Grange,

It has been an eventful 2015 for me. The year started off in February at the 2015 State Grange Planning Session in State College where I was sworn in as Gatekeeper. A very special thank you to Martha Ebersole for nominating me, Carl Meiss for believing in me and Beth Downey for the continued support.

March found me braving snowy weather heading up the Northeast Extension to a ham and bean supper at Trexlertown Grange. I also met my future wife Denae in March. One of our first "dates" was battling a Lancaster County barn fire down the road from her parents' house. We were on the way to visit the dairy farm she worked on. March also had me at Plumsteadville Grange partaking in one of their delicious Fish Fries.

The month of April was spent volunteering much of my free time at The Speakers House in my hometown of Trappe, Montgomery County. We designed and installed an authentic Pennsylvania German kitchen garden. The house is the home of the first Speaker of the United States, Frederick Muhlenburg. This is one of the many ways the Grange allows me to give back to my community. Denae and I had the most amazing chicken BBQ at Schnecksville Grange where I was able to meet the 2014 Allentown Fair Queen. We completed the trip with a wonderful time at the Lehigh Valley Zoo.

June was the Berks County Pomona meeting at Gouglersville Grange. It was great to see old Grange photos as part of their 125th anniversary. I was also asked to judge the scholarship applicants for the PA Grange Foundation in July and it was a honor to do so. July took me back to Trexlertown Grange for their pig roast and to Junior Grange camp where I was a judge for the new Junior Grange Prince and Princess. That was a very daunting task as we currently have a good problem in the Junior Grange, so many young adults who have a great vision for their local Granges. I saw so many future Grange leaders in the Juniors. It is truly an exciting future ahead for us! It was great to assist with workshops and spend time with the Juniors.

A trip to Family Festival was in July as well. If you have not yet seen the Centre County Fair Grounds then you are missing out! August was the busiest month.....there was the first Four Degrees at Valley Grange where I was able to march as a candidate. The week before my wedding with Denae had us at the Middletown Grange Fair and the weekend after the wedding had us at the G.O.A.L. Seminar hosted by California Grange, what a gorgeous hall they have! I am sitting by the pool in Ocean City, Maryland typing this report while on my honeymoon. The work of a Good and Faithful Servant is never done. Without the Grange, many of these events would not have been possible in my life. I ask you to take full advantage of what the Grange has to offer you. It truly is an organization where you get out of it what you put into it. For me the rewards are far greater than what I put into our Grange.

Fraternally,  
Gene Zvarick

## **REPORT OF CERES**

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters,

In my third year as a State Officer, I was able to attend several Grange meetings in my county, along with some open houses. I was glad to attend the State Planning Meeting in full this year and I would consider it a very successful weekend.

Other events that I was able to attend were the PA Farm Show, Berks County Junior Grange Camp, PA State Junior Camp and PA State Youth Camp. I also served along with the other Graces to choose the Santee Student Loan recipients.

My husband Robert and I travelled with our one-month old daughter in April to the Eastern Regional Youth/Junior Conference in Ohio. We made some new friends who we hope to reunite with at Nationals in Nebraska. At Family Festival in July, the Graces provided the vespers each night. I really enjoyed participating in the talent show and watching the rest of the show.

Our state certainly has a lot of talent in the Grange. Gail Switzer and I are privileged to be representing Pennsylvania at the National Session talent show where we will be singing a duet.

Robert and I are honored to be serving a second year as the PA State Grange Young Couple and we are looking forward to spending this year traveling around the state again to promote the Grange.

We are also very excited for our trip with Lindsay Schroeder to National Session in Nebraska. I look forward to this upcoming State Session in Warren, PA.

Fraternally,  
Jennifer Beamon

## **REPORT OF POMONA**

Dear Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters,

As usual, my year always proves to be a busy one. Since PA State Grange Session held last year in Reading, I have been very fortunate to be a part of many opportunities to continue and demonstrate my love for the Grange. After deciding to again run for my third and final term as your State Pomona, you have graciously given me the opportunity to meet many more new members from across the state.

As the Pennsylvania State Pomona, I have completed various activities. I thoroughly enjoyed working with the state officers, office members, and directors as well as their committees at the State Planning Meeting held in February. I enjoy working on new ideas on increase membership across the state. I have taken some of these ideas—especially bridge the gap between 4-H and FFA to Grange—back to my own Pomona. This has allowed me to serve on a committee in Centre County that created a brochure to attract these younger members and what the Grange can offer them as other community service organization do already.

A new adventure for me was to attend Junior Camp in July. Typically, my schedule does not allow me to partake in this event but I was given the opportunity to be at Lurae's disposal for the Saturday of their coronation. I helped sister Keith with her butter making activity and helped use my dairy background to better educate them of the process during their "Down of the Farm" fun. I also help Centre County Pomona Grange #13 prepare a delicious meal for the junior campers while enjoying my favorite thing about Grange, which is the fellowship. I must say, we Grangers sure know how to cook. My evening concluded with watching two Berks County juniors receive the honor of being chosen the Grange Prince and Princess. It does a Granger's heart good to see how our future is bright with our junior members growing and learning.

Another activity I had completed was Thursday Vesper Services at the Pennsylvania Grange Family Festival. I spoke to members present about perseverance and “shaking it off, and stepping up”. I was very delighted to see many of my own county Grangers coming out to enjoy in the fellowship at this event. In prior years despite being held in our county, many had other functions and commitments that caused them to be unable to attend it. Again, wonderful food and fellowship was present for all to enjoy.

I promoted the Pennsylvania Grange and local Granges at the Centre County Grange Fair. I enjoyed spending time talking to Master Downey at our fair’s opening ceremony and how her family was amazed at the sights, smells, and wonders of our fair, which is run by our Grange members in Centre County. I always welcome the questions from others about what the Grange is and why do I belong to it.

At the Pomona level, I continue to help serve on various committees as well as serve as the Lecturer of both Centre County Grange #13 and Logan Grange #109. I have been working hard to find programs that not only engage our members but also help them learn about new things. We have a variety of programs that are meaningful to our attendees. I continue to learn more about the Grange through lecture contest and reports that need to be completed. I look forward to browsing other Lecturer’s reports at State Session in Warren, to gain new creative ideas to help better educate and serve our communities.

This year has brought many exciting opportunities as your Pomona. While my family and work commitments have changed my life in the past year, I have been pleased to serve in this position. As my family grows this winter with another new little Granger, I cannot wait to share with them and my two-year-old son, the feeling of family and fellowship of the Grange. I feel privileged to have met so many wonderful people and look forward to continuing to do so this next year. Thank you!

Fraternally yours,  
Ashley Furman

## **REPORT OF FLORA**

It is hard to believe that another year is quickly coming to a close. But it has been a good year; a year that has had many personal accomplishments and a year of great loss too, like my Great Uncle Dean Grove (who has always been a huge supporter of the Grange for many years).

We started the year out in January with the Pennsylvania Farm Show. I traveled to Harrisburg and participated in the PA state Grange booth along with the Farmer for a Day booth. I also have a distinct honor of being a part of the PA State Farm safety and Occupational Hazards Board. At that meeting we discussed new bylaws, upcoming events throughout the year, and what we could do to make farm safety for everyone a much better program.

February came in with a bunch of snow and cold weather that found us at the State Grange Planning Meeting in State College. There we discussed the schedule for the year that each state officer would be attending and be a part of. We also discussed the Family Festival that will take place in July and the new State Session schedule being implemented this year. Following our officer meeting, I joined the Juniors for their meeting to see what they had planned for the year and they asked me to do 2 workshops for camp in July. I was very excited about their theme and to do a workshop for them too.

The spring months were slow with no big Grange events. In June, Unionville Grange invited me up to their summer extravaganza, where it was a rainy evening and good night to be inside. They had many games for the children and any adults that were in attendance. Plus they had homemade ice cream with strawberries and cool whip. Yummy! The Unionville Grangers also set up a raffle and had nearly 30 prizes to give out. Everyone had a great time.

Come July we were in full swing with CAMP!!!! And we were “Down on the Farm” too. I arrived at Jr. Camp on Thursday evening and went straight to do a workshop. Now, when you’re down on the farm, what is one thing that comes to mind? How about homemade ice cream?!?!?! Yeppers, that what the kiddos made and had for their evening snack too. They had so much fun and really enjoyed the workshop (and it was so refreshing on the hot evening that we had). The campers and I closed the evening out with vespers, where we had discussed what made us anxious and nervous about everyday life and how we should just let God handle it as it says in Philippians 4:6-7.

Following “Down on the Farm” at Jr. Camp, it was next onto Family Festival in Centre Hall. Our dear Lecturer asked Michael Martin and me to be judges for the most decorative tents/campers. Lots of the attendees put a great deal into their decorations.... However it was Ms. Lurae Benzio and her family that had the best decorative sleeping quarters out of the whole camp. Congrats Benzio family. But Lurae wasn’t done there.... Next up was the most decorative outfit and boy, did everyone really out do themselves this year. We had basketball players with an adorable baby basketball player (the Beamon Family with little Savannah) to a big Pittsburgh fan (Lurae Benzio) dressed up for every sport Pittsburgh played in.... football, baseball, hockey, etc. It was a lot of fun to see everyone dressed in their customs and very entertaining. Congrats to all of the departments for putting on another successful Family Festival.

Moving onto August which brought in our great Huntingdon Co. Fair. I stayed very busy with our fair and planning the Grange events. At the end of the week, our Huntingdon Pomona Grange recognized Debra Kepler with the Outstanding Community Citizen Award for 2015.

As I come to a close, I want to thank everyone that supported each of our PA State Grange officers. I always enjoy meeting and getting together with fellow Grangers because it is one big family reunion, with great food and fond memories. God Bless you all and continue to keep the Grange spirit alive.

Sincerely Yours,  
Jodi E. Keith

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

There was a man named Patrick Flannigan who worked for the B&O railroad in the 1890's. He was in charge of getting trains back on track after accidents. Flannigan's superiors criticized him for making his reports too long. After the next derailment, he abbreviated his much criticized reports to "off again, on again, gone again. –Flannigan" I will try to do the same with this report.

After the 2014 year with all the turmoil in the state office, I was dreading 2015 as Chairman of the State Executive Committee. It is with pleasure that I report there was little turmoil this year.

The Grange newspaper format has been changed so we now have a more professional looking publication and will be able to sell advertising to offset the price of publication.

The work of getting our house in order by officially closing defunct Granges and working with Granges that were behind in paying dues has resulted in saving us the expense of paying national dues on members we had on the books who were not paying dues.

We are working on having a file in the State office of all the Grange properties in the state because the State Grange is ultimately liable for them if something goes wrong.

Following last year’s resolution to explore new means of retaining members and recruiting new ones we have begun to study the Grange thru the surveys you have been filling out and returning. Thank you for your help! This survey is vital to our organization as we desperately need to increase our membership.

Organizations live on the dues paid by members. The Grange is no different. To be viable, we need the memberships so we can function financially to do the things we do for the betterment of agriculture. Things like working with state and national legislatures. Watch-dogging the DEP,

EPA & FDA so we do not become burdened with non-science based regulations. The Grange, as a strong organization, will be listened to more than an individual. (“The squeaky wheel gets the grease”)

With the above in mind we have worked hard to have a bare bones budget. There is hope, but it will take all of us working together to keep the Grange a formidable organization.

Thank you one and all for allowing me to represent you on the PA State Grange Executive Committee. It has been a humbling experience.

J.V. Lamb  
Chair of Executive Committee

## **REPORT OF THE DEAF & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Worthy State Master, National Representative, State Officers, Delegates and Guests: This past year has been one of learning, meeting new friends, and experiencing Grange from a new perspective. I want to thank Elizabeth for asking me to chair the Deaf and Community Service Committee. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve. I also would like to thank my committee of Carol Kushma, Judy Shupp, Patricia Bird, Gail Switzer, and Tina Houser Scharf. Carol and Judy (members that served under Kelly) have been a big help in making the leadership transition go smoothly and Tina, Gail, and Patty (new members) have added new insights to the committee. I would also like to thank Kelly VanOrd for doing such a great job in the past and for all her help.

We met in January for the planning meeting and had a productive meeting. We discussed what projects we would like to continue and what new projects we would like to add. While continuing to support Dino’s, Kelly Farm, and Dogs for the Deaf, we added some new ones.

July came quickly and we found ourselves at State Junior Grange Camp on Friday morning. Our committee presented a workshop. After learning sign language for some animals, the campers played animal BINGO using sign language. I also got to stay and watch the coronation that night. The wonderful part was that all the campers signed “Old MacDonald.” Hopefully we will see some of them participating in the Sign-A-Song competition on Sunday.

The next week found us at Family Festival. Each evening we sponsored a cake walk, which involved neither cakes, nor walking. Money from the cake walks was donated to Dino’s Operation Shoe Box. Six boxes of items, plus a \$700 check was donated to Dino’s. There will be another donation made after State Grange.

Also at Family Festival we collected money for Alex’s Lemonade Stand. This is an organization devoted to helping find a cure for pediatric cancer. A \$500 donation was made to this organization.

Saturday afternoon we were blessed to have the bloodhounds and their owners from Heaven Scent present a workshop. After a talk about bloodhounds and how they can track people, our own Elizabeth Downey went “missing.” Using the scent from Beth’s watch, the hound was able to track and find our Worthy Master. We were also able to present a check to this deserving organization.

