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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	

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE OFFICERS
2016-2018**

PRESIDENT	Elizabeth Downey
OVERSEER	Wayne Campbell
LECTURER	Denise Clare
STEWARD	Michael Adams
ASSISTANT STEWARD	Andrew Kieffer
LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD	Lorena Baughman
CHAPLAIN	Judy Pressler
TREASURER	Henry Seidel
SECRETARY	Debra Campbell
GATEKEEPER	Gene Zvarick
CERES	Jennifer Beamon
POMONA	Joanne Heim
FLORA	Virginia Mangel
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	Robert Bair
	Janet Pratt
	Barbara Gross
	Richard Mangel

STANDING COMMITTEES 2016 STATE SESSION

Agriculture & Environmental Issues

James Huber, Chair – 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
Ben Hagen, Centre Co
Jerilynn Millvan – York Co
Tammy Schaeffer – Berks Co
Donald Steeley – Bucks Co
Ronald Sweeney – Huntingdon Co

Government Issues

C. Arthur Zug, Chair – Juniata Co
Jim Diamond, Berks
Carole Huber – Lancaster Co
Martha Sherman – Erie Co

Good of the Order

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

Credentials

Shirley Burkhart, Chairperson, Berks Co
Judy Moyer, Berks Co

Sixth Degree

John Master, Venango County
Mazie Master, Venango County

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE 144TH ANNUAL SESSION SCHEDULE

Thursday October 20

1:00 pm	State Officers, Committees arrive Executive Committee Meeting Exhibit Room Set-up (Conference Center)
4:00 - 9:00	Convention Registration (Lobby, Marriott)
5:30 - 10:00	State Officers Rehearsal (Tuscarora Rm- Reisner Hall)
7:00 - 9:00	Exhibit Entries Accepted (Conference Center)

Friday October 21

8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Convention Registration (Lobby, Marriott)
8:00 - 9:00 am	Session Committee Meetings (Conference Center & Marriott)
8:00 - 10:30	Exhibit Entries Accepted (Conference Center)
8:00 - 9:30	Junior Jam Registration (Lobby, Holiday Inn)
9:00 - 12:00pm	OFFICIAL OPENING (Tuscarora Rm- Reisner Hall)
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Past Officers Luncheon (Reisner Hall)
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch Recess
1:00	Judging of Exhibits
1:30	Session Reconvenes (Tuscarora Rm- Reisner Hall)
1:45	Suggestions for Office – All Offices
5:30 7:00	Dinner Break
7:00-8:30	Session Reconvenes (Tuscarora Rm – Reisner Hall)
9:00- 11:00	Youth Officer Practice (Tuscarora Rm- Reisner Hall)

Saturday October 22

7:30-8:30 am	Awards Presentations- FA, D&CS & Lecture (Tuscarora Rm-Reisner Hall)
8:00-5:00pm	Convention Registration (Lobby, Marriott)
9:00am-9:00pm	Exhibit room Open (Conference Center)
9:00am	Junior Jamboree Registration (Lobby Marriott)
9:00am	Session Opening- Youth Officers (Tuscarora Rm- Reisner Hall)
12:00 - 1:00pm	Election of Officers (Immediately following the Opening)
1:00 - 3:00	Lunch Break
3:30 - 5:00	Sing –A-Song & Public Speaking (UB Theatre)
5:30 - 7:30	Conferral of 6 th Degree (Tuscarora Room – Reisner Hall)
8:00 - 9:00	Youth Banquet & Foundation Auction (CUB)
9:30	Session Reconvenes- Installation of Officers (Tuscarora Room- Reisner Hall) Youth Party (location TBD)

Sunday October 23

8:30 – 9:30am	Church Service (Conference Center)
9:45 am	Junior Degree (Marriott Conference Room)
10:00am - 12:00pm	PICK UP ALL CONTEST ENTRIES (NO Early Pick – Up)
12:00 - 1:00 pm	All Granger Workshop (Conference Center)
1:00 – 3:00pm	All Granger Banquet (Tuscarora Room- Reisner Hall) Membership Awards & Entertainment

MINUTES OF THE 144TH ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE SESSION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2016

1. The 144th Pennsylvania State Grange Annual Session officially opened in the 6th degree on Friday October 21, 2016 at 9:00 AM at the Tuscarora Room of Reisner Hall, Shippensburg University Campus, Shippensburg, PA with President Elizabeth Downey presiding. The opening drill was under the direction of Andrew Kieffer, Assistant Steward from Berks County.
2. President Downey introduced Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding. He is a former Dean of the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences at Delaware Valley University formerly Delaware Valley College. Secretary Redding has spent more than 20 years representing Pennsylvania agriculture as a public servant in Harrisburg and Washington D.C. A native Pennsylvanian, Redding grew up on his family's dairy farm and now operates a general crop farm in Gettysburg with his family. He is a graduate of Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences. Secretary Redding provided information he feels is imperative for the Pennsylvania State Grange to consider. What is important to rural Pennsylvania and the mission of the Grange and what is seen in our local communities? One question would be what is the future of Agriculture? Secretary Redding stated that Grange has deep roots in agriculture.

With the budget issue of the state, it has caused the credit rating to be reduced. This caused the state to pay more in interest which resulted in less money to be used elsewhere. The credit rating due to recent financial practices has been raised and we can now use more funds in other areas.

When crossing the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and you look down, 90% of that water is from the Susquehanna River. 50% of the water in the Bay is from the Susquehanna River. The challenge is that river runs through the heartland of Pennsylvania agriculture.

We have an amazing state but mindful that there is a higher power. These are extraordinary times. Challenges to find the equilibrium behind them. Grange has a voice with the legislature and agriculture.

3. President Downey announced that the Department of Agriculture has been chosen to receive the "Friend of the Grange Award" and presented a plaque to Secretary Redding for the Department of Agriculture.
4. Sister Lizzie Bailey, Committee Chairperson of the 2016 Host Committee, welcomed everyone to Shippensburg, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania State Grange Session was hosted by the South Central Convention District. Sister Bailey introduced—
 - a. Dr. Jody Harpster, Shippensburg University President, welcomes the Grange to their campus. Apologized for the issue with the college today. It is an honor to be here today for the work you do every day and back in your communities. Shippensburg is celebrating its 146th year of operation. Shippensburg University was founded in 1871 as the Cumberland Valley State Room School to educate future teachers and to serve the local community. The Pennsylvania State Grange was organized two years later in 1873 to advocate to the betterment rural America with community service and education at the heart of those efforts.
 - b. Mayor Bruce Hockersmith, stated it is an honor to have the Pennsylvania State Grange in Shippensburg. Shippensburg in the early 1800's was an agriculture center and provided food and

grains for the entire Cumberland Valley. It is important that you are here to help us celebrate what farming does for America. Mayor Hockersmith presented the Pennsylvania State Grange a proclamation from the Borough of Shippensburg.

5. President Downey thanked Sister Lizzie Bailey, Committee Chairperson for her courage, strength and determination and her committee for all they have done for this convention. Sister Bailey stated it takes a whole state to do this convention. She also stated that her committee took their task and ran with it to bring this convention to you.
 - a. Sandy Sellers, Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Marketing & Corporate Finance and Sales and Support of Volvo Construction Equipment Company. There will be two presentations at the Convention Center on their journey of Volvo Construction Equipment and where they come from. Volvo Construction Company donated \$5,000 to the Convention.
6. Roll call found all officers present. Doris Evans served as the pianist for the session.
7. Honored guests recognized were National Grange Ceres Clare Logan and husband Steve, Past Master, Overseer, Executive Committee Member and Chaplain of Rhode Island State Grange. Sister Logan thanked Pennsylvania for the invitation and wishes us a great convention. Brother Steve said he is glad to be here and looking forward to more at your state session and wish you the best of luck.
8. Also recognized as honored guests were Carl Meiss, Past Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange Past First Lady and Past National Priestess Annalist, Fae Snyder.
9. Sister Nauss gave us devotions on stability and respect. Matthew 7:12 reminds us of the golden rule, “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you. As we engage in discussion with our fellow Grangers this weekend let us be reminded that respecting someone is not the same as agreeing with everything that he or she may believe. Think before we speak... T=think, is it true; H=Is it helpful; I=Is it inspiring; N=Is it necessary; K=is it kind. So as we begin this State Session, let us remember that although we may have difference in opinions we are united in purpose to do the work of this great organization that we all love.
10. Appointment of Session Committees—Credentials—Shirley Burkhart and Judy Moyer Sister Burkhart gave a partial report of the Credential’s Committee as follows:
125 Delegates and 80 Subordinate Granges and
46 Delegates and 33 Pomona Granges represented at this time.
11. 6th Degree Committee — John Master, Venango County; Mazie Master, Venango County.
12. A motion was made to accept the official program of the 144th Pennsylvania State Grange Session, motion carried.
13. President Downey appointed Wayne Campbell and Cassidy Cheddar as Session Parliamentarians.
14. 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*.
15. Sister Campbell, State Grange Secretary, presented highlights from her report. It was accepted and the full report will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

16. Chairperson Glenn Gross of the Good of the Order Committee —The Good of the Order Committee’s By-Laws-change resolutions were read for your information; they will be acted upon on Saturday, it is required that there is a 24 hours’ notice before they can be acted upon. The Resolutions requiring the 24 hour notice are Resolution #42; 51; 48; and 49.
17. Brother Richard Mangel, Chair of the Grange Foundation Committee, presented the Foundation report. It was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
18. Brother Douglas Bonsall, Chair of the History Committee reported Historical work has been identified in four major areas and assigned to separate task forces. The four task forces are — Archives; Written and Oral History; State Grange Museum and Finance. The report was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
19. Sister Barbara Gross presented her report on the Pennsylvania Grange Heritage Quilt Trail program. The report was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
20. Brother Vince Phillips, Legislative Director gave a report on the legislative work of the Grange. He feels that part of his work is to inform the Grange of what is going on in Harrisburg.
21. 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 on at Saturday’s session.
22. Door Prizes were given by the Host Committee.
23. Session recessed for lunch at 12:05 PM.
24. President Downey called session back to order at 1:30 PM.
25. President Downey stated that all candidates will be limited to 2 minutes. President Downey then asked for suggestions for State Officers. Those suggested were:

Office	Names Suggested	County
a. Master	Elizabeth Downey	Lycoming
b. Overseer	Mary Jane Kent	Greene
	Wayne Campbell	Perry
c. Lecturer	Denise Clare	Berks
d. Steward	Michael Adams	Berks
e. Asst. Steward	Andrew Kieffer	Berks
f. Lady Asst. Steward	Lorena Baughman	Blair
g. Chaplain	Judy Pressler	Centre
h. Treasurer	Henry Seidel	Berks
i. Secretary	Debra Campbell	Perry
j. Gatekeeper	Gene Zvarick	Montgomery
k. Ceres	Jennifer Beamon	Berks
l. Pomona	Joanne Heim	Lehigh
m. Flora	Virginia Mangel	Butler
n. Executive Committee	Richard Mangel	Butler
	Barbara Schroeder	Berks

26. Sisters, Ashley Furman (Pomona), Jodi Keith (Flora) and Jennifer Beamon (Ceres), recognized all the Past Officers that were present.
27. Brother Glenn Gross, Chair of the Good of the Order Committee, continued with the committee's resolutions. They will continue their resolution on Saturday.
 - a. **A motion was made and seconded to return Resolution #39 back to the committee, motion carried.**
28. Brother Jim Huber, Chair of the Agriculture and Environmental Issues Committee, presented the committee's resolutions. The committee will give their Policy Statement at a later time.
 - a. **A motion was made and seconded to remove the word favorably on Resolution #1 as recommended by the committee, motion carried.**
 - b. **A motion was made and seconded to reject Resolution #3 that the committee recommended to adopt, motion carried.**
 - c. **A motion was made and seconded to reject Resolution #10 that the committee recommended to adopt, motion carried.**
29. Sister Barbara Warden Chair of the Family Issues Committee, presented the committee's resolutions. Sister Warden presented her Policy Statement.
 - a. **A motion was made and seconded to reject Resolution #17 that the committee recommended to adopt, motion carried.**
 - b. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the Policy Statement of the Family Issues Committee. Motion passed. The report in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.**
 - c. **A motion was made and seconded to accept all the work of the Family Issues Committee. Motion passed. The Worthy President then thanked the committee for their work.**
30. Door Prizes were given by the Host Committee.
31. Brother John Courtney, Committee Member of the Agriculture and Environmental Issues Committee, presented the Policy Statement.
 - a. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the Policy Statement of the committee. Motion passed. The report in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.**
 - b. **A motion was made and seconded to accept all the work of the Agriculture & Environmental Issues Committee. Motion passed.**
32. Sister Carole Huber and Arthur Zug Committee Members of the Government Issues Committee presented the committee's resolutions.

- a. **A motion was made and seconded to send Resolution #31 back to the committee for further consideration, motion carried.**
- b. **A motion was made and seconded to add the words “hand held” prior to cell phone to Resolution #32, motion carried.**
- c. **A motion was made and seconded to change the wording on Resolution #33 to include “all Pennsylvania political party committees”, motion carried.**
- d. **A motion was made and seconded to send Resolution #37 back to the committee to “unravel this resolution”, motion carried.**

33. Door Prizes were given by the Host Committee.

34. Sister Nauss provided us with a prayer, followed by the closing of the session at 8:30 pm. Pennsylvania State Grange Convention will reconvene at 9:00 am Saturday morning.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2016

35. An Awards Presentation was held for the Family Activities, Deaf and Community Service and Lecturer’s committee awards were presented at 7:30 at the Tuscarora Room-Reisner Hall.

36. The Annual Session opened in the 4th Degree at 9:00 AM at the Tuscarora Room-Reisner Hall, Shippensburg University Campus, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania with an opening drill by the 2016 Youth Officers:

- a. Master—Jennifer Nauss, York-Adams
- b. Overseer—Philip Vonada, Centre County
- c. Lecturer—Anna Benzio, Beaver County
- d. Steward—Cassidy Cheddar, Lancaster County
- e. Assistant Steward— Derek Snyder, York-Adams County
- f. Lady Assistant Steward— Sara Benzio, Beaver County
- g. Chaplain— Heather Druckenmiller, York-Adams & Beaver County
- h. Treasurer—Chelsea Winters, Lancaster County
- i. Secretary—Gail Switzer, Berks County
- j. Gatekeeper—Grace Wadsworth, Chester County
- k. Ceres—Lexus Johnson, Beaver County
- l. Pomona—Lindsay Schroeder, Berks County
- m. Flora—Hannah Leibensperger, Berks County
- n. Executive Committee—Kelsea Eisenbise, Lancaster County

37. Sister Ellen Wadsworth, Youth Director, presented highlights from her committee report. It was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

38. Jennifer Nauss, Valley Grange #1360, York County and Philip Vonada, Penns Valley Grange #158, Centre County were introduced as Outstanding Youth Patrons. Sister Nauss talked about growing up in a Grange that is extremely supportive of our Youth. Youth are our future, sometimes we fail to realize the truth of this statement. Today’s Juniors and Youth will carry our Grange into the next decade. However, our Youth are not only our future but they are our present. We need to keep our Youth members and continue to work on adding more. Show these young members that you value them as

members of our organization, elect them to an office, ask them to plan an activity or join a committee. Listen to them when they speak up. When in doubt ask the youth what they are looking for in an organization. Make the choice to invest in our youth now so that the Grange we love will be here and thriving in the future.

39. Brother Vonada talked about growing up in the Grange. A lot has changed over the years, we have lost many of our members to the great Grange above. We have gained members through marriage and birth and through our dedication and perseverance. But we have lost members for other reasons too. At times we have failed to encourage our Juniors into Youth membership, we have failed to hold onto our Youth as they graduate. We have failed to foster and allow meaningful relationships between the new members that come into our Grange Halls, we need to listen to their ideas and to utilize their enthusiasm. As an organization and as an order we need to keep pushing forward. We need to keep investing in the programs that support our Youth. Give the Youth a chance, ask a Youth, their answer will be "I'd be delighted".
40. Sister Nauss declared the Grange at ease while the Youth could present a retiring drill. President Downey called session back to order.
41. Roll call found all officers present. Doris Evans served as the pianist for the session.
42. The minutes of Friday's Session were read and approved with corrections.
43. Worthy Overseer Richard Mangel asked if there were any other suggestions for officers.