As I am writing this, reports from across the state are making their way to my mailbox. I cannot wait until I have some time to browse through these reports. The judges are lined up and waiting until all reports are in before judging. Please stop by the exhibit room to see what all the Granges have been doing for community service, you may just come up with a new idea for your Grange. In order to receive money from National Grange, 25% of our Granges must complete and submit a report. So please be sure that your Grange is submitting these much needed reports.

The two projects that we have decided to support at State Session are: The Pregnancy Support Center of Warren County and Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest PA Backpack Program.

For those not familiar with the backpack programs, school age children are sent home with a backpack of food for the weekend. Many children go hungry over the weekend and this is a program to help these children. Lists of the needed items are available at our exhibit table. We will be collecting items through Sunday evening. We will be having the book, CD and DVD sale at our exhibit. Bring these items to our table in the exhibit room and then come back and buy some new ones. Money from this will be donated to Dogs for the Deaf.

The Sign-A-Song contest will be held Sunday afternoon. I hope you will all attend as it is amazing to watch a song be performed with sign language. I am hoping to see a lot of participation in this program, especially from the Juniors.

I would like to thank all the Granges for answering the appeal letter. The money will be used toward awards and all of the projects that we are working on this year. We can also help your Grange with any projects you have. Please let me know as my goal is to donate as much money as we can to our projects. Money sitting in the checkbook is not helping anyone.

If you have any suggestions for state-wide projects that we can do, please see me, or stop by our exhibit.

Again I would like to thank everyone for their support during my first year as chairperson. I would like to thank my committee and the state office for their help and also my husband and family for their support. Without all of them, I would not be able to do this job.

Fraternally yours,  
Ruth Vonada  
Director

Committee members  
Carol Kushma  
Judy Shupp  
Gail Switzer  
Patricia Bird  
Tina Houser Scharf

## 2015 DEAF & COMMUNITY SERVICES CONTEST WINNERS

### **Sign-A-Song—Group (Junior)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kay and Gail Reyburn
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cassy and Dani Kehs

### **Sign-A-Song—Individual**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Philip Vonada
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jennifer Beamon

### **Sign-A-Song—Group**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jessica and Ruby Reyburn

### **Reports—Subordinate (25 Members and Under)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Chester Valley Grange # 1496
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sinking Valley Grange #484
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Frankfort Springs Grange #1989
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bunkerhill Grange #1368

### **Reports—Subordinate (26-75 Members)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Goshen Grange # 121
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hayfield Grange # 800
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Atlantic Grange # 344
- 4<sup>th</sup> Hamburg Grange # 2103

### **Reports—Subordinate (76+ Members)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ontelaunee Grange # 1617
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Big Knob Grange #2008
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Plumsteadville Grange #1738
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mahoning Valley #1649

### **Reports—Pomona**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Northumberland Pomona Grange #31
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Centre Pomona Grange #13
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lehigh-Northampton Pomona Grange #68
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bucks County Pomona Grange #22

**Each 1<sup>st</sup> Place Subordinate Report was sent to National Grange.**

## **REPORT OF THE FAMILY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

Worthy State Master, Worthy National and State Officers, Brothers and Sisters of the Grange. Good year 2015, I made it through one year as your Family Activities Director.

Being the Family Activities Director is different than the Youth Director. When you are the youth director there is an age group that you focus on. But with the Family Activities director we need to focus on all ages of the family.

Well, onward we go to make the Family Activities Department a great and wonderful part of each Grange. I would not and could not do this across the state without a committee they are:

**Region A - Patty Lou Pardee**

**Region B - I NEED YOU**

**Region C - Diane Burlingame**

**Region D - Evelyn Cottrell**

**Region E - Shirley Garren**

**Region F - I NEED YOU**

**Region G - Melanie Melius**

**Region H - Cindy Leibensperger**



2015 began with our **Annual State planning meeting** which is held in State College. This is where we plan the entire year of activities, events, project, contest and much more. This year was an easy planning meeting Thanks to Ginny Mangel, Former Family Activities Director, and her committee.

Friday of the planning weekend we gather together to plan Family Festival weekend. We also had constructive workshops by the PR and Membership Director, Stacy Bruker, and the State Master, Beth Downey.

On Saturday we all gather together and highlight what each department is doing for the year. We enjoyed lunch together and then headed for home.

**Family Festival July 2015**—Theme this year was sports. We had great workshops fun and educational. Friday night we had a tailgate party for our dinner and the Family Activities Dept. along with the youth, fried the hamburgers and hot dogs for the meal. That's what family is all about— helping each other out.

**Ag Progress Days August 2015**—I could not attend Ag progress days this year because it was held the same time as my county fair. Thank you to all that helped to sell cookbooks and raffle tickets for the state quilt and talking to those who passed by about the Grange. If you would like to spend a day at the event August 2016 on behalf of the Family Activities Department, just give me a call and I will gladly give you a day.

*The Advocate* made some changes for 2015. It is now called the *Pennsylvania Grange News*. Things you need to know will be printed in there. If you have done something at your Grange please send it in along with a pictures to be put in the *PA Grange News*.

Thank you Sandy, Stacy and Beth at the State Grange office for all their help and support this year to get me started.

Thank you to all Granges and Grangers that have supported me this year.

Fraternally yours,  
Martha G. Ebersole

## 2015 FAMILY ACTIVITIES CONTEST WINNERS

### **Quilt Blocks: Class 1 Economy Quilt Block**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Alice Hartman – Chester
- 2<sup>nd</sup> JoAnn Kelgore - Chester
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Barbara Gross - Venango

### **Wall Hangings Class 6**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Barbara Warden - Venango
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Shirley Swires – Blair
- 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Wall Hanging Class 7**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Barbara Warden – Venango
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Shields - Crawford
- 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Quilt Class 8**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pat Weir – Butler
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Shields – Crawford
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sarah Carberry – Huntington

### **Quilt Pre-Print Top Class 9**

- 1<sup>st</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Deborah Kolpak - Chester

### **Baking/Cooking Cinnamon Rolls Class 10**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Deanna Hollabaugh - Warren
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Barbara Warden - Venango
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bill Steel - Beaver

### **Baking/Cooking Health Bar Class 11**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Marci Jenkins – Berks
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Alverna Hotchkiss - Crawford
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Lee McElhaney - Beaver

### **Baking/Cooking PNB/Chocolate Meltaway Bark Class 12**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cindy Shaffer - Cumberland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Sattazahn - Berks
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Mengel - Butler

### **Afghans Full size Crocheted Class 13A**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ethel Unger - Centre
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ethel Diehl - Blair
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sherri Sattazahn - Berks

### **Afghans Baby size Crocheted Class 13B**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nettie Martsolf - Butler

2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Afghans Full size Knitted Class 14A**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Amelia Mitchell – Washington
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nettie Martsolf – Butler
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Shirley Garren – Beaver

### **Afghans Baby size Knitted Class 14B**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nettie Martsolf – Butler
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Martha Lott – Susquehanna
- 3<sup>rd</sup> –

### **Embroidery, Cross Stitch, Plastic Canvas Class 15**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rodney Fleeger Jr. - Butler
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Reppert - Berks
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ashley Kolpak - Chester

### **Cross Stitch Class 16**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Betsy Huber – Chester
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Reppert – Berks
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kathy Fagan – Blair

### **Plastic Canvas Class 17**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jane Reppert – Berks
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ethel Diehl – Blair
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Deborah Kolpak – Chester

### **Cotton Thread Class 18**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Frances Wise – Washington
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nettie Martsolf – Butler
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Florence Burek – Erie

### **Insulated Food Carrier Class 19**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Becky Bekert – Beaver
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Deborah Kolpak – Chester
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Barbara Gross – Venango

### **Garden Stepping Stone Class 20**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jane Adams – Berks
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Warren – Chester
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Brynee Baughman – Blair

### **Christmas Tree Ornaments Beads Class 21**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Deanna Hollabaugh – Warren
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ashley Kolpak – Chester
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Evelyn Cottrell – Susquehanna

**Plastic Canvas Class 22**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Edna Blatt – Berks  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ethel Diehl – Blair  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kelly VanOrd – Warren

**Counted Cross Stitch Class 23**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Betsy Huber – Chester  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Reppert – Berks  
3<sup>rd</sup> Evelyn Cottrell – Susquehanna

**All Others Class 24**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Deborah Kolpak – Chester  
2<sup>nd</sup> Patty Lou Pardee – Crawford  
3<sup>rd</sup> Florence Burek – Erie

**Wooden Walking Stick Class 25 Carved**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Terry Pattison – Erie  
2<sup>nd</sup> John Hotchkiss – Crawford

**Wooden Walking Stick Class 26 Plain**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Christine Eck – Warren  
2<sup>nd</sup> Trudy Wigton – Lawrence  
3<sup>rd</sup> Gary Burek – Erie

**Bird Feeder Class 27**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Randy Durlin – Montour  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ethel Diehl – Blair  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thomas Kolpak – Chester

**Bird House Class 28**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ann Fogle – Cambria  
2<sup>nd</sup> Geoff Saver – Beaver  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ginny Mangel – Butler

**REPORT OF THE JUNIOR COMMITTEE**

Dear Worthy President, National and State Officers, Delegates and Guests,

I would like to begin by thanking Karen Mohn, former Junior Grange Director, terrific Granger and advocate of the Junior and Youth programs! I appreciate all that she has done for the Juniors and Leaders during her “reign” as Director. Karen has graciously mentored me into this position and I appreciate all of her help, guidance and words of encouragement. I know Karen is still cheering on the Juniors and giving high fives for a job well done. Thank YOU Karen and I give you a high five for all that you have done for the Pennsylvania Junior Program!

As your newest Junior Grange Director, I am honored and thrilled to take on the task of leading the youngest members of our organization through the beginning of their Grange Journey. I feel strongly that our Juniors are our future leaders in not just the GRANGE, but in our communities and work places. Together we can increase and strengthen our membership by focusing on families and the young!

I am happy to have an outstanding committee who works excellently together! We have the same goals in mind as we plan the Junior activities and strive to promote the Junior programs throughout the state. The Junior Grange committee consists of Dina Zug, Heather Druckenmiller, Samantha Gourley, Derek Schroeder and Philip Vonada. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the youngest members of the Grange. I am grateful for your patience in guiding me through my first year. You answered my zany questions, tolerated many changes and stepped up to tackle challenges when I needed it the most. Thank you!

Here are the details of our amazing Junior Grange activities....

**NATIONAL GRANGE**

Pennsylvania was well represented at the National Convention in Sandusky, Ohio in Nov 2014. PA Juniors in attendance at the convention were State Jr Grange Princess, Anna Benzio, Sara Benzio, Hannah D’Egidio, Zachary Renda, Allison Parrish, Tyler Parrish, Alexis Johnson, Sadie Johnson, Tessa Fritz (all from Beaver Co.) and Jordon Downey (Lycoming Co.). During the Junior breakfast, National Jr Grange Director, Lillian Booth, awarded the Super JG Award to

Anna Benzio. There were 2 other Super JG awards given to Mikayla and Tanner Davis (Berks Co.) at their home Grange in December, by Karen Mohn. This is the highest honor a Junior Granger can achieve! Congratulations again to Anna, Mikayla and Tanner.

### **FARM SHOW**

The PA Farm Show is where my “job shadowing” and mentoring began with Karen leading me (literally) through the events of the weekend. On Friday evening, the Grange Royalty attended the Governor’s Reception and enjoyed an evening of socializing with other Agriculture Commodity Representatives and tasting a variety of foods grown by PA Farmers. Thank you to the State Grange for inviting the Grange Royalty to the Farm Show reception. On Saturday, The Royalty were once again in the spotlight as they had a picture opportunity with the Governor and the State Agricultural Secretary. Afterwards the Royalty was announced during opening ceremonies in the arena. The remainder of the day was spent teaching the public about Grange while working in the Grange Booth and the Farmer for the Day area. Thank you Anna and Isaac for a job well done!

### **ROYALTY TRIP**

This year, the annual Royalty trip coincided with Grange Day at the Capitol where Grangers from all over the state had an opportunity to visit the Capitol, see their representatives to discuss important issues and enjoy a luncheon followed by a tour of the complex. Both Anna and Isaac spent some time with their respective Senators and Representatives and were both introduced on the Floor of the House AND the floor of the Senate. They had their photos taken all throughout the Capitol and enjoyed the time spent there and sharing the day with other Grangers.

Afterwards, the Grange Royalty went to Hershey Park for a fun day. This has been a tradition for many years and it was a beautiful day to be at the park!

### **COUNTY CAMPS**

Beaver and Berks County Junior Granges held their own camps once again this year. Beaver County Juniors traveled “Around the World” and Berks County went on a Military Style Adventure weekend! I am pleased to have these counties host their camps to help promote and teach the Juniors about our organization and keep them actively engaged.

### **STATE JUNIOR GRANGE CAMP**

The Juniors were “Down on the Farm” at the 2015 State Camp. It was my first time spending the entire week at State Camp and I could not have done it without my amazing committee, staff, counselors and helpers! WOW! You guys helped to make the week a great time for all of the Juniors!

#### **2015 State Camp Highlights**

- We were honored to have the National Jr Grange Ambassador, Morgan Browning and her mom Janice, from the state of Washington join us for the week. Thank you to Lillian Booth for arranging this trip. Morgan encouraged the PA Juniors to get their Super JG Award and try to be a JG National Ambassador. A great new friendship was formed between Morgan and many of our Juniors!
- Campers and Staff traveled to the Penn State Dairy Barns to learn about the operations of the facility. Afterwards, the day was spent at the Community Welsh Pool and waterpark.
- Campers and Staff performed community service at the Susque View Nursing Home. We shared our talents with the residents. Campers sang, played musical instruments, danced and performed group songs to bring smiles to the residents’ faces. They loved the Juniors and invited them back next year.
- Campers earned “Coop Cash” when they found chicken eggs that were “laid” around camp, for clean cabins, great manners, and performing good deeds. This reward money

could be used to earn special rewards while at camp. Rewards included: Special milkshakes, having 2 committee members serve your cabin at a meal, cookies and milk at bedtime with Ginny Straub (a favorite), a late night party, and more!

- We had 45 Junior Grange campers, 12 of them being first time campers.
- High Test Ritual Awards went to Cat Moatz, Jordan Downey, Molly Brown and Sara Benzio.
- Camp Superlatives were awarded to Alexa Davis, Kay Reyburn, Kayla Bretz and Evan Daugherty
- Mikayla Davis and Isaiah Blatt both from Berks County were named the 2015-2016 PA State Junior Grange Princess and Prince at the coronation.

State Camp is a wonderful chance to spend time with your fellow Junior Grangers from throughout the state. Junior Grange Camp builds our future Grange leaders, teaches responsibility, instills the love of Grange ritual, and excites us for the upcoming Grange activities.

### **FAMILY FESTIVAL**

We had less than a full week to re-pack our bags and head back to Centre County for a fun weekend at Family Festival. We took over Building #2 and created a Junior area with games, puzzles, crafts and fun! Juniors could participate in a bike rally course or go on a sports ball egg hunt with candy as the prizes! Friday afternoon, newly crowned PA Junior Grange Royalty, Mikayla and Isaiah led the water games to help cool off the Juniors (and youth).

The Junior Grange Talent Contest was held and I was pleased to have several Juniors share their talents. In the 5-9 age group, Riley Danko won first with her dance routine and in the 10-14 age group, Isaiah Blatt won first with his musical instrument performance, playing the saxophone. Thank you to all of the Juniors who performed! You guys are AWESOME!

### **AG PROGRESS DAYS**

Mikayla and Isaiah assisted with the PA Grange booth at Ag Progress Days in mid August. We worked the Grange booth before enjoying the Penn State Luncheon with other Grange VIP's.

### **VARIOUS OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Around the state, Junior Leaders worked with their Juniors and Granges to provide educational, entertaining or social events to the community. In Lawrence County, the Juniors hosted a Safety Day Event for the public. In Beaver County, I helped to bring life back to the Big Knob Junior Program when their Easter Egg Hunt was held in the Spring. In Berks County, they do a variety of things such as a community breakfast, work at local festivals and make donations to local groups. In Chester County, the Russellville Juniors are always busy in and around the community helping and having fun. I would encourage ANY community Grange who does not have a Junior Program to contact me so I can assist you in getting one started. Remember—the lifeblood of our organizations lies in the families and the young people!

### **STATE GRANGE**

Special thanks to the entire host committee for hosting the Junior Jam this weekend. They have an amazing weekend planned for the Juniors and we thank them for their hard work. Be sure to visit the exhibit room to view the crafts, writings, baking, art, photos, etc. The Junior Degree will be presented Sunday morning. Please show your support to the Juniors and attend their meeting!

### **SUPPORT**

The above-mentioned activities could not possibly be held without the very generous support of our fellow Grange members. We appreciate the monetary donations given to help keep down the costs of camp and other activities. A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone that supported the Junior Grange throughout this past year. I especially give a shout out to the many Grange Youth members who have not only welcomed me into the “flock” but helped guide me through some of

the challenges of running the Junior Program. You have been a great inspiration to me and I know that the Juniors I am working with today will be terrific Grange youth of the FUTURE with all of you as their role models!

**In closing...**

I want to thank all of the Grangers who have supported and helped me during my first year as Director. It has been quite a learning experience and a blessing to be at this level working with the children. I assure you that the Junior Program is alive and well in our great Commonwealth and the future of the Pennsylvania Grange is in good hands!

Fraternally submitted,

Lurae Benzio,

PA State Junior Grange Director

And Committee:

Dina Zug

Heather Druckenmiller

Samantha Gourley

Derek Schroeder

Philip Vonada

**\*NOTE:** The “Junior Supporter of the Year” award was presented to Derek Snyder as part of the Junior Grange presentation at State Session.

## 2015 JUNIOR GRANGE CONTEST WINNERS

### Recycled Craft (5-9)

1. Olivia Wilhelm, Ontelaunee
2. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence Co.
3. Ruby Reyburn, Russellville
4. Cole Wilhelm, Ontelaunee

### Recycled Craft (10-14)

1. William McGregor, Lawrence Co.
2. Eric Jones, Lawrence Co.
3. Lila Jones, Lawrence Co.
4. Mikayla Davis, Ontelaunee

### Foam Craft (5-9)

1. Sadie Johnson, Hookstown
2. Gabriella Lindsay, Watson
3. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence Co.
4. Merle Reyburn, Russellville

### Foam Craft (10-14)

1. Lila Jones, Lawrence Co.
2. Kelly Leiby, Ontelaunee
3. Eric Jones, Lawrence Co.
4. William McGregor, Lawrence Co.

### Baking Contest (5-9)

1. Sadie Johnson, Hookstown
2. Natalie Rodgers, Lawrence Co.
3. Ruby Reyburn, Russellville
4. Ava Jenkins, Pioneer

### Baking Contest (10-14)

1. Lexus Johnson, Hookstown
2. Autumn Tworkski, Ontelaunee
3. Mikayla Davis, Ontelaunee
4. William McGregor, Lawrence Co.

### Origami (5-9)

1. Evan Espenshade, Elizabethtown
2. Merle Reyburn, Russellville
3. Brooke Bickster, Marion
4. Zoe Kramer, Marion

### Origami (10-14)

1. Isaiah Blatt, Ontelaunee
2. John Blackburn, Marion
3. Tucker Sattazahn, Marion
4. Lila Jones, Lawrence

**Creative Writing (5-9)**

1. Natalie Rodgers, Lawrence Co.
2. Harvey Reyburn, Russellville
3. Zoe Kramer, Marion
4. Gayle Reyburn, Russellville

**Creative Writing (10-14)**

1. Peter Rohrbach, Fleetwood
2. William McGregor, Lawrence Co
3. Dani Kehs, Russellville
4. Cassy Kehs, Russellville

**Neck Pumpkins—Painted (5-9)**

1. Carson Sattazahn, Marion
2. Tabitha Samsel, Marion
3. Grady Sattazahn, Marion
4. Dylan Sattazahn, Marion

**Neck Pumpkins—Painted (10-14)**

1. 1.Maya Bicksler, Marion
2. John Blackburn, Marion
3. 3 Tucker Sattazahn, Marion

**Neck Pumpkins—Most Creative (5-9)**

1. Logan Eisenhower, Marion
2. Ruby Reyburn, Russelville

**Neck Pumpkins—Most Creative (10-14)**

1. Kay Reyburn, Russellville

**Field Pumpkins—Painted (5-9)**

1. Sadie Johnson, Hookstown
2. Connor Servin, Marion
3. Alexa Davis, Ontelaunee
4. Zoe Kramer, Marion

**Field Pumpkins—Painted (10-14)**

1. Mikayla Davis, Ontelaunee
2. Megan Muller, Hookstown
3. Tanner Davis, Ontelaunee
4. Calli Grimplin, Hookstown

**Field Pumpkins—Most Creative (5-9)**

1. Ava Jenkins, Pioneer
2. Madelyn Warham, Watson
3. Abby Souffrant, Hookstown
4. Merle Reyburn, Russellville

**Field Pumpkins—Most Creative (10-14)**

1. Lexus Johnson, Hookstown
2. Kay Ontelaunee, Russellville
3. Jeffrey McCartney, Hookstown
4. Erica Berger, Virginville

**Art—People (5-9)**

1. Merle Reyburn, Russellville
2. Harvey Reyburn, Russellville
3. Gayle Reyburn, Russellville
4. Marlayna Fox, Hookstown

**Art—People (10-14)**

1. Jordan Comstock, Lawrence Co
2. William McGregor, Lawrence Co
3. Tucker Sattazahn, Marion
4. Eric Jones, Lawrence Co

**Art—Animals (5-9)**

- a. Merle Reyburn, Russellville
- b. Gayle Reyburn, Russellville
- c. Emma Chachin, Big Knob
- d. Natalie Rodgers, Lawrence

**Art—Animals (10-14)**

1. Sara Benzio, Fairview
2. Kay Reyburn, Russellville
3. Kelly Leiby, Ontelaunee
4. Eric Jones, Lawrence Co.

**Art—Landscape (5-9)**

1. Carson Sattazahn, Marion
2. Merle Reyburn, Russellville
3. Alexa Davis, Ontelaunee
4. Conrad Long, Walker

**Art—Landscape (10-14)**

1. Kay Reyburn, Russellville
2. William McGregor, Lawrence Co
3. Jayden Dennis, Ontelaunee
4. Eric Jones, Lawrence Co.

**Art—Other (5-9)**

1. Tabitha Samsel, Marion
2. Cooper Sattazahn, Marion
3. Rylee Dennis, Ontelaunee
4. Gabriella Yocum, Ontelaunee

**Art—Other (10-14)**

1. Isabella Boone, Baileyville
2. Kay Reyburn, Russellville
3. Hannah D'Egidio, Fairview
4. Tanner Davis, Ontelaunee

**Photography—My Family (5-9)**

1. Ava Jenkins, Pioneer
2. Emma Potts, Ontelaunee
3. Gabriella Yocum, Ontelaunee
4. Cadence Tempel, Pioneer

**Photography—My Family (10-14)**

1. William McGregor, Lawrence Co
2. Lexus Johnson, Hookstown
3. Veronica Heckman, Virginville
4. Tanner Davis, Ontelaunee

**Photography—Scenic America (5-9)**

1. Alexa Davis, Ontelaunee
2. Grace Tempel, Pioneer
3. Ava Jenkins, Pioneer
4. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence Co

**Photography—Scenic America (10-14)**

1. Autumn Tworkoski, Ontelaunee
2. Mikayla Davis, Ontelaunee
3. William McGregor, Lawrence Co
4. Veronica Heckman, Virginville

**Photography—Those Crazy Animals (5-9)**

1. Ava Jenkins, Pioneer
2. Coy Kuller, Ontelaunee
3. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence Co
4. Avery Tworkoski, Ontelaunee

**Photography—Those Crazy Animals (10-14)**

1. Hanna D'Egidio, Fairview
2. Lexus Johnson, Hookstown
3. William McGregor, Lawrence Co.
4. Mikayla Davis, Ontelaunee

**Photography—Event Collage (5-9)**

1. Carson Sattazahn, Marion

**Photography—Event Collage (10-14)**

1. Lila Jones, Lawrence Co
2. Eric Jones, Lawrence Co.

**Photography—Junior Grange (5-9)**

1. Grady Sattazahn, Marion
2. Dylan Sattazahn, Marion
3. Logan Eisenhower, Marion
4. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence Co

**Photography—Junior Grange (10-14)**

1. Tucker Sattazahn, Marion
2. Maya Bicksler, Marion
3. Stephanie Younker, Marion
4. Eric Jones, Lawrence

**Promotional Poster (5-9)**

1. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence Co
2. Harvey Reyburn, Russellville
3. Ruby Reyburn, Russellville
4. Sarah Flickinger, Russellville

**Promotional Poster (10-14)**

1. Kay Reyburn, Russellville
2. Eric Jones, Lawrence Co.
3. William McGregor, Lawrence Co
4. Lila Jones, Lawrence Co

**Sculpture—Building Block (5-9)**

1. Greyson Dennis, Ontelaunee
2. Harvey Reyburn, Russellville
3. Will DeVall, Kutztown
4. Olivia Switzer, Marion

**Sculpture—Building Block (10-14)**

1. Eric Jones, Lawrence Co
2. Lila Jones, Lawrence Co
3. William McGregor, Lawrence Co
4. Eli Blatt, Ontelaunee

**Sculpture—Other (5-9)**

1. Gayle Reyburn, Russellville
2. Harvey Reyburn, Russellville
3. Jessica Hudack, Hookstown
4. Olivia Wilhelm, Ontelaunee



**Sculpture—Other (10-14)**

1. Kay Reyburn, Russellville
2. William McGregor, Lawrence Co
3. Lila Jones, Lawrence Co.
4. Kelly Leiby, Ontelaunee

**PA Royalty -**

Princess – Mikayla Davis, Ontelaunee JG  
Prince – Isaiah Blatt, Ontelaunee JG

**Talent -**

5-9 – Riley Danko  
10-14 - Isaiah Blatt

**Junior Leader Awards –**

Fairview JG	Lawrence Co. JG
Fleetwood JG	Marion JG
Hookstown JG	Ontelaunee JG
Big Knob JG	Virginville JG
Russellville JG	

**Junior Grange All-Star Awards (attending all 3 events: State Camp, Family Fest, Jr. Jam)**

- Sara Benzio
- Isaiah Blatt
- Isabella Boone
- Megan Crawford
- Mikayla Davis
- Jordan Downey
- Evan Espenshade
- Abigail Kehs
- Kay Reyburn
- Merle Reyburn
- Cadence Tempel

## **REPORT OF THE YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS COMMITTEE**

Worthy Master, National Officers, State Officers, Delegates and Guests: First, I would like to extend my grateful and warmest thanks to Anna May Nauss for her leadership and guidance during the transition from her directorship to myself. Anna May handed over an amazing committee and department that ensured our year would be a success. It is hard to believe that I am nearing the end of my first year as Director. It has been an exciting and rewarding year, especially in being able to spend time with our amazing Youth!