Virginia Straub, Mercer County was nominated for the Office of Chaplin.
Marty Dinsmore, Green County was nominated for the Office of Flora.
44. Brother Richard Mangel stated the above names are write-in only. Their names to be input with their exact surnames.
45. Tellers were appointed by Brother Richard Mangel, Overseer.
46. At this time, the Grange was called at ease for the Election.
47. President Downey called the session back to order at 10:54 AM after the election was held.
48. There was a moment of silence for Helen Readinger, Past National Ceres, and Past Pennsylvania First Lady.
49. Devotions were given by Sister Jennifer Nauss, State Grange Chaplain. Life begins at the end of your comfort zone. We need to embrace change. The only thing in life that is constant is that nothing is constant. Change can be and usually is frightening. We should remember that in times of fear or stress we are not alone, we can give our worries and our fears to God. God answers our prayers, maybe not in the way we expect or in the time that we wish, but as Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future, so in times of change, times of turmoil and stress, let us remember what the book of Joshua 1:9 assures us, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

50. Sister Burkhart, Chair of the Credentials Committee, reported—
 Delegates representing the Subordinate Granges—130
 Delegates representing Pomona Granges—46
 Juniors—27; 5 chaperones
 Guests—85
 Total in attendance—293

51. Sister Ruth Vonada, Director of the Deaf and Community Service Committee gave highlights from her report. It was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

52. Brother Mangel had Brother Adams, Steward reported on the election results. Each office's results were read by the Teller from that office. The officers receiving the majority of the votes are listed below—

Office	Officer's Elected	County
a. Master/President	Elizabeth Downey	Lycoming
b. Overseer	Wayne Campbell	Perry
c. Lecturer	Denise Clare	Berks
d. Steward	Michael Adams	Berks
e. Asst. Steward	Andrew Kieffer	Berks
f. Lady Asst. Steward	Lorena Baughman	Blair
g. Chaplain	Judy Pressler	Centre
h. Treasurer	Henry Seidel	Berks
i. Secretary	Debra Campbell	Perry
j. Gatekeeper	Gene Zvarick	Montgomery
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l. Pomona	Joanne Heim	Lehigh
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n. Executive Committee	Richard Mangel	Butler

53. Brother Mangel declared the election of officers closed.

54. **A motion to accept all the work of the Agriculture and Environmental Issues Committee including the policy statement and all the resolutions that were presented, motion carried.**

55. **A motion to accept all the work of the Family Issues Committee including the policy statement and all the resolutions that were presented, motion carried.**

56. Sister Carole Huber and Arthur Zug Committee Members of the Government Issues Committee continued with the presentation of their resolutions.

a. A motion was made and seconded to revisit Resolution #30, motion carried.

b. A motion was made and seconded to reject Resolution #30, motion carried.

- c. A motion was made and seconded to strike the resolve of Resolution #52 and insert “Resolved that the Pennsylvania State Grange go on record with the Governor and Legislatures saying that we expect our State Government to act in the spirit of cooperation, for the good of the Commonwealth and the protection of its financial integrity, and as required by our constitution and have in place an enacted budget by June 30 of each year”, motion carried.**

57. Session recessed for lunch at 12:00 PM.

58. The Sign a Song and the Public Speaking was held at 1:00 pm.

59. Sister Anna May Nauss called session back to order at 3:30 PM for the conferral of the 6th degree.

60. The Degree of Flora was conferred on 10 candidates with Sara Benzio, Lexus Johnson, Robert Kleckner and Dustin Kunkle, as the marching candidates. Soloist was Michael Martin.

61. The Youth Banquet was held at CUB Theatre at 5:30 pm with 159 present.

President Downey called National Grange Ceres Clare Logan and husband Steve, past Master, Overseer, Executive Committee Member and Chaplain of Rhode Island State Grange. Sister Logan shared an inspirational speech with us.

Sister Ellen Wadsworth, Youth Director welcomed and thanked everyone for supporting the Youth. Sister Wadsworth introduced—National Grange Youth Director Charlene Espenshade; PA State Outstanding Young Patrons Jennifer Nauss and Phillip Vonada; and Female Youth Ambassador Sara Benzio.

Sister Wadsworth awarded a “Friend of the Youth” award to Derek Schroeder, Virginville Grange, Berks County for his outstanding support of the Grange Youth Program.

The State Officers each donated a basket or craft item to be auctioned with the proceeds going to the Grange Foundation, Museum Fund. Brother Robert Bair was the Auctioneer, \$2,551.50 was collected.

The Youth Party was held at a coffeehouse called The Harbor in downtown Shippensburg. Casino games like horse racing and black jack were played for tickets. The tickets were then traded in for a chance to win a prize. About 16 youth and young-at-heart were present along with the hosts. The night ended with a spoons game and prizes.

62. President Downey called the session back to order at 9:30 pm.

63. Sister Carole Huber and Arthur Zug Committee Members of the Government Issues Committee continued with the presentation of the committee’s resolutions. The report in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

- a. A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy statement of the Government Issues, motion carried. A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy statement and all the resolutions that were presented, motion carried.**

64. Brother Glenn Gross, Chair of the Good of the Order Committee, continued with the Good of the Order resolutions. Sister Barbara 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 and seconded to reject Resolution #53, motion carried.**
 - b. **A motion was made and seconded to reject Resolution #49, moved for the previous question and seconded, motion for the question carried. A Vote was then taken to reject Resolution #49, motion carried.**
 - c. **A motion was made and seconded to amend Resolution #48 with Article 1.8.4 in the resolve to read Article 1.8.3 on, motion carried.**
 - d. **A motion was made and seconded to reject Resolution #48, motion rejected.**
 - e. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy statement of the Good of the Order Committee, motion carried. A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy statement and the resolutions as adopted, motion carried.**
65. Brother Seidel, State Grange Treasurer, presented the Budget
- a. **A motion was made and seconded that the following changes to the budget—**

Revenue—
Decrease the Donation/Disaster of \$1,000.00 to \$0.00
Increase Salary from \$103,000 to \$142,400

Expenses—
Department and Committees — Decrease Executive Committee expenses from \$6,500.00 to \$0.00; Office Expenses — Decrease the Website expense from \$3,000.00 to \$500.00
Pennsylvania Grange News — Increase the Postage Line item from \$6,000.00 to \$12,500
Administrative Expenses — Decrease President Housing from \$9,000.00 to \$5,000.00 — Decrease the Local Grange Expense from \$5,000.00 to \$1,000.00.
 - b. **A motion was made and seconded to table the discussion on the budget and move it to a special session called just for the budget, motion carried.**
66. Brother John Master, Chair of the 6th Degree, reported that 10 candidates received the Degree of Flora.
67. Sister Burkhart, Chair of the Credentials Committee, reported—
- Delegates representing the Subordinate Granges—130
 - Delegates representing Pomona Granges—46
 - Juniors—27; 5 chaperones
 - Guests—85
 - Total in attendance—293
68. Door Prizes were given out by the Host Committee.

69. President Downey called a recess, the meeting will continue on Sunday at 11:00 with the Installation of Officers.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2016

70. A worship service was held under the direction of State Grange Chaplain, Jennifer Nauss.

The message was given by Reverend Timothy Hoffman. The morning message was God's Love is Unchanging. John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life. We all need love no matter who we are we all need love. God loves the sinner, but he hates the sin. Jesus is my Lord and my Savior. It is his love for us that held him on that cross. Give God thanks for that gift of love, that unchanging love that is sustained yesterday today and tomorrow.

An offering was received totaling \$688.00. The offering was divided equally between Reverend Hoffman's home church and Boys and Girls Club.

Brother Michael Adams played "How Great Thou Art" on the Hand Chimes.

71. Junior Grange meeting was held with the following Juniors as officers—

Master – Isabella Boone – Centre Co
Overseer – Veronica Heckman – Berks Co
Lecturer – Cassandra Kehs – Chester Co
Steward – Evan Espenshade – Lancaster Co
Assistant Steward – Harvey Reyburn – Chester Co
Lady Assistant Steward – Danielle Kehs – Chester Co
Gatekeeper – Jordan Downey – Lycoming Co
Chaplain – Abbigail Kehs – Chester Co
Treasurer – Alan Espenshade – Lancaster Co
Secretary – Brayden Heckman – Berks Co
Flora – Cadence Tempel – Berks Co
Ceres – Sadie Johnson – Beaver Co
Pomona – Gayle Reyburn – Chester Co

72. Honored guests were Sister Claire Logan, National Grange Ceres and husband Steve; Sister Elizabeth Downey, President of the Pennsylvania State Grange; Sister Betsy Huber, President of the National Grange; Lurae Benzio, State Jr. Grange Director; Princess Kaylen Leiby, Ontelaunee Jr. Grange, Berks County and Prince Jeffrey McCartney, Hookstown Jr. Grange in Beaver County.

73. Sister Benzio gave out awards for Junior Grange All Stars, 9 Juniors received the award for those Juniors who attended all 3 events, Junior Camp, Family Fest and Junior Jamboree. There were 9 Juniors who received this award. Sister Benzio also gave out 17 awards for those Juniors who attended 2 of the 3 events.

Heather Druckenmiller, a member of Valley #1360 in York Co. and Big Knob #2008 in Beaver Co. received the Junior Grange Supporter of the Year. Heather has been a member of the Junior Committee for many years.

74. At 11:00 AM the Installation of Officers took place with—

- a. Installing Officer—Anna May Nauss
- b. Master—Brad Nauss
- c. Chaplain—Fae Snyder
- d. Pianist—Jennifer Nauss
- e. Marshall—Fae Snyder
- f. Emblem Bearer—Michael Martin
- g. Regalia Bearer—Joyce Snyder

75. There were 210 present at the All Granger Banquet which was held in the Tuscarora Room, Reisner Hall, Shippensburg. President Elizabeth Downey was MC for the banquet.

The Bell Family Honored as Grange Family of the Year. Denny and Chris McCloskey were on hand to accept the Grange Family of the Year Award on behalf of the Jack and Sonja Bell family.

The family attends Logan Grange #109 in Centre County. They are very active in the Grange, the local fair and their community.

76. National Grange Ceres Claire Logan and husband Steve were thanked for joining us with our 144th Pennsylvania State Grange Convention.

77. President Downey thanked the 2016 Host committee for a great job. Sister Lizzie Bailey, Chairman introduced her committee and thanked them for all their hard work to make the 144th Pennsylvania State Grange Convention a success.

78. President Downey also thanked Pianist Doris Evans, Parliamentarians Wayne Campbell and Cassidy Cheddar, 6th Degree committee, Christie Straub and Kimberly Meyer, Anna May Nauss and office staff Jennifer Stewart and Doris Koenig.

79. The 144th Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange closed with the All Granger's Banquet.

80. The minutes from Saturday and Sunday of the 144th State Grange Session will be approved by the Executive Committee at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Fraternally Submitted

Debra Campbell, State Grange Secretary

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

President Report to the Delegate Body, State Session 2016, from Elizabeth "Beth" Downey, Worthy National Grange Ceres Claire Logan and the First Gentleman Steve, Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding, Worthy Past State Master Carl Meiss, Pennsylvania State Grange Officers, Brother and Sister Delegates, staff and guests, welcome to Shippensburg University, located in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, the second oldest city in our state west of the mighty Susquehanna River.

Where did the past year go? Some days it feels like life is a merry-go-round in fast gear with no stops.

It is a pleasure to update you on the status of the Pennsylvania State Grange. While we are still resolving some Community and Pomona Grange problems, I am pleased to report that this year we have closed

some smaller Granges and consolidated them into other small Granges to create larger more vibrant Granges. Some of you may question my word “pleased.” It is often better to combine two small Granges into one. Those of you who have consolidated will have increased opportunities by virtue of your increased numbers. You must work together to accomplish great things in your community through service to others. That is also a pathway to many to join you and become part of your excitement. I look forward to seeing your resolutions next year as you recognize needs in your community and state and to your annual reports that will tell of the great things you did in 2017. Most important, welcome each other to your new Grange and become one. Have a celebration, welcoming ceremony or community open house to begin anew as a consolidation. Remember those words, “For the good of the Order” in all things.

To those of you with small membership, we continue to implore you to increase your numbers. Your Membership Director Stacy Ebersole Bruker was very busy this past year. She not only conducted a series of membership workshops but she put a lot of miles on her car visiting many of your Granges. We cannot gain members for you. We do have the ability to teach you how to gain your members. One of the tools often used in my own area is a door-to-door day in your community. It works best with two of you greeting folks, perhaps having a little treat to pass out like a jar of jam made by members of the Grange. Tell them about your Grange and provide handouts Stacy has available. Invite them to come visit your Grange. Don’t apply pressure to join but open your doors to their visits to “check you out.” Always keep your doors open looking out and not closed and looking inward.

A couple more things are prudent to say about your Grange facility. Many Granges are functioning without their own building and doing well. However, to those of you who do have a building, I’d like to make some suggestions. The building exterior defines a first impression of who you are. Put a fresh coat of paint on the building. Use a pressure washer on the aluminum siding. Plant some flowers near the front entrance or place pots of flowers on the front porch along with a bench. If you do not have a flag, consider it, you may be surprised at the positive reaction of your community. You **must** have a sign on or beside your Grange identifying who you are! Most important of all, place a sign on your facility that names contact members for rental purposes and meeting information welcoming all. You never know when someone desiring to use the facility for a baby shower or family reunion may wish to join your Grange.

Last year I spoke of the interpersonal relationships of members at too many Granges being contentious and very un-Grange like. It occurred to me that since we have not had officers training for many years, we may have officers with no idea what to do in their positions. I wrote an officers manual for Community and Pomona Granges and offered four training sessions in conjunction with membership workshops by Stacy. Unfortunately, we had to cancel two of those due to lack of interest. That was difficult since we knew the training was vital and necessary. However, if you ask anyone who attended those held at Eagle Grange #1 in Lycoming County and Hayfield Grange #800 in Crawford County, attendees not only left with the new manual but will be quick to tell you how productive and educational the training was. We have some ideas you provided to try in 2017 that involve visiting 3 or 4 Pomona’s at a time to conduct training. Every one of us needs to know the duties and responsibilities of the offices to conduct them properly and to not interfere in another officer’s duties.

Let’s take a couple moments to look at some very positive things from the past year. We have two new Granges up and running. They are Log Cabin Grange in Mercer and PSU Grange on the PSU campus in Centre County. Thanks to Cassidy Cheddar and a board of Grange mentors overseeing the young campus members, they are a very enthusiastic group doing lots of fund raisers and various events to acquire new ongoing members. Log Cabin Grange has been very busy with many community involved activities. We reorganized two Granges (Sanborn and Girard) and there were many consolidations vs. closing of Granges this past year. The picture on Granges up to date with dues payments is the best ever in

Pennsylvania. Stacy will be giving you very positive statistics on our current membership vs. a year ago in her comments at the All Granger Banquet on Sunday.

There is now an inventory list of items from Granges around the state that are available to others. The list changes often and sometimes an item listed has already been passed on so it's been a rather fluid program but you are welcome to call the office for what we think if the current list! It is up to the interested Grange to make arrangements to get the item and work with the other Grange on whether the item is free or at a charge.

New brochures were designed that have a professional look to them and are awaiting your request! These are great tools to inform others of Grange and acquire membership.

The History/Museum Committee under the chairmanship of Doug Bonsall has been revised. I am excited as the committee continues the process Mary Sproat began. We have begun collecting Grange memorabilia from all over the state hoping Pennsylvania will have a museum someday.