This year our Youth have been very active on all levels of Grange activities—Local, County, State and National. The Youth and Young Adults Committee and I are extremely appreciative of those individuals and Granges who sent donations to the Youth Department, even in the absence of an appeal letter. Your donations make a difference in the lives of our Youth!

### **2014 NATIONAL GRANGE SESSION**

The youth of Pennsylvania started the year on a great note, beginning with the 2014 National Grange Session in Sandusky, Ohio. Cassidy Cheddar and Derek Snyder represented Pennsylvania as Youth Ambassadors. Congratulations to both Cassidy and Derek for being named National Grange Youth Ambassadors. Way to go! Lindsay Schroeder served as a Communications Fellow with the National Grange Communications Department during the duration of the National Grange Session. Jennifer Nauss, Derek Snyder, and Cassidy Cheddar represented the Eastern Region and Pennsylvania in the Jeopardy Contest. Kudos to Jenn Nauss for placing first and Derek Snyder for placing third in this national contest. In addition Heather Druckenmiller served as Lady Assistant Steward on the National Grange Youth Officer Team, which included the extra duty of writing and teaching the closing drill to the National Youth Officers. Pennsylvania was well represented and we all can take pride in the accomplishments of these great youth and young adults!

### **FARM SHOW**

In January, the Youth Ambassadors and Young Couple represented the Pennsylvania State Grange at the Farm Show's PA Preferred VIP Reception on Friday evening. The youth were able to mingle and meet various officials such as the outgoing Governor, the Secretary of Agriculture, and other dignitaries. On Saturday, the youth participated in the Governors Gift Presentation and were recognized during the Opening Ceremonies. For the rest of the afternoon the youth helped with the Grange booth and the Farmer for a Day activity.

### **PLANNING MEETING**

Our annual planning meeting was held in State College in February, along with the other departments and State Officers meeting. The Youth Committee used this time to plan our activities for camp, family festival, and to review the contests for the upcoming year.

### **GRANGE INVASION**

We tried a new activity this year which we've called a Grange Invasion. The idea is to hold one-day gatherings for Grange Youth and Young Adults, as well as other interested individuals. These events would be low-cost, fun activities designed to bring youth from the surrounding area together for fellowship. The first Grange Invasion in March was a jumping success attended by 25 folks and held at the SkyZone Indoor Trampoline Park in Lancaster. Look for more of these events across the state in the coming year.

### **EASTERN REGIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE**

The Eastern Regional Youth Conference (ERYC) was held in Zanesville, Ohio at the Ohio State Grange retreat facility. Unfortunately not many from Pennsylvania were able to attend but those who did had a great time. Pennsylvania had three youth participating in the National Grange Jeopardy contest—Jennifer Beamon, Robert Beamon and Anna Benzio. Robert and Jennifer both won spots on the Eastern Regional team that will compete at the National Grange Session in Lincoln, Nebraska. Both Robert Beamon and

Lurae Benzio, Public Speaking winners from State Session last October, were present and competed for a chance to take their speech to the next level. Congratulations to Robert Beamon who will be presenting his speech at the National Grange Session in November! With the smaller number of youth and young adults attending ERYC this year, a drill competition was difficult to attempt, however the group came through and taught, learned and performed a great drill for the audience. New Jersey will be hosting the ERYC in 2016 and I hope to see many more youth, young adults, and young couples at this great weekend.

### **ROYALTY TRIP**

Also new this year was the combining of the Grange Legislative Day and the Royalty Trip to Harrisburg. This event was a great success! The Youth Ambassadors and Young Couple (along with all of the other attendees), were given talking points and tips for meeting with their Representatives and Senators, they were introduced on the Senate Floor and some on the House Floor, and they had a great tour of the Capitol. The opportunity to be introduced on the Floor in front of a group of Grangers was definitely a plus to this event. The action-packed day ended with a few thrill-packed hours at Hershey Park to celebrate their reign.

### **PA STATE GRANGE YOUTH CAMP**

The Youth and Young Adults held a Hawaiian Luau from July 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> at Camp Sylvan Hills. We had 16 campers with a total of 35 in attendance for at least a portion of the weekend. Friday evening began with a few games, an opportunity to make Luau decorations and grass skirts, and a pineapple cooking lesson by Chef Lurae. The evening wrapped up with vespers by Lindsay Schroeder and then off to bed. Saturday morning found the youth working on a craft organized by Jennifer and Robert Beamon – Homemade Air Fresheners – as well as participating in a resolution writing workshop led by President Beth Downey and Government Relations Director, Betsy Huber. Stacy Bruker, PR/Membership Director, also led a workshop on how to plan and do a Radio Spot for one of the State Contests. Everyone learned two Hawaiian dances thanks to the workshop led by Ashley Mohn and a video produced by Brittany and Sammie Haag. Our community service project included making sand art trinkets for the residents at the Susque-View Nursing Home. As in previous years, the attendees at Junior Grange Camp delivered the sand art pieces to the residents during their yearly visit. The camp erected a new game for this season called 9-Square in the Air. All of the campers had a blast playing this new game, so much so that now the Youth and Young Adults Department has its own portable game set to use. If you attended Family Festival, you may have seen it. Saturday evening activities included the Coronation Ceremony and our Hawaiian Luau, organized by Ashley Mohn. During the Coronation Ceremony we announced the new Youth Ambassadors for the 2015-2016 year: Hannah Leibensperger from Berks County and Ryan Berger, also from Berks County. Both of these Youth are eager to come speak during Grange meetings or participate in events. Plan to add them to your calendar. To close Saturday evening, the new Youth Ambassadors conducted vespers before heading to the cabins. Sunday morning brought a visit from the past Youth Director, Anna May Nauss, her husband, Brad, and the Pennsylvania State Grange Chaplain, Jenn Nauss, to conduct our church service. The last workshop for the weekend was led by Jennifer and Robert Beamon on financial planning. Everyone, young and old, enjoyed the practical tips shared during this workshop. Our camp weekend came to a close with a fellowship circle in the parking area. Although we had a very successful camp and a great group of youth and young adults, we were significantly impacted by the dates set for Youth Camp by the Sylvan Hills Christian Camp. Many youth were not able to commit to attending Youth Camp over this holiday weekend due to other plans.

### **FAMILY FESTIVAL**

In mid-July several Youth and Young Adults traveled to Centre Hall for the Pennsylvania State Grange Family Festival. The youth department's new 9-Square game made an appearance for the enjoyment of both young and old. The Youth and Young Adults helped by grilling the Friday night tailgate meal of hamburgers and hot dogs. We also took another trip to Tussey Mountain for the mini-golf, batting cages

and go-kart fun. Unfortunately there were no other young couples interested in serving as the Pennsylvania Young Couple this next year, so I've asked Jennifer and Robert Beamon to continue in this position for another year.

### **OTHER EVENTS**

In August, a few youth were able to assist with the Grange Booth at AG Progress Days as well as to attend the Government/Industry Day Luncheon.

The Youth Ambassadors and Young Couple have traveled to many Grange events over this past year and our new Youth Ambassadors look forward to the opportunity to visit even more this new year.

### **STATE GRANGE SESSION**

Many youth and young adults are participating in various events during the State Grange Session in Warren, Pennsylvania this week. In addition to the Youth Department contests, we also have a fantastic State Youth Officer Team closing the session on Saturday. Presenting the 2015 State Grange Youth Officer Team:

Master – Philip Vonada

Overseer – Gail Switzer

Lecturer – Lindsay Schroeder

Steward – Jennifer Beamon

Asst. Steward – Ryan Berger

Lady Asst Steward – Hannah

Leibensperger

Chaplain – Heather Druckenmiller

Congratulations and great job everyone!!

Treasurer – Benjamin Wadsworth

Secretary – Derek Snyder

Gatekeeper – Robert Beamon

Ceres – Grace Wadsworth

Pomona – Anna Benzio

Flora – Nicole Robinson

Executive Committee – Serena Wingard

### **APPRECIATION**

I would like to express my thanks to my husband David, an avid 9-Square player, who provided strength, support and occasional taxi service to all of the activities that the youth participated or planned this year. To my children and their significants, and my mom, who all became my unofficial committee, filling in whenever and wherever needed

Thank you to all of the youth and young adults who have participated in activities this year. You have truly made this year fun for me and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you.

Thank you to President Beth Downey for the opportunity to serve as Youth Director, and for your unwavering support and encouragement for me, the youth, and the programs. Thank you also to Sandy, Stacy, and the Executive Committee for their assistance and support.

A huge thank you to Lurae Benzio, Junior Director and sister rookie! We have learned so much together this first year and I'm so grateful to be working alongside of you!

Finally, I want to recognize and thank my wonderful committee! This year would not have been half as successful without your help, guidance, suggestions, and leadership! Thank you to:

Ashley Mohn

Braden Gourley (through June 2015)

Lindsay Schroeder (July 2015-present)

Matt & Miranda Irons

Young Couple – Robert and Jennifer Beamon (July 2014-present)

Youth Ambassadors – Lindsay Schroeder and Noah Gesford (July 2014-July 2015)

Hannah Leibensperger and Ryan Berger (July 2015-present)

**\*NOTE:** "Friend of the Youth" award was presented to Anna May Nauss at the Youth Luncheon.

## 2015 YOUTH DEPARTMENT CONTEST WINNERS

### **Start With a Cake Mix - Chocolate Variation**

1. Heather Druckenmiller - Beaver/York
2. Tammy Schaeffer - Berks

### **Start With a Cake Mix - White/Yellow Variation**

1. Nancy Sattazahn - Berks
2. Dina Zug - Juniata

### **Start With a Cake Mix - Spice/Fruit/Nut Variation**

1. Stacey Salata - Berks

### **Cupcake Decorating - Adult (23 +)**

1. Heather Druckenmiller - Beaver-York
2. Margaret Storm - Cambria

### **Scrapbook Page - Youth (14-22)**

1. Lindsay Schroeder - Berks

### **Grange**

1. Jodie Keith - Huntingdon
2. Olive Brawley -Cambria
3. Margaret Storm -Cambria

### **Other**

1. Shelley Fayewicz - Berks
2. Jodie Keith - Huntingdon

### **Building Block Creation - Juniors (5-13)**

1. Braden Thomson - Warren
2. Grady Sattazahn - Berks

### **Building Block Creation - Youth (14-22)**

1. Ashley Mohn - Berks
2. Lindsay Schroeder - Berks

### **Building Block Creation - Adult (23 +)**

1. Tim Braunsberg - Chester

### **Creative Writing - You won't believe what I saw yesterday"**

1. Tim Braunsber - Chester

### **Recycled Container – Plastic - Youth (14-22)**

1. Lindsay Schroeder - Berks

### **Recycled Container – Plastic - Adult (23 +)**

1. Marci Jenkins - Berks
2. Deborah Kolpak - Chester
3. Derek Schroeder - Berks
- HM. Barb Schroeder - Berks

### **Recycled Container – Aluminum - Youth (14-22)**

1. Lindsay Schroeder - Berks

### **Recycled Container – Aluminum - Adult (23 +)**

1. Deborah Kolpak - Chester
2. Derek Schroeder - Berks

### **Recycled Container – Glass - Youth (14-22)**

1. Lindsay Schroeder - Berks

### **Recycled Container – Glass - Adult (23 +)**

1. Heather Druckenmiller - Beaver/York
2. Deborah Kolpak - Chester
3. Derek Schroeder - Berks
- HM. Barb Schroeder - Berks

### **Recycled Container – Mixed - Youth (14-22)**

1. Deborah Kolpak - Chester

### **Create a Commercial - Youth (14-22)**

1. Ashley Mohn - Berks

### **Public Speaking Contests**

#### **Impromptu – Youth (14-21)**

1. Lindsay Schroeder - Berks

#### **Impromptu – Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Jennifer Beamon – Berks
2. Philip Vonada – Centre
3. Gail Switzer – Berks
- HM Heather Druckenmiller - Beaver/York
- HM Jodie Keith - Huntingdon

#### **Impromptu – Adult (36+)**

1. Michael Adams – Berks
2. Ginny Straub – Mercer
3. Jen Kehs – Chester
- HM Sarah Credeur – Chester

#### **Radio Spot – Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Jodie Keith - Huntingdon

#### **Prepared Speech - Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Jodie Keith - Huntingdon
2. Gail Switzer – Berks

#### **Prepared Speech - Adult (36+)**

1. Sarah Credeur – Chester
2. Jackie Clabaugh - Blair

#### **Prepared Speech with Visual Aids - Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Gail Switzer – Berks

## **REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Worthy Master, National Representatives, State Officers, Members and Guests of the Pennsylvania State Grange: The Credentials Committee of the 143rd Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session reports the following:

Subordinate Grange delegates	129
Pomona Grange delegates	53
Total number of delegates	182
Total number of Subordinate Granges Represented	73
Total number of Pomona Granges Represented	30

We had 80 Guests including and 37 Juniors registered.