It has been a pleasure to testify many times this past year on behalf of our Grange membership, both verbally and in the written format. I have done so on pipelines, Sunday hunting, natural gas production, health issues and many other issues of concern to you.

Another extremely delightful event was the activities of Hayfield Grange in Crawford County celebrating their 100th anniversary. Program Director David Hay was pure genius. He had four meetings prior to the anniversary celebration at four of the founding fathers farms. It was a blessing to be at the one farm and meet the owners and participate in the program. Two weeks later we celebrated the actual event at the Grange with lots of pomp and circumstance!

Mentoring continues to be a favorite topic of mine. I am constantly asking you to be sure to mentor new members. It is such an important technique and one that takes little time. Call the new member you have been assigned and ask how he/she is doing. That takes five minutes, or more depending on how much you enjoy talking about the weather, a local issue and Grange. Call the day before a meeting to be sure the member has transportation to the meeting. And, please have a greeter whose job is delightful – greeting people as they come into your facility! Hand out an individually wrapped piece of hard candy like a life saver!!

How many of your Granges or Program Directors/Lecturers have invited an Advocate, State Officer, Legislative and Membership Directors or Youth Royalty to visit and speak this past year? These members want to see you, answer your questions and provide information to you. Please call them. If you need contact information, call the office and we will give it to you immediately.

It has seemed this past year as though a lot of prior Community Grange issues have settled down a bit. This coming year I would like to see a greater emphasis on our Pomona Granges and more participation by the representative Community Granges in their Pomona meetings and activities. This is a wonderful opportunity for camaraderie of members working together for the good of all within the Pomona. Have a farm-city day and invite other organizations to participate with you. Other than teaching attendees where their food comes from, how about providing an ambulance and organizations to discuss health issues, like the very critical heroin and opioid issues. Ask your County Commissioners and legislators to come and do a town hall meeting. How about PSU Cooperative Extension's presence to discuss proper preservation of food as we enjoy an uptick of home canning and freezing. Don't forget to invite school personnel to explain new education guidelines teachers must follow and how it affects their teaching your children and grandchildren. "Nothing given, nothing gained."

Speaking of an uptick in home gardens and preservation of food, this is a group that is just perfect for Grange. In my days we were called, "Back to the Earthers." Today this is a viable and strong group of consumers who want to be sure they are consuming healthy food and most important, they want to know the source of their food. **Get them in your Grange** and have programs of interest to them: Master Gardeners, PSU Cooperative Extension, Garden Clubs, etc. Grange was made for these folks and they will have a thing or two to teach you, as well! Perhaps we need to think about cooperatives again that sell the food we produce.

It is so important to be pro-active in your community. Many Granges are establishing libraries. Place a box on a pedestal sunk in the ground. In the box place some books which can be removed, read and returned. You may be shocked how quickly your library expands as folks donate books! Attend your school board meetings. Education is being challenged in all ways and you need to be involved. Attend your county commissioners meetings; if you wish to be on the agenda, call ahead of time. Find out what issues they are working on. Go to your township meetings and volunteer to help.

Recently I was invited as your representative to attend the White House Forum on Rural Affairs at PSU. While I was not happy to learn in an announcement by US Sec of Ag Tom Vilsack that Pennsylvania was not among those states selected to share in billions of dollars for rural assistance on various issues, it was an interesting and educational event. Some comments were made that have been on my mind for some time.

- 1.) Broadband access is not a technical issue but an equity issue enabling all citizens, rural and urban, the same opportunities.
- 2.) More future farmers will be migrants. 78% of all farmers are young and inexperienced. Those who take on farming after college have enormous student loan debts.
- 3.) Farming is the basis of all occupations in that it releases people to be free to be lawyers, teachers, etc.

Thank you! Again, I ask myself, "Where do I begin?" We have an amazing staff in the office and out in the field, so to speak. Office Manager Sandy Herman left to pursue other challenges but she was available to help her incoming replacement, Jennifer Stewart. Jen was welcomed by Sandy to call anytime and was always very gracious to Jen. It was a smooth transition with Stacy also assisting Jen. She is delightful, professional and has a spirit that has made the office environment a joy. As previously mentioned, Stacy continues as our Public Relations and Membership Director. Stacy has impressive graphic and design skills and enjoys doing the needed signage for Farm Show, Ag Progress Days, and the many other events she covers promoting Grange. We just made one major change and that is to outsource our magazine for publication. We will retain full control over the magazine contents.

In addition to welcoming Jennifer, we had the great pleasure to hire Vince Phillips as our Legislative Director. Vince had been working on an as-needed basis for several months but we wanted and needed someone to take over all legislative work. I was doing my own work plus that of a legislative director and it became far too much even though I love legislative endeavors. Vince has been absolutely outstanding since coming on board September 1. He has been doing legislative work for many, many years and excels at it. He certainly knows his way around the Capitol along with everyone working within. They all know and have great respect for Vince. I am delighted that Vince is skilled to recognize when I specifically need to testify before a committee or when he should do so. We have similar work addictions. Please feel free to email or call Vince with any legislative issues you may have. He would be delighted to speak with you and to speak at your legislative banquets this next year. In particular, he is looking for members to serve on various legislative committees around the state.

We also have the best computer person in the world. Thank you to John McDonald. His services to us are efficient, timely and done in a delightful manner. Because of John, we are able to log into the office and work from home or a hotel room.

We are all indebted to Betsy Huber for the legislative work she did for us after her election to President/Master of National Grange last year. Many of you are not aware that she was not only learning the duties of her new position but was still doing our legislative work until January 1. She forwarded to National Grange those resolutions we considered and passed which we felt were of national concern. She wrote the 2016 Legislative Policy Manual for Pennsylvania before heading to D.C.

I cannot thank our Committee Directors enough for their hard work: Ruth Vonada, Martha Ebersole, Ellen Wadsworth and Lurae Benzio. Thank you to Program Director Lorena Baughman, Secretary Debbie Campbell and Treasurer Henry Seidel and to all our Pennsylvania State Grange officers and Advocates. You are very dedicated to getting out and about and visiting other Granges, attending Grange functions and being at state-wide events. A special thank you to Wayne and Debbie Campbell and their amazing families; once again you served as our cooks at Family Festival and no one went hungry! You are all so appreciated.

Finally, thank you to our Host Committee here in Shippensburg. This large region committee was chaired by Lizzie Bailey. You have all worked so hard for so long to make sure we have a smooth session and that all of us celebrate our annual state session. A large Thank you to Lizzie who has absolutely no fear; she walked into Volvo and asked for \$5,000. They called four days later and asked her to come get the check. The area mayor, legislators and college personnel know her well and have worked together with the committee. Thank you to Lizzie, Volvo, Shippensburg University and the amazing host committee.

We have a unique opportunity to try out a new system at this State Session; I'd ask you to have patience and find the best in the schedule. Please be sure to complete the evaluation form in the back of your notebooks and leave it there when you turn in the books. Well, we have lots of work to do for the good of the Order the next few days; may God give us Grace and bless all of us!

God bless all of you!
Elizabeth (Beth) Downey, President

REPORT OF OVERSEER

Worthy Master/President, National Representatives, State Grange Officers, Delegates, Grangers and Guests. As my 6th and final year as your State Grange Overseer/Vice-President comes to an end, I write my final report. These 6 years have offered me many opportunities, challenges, and rewarding experiences. I would like to thank you; the Grangers for your support over these past 6 years as your State Grange Overseer/Vice-President and for giving me the opportunity to serve each of you and your Granges.

The State Grange Overseer/Vice-President position is more than just filling in a station at the State Grange Annual Session. One of the most important jobs of the State Grange Overseer/Vice-President is to assist the Master/President in whatever area or wherever you are asked to do. Another very important job of the State Grange Overseer/Vice-President is to be able to step into the position of Master/President if the occasion occurs. Over the past 6 years it has been my duty and pleasure to assume the duties of the Master/President a couple of different times because of health issues. I had the opportunity to do this for both Master/President Beth Downey and past Master/President Carl Meiss. By serving as interim Master/President it has given me a better understanding of what the Master/President does on a daily

basis. They have the responsibility to ensure that the Granges/Grangers are served in whatever way is needed as well as making sure the Grange voice is heard on Capitol Hill in Harrisburg concerning our legislative issues. Our State Master/President spends not only many hours in the State Grange Office but also out across our great State visiting Granges and representing you and me in many different ways.

Another area that the State Grange Overseer/Vice-President handles is chairing the State Grange Scholarship Foundation. This is important as it provides funds for scholarships for our young people attending college. I encourage each Grange/Granger to contribute to the Scholarship foundation in whatever amount you can to ensure we can continue in giving out scholarships.

Being the State Grange Overseer/Vice-President I have had the opportunity to work over the years with a diverse group of employees who serve as well in the positions of Office Manager, PR/Membership director, and in the Legislative position. All of these people have brought different talents and resources to their respective positions for the betterment of our organization. It has been my pleasure to serve with them. Our newest addition to our staff is our present Office Manager, Jennifer Stewart. When Jennifer came to work for us she knew a little about the Grange but it hasn't taken her long to learn her position. She has added a lot to what she does for our State Master/President. If you have not had the opportunity to meet or speak with Jennifer, please take the time to call her and welcome her, you will be pleasantly surprised.

Over the past year our State Master/President Beth Downey has been serving in two positions, State Master/President as well as the Legislative person since we lost Betsy Huber to National Grange and have had a problem in finding someone to fill this position on a part time basis. We have finally found someone and this will relieve our State Grange Master/President of some of this load giving her the opportunity to focus more on Grange issues.

Over my 6 years I have had the opportunity to work with our different Grange departments: Families Activities, Youth, Juniors, and Deaf & Communities. Not only those who were appointed by Beth Downey our present State Grange Master/President, but also those who were appointed by our past State Grange Master/President Carl Meiss. All these committees have done a great job in promoting the Grange.

It has been a pleasure serving with all the Grangers who have served as State Grange Officers over my past 6 years.

Last, but not least it has been my pleasure and honor to work with those who have served on the State Grange Executive committee over the past 6 years. We as the Executive committee have dealt with many Grange issues and concerns. We have always worked and done our best to put your concerns as Grangers first and do what we thought was the best for our great organization.

Over the past 6 years I have been involved in so many different Grange opportunities. Just to name a few as I know I will forget some. State Farm Show booth, Annual Planning Meeting, Family Festival, Family Picnic's, Ag Progress Days booth, State Grange planning sessions and then the State Grange Session, National Grange, helping develop the Advocate program, and working with a lot of local Granges.

I have made so many more Grange friends being the State Grange Overseer/Vice-President than I would have if I had not served in this position.

Again, I want to say thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve as your State Grange Overseer/Vice-President. It has not only been my pleasure but my honor to serve each and every Granger

in this position. Remember that the Grange is a family and it takes all of us to make it strong. When you are asked to do something for your Grange or community, remember to say, **“I WOULD BE DELIGHTED”**

Again, THANK YOU for taking your time to read my final report as your State Grange Overseer/Vice-President. I look forward to many more great years in the Grange, I hope you do too. Let's all work together as a TEAM, not only to keep our Granges alive-but 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.

I attended the Pennsylvania 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 the Junior Grange Camp Coronation 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 Ohio, where I was one of 9 members who attended from Pennsylvania.

This year's Family Festival, Centre Hall, PA, was our 13th year. This event is now coordinated by the President, and I assisted where I was able. This year there were only two subordinate entries! The talent contest winners are as follows:

Instrumental:

1st Place: Jessica Reyburn, Russellville Grange #91, Chester Co.

Variety:

1st Place: Derek Schroeder , Virginville Grange 1832, Berks Co.
and Derek Snyder, Valley Grange 1360, York Co.

Best of Show Winner: Jessica Reyburn! She will be representing Pennsylvania at National Grange in Washington DC.

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!

Working all three days in the booth at Ag Progress Days, State College, PA, is always exciting as I was able to talk with members and potential members from across the State, along with a few inquiries from people in other neighboring states. 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.

Fraternally submitted,
Lorena Baughman

Lecturer's Committee:

J.V. Lamb, New Castle
Jackie Clabaugh, Williamsburg
Georgette Mummert, Alexandria
Jessie White, Turbotville

Thomas Kostelansky, Vandergrift
Denise Clare, Hamburg
Denae Zvarick, Collegeville

2016 FIRST PLACE CONTEST WINNERS

SCRAPBOOKS

Plaques:

Nancy L. Sattazahn, Kutztown #1836 (up to 75 members), Berks Co.
Lorrie Wesner, Ontelaunee #1617 (76-149 members), Berks Co.
Madeline Seidel, Virginville #1832 (150 and over members), Berks Co.

Pomona Community Day/Night

Susan Tau, Crawford Co. Pomona #26

Subordinate Lecturer's

Madeline Seidel, Virginville #1832 (over 35 members), Berks Co
Chester Tau, Hayfield #800 (under 35 members) Crawford Co

Pomona Lecturer's

Susan Tau, Crawford Co. Pomona #26

Art

Landscape/Seascape

Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley, Chester Co.

Animals

Jodi Keith, Lincoln, Huntingdon Co.

Still Life

Lindsay Schroeder, Virginville, Berks Co.

Photography

Flowers

Kenna Kurtz, Logan, Centre Co.

Sunrise/Sunset

Sandra Hil, Virginville, Berks Co.

Animals

Melanie Melius, Baileyville, Centre Co.

Barns

Angie Davis, Ontelaunee, Berks Co.

Reports

Pomona Community Day/Night

Carol Kushma, Lawrence Co. Pomona #65

Subordinate Community Day/Night

Group Effort, Liberty #1780, Lawrence Co.

Pomona Lecturer

Carol Kushma, Lawrence #65, Lawrence Co

Subordinate Lecturer

Chris Rhoades, Roseville #1290, Jefferson Co.

Celebrations/Holidays

Alice Whitehill, Frankfort Springs, Beaver Co.

Collage

Denise Kostelansky, Laurel Point, Armstrong Co.

Photogallery

Georgette Mummert, Hartslog Vly, Huntingdon Co.

Frames

Subordinate – Foam – Pretty

Caroline Reilly, Scotch Valley, Blair Co.

Subordinate – Wood – Grange

Theme

Shelley Fayewicz, Virginville, Berks Co.

Subordinate, Wood, Funny

Denise Kostelansky, Laurel Point,
Armstrong Co.

Subordinate, Wood, Pretty

Deborah Kolpak, Chester Valley, Chester
Co.

Subordinate, Plastic, Pretty

Brynee Baughman, Scotch Valley, Blair Co.

Subordinate, Plastic, Funny

Walter Ernst, Gouglersville, Berks Co.

Junior – Plastic – Funny

Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence Co. JG

Junior – Plastic – Pretty

William McGregor – Lawrence Co. JG

Junior – Plastic – Grange Theme

Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence Co. JG

Junior – Wood – Pretty

Kay Reyburn – Russellville – Chester Co.

Windchime**Junior – Most Creative**

Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence Co. JG

Subordinates:**Most Creative**

Kenna Kurtz – Logan – Centre Co.

Funny

Deborah Kolpak – Chester Valley – Chester Co.

Pretty

Matt Irons – Watson – Warren Co.

Container Pots**Juniors:****Funny**

William McGregor – Lawrence Co. JG

Pretty

Lila Jones, Lawrence Co. Co. JG

Grange Theme

William McGregor – Lawrence Co. JG

Subordinates:**Funny**

Darlene Dietrich – Kutztown, Berks Co.

Pretty

Nick Sattazahn, Kutztown, Berks Co.

Grange Theme

William Yeckley, Scotch Valley, Blair Co.

Chalkboard Plates**Subordinates:****Pretty**

William Yeckley – Scotch Valley – Blair Co.

Holiday

Caroline Reilly – Scotch Valley – Blair Co.

Juniors:**Pretty**

William McGregor – Lawrence Co. JG

HOLIDAYS

Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence Co. JG

My Favorite Anything**Wood**

Ralph Payne – Edinboro – Erie Co.

Plastic

Kenna Kurtz – Logan – Centre Co.

Material/YARN

Brandy Golden – Lawersville – Susquehanna Co.

Miscellaneous

Charles D. McGee – Walker – Juniata Co.

Short Story

Shirley Swires – Scotch Valley – Blair Co.

Poem

Mary Jane Kent – Harvey-Aleppo – Greene Co.

Best Of Shows:

Mikayla Davis – Digitally Enhanced

Chase Kosciuszko – Frames, Plastic, Jr. –
Grange Theme

Nick Sattazahn – Containers, pretty

Kenna Kurtz – Windchime, most creative

Ashley Kolpak – Art, landscape

Caroline Reilly – Chalkboard Plate, holidays

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 served 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 as your State Steward. I am serving my second year of my first term. I am looking forward to being elected to a second term, if the delegates for this year select me. It has been a wonderful experience, and I encourage anyone else to consider a state office.

Beth Downey, the President State Grange President, asked me to be a Chief Advocate for the eastern half of Pennsylvania soon after the 2014 State Session. I have been called to help Shartlesville Grange this year, and I am hoping that they will succeed. They had quite a few new members join to keep this Grange active, and I do see some good things starting to happen.

I started 2016 by attending the planning meeting in January. This gave me an opportunity to offer suggestions to move this organization in a positive direction. I visited Plumsteadville in April and enjoyed doing a program in conjunction with Jim Diamond on Grange Ritual and history. In May, I attended Big Knob for their 80th Anniversary celebration. The meal and program were excellent and I spent the night at Bill Steel's B&B, he makes an awesome asparagus omelet. In July, I attended Trexlertown for their annual pulled pork dinner, the meal and fellowship were great.

I attended several Open Houses/Community Nights in Berks County as the State Steward

I am looking forward to being the Steward for the State Grange session in Shippensburg, PA, and to the 150th National Session in Virginia for the conferral of the sixth degree.

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 fellow Grangers.

I sadly report this is the end of my 6 years as Lady Assistant Steward. It has been quite a journey and a blessing. I am so grateful to be part of the youngest set of state officers under the leadership of my dear friend brother Carl Meiss and to be able to continue under President Downey. I have learned a lot more about the workings of the Grange thru my partners in crime Derek Schroeder and Andrew Kieffer. I could not have asked for better Assistant Stewards. You have both been wonderful to work with and I will miss you. Thank you for putting up with my endless questions and for being great representatives of the Grange.

Throughout the past year I have been very busy with life including Grange. We kicked off the year with planning meeting which was a huge success as always. It makes it easy to look ahead to all of the fun to

be had when you know what is coming! My husband Matt, 2 year old son Daxter and I attended Youth Camp and Family Festival where we enjoyed the company of our Grange family. At Family Festival we had the honor of witnessing the selection of the first Pennsylvania State Grange Outstanding Young Patrons Philip Vonada & Jennifer Nauss. They are wonderful people and I look forward to them representing our state.

I plan to continue to be active in my local Subordinate and Pomona Granges and very possibly you will see me in another capacity at the State level. Remember I appreciate all of you and I am honored to call you friend. If you are ever in the area of Warren again, stop by and say hello. I promise you Warren has more than just a heli-pad next to the river. Take care and God Bless!

Respectfully,
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 year full of many blessings, and I praise God for the many blessings he has continued to bestow upon me. It has truly been an honor to serve this wonderful organization as State Grange Chaplain, and I want to thank you for allowing me this great privilege.

Throughout the past year, I have had the opportunity to attend and participate in many Grange events and activities. In February, I again attended the State Officers planning meeting in State College to help plan the year's events.

This past 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 so excited to again attend Junior Camp this year as a counselor and lead Vespers on Sunday evening. The Pennsylvania State Grange is so very fortunate to have so many active and engaged young people who will lead our organization into the future. It is always a pleasure to spend time with them. Later in July, I attended the annual Family Festival, where I again had the opportunity to lead the worship service Sunday morning. I also had the honor of being named one of the 2016 Outstanding Young Patrons, and I am very much looking forward to representing the Pennsylvania State Grange in this capacity.

At this year's annual State Grange Session in Shippensburg, PA, we will again be utilizing the session headquarters for the worship service. We are honored to have Reverend Timothy Hoffman (who is also a Grange member), from Lewisberry, PA join us on Sunday to lead the worship service. It is especially meaningful to me as Pastor Tim is the minister of my home congregation.

In addition to my work with the Pennsylvania State Grange, I continue to be an active member of my Subordinate and Pomona Granges, where I serve as musician and secretary, respectively. Outside of the Grange, I continue to work in an elementary school as a speech pathologist, working with children in Kindergarten through 4th Grade. I am blessed to have a job that I love and to spend my days doing what I love. 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 for the past 6 years. I look forward to continuing to serve the Grange in other capacities 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 144th Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

Today, we are reviewing the financial records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. 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.

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 Pennsylvania State Grange.

Jennifer Stewart, our new Office Manager, took over the duties previously handled by Sandy Herman. They both worked under the guidance of our Worthy Master, to manage the day to day financial requirements of the State Office.

Scholarship Funds:

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, 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 were four (4) loans of \$750 and two (2) loans of \$500 made 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, 2016, there were thirty-five (35) students involved in the program. Three (3) students were new to the program and five (5) students completed the repayment of their loan during the year. Three (3) are making payments and the balance are either still in school or behind on their payments.

Applications are available from the State Treasurer and the State Grange Office and can be downloaded from the Pennsylvania State Grange website, www.pagrang.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 Pennsylvania State Grange returns 97%. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, there were 105 Granges with invested funds. Thirty-Three (33) of those Granges are closed and eight (8) had their assets transferred to the State Grange after having been closed for seven (7) years. Three (3) closed Granges added funds to the trust for the first time. Four (4) Granges transitioned from active to closed status.

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. One (1) new loan was approved during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. There were four (4) Granges with loans in the program. 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, 2016, there have been a total of 1,589 members who have become lifetime members since the program's inception in 1984. We gained 17 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.

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Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the consolidating financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The consolidating 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 15-23 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 24-29 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 17, 2016
Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania *Certified Public Accountants*

October 17, 2016
Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania



Certified Public Accountants

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE
Schedule of Income and Expenses – Operating Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

Membership and Dues Income	
Subordinate Dues	\$ 209,908
Initiation Fees	1,291
Golden Sheaf	(7,943)
Lifetime Member	(41,447)
Miscellaneous	(4,673)
Subordinate Associate Member	<u>1,385</u>
Total Membership and Dues Income	<u>\$ 158,521</u>
Profits from Sale of Merchandise	
Sale of Merchandise	<u>\$ 22,670</u>
Cost of Merchandise	
Sold	10,255
Sales Tax Paid	1,394
Postage/Fees	<u>2,348</u>
Total Cost of Merchandise	<u>13,997</u>
Total Profits from Sale of Merchandise	<u>\$ 8,673</u>
Gross Profit Percentage	<u>38.3%</u>
Restricted Member Fund Income	
Restricted Member Fund Income	<u>\$ 26,134</u>
Total Restricted Member Fund Income	<u>\$ 26,134</u>
Investment Income	
Interest	\$ 57,219
Unrealized Gain	<u>22,182</u>
Total Investment Income	<u>\$ 79,401</u>
Forfeited Granges	
Forfeited Granges	<u>\$ 240,120</u>
Total Forfeited Granges	<u>\$ 240,120</u>
Other Income	
Lifetime Membership Interest	\$ 13,974
Sixth Degree	150
Disaster Relief	25
Family Festival	15,589
Miscellaneous	<u>9,790</u>
Total Other Income	<u>\$ 39,528</u>

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE
Schedule of Income and Expenses – Operating Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

Employee Expenses	
Gross Payroll	\$ 136,913
Payroll Taxes	14,126
Employee Benefits – Health	8,654
Employee Benefits – Retirement	3,092
Employee Benefits – Life	628
Workers’ Compensation Insurance	983
Contract Services	<u>2,278</u>
Total Employee Expenses	<u>\$ 166,674</u>
Grange Headquarters	
Depreciation	\$ 552
Rent Expense	34,037
Other Insurance	6,185
Spring Water/Soda/Beverages	<u>363</u>
Total Grange Headquarters	<u>\$ 41,137</u>
State Sessions	
Rooms and Food	\$ 13,199
Reports and Programs	1,424
Pre-Session	568
Journal of Proceedings	41
Other	<u>1,770</u>
Total State Sessions	<u>\$ 17,002</u>
Promotions	
Farm Show	\$ 4,148
AG Progress Days	2,546
Family Festival	7,369
Other	<u>1,742</u>
Total Promotions	<u>\$ 15,805</u>
Departments and Committees	
Young Adults Department	\$ 1,252
Department Head Meetings	2,476
Membership Department	3,983
Community Service Program	1,210
Historical Committee	44
Family Activities Department	674
Lecturer Department	1,949
Executive Committee	6,801
State Officer Expense	576
Deputy Expenses	1,537
Regional Leadership Meetings	<u>90</u>
Total Departments and Committees	<u>\$ 20,592</u>

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE
Schedule of Income and Expenses – Operating Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

Office Expenses	
Quarterly Reports	\$ 835
Public Relations	2,116
Legislative	11,872
Supplies	3,641
Equipment Repairs	4
Computer Support/Supplies	3,325
Website	390
Telephone	4,681
Copier – Lease	4,547
National Grange Convention	1,543
Donations	850
Miscellaneous	<u>1,907</u>
Total Office Expenses	<u>\$ 35,711</u>
Pennsylvania Grange News	
Printing	\$ 15,031
Postage/Mailing List	<u>6,771</u>
Total Pennsylvania Grange News	<u>\$ 21,802</u>
Administrative Expenses	
Legal	\$ 5,890
Bus Trips	755
Accounting	9,500
President	19,724
Local Grange	10,423
Miscellaneous	159
Restricted Member Fund	<u>20,350</u>
Total Administrative Expenses	<u>\$ 66,801</u>

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

Consolidating Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	<u>Unrestricted</u>			<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>
	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Lifetime Membership Fund</u>	<u>Scholarship Funds</u>	<u>Committee Funds</u>
Income				
Membership and Dues Income	\$ 158,521	\$ 11,062	\$ -	\$ -
Profits from Sale of Merchandise	8,673	-	-	-
Restricted Member Fund Income	26,134	-	-	-
Investment Income (Loss) (Note 3)	79,401	43,568	190	18
Forfeited Granges	240,120	-	-	-
Other Income	39,528	-	-	14,462
Net Assets Released from Restriction	<u>38,035</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(28,822)</u>
Total Income	<u>590,412</u>	<u>54,630</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>(14,342)</u>
Expenses				
Employee Expenses	166,674	-	-	-
Grange Headquarters	41,137	-	-	-
State Sessions	17,002	-	-	-
Promotions	15,805	-	-	-
Departments and Committees	20,592	-	-	-
Office Expenses	35,711	-	-	-
Pennsylvania Grange News	21,802	-	-	-
Administrative Expenses	66,801	-	-	-
Committee and Other Department Expenses	<u>38,035</u>	<u>13,973</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenses	<u>423,559</u>	<u>13,973</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Changes in Net Assets	166,853	40,657	190	(14,342)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>563,894</u>	<u>404,180</u>	<u>20,893</u>	<u>65,640</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ 730,747</u>	<u>\$ 444,837</u>	<u>\$ 21,083</u>	<u>\$ 51,298</u>

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

Consolidating Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis —
Continued
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

Permanently Restricted					
Ellis M. Santee Educational Loan Fund	Pennsylvania State Grange Total	Subordinate Grange Trust Fund (Agency Funds)	Total All Funds	Pennsylvania State Grange Foundation	Consolidating Funds
\$ -	\$ 169,583	\$ -	\$ 169,583	\$ -	\$ 169,583
-	8,673	-	8,673	-	8,673
-	26,134	-	26,134	-	26,134
(4,111)	119,066	-	119,066	2,668	121,734
-	240,120	-	240,120	-	240,120
-	53,990	-	53,990	2,557	56,547
<u>(9,213)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>(13,324)</u>	<u>617,566</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>617,566</u>	<u>5,225</u>	<u>622,791</u>
-	166,674	-	166,674	-	166,674
-	41,137	-	41,137	-	41,137
-	17,002	-	17,002	-	17,002
-	15,805	-	15,805	-	15,805
-	20,592	-	20,592	-	20,592
-	35,711	-	35,711	-	35,711
-	21,802	-	21,802	-	21,802
-	66,801	-	66,801	-	66,801
<u>-</u>	<u>52,008</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,008</u>	<u>5,666</u>	<u>57,674</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>437,532</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>437,532</u>	<u>5,666</u>	<u>443,198</u>
(13,324)	180,034	-	180,034	(441)	179,593
<u>490,671</u>	<u>1,545,278</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,545,278</u>	<u>91,533</u>	<u>1,636,811</u>
<u>\$ 477,347</u>	<u>\$ 1,725,312</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,725,312</u>	<u>\$ 91,092</u>	<u>\$ 1,816,404</u>

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE
Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures — Committee Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	<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>National Host</u>	<u>Total</u>
Receipts							
Appeals & Donations	\$ -	\$ 2,908	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,908
Fundraising	-	-	275	545	-	-	820
Quilt Raffle	-	-	-	-	2,103	-	2,103
Camp Registration	-	-	1,182	2,054	-	-	3,236
Miscellaneous	1,800	-	-	3,595	-	-	5,395
Interest	-	-	4	9	5	-	18
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18</u>
Total Receipts	<u>1,800</u>	<u>2,908</u>	<u>1,461</u>	<u>6,203</u>	<u>2,108</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,480</u>
Expenditures							
Camp	-	-	8,607	3,664	-	-	12,271
Contest Winners	120	679	-	-	1,499	-	2,298
Donations	-	2,470	-	-	-	-	2,470
Family Festival	670	365	690	400	26	-	2,151
Miscellaneous	41	159	398	2,139	-	-	2,737
Operation Shoe Box	-	1,200	-	-	-	-	1,200
State and National Sessions	<u>1,428</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>1,560</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,695</u>
	<u>1,428</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>1,560</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,695</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>2,259</u>	<u>4,963</u>	<u>11,255</u>	<u>8,703</u>	<u>1,642</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,822</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Expenditures	(459)	(2,055)	(9,794)	(2,500)	466	-	(14,342)
Beginning Balance	<u>2,124</u>	<u>3,253</u>	<u>19,754</u>	<u>14,335</u>	<u>6,174</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>65,640</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 1,665</u>	<u>\$ 1,198</u>	<u>\$ 9,960</u>	<u>\$ 11,835</u>	<u>\$ 6,640</u>	<u>\$ 20,000</u>	<u>\$ 51,298</u>

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

Schedules of Active Grange Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015

ACTIVE GRANGES	June 30, 2015 Balance	Interest Earned	Interest Paid Grange	Interest Paid State Grange	Additions/ Withdrawals	June 30, 2016 Ending Balance
Atlantic - #344	\$ 11,755	\$ 340	\$ 330	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ 11,755
Baileyville - #1991	36,742	1,065	1,033	32	-	36,742
Blanco - #2099 (Marshall #539)	15,397	446	433	13	-	15,397
Boot Jack - #1680	23,890	699	678	21	-	23,890
Bottle Run - #1301 (Lycova #2006)	18,510	536	520	16	-	18,510
Brandywine - #60	87,103	2,524	2,448	76	-	87,103
Buffalo Valley - #520	29,657	860	834	26	-	29,657
Clearfield Pomona - #33	19,885	576	559	17	-	19,885
Cochranton - #2030	42,190	1,223	1,186	37	-	42,190
Community - #2048	18,290	530	514	16	-	18,290
Dawson - #419	80,427	2,307	2,238	69	(4,800)	75,627
East Lynn - #1263	264,612	7,668	7,438	230	-	264,612
East New Castle - #1536	27,069	785	761	24	-	27,069
Edinboro - #947	52,813	1,531	1,485	46	-	52,813
Elk Creek - #997	34,000	986	956	30	-	34,000
Eureka - #816	34,843	1,009	979	30	-	34,843
Fallowfield - #1382	20,425	592	574	18	-	20,425
Friendship - #1232	13,795	400	388	12	-	13,795
Fulton - #66	78,880	2,286	2,217	69	-	78,880
Gibson - #798 (Harford #418)	17,600	510	495	15	-	17,600
Goshen - #121	28,960	839	814	25	-	28,960
Hartslog Valley - #375	39,600	1,147	1,113	34	-	39,600