This gave us a total of 299 registered.

We want to thank the registration committee for their work.

Fraternally submitted,

Grace Mitchell, Washington Co. and Jane Birk, Bucks County

## **REPORT OF THE PA STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION**

In 1994, at the State Session in Warren, PA, the Pennsylvania State Grange Foundation was formed by delegate action. Officers for 2014-15 are: Chairman, Richard Mangel; Secretary, Robert Bair; and Treasurer, Henry Seidel. The main purpose of the Foundation is to house two Grange scholarship funds established by the delegate action.

The Deaf & Community Service Department and the PA State Grange Executive Committee oversee the Sign Language Training Program scholarship Fund, from which a grant of \$250 is available each year. This year there was one scholarship given to Megan Brown of Hillcrest Grange #1674 in Somerset County. The balance of this fund as of June 30, 2015 was \$1,781.94.

The Grange Scholarship Fund provides grants to be given to Grange members in their Junior or Senior years at an institution of higher learning, for any course of study, according to 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, at least one of whom is an educator, select the grantees. The balance in this fund as of June 30, 2015 was \$77,107.03. These funds are invested by the State Grange Treasurer. Only the interest may be used for scholarships each year.

Also, within the funds of the Foundation, is the Jonathan Sattazahn Camp Fund. The purpose of this fund is to enable more children and youth to attend the PA State Grange Junior and Youth Camps. The balance of this fund as of June 30, 2015 was \$16,402.54.

The winners of this year's scholarships were Ashley Mohn of Marion Grange #1853 in Berks County, Brennan Register of Marion Grange #223 in Centre County, Nicole Robinson of Ontelaunee Grange #1617 in Berks County, and Michael Snyder of Valley Grange #1360 in York County. Congratulations to our fellow Grangers.

The greater the principal, the more grants we are able to give to our young adults. One way to contribute is through the State Officers project held at State Session each year. Another way to contribute is by sending a personal check or Grange check to the State Office, marked "Grange Foundation Donation." Any amount is welcome and will be put to good use. 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.

Thank you for your support of this extremely important and worthwhile endeavor that enhances the educational opportunities for all our members, regardless of their course of study or choice of institution.

Fraternally submitted,  
Richard Mangel, Chairman

## **REPORT OF THE HISTORY COMMITTEE**

When the History Committee met in July, the State Grange Museum occupied most of the discussion. The purpose of the Museum came to light: to show the history of the Grange in the context of agriculture and rural living in late 19th century Pennsylvania.

Because of the difficulty of renovating Eagle Grange Hall for the accommodation of the public, some alternate sites were mentioned, but it was also pointed out that a Granger may have a suitable location that he would be willing to donate. A Committee member would be happy to talk to a member with a place for a museum building that is easily accessible to the public that he is willing to donate.

Other issues pertaining to the Museum are an accession (acquisition) policy, how to arrange exhibits so that they are exciting to the public and not just to Grange members, opening hours and staff, insurance, and, of course, funding. The Executive Committee has given us permission to use their 501(c)3 status to help with fundraising, which we appreciate. Some Patrons who have experience writing grants were named and we will be looking to them for assistance.

Another decision that we made was that the Museum Committee will be a sub-committee under the History Committee reporting to the History Committee. It is clear that both Committees need more members in order to move this exciting work ahead. Please let me or Sister Downey know if you are interested in being a member of either.

In addition, there is other work for the History Committee: We need a retention schedule for records (beyond financial) of the State Grange, and for the committees of the State Grange.

Granges are still sending their records for storage at the State Archives. The State Archives has changed its policy and is no longer microfilming records. Therefore, record books sent there will remain in storage and will be available to researchers but will not be microfilmed. It is still important to send older records for storage as most Grange Halls do not have the proper environmental conditions to maintain paper records. Although the microfilming policy has changed, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) still considers Grange records an important resource documenting the history of agriculture in Pennsylvania.

Records have been received from 11 counties since last year's report as follows: 1 Pomona Grange and 23 Subordinate Granges. This brings to 190 the number of Granges that have preserved their records! The entire list can be found at [phmc.state.pa.us](http://phmc.state.pa.us). Look for Manuscript Group #493.

Minute Books are the most important documents that tell the Grange story, but Treasurer's Books, Dues Account Books, and Roll Books help to round out the picture. If you would like to send report binders from various committees, and photo albums, you may, but do not do so if they are of more value in the community.

When you send record books for storage, make sure that the Grange name and number and county are present on paper inserted in the volume. DO NOT write inside the book or attach a label to the cover or inside pages of the book!

The collection of Grange Hall photos continues as well. When you submit photos, please attach the following identifying information on a SEPARATE paper: name, number, and county of the Grange; year of construction; whether it was built specifically for use as a Grange Hall; and whether it was ever

added to or remodeled. If it is no longer used as a Grange Hall, please tell when it stopped being used, and if it no longer exists, please tell when it was torn down, etc., if you can.

The State Grange History Committee has exciting work ahead and we need more Patrons to share in it. If this kind of work interests you, please see one of us to volunteer.

Fraternally submitted,

For the Committee

Mary Sproat	Matthew Espenshade
Doug Bonsall	Charlene Espenshade
Denise Clair	Betsy Huber
Beth Downey	Dina Zug

### **PAST STATE OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES**

The Past Officers and Past Department Heads of the Pennsylvania State Grange held their Annual Luncheon Meeting on Saturday, October 17, 2015, at the Allegheny Community Center in Warren, PA..

President Barb Gross called the meeting to order, and welcomed our National Grange Representatives, High Priest of Demeter Bruce Croucher and his wife Sharon of the state of New York, to our Luncheon.

Past State Chaplain, Doug Bonsall, offered grace before the forty-one persons in attendance enjoyed a delicious lunch. A complete list of these attendees accompanies these minutes.

Copies of the Minutes of the 2014 Meeting were provided to all in attendance, the motion was made by Leonard Heim, seconded by Bob Moore, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Bob Moore had been appointed as the Auditing Committee, and had audited the Treasurer's books at the close of the 2014 meeting, and reported that the records had been found to be correct as of October 17, 2014.

The 2015 Treasurer's Report was also provided to all in attendance by the Treasurer Kelly VanOrd. On behalf of the Treasurer Kelly VanOrd who was ill, Jean Hollabaugh reported that several checks from 2014 had not been cashed, and had been rewritten. The motion was made by Nettie Kauffman, seconded by Betsy Huber, to accept the report as submitted. Motion carried.

The Audit Committee appointed for 2015 was Bob Moore and Sara Shank.

No bills were presented for payment. The "pass-the-hat" collection taken totaled \$237.00.

Regarding the Grange Resale / Jewelry Table, Susan Tau, and Bob and Jean Hollabaugh reported that sales this year are "great", and they thanked everyone who has arranged for and / or helped with the table this year.

Old Business:

The motion was made by Janet Pratt, seconded by John Master to make our annual standing contributions to the various departments of the State Grange as follows:

PA State Grange Junior - \$200.

PA State Grange Youth - \$200.

PA State Grange Deaf & Community Service - \$200.

PA State Grange Foundation - \$200.

Motion carried.

No donation was needed this year for the Memorial Cross this year, as it is now made with artificial flowers, which are in good condition this year. This issue will need re-visited each year to determine when our donation is needed.

New Business:



The following Officers were nominated:

President	Martha Ebersole
Vice President	Linda Strong
Secretary	Mary Jane Kent (re-elected)
Treasurer	Kelly VanOrd (re-elected)

The motion was made by Bob Hollabaugh, seconded by John Masters that the nominations be closed. Nominations closed, and officers were declared elected.

Necrology Report of Past PSG Officers who have passed since our 2014 meeting:

Carl Rudy—12/22/14 – Past Deputy  
Carl Blank—10/2/15 – Past Overseer, Past Executive Committee Member

Suggestions for the Good of the PSO Group:

Secretary Mary Jane Kent announced that she had not sent out any Pre-Convention mailing this year because our group no longer handles the reservations, menu selection, or any other planning details for our Annual Luncheon. Jean Hollabaugh suggested that perhaps one annual mailing should be made, to remind inactive members that donations are needed and appreciated.

The motion was made by Mike Pratt, seconded by Barbara Gross, to adjourn the meeting.

Past State Officers & Department Chairmen were recognized later the same day during the afternoon session.

Those in attendance were:

Amy Hickman	Washington County	Guest
Anne Hall	Crawford County	Guest
Art Zug	Juniata County	Assistant Steward
Barbara Gross	Venango County	Executive Committee
Betsy Huber	Chester County	Master, Overseer, Pomona
Bob Hollabaugh	Warren County	Gatekeeper
Bob Moore	Washington County	Gatekeeper
Bruce Croucher	High Priest of Demeter	Guest
Chester Tau	Crawford County	Overseer, Steward
Deb Campbell	Perry County	Secretary, Pomona, Junior Dir.
Dina Zug	Juniata County	Secretary, Youth Dir.
Doug Bonsall	Perry County	Lecturer, Chaplain, Youth Dir.
Elaine Miller	Berks County	Guest
Ernest Miller	Berks County	Executive Committee
Gordon Hiller	Lycoming County	Master
Henry Seidel	Berks County	Treasurer, Assistant Steward
Irvin J. Kauffman	Berks County	Guest
Janet Fishovitz	Beaver County	Flora
Janet Rudy Pratt	Venango County	L.A.S., Comm. Svc. Dir, Junior Dir.
Jean Hollabaugh	Warren County	Chaplain
John Master	Venango County	Steward, Exec. Comm.
Karol Anhanbauer	Crawford County	Guest
Leonard Heim	Lehigh County	Steward

Linda Strong	Huntingdon County	Ceres
Lois Moore	Washington County	Guest
Marty Dinsmore	Greene County	Flora
Mary Jane Kent	Greene County	Lecturer
Michael Pratt	Venango County	A.S., Comm. Svc. Dir., Junior Dir.
Nettie Kauffman	Berks County	Pomona, Exec. Comm., Youth Dir.
Paul Burkhardt	Lycoming County	Guest
Richard Mangel	Butler County	Overseer, Gatekeeper
Ruth Britcher	Perry County	Guest
Sara L. Shank	Lancaster County	Pomona
Scott Shank	Lancaster County	Guest
Sharon Croucher	NY State Grange	Guest
Susan Tau	Crawford County	Lecturer
Tammy Schaeffer	Berks County	Ceres
Tim Schaeffer	Berks County	Guest
Tony Fishovitz	Beaver County	Guest
Wayne Campbell	Perry County	Guest

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Jane Kent, Secretary

### **REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DIRECTOR**

Thank you to President Downey for placing confidence in me and appointing me to this position. I have enjoyed the last 9 months very much in spite of her keeping me much too busy.

Prior to actually beginning my job I updated the Legislative Policy Book with last year's new resolutions and created the new legislative brochure. My official responsibilities began in January with the PA Farm Show and our annual Grange meeting where Kerry Golden, Executive Director of the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, told us her view of issues the committee may be dealing with in 2015. Many other meetings take place at the Farm Show, including this year a briefing by Attorney General Kane on activities of her office pertaining to the ACRE legislation.

One of President Downey's priorities is to work more cooperatively with other organizations, so on January 22 we met with the new PA Farm Bureau President and staff. I attended two days of the PASA (PA Association for Sustainable Agriculture) conference and spoke at the State Grange planning meeting in early February.

For Grange Day we tried something new, combining the Youth and Junior Royalty Trip with our usual Grange Day Capitol visits. Attendees got to witness the introduction of our Grange Royalty in the Senate and House, enjoy lunch in the Capitol, and visit their Representatives and Senators to talk about the Grange priorities. Having participants of all ages exemplified the family organization we are, and infused a new level of excitement into the Day.

I continue to serve on the PA Farm Link board, the PA State Council of Farm Organizations board, and the Penn State Ag Council representing another group I work for. I attend the Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission, Alliance for Livestock Well-being, Keystone Transportation Coalition, DEP Ag Advisory Board, and PA Milk Marketing Board meetings where Matt Espenshade testifies on behalf of the Grange. I represent the State Grange on the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School Board of Overseers and the Penn State Board of Trustees.

I believe one of my most important jobs is to keep our members informed on important legislation and happenings in Harrisburg and Washington. Therefore I send a bi-weekly email newsletter to all members for whom we have email addresses, discussing current bills seeing action and other information of interest. If you would like to receive this, please call the State Grange Office and give us your email address.