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE
Schedules of Active Grange Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 Continued

ACTIVE GRANGES	June 30, 2015 Balance	Interest Earned	Interest Paid Grange	Interest Paid State Grange	Additions/ Withdrawals	June 30, 2016 Ending Balance
Hayfield - #800 (Cambridge #168)	11,950	480	466	14	-	11,950
Hayfield - #800 (W. Center #1034)	4,645	-	-	-	-	4,645
Hillcrest - #1674 (1/2 of Valley #878)	5,926	172	167	5	-	5,926
Honeybrook - #1688	66,812	1,936	1,878	58	-	66,812
Kennett - #19	64,677	1,874	1,818	56	(6,467)	58,210
Kimberton - #1304	117,663	3,409	3,307	102	-	117,663
Little Gap - #1882	19,700	571	554	17	-	19,700
London - #1492	57,541	1,667	1,617	50	-	57,541
London Grove - #63	45,470	1,318	1,278	40	-	45,470
Long Branch Comm. - #2072 (Deemstown #1372)	28,085	813	789	24	-	28,085
Mahoning Valley - #1649 (Wilmington #1477)	60,728	1,760	1,707	53	-	60,728
Marshallton - #1394	41,310	1,197	1,161	36	-	41,310
Menallen - #1091	79,425	2,302	2,233	69	-	79,425
Morning Star - #1271	13,933	721	709	12	-	13,933
Mountain - # 1307	20,197	586	568	18	-	20,197
Mt. Nebo - #1872	321,393	9,313	9,034	279	(32,140)	289,253
New Vernon -#608 (Millbrook #1601)	720	21	20	1	-	720
North Woodbury -#1923	24,270	703	682	21	-	24,270
Ontelaunee - #1617 (Centerport #1600)	19,275	559	542	17	-	19,275
Penn - #534	22,119	699	678	21	-	22,119
Penn - #534 (Greenwood #706)	2,000	-	-	-	-	2,000
Perry Valley - #1804	177,099	5,058	4,906	152	(1,500)	175,599

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

Schedules of Active Grange Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015

ACTIVE GRANGES	June 30, 2015 Balance	Interest Earned	Interest Paid Grange	Interest Paid State Grange	Additions/ Withdrawals	June 30, 2016 Ending Balance
Pleasant Hill - #1505	40,383	1,170	1,135	35	-	40,383
Pleasant Valley - #1643	38,718	1,122	1,088	34	-	38,718
Red Lion - #1781	321,005	9,302	9,023	279	-	321,005
Ridgeview - #1948	33,082	959	930	29	-	33,082
Rostraver - #919	59,915	1,671	1,621	50	-	59,915
Rural Valley - #1750	5,145	153	148	5	-	5,145
Russellville - #91 (Fernwood #1329)	3,000	87	84	3	-	3,000
Sanatoga - #25 (N. Coventry - #2011)	28,000	912	885	27	-	28,000
Sanatoga - #25 (Valley - #1880)	3,500	-	-	-	-	3,500
Sandy Creek - #2021	22,409	649	630	19	-	22,409
Shavers Creek - #353 (Donation #330)	6,100	178	173	5	(600)	5,500
Shenango Township -#2057	74,127	2,148	2,084	64	-	74,127
Sinking Valley - #484	17,280	475	461	14	(1,728)	15,552
South Buffalo - #1908	21,624	627	608	19	(2,000)	19,624
Spring Church - #1803	6,300	182	177	5	-	6,300
Star - #993	99,823	2,928	2,840	88	-	99,823
Stony Point Grange - #1694	34,441	908	881	27	(3,974)	30,467
Union City - #89 (Corry #55)	13,739	398	386	12	-	13,739
Unionville - #1971 (S. Rock # 1441)	7,055	204	198	6	-	7,055
Valley - #1420	11,285	327	317	10	-	11,285
Vernon - #936	26,019	754	731	23	-	26,019

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

Schedules of Active Grange Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015

ACTIVE GRANGES	June 30, 2015 Balance	Interest Earned	Interest Paid Grange	Interest Paid State Grange	Additions/ Withdrawals	June 30, 2016 Ending Balance
Walker - #2007	31,535	913	886	27	-	31,535
Washington - #1949 (Battlefield #2063)	18,990	551	534	17	-	18,990
Watson - #1068	1,820	35	34	1	(1,000)	820
Wesley - #1675 (Sugar Creek # 1131)	2,921	85	82	3	-	2,921
West Branch - #136 (C. J. Brady #1355)	2,000	58	56	2	-	2,000
West Valley - #1760	9,694	281	273	8	-	9,694
Westfield - #1514 (N. Beaver #1646)	19,440	554	537	17	(1,940)	17,500
White Deer - #122	22,515	653	633	20	-	22,515
Wills - #1690 (Jenner #1661)	24,004	867	841	26	-	24,004
Wills - #1690 (1/2 of Valley #878)	5,926	-	-	-	-	5,926
York Run - #1699	38,353	1,111	1,078	33	-	38,353
TOTAL ACTIVE GRANGES	3,251,529	94,280	91,461	2,819	(56,149)	3,195,380
Pennsylvania State Grange Assets in Trust Fund	100,000	2,898	-	2,898	50,000	150,000
Grand Total for Trust Fund	\$ 3,351,529	\$ 97,178	\$ 91,461	\$ 5,717	\$ (6,149)	\$ 3,345,380

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

Schedules of Closed Grange Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015

CLOSED GRANGES	Date Closed	June 30, 2015 Balance	Interest Earned	Interest Paid Grange	Interest Paid State Grange	Additions/ Withdrawals	June 30, 2016 Ending Balance
Bedford - #619		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,500	\$ 70,500
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	560	-	560	-	19,319
Community - #1994	March 2012	13,800	400	-	400	-	13,800
Cross Creek Village - #1751	August 2012	35,000	1,014	-	1,014	-	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	34	-	34	-	1,191
Green Grove - # 1955		-	-	-	-	34,043	34,043
Henderson - #1315	August 2014	2,790	81	-	81	-	2,790
Lightstreet - #31	July 2012	74,422	-	-	-	-	74,422
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	-	-	-	(45,000)	491

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

Schedules of Active Grange Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015

CLOSED GRANGES	Date Closed	June 30, 2015 Balance	Interest Earned	Interest Paid Grange	Interest Paid State Grange	Additions/ Withdrawals	June 30, 2016 Ending Balance
Ohiopyle - #1933	June 2008	2,087	-	-	-	(2,087)	-
Pine Run - #250	January 2015	7,090	205	-	205	-	7,090
Plainfield - #1727	July 2014	36,878	1,069	-	1,069	-	36,878
Plum Creek Valley - #1702	April 2014	1,355	-	-	-	-	1,355
Shannondale - #1865	August 2015	20,370	590	-	590	-	20,370
Tamarack - #1388	August 2013	14,215	412	-	412	-	14,215
Unity - #2002	June 2008	6,744	-	-	-	(6,744)	-
Valley - #52		-	-	-	-	29,471	29,471
Valley - #1184	May 2016	57,490	1,687	1,636	51	-	57,490
Weishample - #1898	March 2012	4,310	-	-	-	-	4,310
Wilmont - #512	December 2009	41,389	-	-	-	-	41,389
TOTAL CLOSED GRANGES		\$ 740,816	\$ 6,052	\$ 1,636	\$ 4,416	\$ (120,127)	\$ 620,689

Notes: (1) - Bell Township, Blairsville, DuBois, Eulalia, Macungie, Mt. Summit, a portion of Nittany, Ohiopyle and Unity assets, were forwarded to the Pennsylvania State Grange after having been closed 7 years.

(2) – Bedford, Green Grove and Valley #52 are new to the list.

(3) - Shannondale and Valley # 1184 were transitioned from the Active list to the Closed list.

2016-17 ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET – REVENUE

	2015-2016 Actual	2015-2016 Budget	2016-2017 Budget	2017-2018 Proposed Budget
***REVENUE				
MEMBERSHIP & DUES				
Subordinate Dues	155,605	196,608	<u>186,000</u>	<u>272,800</u>
Initiation Fees	1,291	1,500	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Junior Dues	242	200	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
Associate Dues	<u>1,385</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL DUES & FEES	158,523	199,308	188,950	275,550
SALES OF MERCHANDISE				
	0			
Cookbooks	22,468	25,000	<u>25,000</u>	<u>22,000</u>
Resale/Promotional Items	<u>244</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>200</u>
TOTAL SALES AND TAX	22,712	25,500	25,150	22,200
OTHER INCOME				
Headquarters Interest	8,733	7,000	<u>8,800</u>	<u>8,800</u>
Interest/Dividends	938	2,300	<u>1,700</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Grange Property	240,120	188,100	<u>86,200</u>	<u>0</u>
Restricted Membership Fund	26,134	20,900	<u>9,500</u>	<u>0</u>
Lifetime Interest	13,974	12,500	<u>15,625</u>	<u>14,000</u>
Membership Seals	407	0	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Washington Trip	225	1,000	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Bus Tours	0	1,000	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
State Session Registration	2,442	3,000	<u>3,700</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Sixth Degree Fees	150	300	<u>260</u>	<u>200</u>
Legislative Day	(175)	1,000	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Grange Family Festival	15,589	8,000	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>
PA Grange News Ads	0	500	<u>2,000</u>	<u>14,000</u>
Vision Insurance Service Fee	480	500	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Legislative				<u>5,000</u>
Grange Donation/ Disaster				<u>1,000</u>
Local Grange Fund				<u>5,000</u>
Misc/Contributions/Commissions	<u>54,047</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	363,064	248,100	142,785	68,500
Copier Income	<u>3,835</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
TOTAL INCOME	548,134	475,908	360,885	370,250

2016-17 ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET – EXPENSES (CONT'D)

	<u>2015-2016 Actual</u>	<u>2015-2016 Budget</u>	<u>2016-2017 Budget</u>	<u>2017-2018 Proposed Budget</u>
***EXPENDITURES				
EMPLOYEE EXPENSE				
Payroll	137,046	138,000	154,000	103,000
Taxes, benefits	25,975	30,000	33,500	19,140
TOTAL EMPLOYEE	163,021	168,000	187,500	122,140
GRANGE HEADQUARTERS				
Insurance	8,003	8,000	7,500	8,500
Spring Water & Soda	363	300	325	350
Repairs and Other	0	500	500	500
Rent Expense	34,037	35,000	34,500	34,000
TOTAL HEADQUARTERS	42,403	43,800	42,825	43,350
STATE SESSION				
Rooms/Food for Officers/Comm., etc.	13,575	12,000	12,000	12,000
Pre-session Meetings	568	700	700	700
Session-Labor	150	500	300	300
Reports/Printing	1,424	1,500	1,200	1,500
Sixth Degree Expenses	38	500	100	100
Journal of Proceedings	41	150	150	150
Flowers/Awards	228	200	200	250
Hosting Nat'l Rep.	159	500	700	700
Misc.	1,016	1,800	800	1,000
TOTAL STATE SESSION	17,199	17,850	16,150	16,700
PROMOTIONS				
Farm Show	4,148	5,000	3,000	5,000
Ag Progress Days	2,546	5,000	3,000	3,000
Grange Week	1,257	1,000	1,000	1,000
Grange Family Festival	7,369	8,000	9,000	8,000
Miscellaneous Promotions	(1)	500	500	500
TOTAL PROMOTIONS	15,319	19,500	16,500	17,500
DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES				
Community Service	1,210	1,600	800	1,200
Junior Grange	840	1,600	1,400	1,200
Youth/Young Adults	1,252	1,600	1,400	1,200
Family Activities	674	1,600	1,400	1,200
Lecturer	1,949	3,000	2,500	2,000
Historical Committee	44	400	100	500
Executive Committee	6,649	8,000	6,500	6,500
Other State Officers	576	1,500	1,500	1,000
Membership Seals	693	0	500	500
Program Book/Legislative Handbook	0	750	0	500
Special Committee	0	500	100	100
Quilt Trail	0	2,000	2,000	1,000

2016-17 ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET – EXPENSES (CONT'D)

	2015-2016 Actual	2015-2016 Budget	2016-2017 Budget	2017-2018 Proposed Budget
TOTAL DEPART. & COMM.	13,887	22,550	18,200	16,900
ALL HONORARIUMS				11,600
OFFICE EXPENSES				
Dues, Subs, Memberships	305	500	550	300
Quarterly Reports	835	1,000	800	800
Directory	0	500	125	0
Postage	185	500	500	200
Supplies/Printing	3,641	5,500	5,000	4,000
Maintenance Agreements/Rentals	2,290	2,500	2,400	2,400
Equipment Repairs	4	250	250	250
Telephone	4,436	5,000	4,800	4,800
Cell Phone	245	700	840	300
Website	390	2,500	500	3,000
Computer Support	3,325	4,000	3,800	3,800
Computer updates	2,404	4,000	1,500	2,500
Bank Fees	79	200	200	100
Copier lease	4,547	6,000	4,300	4,500
TOTAL OFFICE EXP	22,686	33,150	25,565	26,950
PA GRANGE NEWS				
Printing/Mailing List Expense	15,031	13,500	16,000	8,000
Postage	6,771	15,500	12,500	6,000
TOTAL PGN	21,802	29,000	28,500	14,000
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES				
Advocates (Deputies)	1,537	1,000	3,600	2,000
President General Expenses	10,603	8,000	9,500	10,000
President Housing	8,981	7,200	9,000	9,000
Membership General	3,983	6,000	4,000	5,000
Membership Restricted	20,350	20,900	9,500	0
Public Relations Department	2,116	4,500	4,000	3,000
Legislative Department	11,872	28,000	4,000	2,000
Local Grange Expense	698	1,000	1,000	5,000
Local Grange Fund	9,725	500	3,000	N/A
Vision Plan Expense	45	100	100	100
TOTAL ADMIN	69,910	77,200	47,700	36,100
CONTRACT SERVICES				
Payroll Services	2,101	2,000	2,000	2,000
Legal Counsel	5,890	5,000	7,000	7,000
Legislative Director			24,000	24,000
PGN Publisher				24,000

2016-17 ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET – EXPENSES (CONT'D)

	2015-2016 Actual	2015-2016 Budget	2016-2017 Budget	2017-2018 Proposed Budget
Accounting/Audit	9,500	10,000	10,000	11,000
TOTAL CONTRACTS	17,491	17,000	43,000	68,000
COOKBOOKS				
Printing/Purchase	10,267	12,500	12,500	12,500
Postage/Supplies	2,110	3,500	2,800	2,500
Sales Tax	1,395	2,000	2,000	2,000
TOTAL COOKBOOK	13,772	18,000	17,300	17,000
RESALABLE/PROMOTIONAL ITEMS				
Cost basis	218	250	100	100
Postage/Supplies	0	100	50	50
TOTAL RESALE EXP.	218	350	150	150
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES				
Grange Assessment Expense	49,815	1,500	1,000	1,000
National Dues Expense		700	500	6,200
		2,000	1000	86,800
TOTAL MISC	49,815	4,200	2,500	94,000
CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS				
Advocates		1,000	0	1,000
Regional Leadership Meetings		1,000	2000	1,000
Departmental Planning Meetings	2,476	3,000	3,000	3,000
National Grange Conference	1,500	1,500	1,000	1,500
Tours	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Washington Bus Tour	325	1,000	1,000	1,000
TOTAL CONF/WORK	4,301	8,500	8,000	8,500
DONATIONS/DISASTERS				
	850	3,000	1,500	1,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	452,674	462,100	455,390	494,390
NET REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	95,460	13,808	-94,505	-124,140

REPORT OF SECRETARY

Worthy President, National Grange Ceres Clare Logan and husband Steve, 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 Scranton, 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, 55, 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 fiscal year are as follows:

5 years	22	35 years	15	65 years	23
10 years	24	40 years	44	70 years	24
15 years	10	45 years	15	75 years	10
20 years	10	50 years	56	80 years	2
25 years	47	55 years	26	85 years	0
30 years	25	60 years	27		

The total number of certificates recognized this year were 380, which is a decrease of 32 from last year. I would like to give a special recognition to the 75 and 80 year members recognized this year. They are:

- 75 years —Jean E. Fegley, Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County
—Lynn Corl, Logan Grange #109, Centre County
—Lena Yarnell, Logan Grange #109, Centre County
—Millard Clark, Hayfield Grange #800, Crawford County
—C. Frances Steese, London Grange #1492, Mercer County
—Gilbert E. Gray, Marshallton Grange #1394, Chester County
—John W. Hunter, Hayfield Grange #800, Crawford County
—Arvilla Lang, Hayfield Grange #800, Crawford County
—Clyde Scheib, Kimberton Grange #1304, Chester County
—John Thompson Jr., Middletown Grange #684, Bucks County
- 80 years —Ruth Walker from Buffalo Grange #1523, Washington County
—Mary Kirkhoff from Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County

CONGRATULATIONS to all 75 and 80 year recipients 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 Membership Applications. During this Fiscal year we have issued 17 new Lifetime Memberships, with a total of 1,589 Lifetime Members.

Visitations by the PA State Grange Secretary:

- January 10th PA Farm Show—January 10, 2016— my husband Wayne, and I volunteered selling the 100th Anniversary of the PA Farm Show Memorable Book.
- July 15-19th Family Festival—Centre County –my husband and I, along with our daughter Jennifer, and her husband Ken, our Grandchildren and many Granger 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 12 years. If you have ever been there, it looks like we bring everything but the kitchen sink! If you have never been there, consider going. It is a great weekend of fun and fellowship!

I would like to thank the 2016 Host Committee for inviting the State Grange to hold the Pennsylvania State Grange Annual Session in Shippensburg. 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

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

What an eventful and fruitful year 2016 has been. 2015 ended with a trip to Russellville Grange Corn and Pie night where Denae won 1st place in 2 crust apple pie category and a trip to the annual Plumsteadville Grange dinner and theater evening.

The year began in State College at our annual State Grange Planning Meeting. Yes, State College can be cold in late January but it is always great to get back to my Alma Mater and combining Penn State and the Grange is a dream come true for me.

February found me braving more cold and checking in with Chester Valley Grange. They are small in numbers but big in heart. It is great to get out to support them and their efforts. Plumsteadville Grange annual Fish Fries are always well attended with great entertainment. I was able to attend on the 19th. The spaghetti dinner at Ontelaunee Grange on February 20 was very well attended and the food was amazing. It was nice to see our Junior Princess Mikayla Davis and Junior Prince Isaiah Blatt serving the meals. Needless to say it was a great weekend of wonderful Grange meals.

March was a busy Grange month as the weather warmed. I was able to represent Keystone Grange at the local Farmer and Chef dinner in Collegeville as well as the Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast. There was another trip to Plumsteadville Grange for a fish fry followed by a trip to Hershey Park with the Grange Youth. The Penn State Collegiate Grange Advisory Board had a meeting. It is truly a honor to serve on the advisory board as again, it combines two of the greatest loves in my life. The fun with our Grange Youth/Young Adults continued at a Reading Royals hockey game in late March.

April was nonstop Grange with check ins at Chester Valley Grange, appearance at Berks County Pomona meeting, Fleetwood Grange to present them with a Distinguished Grange certificate and Italian Night at Russellville Grange. I was also approached by our local Rotary Club to assist in a “potato project” where they plant and harvest potatoes to feed the hungry. May included making appearances and volunteering

in local events. My wife Denae and I attended the annual fundraiser for the Speaker's House and we jumped into the Perkiomen Creek for the annual Rubber Ducky Regatta.

The heat of June slowed events a bit and we made the long trip to Eagle Grange for the Leadership Conference. It was great to have Keystone Grange No. 2 and Eagle Grange No. 1 together. These leadership workshops are invaluable and I highly recommend all Grangers attend as I always learn something new.

The fun continued in July with back-to-back-to-back Grange events each weekend. There was the Chester County Pomona picnic on the 9th, followed by the always fun Family Festival the following weekend, followed by the Trexlertown Pig Roast on the 23rd. Three weekends and 3 counties with hundreds of miles in between.

In August I was able to represent not only Penn State Alumni Association but the Grange as well at the annual Montgomery County Freshman Sendoff event. This year was bowling. I had the opportunity to promote Penn State as well as the Collegiate Grange to incoming Freshmen. The Middletown Grange Fair and the snack bar by Plumsteadville Grange is a yearly favorite for Denae and me. We were featured in the Plumsteadville Grange newsletter.

I am looking forward to installing the officers at Plumsteadville Grange in early October as well as our annual State Session in Shippensburg. Denae and I will be in Washington DC for the National session and are looking toward to the Seventh Degree.

We will be assisting in the Fifth Degree at Shartlesville Grange this fall as well. There will be the annual Plumsteadville Grange holiday event in December with Dr. James Diamond. Denae will be speaking about photography at Hamburg Grange in November, please join us. As you can see it has been a busy year for me as Gatekeeper. I love to travel, visit Granges and promote our Order. I am honored to be an officer in our State and looking forward to continue to serve you and your state.

Fraternally,
Gene Zvarick
Gatekeeper

REPORT OF CERES

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters,

In my fourth 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, 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 to several new states as the National Outstanding Young Patrons. We made new friends everywhere we went who we hope to reunite with at Nationals in Virginia.

At Family Festival in July, the Graces provided the vespers each night. I really enjoyed relaxing during the weekend and watching the rest of the show.

Robert and I were honored to serve a second year as the PA State Grange Young Couple. We helped the PA Youth Director Ellen Wadsworth roll out the Outstanding Young Patron program in our state, which is getting good reviews already. I look forward to this upcoming State Session in Shippensburg, PA.

Fraternally,
Jennifer Beamon

REPORT OF POMONA

Dear worthy Master, brothers and sisters,

During the last year, I have completed many grange activities. For the state level, I have attended various functions as your Pomona. Various activities allowed me to continue to meet many grangers across the state. This included a most memorable bus at the 143rd state session in Warren. This was a new area of the state for me to travel to and see what the city of Warren has to offer. Another memorable activity included Junior Grange camp which always amazes me how we help to instill manners and good values in our future members.

Other state activities included that planning session meeting and family festival where I help to set up registration for the days. I promoted the Pennsylvania Grange and local granges at the Centre County Grange Fair. Grange always proves to be incredible when members of the local community realize that this is much more than just our fair.

At the Pomona level, I was installed at Master in August. I am helping with running the first through fourth degree conferral. I also helped to work with many various community service projects. In my subordinate, Logan Grange #109, I currently am the lecturer. 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.

This year has brought many exciting opportunities as your Pomona. I look forward to hopefully working with the Pennsylvania State Grange in various ways in the year to come as it is my last year as Pomona.

May God bless everyone!
Fraternally yours,
Ashley Furman
Pennsylvania State Grange Pomona

REPORT OF FLORA

Hello Pennsylvania State Grangers!

As I finish out my last Journal of Proceedings article as your State Flora, I cannot help but reflect on the last 6 years and smile at the many great things I got to experience and enjoy!

First off, one of the many things I got to enjoy was my family grew..... My grange family grew. It grew to include the many state officers in Pennsylvania, many committee members on various committees, new grange members (and old ones too). I have enjoyed getting to know every one of you and have appreciated all of your kind words of support and wisdom. Thank you to the "Flora Dora" Girls (Pink Ladies) in Centre County.... Thank you for performing the pink drill for me, on a number of occasions! It truly has meant a lot!

Secondly, I got to enjoy and present a cool workshop at State Junior camp in July. I loved hanging out with the kids and fellow grangers and getting caught up with everyone's busy lives. Being at camp brought back many memories, like cabin night (where all of the cabins had to perform a skit in front of everyone), water games, and of course, the camp songs.... Thank you to Lurae, the committee, staff and kids for welcoming me for the day. What a great camp!!! If you have never been to state camp, I encourage you to go! You will NOT be disappointed. Trust me!

I cannot thank the Good Lord above, enough, for watching over me on my travels, allowing me to get safely to my destinations; giving me the grace and wisdom I have needed to represent you as State Flora of the Pennsylvania State Grange; for giving me guidance when I didn't know which way to turn; and just for loving me.... For me. To my family (mom, dad, Andy & Stacie) thank you for allowing to do what I could do for Pennsylvania State Grange and for traveling with me and keeping me company on some of the car rides (especially to mom for going along with me to New Jersey.... THANK YOU!). To Grandma and Grandpap Keith.... Thank you for your guidance, wisdom, listening to my speeches and critiquing them, traveling with me to grange functions during my term as Flora, and all of your love and support. I would not be where I am in the Grange today, without you two. To my 2 angels in heaven, Aunt Betty & Uncle Dean Grove.... God sure did bless me with both of your guidance, wisdom, company during state sessions, and love. I miss you both so much (beyond words). State Session is not the same without you two here, but I am learning my way, with you both watching over me in heaven. I will see you again, someday!

Lastly, thank you members of the Pennsylvania state Grange! It has been an honor to represent you as state flora for the last 6 years! God has truly blessed me and I am excited to see what he has in store for me in the coming years! Thank you again for a great term!

God Bless to the new slate of state officers for the upcoming term! You'll all be great!

Love Always & God Bless,
Jodi E. Keith
PA State Grange Flora

REPORT OF THE DEAF & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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

This past year has been an exciting and rewarding year. New projects were implemented, while keeping some of the tried and true projects. I would like to thank State Master Elizabeth Downey and all the staff at the State Grange Office for their continued support. I also would like to thank my committee of Carol Kushma, Judy Shupp, Patricia Bird, and Gail Switzer.

At the State Grange Session in 2015, several projects were happening. We collected books and for a small donation the books could be purchased. From this, we were able to donate \$250.00 to Dogs for the Deaf. A collection for the backpack program ran by the Second Harvest, was a huge success. In addition to the many boxes of food donated, \$670.00 (plus money from the Family Activities Committee and the collection from church) was donated to this worthy project. Items were also collected for the Warren County Pregnancy Center. Three hundred dollars, plus many boxes of clothes, blankets and baby items, were donated to the center.

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. Our decision to not collect for Dino's Shoe Box was not an easy decision; however, we decided to support the Ronald McDonald House in Danville.

July came quickly and soon it was time to pack for Junior Grange Camp. Wednesday morning I had the task of leading the cooking workshop. The workshop involved the science of making chocolate chip cookies. Thursday night, our committee provided the evening program. Dianne and Mike Thees, along with K-9's Belle and Luke, demonstrated the science of bloodhounds tracking lost people. Our committee was able to donate \$200.00 to Heaven Scent.

The next week found us at Family Festival. Both Friday and Saturday night we sponsored a cake walk, which involved neither cakes, nor walking, and collected \$171.00. Money collected from Subordinate and Pomona granges was added to this and \$700.00 was donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Danville. A car load of items collected, plus \$650.00 in gift cards, was also donated.

The first Bike-Hike was held on Saturday morning to benefit The Gift of Life Organization. Thirty grange members registered to participate, many being Junior Grangers. We were able to collect \$739.00, with other money donated; \$1,000.00 was donated to this worthy program. Bryce and Riley Danko were recognized for raising the most money. Many thanks to all who participated.

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.

This year at State Grange a collection is being made for the Boys and Girls Program in Shippensburg and Carlisle area. A list of items can be found at our table in the exhibit area. We will be collecting through Saturday evening, so please be sure to donate. Something new this year is the Christmas Stocking Contest with all stockings being donated to our active military and veterans.

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 Saturday afternoon. I hope you will all attend as it is amazing to watch a song be performed with the sign language. I am hoping to see a lot of participation in this program.

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 can have. Please let me know, 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

2016 DEAF & COMMUNITY SERVICES CONTEST WINNERS

25 and Under Members:

- 1st – Chester Valley, Chester Co.
- 2nd – Frankfort Springs, Beaver Co.
- 3rd – Allegheny, Lycoming Co.
- 4th – Roaring Creek Valley, Columbia Co.

26 – 75 members

- 1st – Schnecksville, Lehigh Co.
- 2nd – Kutztown, Berks Co.
- 3rd – Hayfield, Crawford Co.
- 4th – Harveys-Aleppo, Green Co.

Over 76 members

- 1st – Big Knob, Beaver Co.
- 2nd – Ontelaunee, Berks Co.
- 3rd – Plumsteadville, Bucks
- 4th – Hookstown, Beaver

Pomona Granges

- 1st – Centre #13
- 2nd – Montour-Northumberland-Union #31
- 3rd – Berks County #43
- 4th – Bucks County #22

Stocking Contest Winners:

Premade and decorated

Age 5-9

- 1st – Brayden Heckman, Berks Co.

Age 10 – 14

- 1st Veronica Heckman, Berks Co.

Age 15 – 25

- 1st - Meredith Lengel, Berks Co.
- 2nd – Michelle Lengel, Berks Co.

Age 26 – 50

- 1st – Lisa Hartline, Berks Co.
- 2nd – Emily Kutz, Berks Co.

Age 51 +

- 1st - Patricia Mosier, Erie Co.
- 2nd – Judy Sheffer, Erie Co.

Handmade

Age 15 – 25

- 1st – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Co.

Age 26 – 50

- 1st –Denise Clare, Berks Co.

Age 51 +

- 1st - Jean Hollabaugh, Warren Co
- 2nd – Shirley Burkhart, Berks Co.

Sign A Song

- Juniors - 1st – Cassy Kehs, Chester Co.
- Subordinate – 1st – Jen Kehs, Chester Co.
- Group – 1st - Jen, Cassy and Elsa Kehs, Chester Co.

Thanks to all who donated stockings and books. The \$70.00 collected from the sale of books will be donated to Dogs for the Deaf.

REPORT OF THE FAMILY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Worthy State Master, Worthy National and State Officers, Brother and Sisters of the Grange. My committee and I had a good 2016 year.

As many of you know, I previously served as Youth Director, but I will tell you, 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. It's our job, as Family Activities chairpersons, to make sure there are activities for everyone, and not just at the State level, but in community Granges as well.

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 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

Committee members are available to answer your questions and help plan family activities for your Grange.

Our year began with the **annual state planning meeting** which was held in State College. We spent the time planning activities, projects, contests and much more. This year we put together a whole new slate of contests, which will be available to you in the new Guide to Contest and Programs due out by the end of the year.

We've worked hard to develop contests and programs that can be done with the whole family. We hope that you will consider this when reviewing the contests and deciding what you'll participate in during 2017 and 2018.

Family Festival July 2016 – the theme this year was “Under the Sea”. The weekend was another great event, thanks to all the volunteers and committee members who led workshops and activities for everyone. Friday evening we hosted dinner with the Youth department, frying hamburgers and hot dogs and leading the group in camp songs. That's what family is all about helping each other out. Our Committee organized and led the tour, there were about 60 of us went to a hummingbird ranch, where we saw hundreds of hummingbirds throughout their property. We also led a craft workshop making wooden stools. This is one of the contest sponsored by the Family Activities department, I hope there are lots of stools entered here at Session.

We also wrapped up the first part of our community service project for Gift of Life that began at State Session last year. Thank you to everyone who kitted or crocheted a wrap for the Wrapped in hugs Project. We donated 125 wraps to the project and will continue to collect the wraps as long as there are people to make them.