Our priority issues for the year have been as follows:

**State:**

- Pension Reform
- Gas Royalties
- Electronic Legal Advertising

**Federal:**

- Immigration Reform
- Waters of the U.S.
- Power Plants and Greenhouse Gas

All of these issues have seen discussion or legislation introduced but as of this writing no final action has resulted. At the end of my report I have listed bills we have been tracking which have been passed to date.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to serve you as Government Relations Director. If you have any legislative issues you need help with, or need assistance in writing a resolution, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Fraternally,  
Betsy E. Huber

**Legislation Passed as of 9/15/15:**

Act 1 – Amends death benefit for police & emergency services	HB 152
Act 6 – requires realtor disclosure of stormwater facilities	HB 341
Act 7 – regulates health care navigators	SB 293
Act 8 – allows pharmacists to give immunizations to anyone over 9 years	HB 182
Act 10 – increases penalty for impersonating a physician	SB 485
Act 11 – children of military stationed in PA considered resident for college tuition	HB 131
Act 12 – revise the 911 emergency communications law	HB 911
Act 15 – amends the Child Protection Law of 2014	HB 1276
Act 16 – regulates bondsmen	SB 397
Act 23 – consider military experience & training for professional licenses	HB 157
Act 24 – makes possession of animal fighting equipment illegal	HB 164
Act 25 – mandates training for police & judges on mental health/intellectual disabilities	HB 221
Act 26 – makes cyber harassment of a child a 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree misdemeanor	HB 229
Act 32 – increases penalties for falsely claiming to be a veteran	SB 42
Act 33 – Ready to Succeed scholarship program	SB 329
Act 39 – prohibits multiple copayments for physical/occupational therapy, chiropractic	SB 487

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Worthy President, State Officers, Honored Guests and Delegates;

I am so excited to be working for the Pennsylvania State Grange, again! This organization has given so much to me in my twenty five plus years of membership, I'm blessed to be give back as the PR/Membership Director.

I returned to this position in November 2014, after about a year and a half exploring other opportunities. My first order of business was bringing our website and social media sites up to date. After that was accomplished I began the project of redesigning and updating our bi-monthly publication. Hopefully you've all see the new and improved "Advocate", renamed the *Pennsylvania Grange News*. The new format is not only a higher quality, more attractive publication, but it also saves me a lot of time in the pre-production process. Susquehanna Printing, the company we use to print *PA Grange News*, is wonderful to work with and made the transition as smooth as possible. I ask that all our members be patient as we continue to improve *PA Grange News*, and find the balance between form and function.

Additional "PR" items include ongoing upgrades to the website, maintaining an active social media presence, press releases and a monthly page in *Lancaster Farming*.

This year at State Session we will be sharing preliminary results of our first (at least in a really long time) comprehensive membership survey. Over the past two months we've surveyed not only our current members, but those who've left the organization in the past two years. The goal of the survey is to gather information on why people join the Grange, why they continue their membership and why they leave. These results will help us develop a membership plan and focus our membership efforts in the most efficient and effective ways. We have nothing but opportunities in the area of membership, we just have to make sure we, as Grangers, are ready to welcome new individuals to the Order with open arms AND open MINDS!

I'm sure many of you are wondering about our membership numbers, as many of our Granges have seen decreasing numbers over the past few years. And many of you may have seen the Grange down the street, or in the next town close or sell their building. As of the end of June 30, 2015 we had 7,417 members of the Pennsylvania State Grange and 220 community Granges. It's true, our membership is decreasing, and contrary to popular belief, it's not just because they are dying. Over a three month period, we tracked how many members "left" because of death and surprisingly it was only about 25%. This is a small sample over a limited period of time, but it does show us that about 75% of our members are leaving for some other reason. These reasons are the key to member retention, a big piece of increasing our membership. We are hoping that the survey to people who have recently left the Grange will identify reasons people leave. And then it's everyone's job to address these possible issues, make corrections and create an organization in which people WANT to be a member.

There are membership efforts happening across PA now. We've not decreased our current efforts waiting for the survey, and are already planning a few projects for 2016. I've visited a few Granges and in conjunction with the National Membership/Leadership Director, Michael Martin, we hosted two successful G.O.A.L. Seminars. These Grange Outreach for Active Leadership seminars focus on membership growth and community outreach, two things that go hand in hand to create a healthy active Grange. Both were well attended and I continue to follow-up with the attendees to identify opportunities to put everything learned at the workshop to work for their Grange. We will be hosting additional sessions in 2016. I encourage each of you to make sure someone from your Grange attend the session held in your area. We can only increase our membership if we all work together, and these seminars are the first step—getting the tools you need to promote your Grange and ASK people to join.

I'm excited for the future membership of the Grange as we continue to build a relevant organization, focused on rural America and the future of our American Values and Hometown Roots.

Stacy Bruker  
Public Relations and Membership Director

### **Report of the PA State Grange Lifetime Membership Committee**

The Lifetime Membership Committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange met on Saturday, July 19, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at State College during the Family Festival activities. The committee consisted of Anna May Nauss, Cindy Shaffer, and Nettie Kauffman. We also had support from the State Secretary, Deb Campbell; Office Manager, Sandy Herman; and our State Treasurer, Henry Seidel. Without their input and the suggestions of the State Treasurer, the committee would have had a more difficult time in finalizing the rates for Lifetime Membership fees. Their help was greatly appreciated.

Since the inception of the program in 1984, the membership had reached a total of 1552 members. All inactive members (due to death, and drop of membership) were removed on a report from the database and we now have an active number of members totaling 948 (as of July 19, 2014).

The Committee feels the program is attractive for the members and an asset to the State Grange.

The Committee is making the following recommendations/changes:

1. Adjust the membership fee scale to the following:

<b>Members under 25 years of age</b>	<b>\$1,050</b>
<b>Members 25-34 years of age</b>	<b>\$900</b>
<b>Members 35-54 years of age</b>	<b>\$750</b>
<b>Members 55-64 years of age</b>	<b>\$625</b>
<b>Members 65 years and over</b>	<b>\$550</b>

2. The fees would be effective January 1, 2016.
3. 100% of the interest earned on the Lifetime Membership Fund will be forwarded to the PA State Grange general fund on a quarterly basis.
4. Eliminate the words "within one year" in statement (#8) --When a life member dies, the PA State Grange may, at the option of the Executive Committee, transfer the membership fee from the special account to its general operating account within one year.

The guidelines for the Pennsylvania State Grange Lifetime Membership Program previously adopted, updated now, and if approved, are as follows:

1. Life memberships are available to all fourth degree members in good standing, by application to the State Grange Office.
2. The life memberships became available starting January 1, 1985, and continuously thereafter upon application.
3. The fees proposed by the Lifetime Membership Committee are as follows and shall be non-refundable. These fees would be effective January 1, 2016:

<b>Members under 25 years of age</b>	<b>\$1,050</b>
<b>Members 25-34 years of age</b>	<b>\$900</b>
<b>Members 35-54 years of age</b>	<b>\$750</b>
<b>Members 55-64 years of age</b>	<b>\$625</b>
<b>Members 65 years and over</b>	<b>\$550</b>
4. The State Grange shall provide an appropriate numbered Lifetime Membership Certificate and pocket identification card for said members.

5. The State Grange will credit each Subordinate Grange quarterly at the rate of \$.25 per life membership.
6. 100% of the interest earned on the Lifetime Membership Fund will be forwarded to the PA State Grange general fund on a quarterly basis.
7. If the Subordinate Grange in which a life member belongs consolidates or gives up their charter, the life member will retain a "life membership status" in a Subordinate Grange of his/her choosing.
8. When a life member dies, the State Grange may, at the option of the Executive Committee, transfer the membership fee from the special account to its general operating account.
9. A data base record of all life membership applicants and the membership numbers assigned to said member shall be kept by the Pennsylvania State Grange Secretary and a duplicate file shall be kept by the Office Manager of the Pennsylvania State Grange. The life members' names and addresses entered into the computer with the Secretary and Office Manager are to be verified quarterly.
10. The life membership program will be evaluated at three year intervals, by a special state committee, and special committee may recommend changes to the State Grange delegate body. At the 1993 session, it was approved that if unforeseen circumstances would prevail, that the Executive Committee would be able, at their discretion, to call for a special review before the three year period elapsed.
11. Payments for the lifetime membership program could be set up as an installment option over a two-year period, with an extra fee of \$5 for each quarter of elapsed time before full payment is completed. (Approved 2003)
12. The Pennsylvania State Grange will not send payment to a Subordinate Grange when their credit for Lifetime Members' dues exceeds payment due on the Quarterly Report Form.

The foregoing guidelines were taken from past recommendations of the Lifetime Membership committees.

This committee feels the program is successful and believes that the recommended changes will benefit the program. We would encourage all delegates to promote this program among their Granges. The Committee recommends the acceptance of the changes noted and that they become effective when approved by the State Grange Delegate Body, except the fees which would become effective on January 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna May Nauss

Cindy Shaffer

Nettie Kauffman

In consultation with:

Deb Campbell, PA State Secretary

Sandy Herman, Office Manager

Henry Seidel, PA State Treasurer

## PRESIDENT/MASTER STUDY COMMITTEE

The 2014 PA State Grange Resolution #31 Committee, appointed to study a Full Time Master/President vs. a Part time Master/President, reviewed Pennsylvania State Grange information of the daily tasks of the Master/President, membership records, financial records, legislative activities, current programs and needs of the PA State Grange. We also reviewed the office staffing structures of several other State Granges.

After much thought, discussion and deliberation, the Committee is recommending that the Pennsylvania State Grange continues to employ a full time Master/President.

Fraternally submitted,  
Barbara Gross, Chair  
Dr. James Diamond  
David Troutman

## 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 2016 – 2018 are to be set as follows:

Beginning November 1, 2016:

Master	\$42,500	plus \$3,000	=	\$45,500
Lecturer	\$ 2,000			
Secretary	\$ 2,000			
Treasurer	\$ 3,600			

Beginning November 1, 2017:

Master	\$43,500	plus \$3,000	=	\$46,500
Lecturer	\$ 2,000			
Secretary	\$ 2,000			
Treasurer	\$ 3,600			

The \$3,000 Benefits Stipend, set by the Executive Committee as a separate amount, is included in the Master's compensation.

The Housing allowance for the State Master to live in the Harrisburg area is to be set at a maximum of \$600.00 per month.

The Lecturer, Secretary and Treasurer are paid quarterly.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nettie Kauffman  
Cindy Shaffer  
Brent Yohn  
Henry Seidel, Treasurer, ex officio

## REPORT FOR THE PA GRANGE HERITAGE QUILT TRAIL

The PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail is now in its sixth year and still going strong. There are over 100 blocks now mounted in PA on Grange Halls, Fairgrounds and community buildings along with the “PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail” signage. Through *Paint Your Own Quilt Block Classes* we now have over 150 people experienced in planning and painting quilt blocks.

Classes have been held for Grangers, Quilt Guilds, Art Councils and community organizations during the year with at least 40 new blocks having been painted. Once again the Paint Your Own Quilt Block workshop was held at Family Festival, but this year was a little different. A Grange member painted an 8' x 8' block with plans to mount it on the family barn at the intersection of Rt. 45 and 144 just outside Centre Hall. A retired Penn State Journalism professor, R Thomas Berner, heard of the plan, attended Family Festival and documented the entire process. The story and photos appeared in the Centre Daily Times! Keep watch for the story and photo to appear in other magazines also!

This past year inquiries came in from non-Grange-affiliated persons who had viewed the Quilt Blocks on Grange Halls and wanted to know if they could create a block, place it on their place of business which was formerly a Grange Hall and become part of the PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail. So after much thought and discussion, the policy is that anyone who desires to become part of the PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail may, at their own expense, create and mount a Quilt Block and then purchase the signage from the State Grange. It is felt this is a positive image and is free advertising for the Grange.

Our website ([www.pagrang.org](http://www.pagrang.org)) continues to be the weakest link in promoting our Quilt Trails in PA but I am told it currently is under construction and should be up and running by 2015 State Session! It has been well over a year since new blocks have been posted and then for the past several months the web site has been totally shut down. Our goal for the coming year is to bring our website up to date, so if you have a mounted Quilt Block that is not on the new web site please call the office or one of the persons listed below and we will work with you to get it posted.

If you need assistance or help in making a Quilt Block, help is only a phone call away. Just call Barbara and Glenn Gross (724-290-3783) or Nettie and Irvin Kauffman (610-926-5389) and they will assist with your needs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Gross, Chair



## REPORT OF THE SIXTH DEGREE COMMITTEE

Worthy State Master, National Officers, Delegates, Guests and Fellow Patrons:

The Sixth Degree Committee was registering from 3 PM to 4 PM on Sunday, October 18th. A total of 15 candidates registered to receive the Sixth Degree. The cost of \$10 each resulted in receipts of \$150. There were different Granges represented and the counties represented by the 15 candidates numbered 8 and they included:

Beaver	1	Greene	2
Centre	4	Montgomery	1
Columbia	1	Perry	1
Erie	1	Warren	4

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve on the Sixth Degree Committee and a special thank you to everyone for their dedication to the Grange.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Clare, Chairperson, Berks Co.

Jane Adams, Berks Co.

Georgette Mummert, Huntingdon Co.