Ag Progress Days Aug. 2016 – Thank you to all who helped sell cookbooks and raffle tickets for our Quilt and More Raffle. If you would like to spend a day at this event August of 2017 on behalf of the Family Activities Department, just give me a call.

Thank-you to Sandy, Stacy and Beth at the State Grange office for all their help and support, I need someone to keep me on my toes.

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

Fraternally yours,
Martha G. Ebersole, Director

2016 FAMILY ACTIVITIES CONTEST WINNERS
TOTAL ENTRIES - 188

Quilt Blocks - Railroad Crossing Quilt Block - Class 1

- 1st Alice Hartman, Chester Co.
- 2nd Jane Reppert, Berks Co.
- 3rd Nettie Kauffman, Berks Co.

Quilts - Class 2

- 1st Rodney Fleeger, Butler Co.
- 2nd Virginia Mangel, Butler Co.
- 3rd Ellen Schaller, Northampton Co.

Quilts - Class 3

- 1st -----
- 2nd -----
- 3rd Family Activities Sinking Vly, Blair Co.

Quilt Baby Quilts - Class 4

- 1 Entry – Not Right Size

Baby / Crib Quilt - Class 5

- No Entries

Wall Hangings - Class 6

- 1st Nettie Kauffman, Berks Co.
- 2nd Shirley Swires, Blair Co.
- 3rd Linda Warren, Chester Co.

Wall Hanging - Class 7

- 1st -----
- 2nd Sarah Carberry, Huntingdon Co.
- 3rd -----

Quilt-Class 8

- 1st Oat Weir- Butler Co.
- 2nd Sarah Carberry, Huntingdon Co.
- 3rd Gretchen Kralj, Venango Co.

Quilt Pre-Print Top - Class 9

- 1st -----
- 2nd Jackie Clabaugh, Blair Co.
- 3rd -----

Baking/ Cooking - Pecan Pie - Class 10

- 1st Ruth McQuate, Berks Co.
- 2nd Rebecca Michalka, Washington Co.
- 3rd Becky Beckert, Beaver Co.

Baking/Cooking – Caramels - Class 11

- 1st Letty Riley, Blair Co.
- 2nd Emma Hammond, Beaver Co.
- 3rd Jane Adams, Berks Co.

Baking/Cooking - Whoopie Pies - Class 12

- 1st Virginia Hay, Somerset Co.
- 2nd Barb Richards, Centre Co.
- 3rd Deanna Hollabaugh, Warren Co.

Afghans - Crocheted - Class 13A

- 1st Ruth Stewart, Beaver Co.
- 2nd Gloria Hahn, Lawrence Co.
- 3rd -----

Afghans - Knitted - Class 13B

- 1st Nettie Martsolf, Butler Co.
- 2nd Kelly VanOrd, Warren Co.
- 3rd -----

Afghans - Baby Crocheted - Class 14A

- 1st Amelia Mitchell, Washington Co.
- 2nd Gloria Hahn, Lawrence Co.
- 3rd Virginia Mangel, Butler Co.

Afghans - Baby Size Knitted - Class 14B

- 1st -----
- 2nd Nettie Martsolf, Butler Co.
- 3rd -----

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

- 1st Jeanette McDonald, Beaver Co.
- 2nd Shirley Swires, Blair Co.
- 3rd Gladys Kieffer, Berks Co.

Cross Stitch - Class 16

- 1st Jane Reppert, Berks Co.
- 2nd Linda Warren, Chester Co.
- 3rd -----

Plastic Canvas - Class 17

- 1st Jane Reppert, Berks Co.
- 2nd Evelyn Cottrell, Susquehanna Co.
- 3rd Virginia Mangel, Butler Co.

Cotton Thread - Class 18

- 1st June Stricker, Berks Co.
- 2nd Mona Bowmaster, Centre Co.
- 3rd Virginia Mangel, Butler Co.

Wooden Step Stool - Class 19

- 1st Donald Kauffman, Berks Co.
- 2nd Randy Durlin, Montour Co.
- 3rd Evan Larrick, Beaver Co.

Bead Jewelry Necklace - Class 20

- 1st Lois Runninger, Venango Co.
- 2nd Evelyn Cottrell, Susquehanna Co.
- 3rd Shirley Swires, Blair Co.

Bead Jewelry Bracelet - Class 21

- 1st Linda Warren, Chester Co.
- 2nd Lurae Bencio, Beaver Co.
- 3rd Louise Nagle, Montour Co.

Christmas Tree Ornaments - Class 22

- 1st Christine Beishline, Columbia Co.
- 2nd Deborah Kolpak, Chester Co.
- 3rd Jackie Clabaugh, Blair Co.

Plastic Canvas - Class 23

- 1st Jane Reppert, Berks Co.
- 2nd Deborah Kolpak, Chester Co.
- 3rd Georgette Mummert, Huntingdon Co.

Counted Cross Stitch - Class 24

- 1st Nettie Kauffman, Berks Co.
- 2nd Evelyn Cottrell, Susquehanna Co.
- 3rd Deborah Kolpak, Chester Co.

All Others - Class 25

- 1st Kenna Kurtz, Centre Co.
- 2nd Linda Warren, Chester Co.
- 3rd Cindy Shaffer, Cumberland Co.

Tote Bag, Lined - Class 26

- 1st Mary Lee McElhaney, Beaver Co.
- 2nd Linda Warren, Chester Co.
- 3rd Mary Ann Haagen, Centre Co.

Tote Bag, Unlined - Class 27

- 1st Deborah Kolpak, Chester Co.
- 2nd Sandra Hill, Berks Co.
- 3rd Caroline Reilly, Blair Co.

Planter - All Wooden - Class 28

- 1st Dianne Geschwindt, Berks Co.
- 2nd J. Thomas Kolpak, Chester Co.

Planter - All Other Materials—Class 29

- 1st -----
- 2nd -----
- 3rd Darlene Shinsky, Lawrence Co.

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR COMMITTEE

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

WOW what a year! It all goes by so quickly and when it comes time to reflect back at it all, it all spins and mixes together. There are so many people who help keep the Junior Program running smoothly and none of it could be done without the AWESOME Junior Grange Committee.

In late 2015 I had a lunch date with Samantha Gourley who sadly announced that she was stepping down from the JG committee. Sam was ready to move onto some other things in her life and she knew she could no longer dedicate as much time to the Junior program. She was sad to give her “resignation” and I assured her that she always had a place in the Junior Grange program and to visit and help out whenever

she could. Samantha was on the JG committee for 9 years. Thank you for everything you did. I know we'll see your smiling face again around the Grange.

We added 2 new members to the JG committee and I couldn't have been any happier. First is Suann Johnson from Hookstown Grange in Beaver County. Suann has been through all of the phases of the Junior Grange program starting as a young Junior Granger herself and now a JG Leader at her Grange as well as one of the key people involved in the Beaver County Junior Grange Camp. I am so thankful for Suann. The second member is no stranger to any Grange member, young or old. Derek Snyder was selected as the 2015 Jr Grange Supporter of the Year at last year's session. He is a great asset to the committee and serves as a bridge for the older Juniors who will be moving into the Youth program. Derek has done it all and is a great inspiration to all of the kids. Derek and Suann share many of the committee duties with the others – Dina Zug, Heather Druckenmiller, Derek Schroeder and Philip Vonada. I LOVE this group and appreciate them more than I can ever express in words. THANK YOU for sharing your talents, patience, time and love for the Junior Grange program.

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

FARM SHOW – Jan 2016

The PA Farm Show is a great start to the New Year for our Jr Grange Royalty. This year, Prince Isaiah Blatt was unable to attend due to a wrestling event for school but Princess Mikayla Davis was there with her beautiful smile. Mikayla enjoyed the Farm Show for many reasons since she is also part of the Dairy industry and was able to see her friends in both the Grange, 4-H and Dairy Princess Program. She enjoyed the Governors Reception on Friday evening with the other Grange Royalty. On Sat. she was recognized during the opening ceremonies. She assisted in the Grange Booth on Saturday afternoon and then got to have some Farm Show Fun.

ROYALTY TRIP - June

This year, the annual Royalty trip was again partnered with Grange Day at the Capitol. I want to thank JG committee member, Derek Schroeder, for stepping in for me since that was the first day of the Beaver County JG Camp that I help run. Derek, Isaiah and Mikayla were able to visit their representatives and senators in the Capital and were recognized on the Senate floor. The afternoon was spent at Hershey Park with the Youth Ambassadors and Young Couple. They closed the park down and had a GREAT time together!

COUNTY CAMPS – May & June

Beaver and Berks County Junior Granges held their own camps once again this year. Beaver County Juniors had their own Summer "Olympics" in June and Berks County had a beautiful and fun "JG Christmas" weekend in May. 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 - July

The Juniors got to see how "Science ROCKS!" at camp in July. There were Scientists all over the place mixing household chemicals, changing the look of things and doing all sorts of experiments. There were all kinds of excitement!

2016 State Camp Highlights

- We were honored to have the National Jr Grange Director, Lillian Booth joins us from Tues. – Sat. Lillian came all the way from the state of California and experienced some firsts. She saw her first fire-fly (lightening bug) and got to feel the PA summer humidity. Lillian enjoyed meeting and talking with all of the Juniors and Youth. She did a couple of workshops for us and was also a

judge for the Royalty Contest. We were so happy to have her be a part of our Pennsylvania family. THANK YOU LILLIAN FOR EVERYTHING!

- It was a very hot week and the Staff and Campers were happiest on the days when swimming was on the Agenda. On Tuesday, everyone loaded up on the {surprise} charter busses and visited the Susque View Nursing Home to spread some cheer and smiles with the residents. Afterwards they traveled to the Millhall Swimming Pool to enjoy several hours of swimming and games. Dinner was pizza from Pizza Hut which was a huge treat for everyone!! On Thursday – the lake was calling and the day was spent cooling off there and enjoying some fun in the sun!
- This year the Juniors earned “Beaker Bucks” when they completed certain chores, did something good or earned it thru activities. 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 55 Junior Grange campers (25 were NEW campers), 11 helpers, 6 counselors, 10 staff members for a total of 82 people! It was GREAT to have so many there! (We even had a helper and counselors join us from the State of Washington! The 2015 JG Ambassador Morgan Browning returned to help at camp and she brought her sister Taylor to meet her PA Grange Family. Thank you ladies for your help and friendship)
- High Test Ritual Awards went to Hadyn Wiseman, Sadie Johnson, Kay Reyburn, Kaylen Leiby
- Camp Superlatives were awarded to Wyatt Koeller, Merle Reyburn, Zack Perseghetti, Ashlan Smith.
- The 2016-17 PA Junior Grange Princess is Kaylen Leiby from Berks County and the PA Junior Grange Prince is Jeffrey McCartney from Beaver County.
- One of my personal highlights was having the National President, Betsy Huber, the National JG Director, Lillian Booth and the PA State President, Beth Downey and I all together for a great picture. Even the edited version was good. Thank you Betsy, Lillian and Beth for your commitment to the Junior program and for your friendship.
- 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 - July

There was just a week between Camp and Family Festival and I am blessed to have had some of the Junior Grange Committee step up and take charge of the Junior Activities for me. Since I sustained a minor/mild concussion during JG Camp, I was ordered by my doctor and PA Grange President to take it easy and let my head (and face) heal. I sat home all weekend glued to my laptop waiting to see updates, info, photos and more from the fun everyone was having. They all had fun “Under the Sea” and continued some of the fun and friendship that was experienced at JG Camp just a week before. (Thank you Suann, Derek S and Philip for stepping up!)

The Junior Grange Talent Contest winners were in the 5-9 age group: Gail & Ruby Reyburn first for a vocal performance. In the 10-14 age group: Riley Danko won first with her instrumental selection, Kay

Reyburn won first in the other category with a reading she did and Jordan Downey won 1st for his vocal performance and 2nd for his comedy act. Thank you to all of the Juniors who performed! I hope you all come back next year with your talent and encourage more Juniors to join you on stage! You ROCK!

AG PROGRESS DAYS - August

This year, the Grange Royalty was not required to attend the Ag Progress Days but Prince Jeffrey McCartney attended and was happy to help out in the Grange Booth. Thank you Jeffrey and your Grandpa too for traveling over for the day and experiencing all of the fun at Ag Progress Days.

STATE GRANGE – October 2016

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. The Junior Grange Program and all of the activities we offer could not be fully appreciated without the help from the Youth Department and their help. From assisting at their local Granges to helping at State Camp – none of it could be done without their enthusiasm and energy to help grow the Grange by working with the youngest members. THANK YOU for your dedication and help!

In closing I want to thank all those who help our Junior Program be one of the best in the Country. There is one group of people I have not mentioned directly or thanked and that would be the JUNIORS themselves! Pennsylvania is blessed to have a great group of Junior Grange members who are excited to learn more about our organization and build strong life-long friendships while doing it. I love each and every one of you and can't wait to see what the year 2017 brings to the Junior Program!

Fraternally submitted,
Lurae A, Benzio
PA State Junior Grange Director
And Committee,
Heather Drunlenmiller,
Suann Johnson, Derek Schroeder
Derek Snyder, Philip Vonada, and Dina Zug

2016 JUNIOR GRANGE CONTEST WINNERS

2016 Junior Grange officers for State Session:

Master – Isabella Boone – Centre Co
Overseer – Veronica Heckman – Berks Co
Lecturer – Cassandra Kehs – Chester Co
Steward – Evan Espenshade – Lancaster Co
Asst. Steward – Harvey Reyburn – Chester Co
Lady Asst Steward – Danielle Kehs – Chester Co
Gatekeeper – Jordan Downey – Lycoming Co
Chaplain – Abbigail Kehs – Chester Co
Treasurer – Alan Espenshade – Lancaster Co

Secretary – Brayden Heckman – Berks Co
Flora – Cadence Tempel – Berks Co
Ceres – Sadie Johnson – Beaver Co
Pomona – Gayle Reyburn – Chester Co

Juniors who received the All Star certificates for attending out of the 3 State events (Camp, Family Festival or Session/Jam)

Arora Baker	Cassandra Kehs	Gayle Reyburn
Drake Baker	Danielle Kehs	Molly Reyburn (mini)
Savannah Baker	Connor Kunkle	Grace Tempel
Evan Espenshade	Kaylen Leiby	Olivia Wilhelm
Alan Espenshade	Jeffrey McCartney	Hadyn Wiseman
Abigail Kehs	Ruby Reyburn	

Juniors who received the Super Star certificates for attending 3 out of 3 State Events (Camp, Family Festival, Session/Jam)

Isabella Boone	Elizabeth Reich	Kay Reyburn
Jordan Downey	Jackson Reich	Merle Reyburn
Sadie Johnson	Harvey Reyburn	Cadence Tempel

2016 Contest Winners

Recycled Craft - Clothing age 5-9

1st – Allyson Spencer, Warren Co.
2nd – Hailey Blatt, Berks Co.
3rd – Sadie Johnson, Beaver Co.
4th – Brayden Heckman, Berks Co.

Creative Writing – age 5-9

1st – Natalie Rodgers, Lawrence Co.
2nd – Merle Reyburn, Chester Co.
3rd – Allyson Spencer, Warren Co.
4th – Gayle Reyburn, Chester Co.

Recycled Craft - Clothing age 10-14

1st – William McGregor, Lawrence Co.
2nd – Jeffrey McCartney, Beaver Co.
3rd – Veronica Heckman, Berks Co.

Creative Writing – age 10-14

1st – Tanner Davis, Berks Co.
2nd – Danielle Kehs, Chester Co.
3rd – Declan Harrison, Chester Co.
4th – Peter Rohrbach, Berks Co.

Baking – No Bake cookies age 5-9

1st – Harvey Reyburn, Chester Co.
2nd – Alexa Davis, Berks Co.
3rd – Wyatt Koller, Berks Co.
4th – Maddy Warham, Warren Co.