### SIXTH DEGREE CANDIDATES

6th Degree Member #	Name	Grange Name	County
PA-1060	Claude L. Barnes	East Franklin #1709	Greene
PA-1061	Heather Michelle Barnes	East Franklin #1709	Greene
PA-1062	Anna Benzio	Fairview #1351	Beaver
PA-1063	<u>Debbie Bowersox</u>	Union City #89	Erie
PA-1064	Elizabeth Broda	Roaring Creek Valley #2041	Columbia
PA-1065	Mac Bruker	Community #1767	Perry
PA-1066	Deborah Farrar	Brokenstraw #407	Warren
PA-1067	Jessica Garbrick	Progress #96	Centre
PA-1068	Tammy Jurkowski	Progress #96	Centre
PA-1069	Kara S. Krebs	Walker #2007	Centre
PA-1070	Brian Marfink	Brokenstraw #407	Warren
PA-1071	Dennis E. McCloskey, Jr.	Progress #96	Centre
PA-1072	Kristy A. Thomas	Brokenstraw #407	Warren
PA-1073	Russell K. Thomas	Brokenstraw #407	Warren
PA-1074	Denae Zvarick	Keystone #2	Montgomery

## REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

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

We, the members of the Agriculture and Environmental Issues Committee, are again honored to serve the members of the Pennsylvania State Grange. We have considered the resolutions pertaining to our committee with an open discussion and look forward to continuing to serve the members well. Agriculture has and will continue to impact the environment shared by farm and non-farm communities. Grange has current policy and will continue making recommendations on issues affecting the delicate balance of agriculture's need for profitability and a sustainable environment.

GMO Food products continue to be a concern to some while their benefits continue to be realized. Until science undoubtedly proves harm the Grange believes there is no reason for mandatory labeling of foods containing GMOs. Grange also supports those farmers who have achieved certified organic status be entitled to use the GMO-Free Labeling on their products. Resolution #12

As some species of plants face extinction, the Grange recommends the maintaining of a supply of Open Source Seed that will play an important role in the future of Agriculture. Resolution #1

The Grange does not favor the continuous efforts of the EPA, through its rule making powers of the Clean Water Act, to redefine and/or expand the waters under its jurisdiction. Resolution #6

Pennsylvania Preserved Farm Land has encountered uses that are being challenged as nonconforming. The Grange supports a review and clearer language to better define uses that conform to the intent of the program. Resolution #2

Energy independence is a goal for both agriculture and consumers alike. The Grange continues to support Legislation that would promote the building and maintaining of a safe and affordable infrastructure necessary to refuel vehicles of the new technology. The Grange also supports policy that taxes the usage of these alternative fuel vehicles fairly. Resolution #3

The State Grange with Penn State Extension as an information resource be made available to landowners in negotiations with pipeline expansion and upgrades by the National Grange for areas outside of the Commonwealth of PA. Resolution # 5

The Grange promotes oil and Gas development activities on State owned properties. Resolution #9

As alternative power generating has become a reality in rural areas, the PA PUC has enacted limitations on Net-Metering. The Grange supports efforts to promote alternative generating capabilities and preserve Net-Metering as the method used for compensating producers. Resolution #4

The Grange supports "mentored youth hunting" with the child completing a required Hunter's Safety course. Resolution #10

Damage caused by rodents is a financial burden to agriculture in general. The Grange supports legislation allowing special tools for eradicating rodents in cropland and agricultural homesteads. Resolution #13

Grange continues to support policy of monitoring and management of the Coyote population under the control of the PA State Game Commission. Resolution #11

The Grange continues to promote the wholesome qualities of Dairy products and strive to keep whole milk available in schools. Resolution #15

PA State Grange will continue providing testimony for the PA Milk Marketing Board in an effort to maintain over order premiums necessary to sustain the Dairy industry. Resolution #14

The PA Milk Marketing Board has recently been the topic of many news articles. Dairy men in PA need to be educated on how the Milk Marketing Board's action really affects their milk price, and the reasoning behind the minimum price for milk sold in Pennsylvania. With the decline in fluid milk consumption, it seems that in today's market, all dairy men in Pennsylvania should be benefiting from the Board action, and we reaffirm our present policy that the Over Order Premium should be pooled across all Pennsylvania producers.

The Ag committee thanks Penn State Extension and the PA Farmland Preservation office on behalf of the Grange for their informative reports during our discussion of the resolutions presented at this session.

Fraternally submitted,

Chairman: James Huber, Lancaster Co.

John Courtney, Mercer Co.

Dale Shupp, Wyoming Co.

Ronald Houtz, Centre Co.

Dorothy Houtz, Centre Co.

Stanley Reyburn, Chester Co.

Dustin Kunkle, Berks Co.

## Approved Resolutions

### **Resolution #1 - Establishment of an Open Source Seed Model**

#### **Keystone Grange #2, Montgomery County**

RESOLVED, that the Grange support that a wide variety of food source seeds be maintained in an open source model.

### **Resolution #2 - Modification of Farmland Preservation Language**

#### **Keystone Grange #2, Montgomery County**

RESOLVED, that the Grange supports a review of the current Farmland Preservation program and amending the law with clearer language that will better define allowed uses on preserved farms.

### **Resolution #4 - Opposition to Restrictions on Net-Metering**

#### **Lancaster County Pomona Grange #71**

RESOLVED, the Pennsylvania State Grange support efforts to promote alternative generating capabilities and preserve net metering.

### **Resolution #5 - Support of Energy Independence**

#### **Chester-Delaware Pomona Grange #3**

RESOLVED, that the National Grange continue to support US energy independence; and Be It Further  
RESOLVED, that the National and State Granges work together to provide a vital community service by becoming involved in the pipeline expansion process to assure the rights of the private landowner are preserved in the process of leasing of rights of way.

### **Resolution #9 - Fracking and State Economy**

#### **Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

RESOLVED, that oil and gas development activities be allowed on state-owned lands.

### **Resolution #10 - Mentored Youth Hunting**

#### **Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

RESOLVED, that any child participating in mentored youth hunting be required to take a hunter safety course.

### **Resolution #12 - GMO-Free Labeling Certification Program**

#### **Elizabethtown Area Grange #2076, Lancaster County**

RESOLVED, the Pennsylvania State Grange supports the establishment of a voluntary GMO-free labeling certification program through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, that farms that achieve the USDA's Certified Organic label would automatically qualify for the GMO-free label program.

**Resolution #13 - Rodent Destruction  
Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

RESOLVED, that legislation be changed to make the "Rodenator," a rodent eradicator, legal for use in Pennsylvania after taking an operator's course and being certified to properly use the equipment.

**Resolution #15 - Milk in Schools  
Bradford-Sullivan Pomona Grange #23**

RESOLVED, the Grange urges Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to put whole milk back in the school lunch program.

## **REPORT OF FAMILY ISSUES COMMITTEE**

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

The members of the Family Issues Committee would like to extend our thanks to the Northwestern Convention District for hosting this year's 143<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session. We would also like to thank Master Beth Downey and the Officers and Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange for their dedicated service to our organization.

When completing our assigned task of reviewing resolutions that affect our quality of life, the Family Issues Committee focuses on problems and concerns in a wide variety of areas, including education, health, consumer issues, and laws and regulations governing our standards of life and death.

This year two topics were introduced to the committee in the form of resolutions and are important enough to also mention in this policy statement: carbon monoxide detectors in hotels and internet sites pertaining to suicide.

The Committee felt that it was important to note that, in the case of carbon monoxide poisoning, statistics for 2011 (the last year reported) indicate that more than four-fifths of the fatalities occur in the home or on the premises of the home, not in hotels or motels. It is important that every home is equipped with a carbon monoxide detector to reduce these fatalities. A simple solution to the problem of hotel rooms not being equipped with CO detectors is to consider carrying a CO alarm when you travel. Most CO detectors are portable and can easily be carried with you.

According to the National Institute for Mental Health, suicide is a major public health concern. There are over 41,000 deaths by suicide each year in the United States alone, more than twice as many as by homicide. While the Committee did not recommend adoption of the resolution pertaining to suicide sites on the internet, we did feel that it is our responsibility to make all Grange members aware of the resources available to help those who are contemplating suicide. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, telephone number 1-800-273-TALK (8255) is available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Their website is [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org). September is National Suicide Prevention Month, and perhaps local Granges could provide their members with informative programs regarding identification of those at risk for suicide, guidelines for interacting with someone considering suicide, and resources for helping those who are suicidal.

As in the past, Pennsylvania's contributions toward total education funding continue to be significantly lower than more than 40 other states' contributions. As a result, local school districts continue to absorb a large share of the costs of education, resulting in higher property taxes for the residents of this state, greater class sizes for students, fewer educational services, and diminished educational opportunities. In a positive move, the Pennsylvania legislature established a Basic Education Funding Commission in 2014. This commission created a new basic education funding formula, with the purpose of distributing basic

education funding on a more equitable basis than currently happens. The impact of the formula is currently tied to ongoing budget negotiations, but when implemented should help to equalize educational opportunities across the state and bring Pennsylvania's funding practices more in line with other states.

The state budget impasse this fiscal year has created serious financial problems for local school districts and social service agencies. Not only are school districts being denied access to state funding, but due to the manner in which federal funds are distributed through the state budget, districts are also being denied the federal dollars to which they are entitled, and at the same time, the state is earning interest on those dollars. The Family Issues Committee urges the Pennsylvania State Grange to work with other associations, such as the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBO) to immediately release the entitled federal funds to school districts, divorce federal funding from any state budget impasse in the future, and to advocate that school districts and social service agencies be as exempt from the effects of state budget impasses as are the legislators and government officials, who continue to receive their paychecks.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Courtney, Mercer County

Keith Karasik, York County

Jerilynn Millvan, Cumberland County

Tammy Schaeffer, Berks County

Donald Steeley, Bucks County

Ron Sweeney, Blair County

Barbara Warden, Chair, Venango County

## Approved Resolutions

### **Resolution #17 - Space Available Travel for 100% Service-Disabled Veterans**

#### **Chester-Delaware Pomona Grange #3**

RESOLVED that the Grange at all levels call upon both houses of Congress to support the inclusion of service-disabled veterans in the Space Available Program operated by the Mobile Air Command.

### **Resolution #18 - Support Service Provider Programs for Deaf-Blind People**

#### **Chester-Delaware Pomona Grange #3**

RESOLVED that the Pennsylvania State Grange and the National Grange urge the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U. S. Congress to extend the Support Service Provider program to all 50 states.

### **Resolution #19 - National Right to Parent**

#### **Chester-Delaware Pomona Grange #3**

RESOLVED that the Pennsylvania State Grange and the National Grange call upon members of the U. S. Congress and federal agencies to establish a national parenting network for parents with disabilities.

### **Resolution #20 - Require Carbon Monoxide Detectors in Hotels**

#### **Chester-Delaware Pomona Grange #3**

RESOLVED that the Grange support efforts to require that all hotels, motels, and other places of public lodging install a carbon monoxide detector in all corridors and bedrooms adjacent to places where HVAC and other fuel-burning equipment are present, with all such detectors connected to a central alarm-monitoring system.

### **Resolution #21 - "Good Samaritan" Protection Regarding Children in Unattended Vehicles**

#### **Chester-Delaware Pomona Grange #3**

RESOLVED that the Grange work with legislators to enact laws that would provide protocols for citizens to legally use force to enter a vehicle or smash a window if a person has a good faith belief that such

action would help a minor child if immediate action is not taken and other rescue efforts have been attempted such as calling 911 and trying to open a door or sunroof.

**Resolution #23 - Tattoo Parlors Inspection**

**Harveys-Aleppo Grange #1444, Greene County**

RESOLVED, that tattoo and piercing artists be required to undergo professional training pertaining to safety and cleanliness as it relates to their customers; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, that tattoo and piercing parlors be regularly inspected with regards to specified cleanliness and safety procedures so as to protect the health and safety of their customers.

**REPORT OF GOVERNMENT ISSUES COMMITTEE**

Worthy Master, National Representative, State Officers, Delegate and guests,

The members of the Government Issues committee wish to express gratitude and appreciation to our Worthy Master, Beth Downey; Government Relations Director, Betsy Huber; PR Director, Stacy Bruker; and Office Manager, Sandy Herman for their tireless efforts to not only advance the State Grange Legislative Policy but all the aspects of our organization.

The issues we face are great and very fast moving. The committee's concern is the lack of compromise, in our citizen politics and government. We—as individuals and as an organization—have to develop the concept of “good for all not best for my interest.”

When government and municipalities consolidations are considered, these should be considered as voluntary instead of compulsory consolidation. We would urge Grange members to attend meetings and take part in these local boards and commissions and to make a VOICE in their community.

The committee is aware the PA Game Commission is considering expanding hunting season to include Sunday hunting. The PA State Grange does have policy against Sunday hunting. The committee feels the PA Grange should be active in advocating no more expansion of hunting season to Sunday.

Resolution #31, regarding underage tobacco harvesting: The committee believes that any new regulations that are proposed by the U.S. Department of Labor concerning youth and family farms should encourage safety while not adding unnecessary burdens to family farm operations, especially regarding youth labor. Education should be the option rather than laws. We recommend a voluntary educational effort, rather than opening up the child labor laws.

The committee wishes to thank Master Downey for the opportunity of serving on this Government Issues committee and urges all members to participate in the Grange Policy-making process.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Art Zug, Juniata Co., Chairman  
Lizzie Bailey, Cumberland Co.  
Carol Ann Gregg, Mercer Co.  
George Gregg, Mercer Co.

Carole Huber, Lancaster Co.  
Martha Sherman, Erie Co.  
Terry Pattison, Erie Co.

## Approved Resolutions

### **Resolution #24 - PILT payments**

#### **Potter County Pomona Grange #54**

RESOLVED that the Pennsylvania State Grange supports an increase of the “in lieu of taxes” payment to school districts, municipalities and county government for tax-exempt state forest and game lands from the current \$3.60 per acre to \$6.00 per acre, with one-third going to school districts, municipalities and counties; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, that we also support twenty percent (20%) of revenues derived from timber sales and oil/gas leases on state forest land to be distributed to school districts, municipalities and counties.

### **Resolution #25 - Consolidation of Local Governments**

#### **Potter County Pomona Grange #54**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange opposes any attempts by the state to force mandatory consolidation of local governments.

### **Resolution #27 - Tractor Trailer Licensing**

#### **Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

RESOLVED, that all trucking companies only be allowed truck and trailer licensing if they have a major part of their business in that given state.

### **Resolution #28 - “Revenge Porn” Legislation**

#### **Chester-Delaware Pomona Grange #3**

RESOLVED that the Grange work with legislators to make the posting of privately shared, sexually explicit pictures or videos on the internet a criminal offense punishable by imprisonment, a fine, or both.

### **Resolution #29 - Legalize Semi-automatic Rifles for Hunting**

#### **Valley Grange #1360, York County**

RESOLVED, that the PA State Grange support legalizing the use of semi-automatic rifles for hunting in Pennsylvania.

### **Resolution #30 - Amendment of Hatch Act Modernization Act of 2012**

#### **Chester-Delaware Pomona Grange #3**

RESOLVED that the Grange actively lobby for revisions to the Hatch Act to permit federal government employees to run for election for local municipal and county offices in order to serve their community, so long as no conflict of interest exists.

### **Resolution #32 - Shadow Vehicle Requirement for Mowing Roads**

#### **Goshen Grange #121, Chester County**

RESOLVED, that the PA State Grange urge PennDOT to rescind the requirement for a shadow vehicle to follow mowing equipment on low-volume local roads.

### **Resolution #34 – Taxing Health Care Facilities**

#### **Bradford-Sullivan Pomona Grange #23**

RESOLVED, that there be no new tax on extended health care facility costs.

## REPORT OF GOOD OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE

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

As a committee we would like to express our appreciation for allowing us to serve on this committee.

We would like to remind all Grangers that in order to continue as an organization we need to evolve and grow. Please keep in mind that the resolutions for our committee are intended to be for the *good* of our Order. Is the idea or policy you are presenting moving our Order forward or are we addressing the same issues each year? Also remember that resolutions that are submitted will not be addressed until State Session in October. When writing that resolution, will the issue still be relevant when presented?

If your Grange submits a resolution that will be addressed at State Session, please be ready to speak in regards to it. While the committees can speak on why they are making their recommendations, we are simply moving forward on our interpretation of the issue. The local Grange that put forward the resolution may have had specific reasons for writing the resolution, but without the backstory, we may be unable to appropriately interpret the issue.

The idea of a cookbook has again been presented to our committee. We do not feel as though now is the time to produce another cookbook. We are concerned about the practicality of a cookbook in a world where a few clicks on a computer can produce a hundred different recipes for that item. We do appreciate the idea of adding special sections, such as gluten free and sugar free, which would broaden the appeal of the cookbook and the sections on cooking education, which would be an interesting addition. Our suggestion for a new cookbook is to wait until our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2023 and to have a special committee developed to plan for this cookbook, instead of it being the responsibility of the Family Activities Department.

In regards to the discussions about the rotation of Session throughout the regions that were developed in 2012, we feel as though we have not given the current system enough time. If you look closely at the recommendations of that particular committee, it was presented in 2012. At that time, Centre County had already committed to hosting in 2013 and Berks County had already committed to 2014. That means that this is truly the start year for the rotation. Working with a group of people across a region can be difficult. We encourage all the Grangers in an area to participate, as it makes the job easier on all if many people volunteer. We know finances can make participation difficult for some areas, but look at alternate ways to assist, such as volunteering your time, soliciting donations of door prizes, or assisting with the presentation of the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree. “I cannot help” and “I will not help” should not be in our vocabulary.

When you return home after this session, please encourage all of your local Granges (Subordinate and Pomona) to send representation to State Session. We know that it can be a hardship for some individual Grangers to make it to State Session and we feel all Granges need to financially support their delegates to allow for them to attend. Also—as the saying goes—“If you don’t vote, you can’t complain.” While we do not forfeit our right to complain, we are not doing our part in supporting our organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Schroeder, Chair, Berks County

Jane Birk, Bucks County

Glenn Gross, Venango County

Leonard Heim, Lehigh County

Janet Fishovitz, Beaver County

James Diamond, Bucks County

Gerald Pratt, Bradford County



## Approved Resolutions

### **Resolution #35 - PA Youth Dues**

#### **Chester-Delaware Pomona Grange #3**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the By-laws of the Pennsylvania State Grange, Article X Dues, Section 1.10.1 be amended to read:

1.10.1 (Effective 2016) The Secretary of the Community/Subordinate Grange shall remit to the State Grange Office the sum of \$11.00 per member each quarter, less \$3.50 per quarter for pre-2001 Golden Sheaf members, and no remittance for Lifetime Members, on the Quarterly Report Form, except that dues in a Community/Subordinate Grange for a **youth member shall be \$3.50 per quarter**. A youth member is one who is under the age of 23 who lives as a member of the parent's, grandparent's, or guardian's household or in absence due to illness, education or military service, or if not in school or military service, is under the age of 19 as of January 1. The appropriate verification and credits shall be placed on the Quarterly Report Form and updated annually.

### **Resolution #38 - Committee Recommendations at State Session**

#### **Russellville Grange #91, Chester County**

RESOLVED, that during State Session, the committee spokesperson be required to state the reason for the committee's recommendation and any pertinent background information, such as whether the resolution reflects current policy, not already stated in the resolution in addition to stating their recommendation; in other words explain their recommendation.

### **Resolution #39 - Grange Sponsorship of Certain Benefits Programs**

#### **Russellville Grange #91, Chester County**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange provide members the option to opt-out of having their personal information shared with third parties.

### **Resolution #42 - Clearances Update**

#### **Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange update its policy and require individuals 18 and over who volunteer as staff or chaperones with children or youth under 18 to update their Act 33 and 34 clearances once every five years; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, that clearances cannot be dated five years prior to the last day of the event.

### **Resolution #47 - Programs and Contests**

#### **Bradford-Sullivan Pomona Grange #23**

RESOLVED, that the Guide to Contests and Programs be published by the State Office no later than January first of every odd numbered year; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, that the State Office will set a deadline for submission of contests and programs by the committees that allow for the January 1<sup>st</sup> publication date; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, that each individual committee should make an effort to provide the following year's contest information at every State Session meeting.

### **Resolution #48 – The Grange Altar**

#### **Good of the Order Committee**

RESOLVED, that no writing other than the Bible be permitted on the Grange Altar.

### **Resolution #50 – National Grange Delegate Session Expenses**

#### **PA State Grange Executive Committee**

RESOLVED, that National Grange assess State Granges sending delegates to National Grange Session 25% of the expenses National Grange has paid for attending delegates, starting 2016.

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38 Committee Recommendations at State Session	Good of the Order	Adopted
39 Grange Sponsorship of Certain Benefits Programs	Good of the Order	Adopt as amended
40 New Cookbook	Good of the Order	Rejected
41 Grange a Christian Organization	Good of the Order	Out of Order
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43 State Officer Duties	Good of the Order	Rejected
44 Location of State Session	Good of the Order	Rejected
45 Decision Making for State Grange	Good of the Order	Rejected
46 Grange News Improvement	Good of the Order	Rejected
47 Programs and Contests	Good of the Order	Adopt as amended
48 The Grange Altar	Good of the Order	Adopted
49 State Grange Property Account	Good of the Order	Rejected
50 National Grange Delegate Session Expenses	Good of the Order	Adopted
51 Taking Down Suicide Sites on the Internet	Family Issues	Rejected

## Annual Sessions of the PA State Grange

Location	Opening Date	Location	Opening Date
1 Harrisburg	January 7, 1874	49 York	December 13, 1921
2 Williamsport	January 5, 1875	50 Williamsport	December 12, 1922
3 Lancaster	December 14, 1875	51 Pittsburgh	November 12, 1923
4 Meadville	December 12, 1875	52 Reading	December 9, 1924
5 Hollidaysburg	December 11, 1876	53 Johnstown	December 8, 1925
6 Bellefonte	December 10, 1878	54 Lancaster	December 14, 1926
7 Bloomsburg	December 9, 1879	55 Erie	December 13, 1927
8 Greensburg	December 14, 1880	56 Williamsport	December 11, 1928
9 Williamsport	December 13, 1881	57 Indiana	December 10, 1929
10 Harrisburg	December 12, 1882	58 Pottsville	December 9, 1930
11 Harrisburg	December 11, 1883	59 DuBois	December 8, 1930
12 Harrisburg	December 9, 1884	60 Williamsport	December 13, 1932
13 Harrisburg	December 8, 1885	61 Johnstown	December 12, 1933
14 Harrisburg	December 14, 1886	62 Hershey	December 11, 1934
15 Harrisburg	December 13, 1887	63 New Castle	December 10, 1935
16 Harrisburg	December 11, 1888	64 Altoona	December 8, 1936
17 Harrisburg	December 10, 1889	65 Harrisburg	November 8, 1937
18 Harrisburg	December 9, 1890	66 Washington	December 13, 1938
19 Harrisburg	December 8, 1891	67 Chambersburg	December 12, 1939
20 Harrisburg	December 13, 1892	68 Wilkes-Barre	December 10, 1940
21 Harrisburg	December 12, 1893	69 Uniontown	December 9, 1941
22 Harrisburg	December 11, 1894	70 Harrisburg	December 8, 1942
23 Williamsport	December 10, 1895	71 Williamsport	December 14, 1943
24 Altoona	December 8, 1896	72 Harrisburg	December 12, 1944
25 Harrisburg	November 9, 1897	73 Clearfield	December 11, 1945
26 Williamsport	December 13, 1898	74 Wilkes-Barre	October 22, 1946
27 Lock Haven	December 12, 1899	75 New Castle	October 28, 1947
28 Lock Haven	December 11, 1900	76 Reading	October 26, 1948
29 Johnstown	December 10, 1901	77 Kane	October 25, 1949
30 Clearfield	December 9, 1902	78 York	October 24, 1950
31 Wilkes-Barre	December 8, 1903	79 Butler	October 23, 1951
32 Erie	December 13, 1904	80 Allentown	October 28, 1952
33 Sunbury	December 12, 1905	81 Williamsport	October 27, 1953
34 DuBois	December 11, 1906	82 Washington	October 26, 1954
35 West Chester	December 10, 1907	83 Scranton	October 25, 1955
36 Altoona	December 8, 1908	84 Erie	October 23, 1956
37 State College	December 21, 1909	85 Reading	October 22, 1957
38 Butler	December 13, 1910	86 Clearfield	October 28, 1958
39 Scranton	December 12, 1911	87 Bedford	October 26, 1959
40 Clearfield	December 10, 1912	88 Harrisburg	October 24, 1960
41 Reading	December 9, 1913	89 Washington	October 23, 1961
42 Meadville	December 8, 1914	90 Reading	October 22, 1962
43 State College	December 21, 1915	91 Erie	October 21, 1963
44 Philadelphia	December 12, 1916	92 Wellsboro	October 26, 1964
45 Williamsport	December 11, 1917	93 Allentown	October 25, 1965
46 Tyrone	December 10, 1918	94 New Castle	October 24, 1966
47 Pittsburgh	December 9, 1919	95 Gettysburg	October 23, 1967
48 Allentown	December 14, 1920	96 Butler	October 22, 1968

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97	Lewistown	October 28, 1969	121	Clarion	October 24, 1993
98	Meadville	October 27, 1970	122	Carlisle	October 23, 1994
99	Somerset	October 26, 1971	123	West Middlesex	October 23, 1995
100	Williamsport	October 23, 1972	124	Warren	October 28, 1996
101	Reading	October 22, 1973	125	Reading	October 27, 1997
102	Washington	October 28, 1974	126	Meadville	October 24, 1998
103	Lancaster	October 27, 1975	127	Allentown	October 23, 1999
104	Sharon	October 25, 1976	128	Carlisle	October 21, 2000
105	Danville	October 24, 1977	129	Altoona	October 20, 2001
106	Butler	October 23, 1978	130	Washington	October 25, 2002
107	Williamsport	October 22, 1979	131	Exton	October 25, 2003
108	Lewistown	October 27, 1980	132	Harrisburg	October 23, 2004
109	Altoona	October 26, 1981	133	West Middlesex	October 22, 2005
110	Harrisburg	October 25, 1982	134	Reading	October 21, 2006
111	Clearfield	October 24, 1983	135	Williamsport	October 6, 2007
112	Gettysburg	October 22, 1984	136	Lancaster	October 17, 2008
113	Warren	October 27, 1985	137	Johnstown	October 17, 2009
114	Reading	October 26, 1986	138	West Middlesex	October 16, 2010
115	Butler	October 26, 1987	139	Harrisburg	October 15, 2011
116	Allentown	October 24, 1988	140	Butler	October 20, 2012
117	Uniontown	October 22, 1989	141	State College	October 19, 2013
118	West Chester	October 21, 1990	142	Reading	October 18, 2014
119	Altoona	October 28, 1991	143	Warren	October 17, 2015
120	Williamsport	October 26, 1992			