Sculpture – building blocks, Legos or Knex – age 5-9

1st – Harvey Reyburn, Chester Co.
2nd – Merle Reyburn, Chester Co.
3rd – Brayden Heckman, Berks Co.
4th – Braden Thomson, Warren Co.

Baking – No Bake cookies age 10-14

1st – William McGregor, Lawrence Co.
2nd – Kay Reyburn, Chester Co.
3rd – Autumn Tworkoski, Berks Co.
4th – Jeffrey McCartney, Beaver Co.

Sculpture – building blocks, Legos or Knex – age 10-14

1st – William McGregor, Lawrence Co.
2nd – Veronica Heckman, Berks Co.
3rd – Kendall DeVall, Berks Co.

Sculpture - other - age 5-9

- 1st – Merle Reyburn, Chester Co.
- 2nd – Harvey Reyburn, Chester Co.
- 3rd – Natalie Rodgers, Lawrence Co.
- 4th – Sadie Johnson, Beaver

Sculpture - other - age 10-14

- 1st – Kay Reyburn, Chester Co.
- 2nd – William McGregor, Lawrence Co.
- 3rd – Abbigail Kehs, Chester Co.
- 4th – Cassandra Kehs, Chester Co.

Foam Craft - age 5-9

- 1st – Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence Co.
- 2nd – Braden Thomson, Warren

Foam Craft - age 10-14

- 1st – William McGregor, Lawrence Co.

Promotional Poster - age 5-9

- 1st – Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence Co.

Promotional Poster - age 10-14

- 1st – William McGregor –Lawrence Co.

Origami - age 5-9

- 1st – Sarah Flickinger – Chester Co.
- 2nd – Gabriella Lindsay – Warren Co.
- 3rd – Merle Reyburn, Chester Co.
- 4th – Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence Co.

Origami - age 10-14

- 1st – Tanner Davis, Berks Co.
- 2nd – Kay Reyburn, Chester Co.
- 3rd – Abbigail Kehs, Chester Co.
- 4th – William McGregor, Lawrence Co.

Art - People - age 5-9

- 1st – Aiden DeLillo, Lawrence Co.
- 2nd – Gayle Reyburn, Chester Co.
- 3rd – Merle Reyburn, Chester Co.
- 4th – Rylan Rodgers, Chester Co.

Art - People - age 10-14

- 1st – Kay Reyburn, Chester Co.
- 2nd – William McGregor, Lawrence Co.

Art - Animals - age 5-9

- 1st – Natalie Rodgers, Berks Co.
- 2nd – Gayle Reyburn, Chester Co.
- 3rd – Tabitha Samsel, Berks Co.
- 4th – Aiden DeLillo, Lawrence Co.

Art - Animals age 10-14

- 1st – Kay Reyburn, Chester Co.
- 2nd – William McGregor, Lawrence Co.

Art - Landscape - age 5-9

- 1st – Merle Reyburn, Chester Co.
- 2nd – Sammie Patton, Beaver Co.
- 3rd – Sadie Johnson, Beaver Co.
- 4th – Harvey Reyburn, Chester Co.

Art - Landscape - age 10-14

- 1st – Kay Reyburn, Chester Co.
- 2nd – William McGregor, Lawrence Co.

Art - Other - age 5-9

- 1st – Sammie Patton, Beaver Co.
- 2nd – Gayle Reyburn, Chester Co.
- 3rd – Allyson Spencer, Berks Co.
- 4th – Harvey Reyburn, Chester Co.

Art - Other - age 10-14

- 1st – Kay Reyburn, Chester Co.
- 2nd – William McGregor, Lawrence Co.
- 3rd – Avery Tworkoski, Berks Co.

Photography - My Family - age 5-9

- 1st – Grace Tempel, Berks Co.
- 2nd – Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence Co.
- 3rd – Ava Jenkins, Berks Co.
- 4th – Sarah Flickinger, Chester Co.

Photography - My Family- age 10-14

- 1st – Peter Rohrbach, Berks Co.
- 2nd – Jordan Downey, Lycoming Co.
- 3rd – William McGregor, Lawrence Co.

Photography - Scenic America - age 5-9

- 1st – Wyatt Koller, Berks Co.
- 2nd – Alexa Davis, Berks Co.
- 3rd – Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence Co.
- 4th – Sarah Flickinger, Chester Co.

Photography - Scenic America – age 10-14

- 1st – Autumn Tworkoski, Berks Co.
- 2nd – Veronica Heckman, Berks Co.
- 3rd – Avery Tworkoski, Berks Co.
- 4th – William McGregor, Lawrence Co.

Photography - Those Crazy Animals – age 5-9

- 1st – Alexa Davis, Berks Co.
- 2nd – Emma Seidel, Berks Co.
- 3rd – Ava Jenkins, Berks Co.
- 4th – Hailey Blatt, Berks Co.

Photography - Those Crazy Animals – age 10-14

- 1st – Autumn Tworkoski, Berks Co.
- 2nd – Avery Tworkoski, Berks Co.
- 3rd – Peter Rohrbach, Berks Co.
- 4th – William McGregor, Lawrence Co.

Photography – Event Collage – age 5-9

- 1st – Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence Co.

Photography – Event Collage – age 10-14

- 1st – William McGregor, Lawrence Co.

Photography – Jr. Grange photos – age 5-9

- 1st – Cadence Tempel, Berks Co.
- 2nd – Maddy Warham, Warren Co.

Photography – Jr Grange photos – age 10-14

- 1st – Veronica Heckman, Berks Co.

Field Pumpkin – paint only – age 5-9

- 1st – Gabby Yocum, Warren Co.
- 2nd – Natalie Rodgers, Lawrence Co.
- 3rd – Rylee Dennis, Berks Co.
- 4th – Hadyn Wiseman, Chester Co.

Mini Junior Art Entries from:

- Julie Eisenhower, Berks Co.
- Lila Samsel, Berks Co.
- Bryce Davis, Berks Co.
- Ellie Schroeder, Berks Co.
- Karlie Supplee, Juniata Co.
- Natalee Zug, Juniata Co.
- Lillian Cassellberry, Lawrence Co.

Field Pumpkin – paint only – age 10-14

- 1st – William McGregor, Lawrence Co.
- 2nd – Eric Jones, Lawrence Co.
- 3rd – Autumn Tworkoski, Berks Co.
- 4th – Lila Jones, Lawrence Co.

Field Pumpkin – other/creative – age 5-9

- 1st – Tabitha Samsel – Berks Co.
- 2nd – Gayle Reyburn – Chester Co.
- 3rd – Ruby Reyburn – Chester Co.
- 4th – Braden Thomson – Warren Co.

Field Pumpkin – other/creative – age 10-14

- 1st – Evan Espenshade – Lancaster Co.
- 2nd – Kay Reyburn – Chester Co.
- 3rd – Zoe Merkel – Berks Co.
- 4th – Sierra Merkel – Berks Co.

Neck Pumpkin – paint only – age 5-9

- 1st – Connor Servin, Berks Co.
- 2nd – Zoe Kramer, Berks Co.
- 3rd – Logan Eisenhower, Berks Co.
- 4th – Heidi Eisenhower, Berks Co.

Neck Pumpkin – paint only – age 10-14

NO ENTRIES

Neck pumpkin – other/creative – age 5-9

- 1st – Alexis Servin, Berks Co.
- 2nd – Zoe Kramerm, Berks Co.
- 3rd – Heidi Eisenhower, Berks Co.

Neck pumpkin – other/creative – age 10-14

NO ENTRIES

Mini Junior Art Entries from con't:

- Nicholas Rodgers, Lawrence Co.
- Jacob DeLillo, Lawrence Co.
- Addison McGuire, Lawrence Col
- Travis Reigel, Warren Co.
- Kaleb Lindsay, Warren Co.
- Tanner Warham, Warren Co.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS COMMITTEE

Worthy Master, National Officers, State Officers, Delegates and Guests: It has been another exciting and rewarding year and every day I am thankful that I get to spend time with our amazing Youth! Again 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 the many individuals and Granges who sent donations to the Youth Department. Your donations make a difference in the lives of our Youth!

2015 NATIONAL GRANGE SESSION

The youth of Pennsylvania started the year on a great note, beginning with the 2015 National Grange Session in Lincoln, Nebraska. Lindsay Schroeder represented Pennsylvania as a Youth Ambassador and Jennifer and Robert Beamon represented Pennsylvania as the Young Couple. Congratulations to both Jennifer and Robert Beamon for being named the first National Grange Outstanding Young Patrons. Way to go! Jennifer and Robert Beamon also represented the Eastern Region and Pennsylvania in the Jeopardy Contest. Kudos to Jennifer Beamon for placing first and Robert Beamon for placing third in this national contest. The youth of Pennsylvania entered a team in the Parliamentary Procedure contest placing 2nd! Team members included Jennifer Beamon, Robert Beamon, Gail Switzer, Lindsay Schroeder, Philip Vonada and Derek Snyder. In addition Philip Vonada and Grace Wadsworth served on the National Grange Youth Officer Team as Overseer and Executive Committee member respectively. Lastly, Pennsylvania Youth Jennifer Beamon and Gail Switzer represented Pennsylvania at the National Grange Evening of Excellence with their duet. 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, Hannah Leibensperger and Ryan Berger, and Young Couple/National Grange Outstanding Young Patrons, Jennifer and Robert Beamon, represented the Pennsylvania State Grange at the Farm Show's Blue Ribbon Reception on Friday evening. The youth were able to mingle and meet various officials such as the Secretary of Agriculture and other dignitaries. On Saturday, the youth participated in the Opening Ceremonies. For the rest of the afternoon the youth helped with the Grange booth and enjoyed the Farm Show activities.

PLANNING MEETING our annual planning meeting was held in State College at the end of January 2016, The Youth Committee used this time to plan our activities for camp, family festival, and to review the contests for the upcoming year.

NATIONAL GRANGE LEGISLATIVE FLY-IN

In February 2016, two Pennsylvania Youth participated in the National Grange Legislative Fly-In in New Hampshire. Derek Snyder and Grace Wadsworth attended the Fly-In, participated in the workshops and on the campaign trail. An amazing experience for these two youth!

YOUNG ADULTS WEEKEND

Our new activity this year was to reinstate the Young Adults weekend. This event was planned for the older youth from ages 21-35. The committee planned a weekend full of fun and fellowship. The Young Adults weekend was held on 19-20 March in Hershey, PA, at a local hotel. The idea was to provide a one-night event with a half-day relaxed schedule on each day. This schedule enabled several couples with young children to arrange child care and still be a low-cost event. The weekend was a huge success with over 33 young adults attending. The schedule included several games, crafts, a visit to Chocolate World and a fantastic tour of the Milton Hershey School. This

coming year, the committee plans to continue both the one-day gatherings for Grange Youth and Young Adults (Grange Invasions), as well as another Young Adults weekend. Look for more information on these events across the state in the coming year.

EASTERN REGIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Eastern Regional Youth Conference (ERYC) was held in North Wildwood, New Jersey, hosted by the New Jersey State Grange. Several Youth and Young Adults from Pennsylvania were able to attend and had a great time at the beach in chilly April! Pennsylvania had several youth participating in contests this weekend. Here are the results: Philip Vonada and Gail Switzer won two of the three spots to compete at National Session in the Jeopardy contest; Jodi Keith won 1st place in the Prepared Speech; Jodi Keith won 1st in the Radio Spot; Philip and Gail won 1st and 2nd respectively in the impromptu speech in their age group; Ruth Vonada and Sarah Credeur won 3rd and 4th in the impromptu speech in their age group; and Philip won Best of Show in the Sign-a-Song contest and will represent ERYC at National Grange. Delaware will be hosting the ERYC in 2017 and I hope to see many more youth, young adults, and young couples at this great weekend. Remember, you don't have to be competing in a contest to attend.

NY/PA STATE GRANGE PICNIC

The New York State Grange invited members of the Pennsylvania State Grange to Letchworth State Park for a Grange picnic on June 18th. I attended this event along with my husband, David, and daughter, Grace. The turnout from Pennsylvania was small, however it was a great event and a great chance to connect with our counterparts from New York. Hopefully Pennsylvania will host this next year.

ROYALTY TRIP

This year the Grange Legislative Day and the Royalty Trip to Harrisburg was again combined. The Youth Ambassadors and Young Couple (along with all of the other attendees), were divided into teams, given talking points and tips for meeting with their Representatives and Senators, and had a great tour of the Capitol. 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 "Grange Family Game Night" from July 1st through 3rd at Camp Sylvan Hills. This year we ran an incentive for first-time youth campers to attend at half-price. This was a great promotion with 10 new first-time campers attending. We had a total of 28 campers with a total of 36 in attendance for at least a portion of the weekend. The entire weekend was planned with the game theme in mind. Friday evening began with the announcements of the Grange "Families" or teams, each named after one of the Grange founders. The youth participated in some get acquainted games, a few board games, and vespers.

Saturday morning following flag raising, each Grange Family team had to participate in a game in order to get in line for breakfast. The remainder of the morning included a Parlie Pro workshop led by Cassidy Cheddar, a Grange Family feud game and the annual Spoons tournament. After lunch, the campers participated in a code reading introductory workshop. Our community service project included making dog and cat toys for local animal shelters from cutting up old t-shirts. Campers also played Tarp Scrabble and Paint Twister outside before getting ready for dinner. Any free time during the weekend was spent playing 9 Square in the Air – the PA Youth favorite.

Saturday evening activities included the Coronation Ceremony and our culmination of Grange Family Game Night. During the Coronation Ceremony we announced the new Youth Ambassadors

for the 2016-2017 year: Sara Benzio from Beaver County and Casey Kerschner, 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. The Family Game Night included Giant Jenga, Pictionary, Scattegories, Musical Chairs and People Checkers. To close Saturday evening, the new Youth Ambassadors conducted vespers before heading to the cabins. Sunday morning brought a visit from 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 CPR and Emergency Readiness. Our camp weekend came to a close with a fellowship circle. Thank you to all who attended youth camp, and especially to all who assisted to make the event a huge success. We could not have succeeded without your help!

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 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. Based on the requests of several youth, we decided to have an afternoon of games instead of traveling anywhere Saturday afternoon.

We did conduct the Outstanding Young Patron contest (replacing the Young Couple contest) during Family Festival. Congratulations to Philip Vonada and Jennifer Nauss for being chosen for this honor. As with the Youth Ambassadors, both Philip and Jenn are available to attend Grange events and present programs when asked/invited. Please take advantage of these Grange Youth who are eager to come visit you!

STATE GRANGE SESSION many youth and young adults are participating in various events during the State Grange Session in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania this week. In addition to the Youth Department contests, we also have a fantastic State Youth Officer Team opening the session on Saturday. Presenting the 2016 State Grange Youth Officer Team:

Master - Jenn Nauss, York-Adams Co
Overseer - Philip Vonada, Centre Co
Lecturer - Anna Benzio, Beaver Co
Steward - Robert D. Beamon, Berks Co
Asst Steward - Derek Snyder, York-Adams Co
LAS - Sara Benzio, Beaver Co
Secretary - Gail Switzer, Beaver Co
Treasurer - Chelsea Winters, Lancaster Co
Chaplain - Heather Druckenmiller, York-Adams Co
Gatekeeper - Grace Wadsworth, Chester Co. Co
Ceres - Lexus Johnson, Beaver Co
Pomona - Lindsay Schroeder, Berks Co
Flora - Cassidy Cheddar, Lancaster Co
Exec Comm - Kelsea Ann Eisenbise, Lancaster Co
Exec Comm - Hannah Leibensperger, Berks Co

Congratulations and great job everyone!!

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. He also became the Youth Camp cook this year and has great plans in store for next year! To my children and their significance, and my mom, who all became my unofficial committee, my sounding board, and 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 a blast 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, Jennifer, Stacy, and the Executive Committee for their assistance and support.

A huge thank you to Lurae Benzio, Junior Director and sister director! We have learned so much together 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:

Lindsay Schroeder
Matt & Miranda Irons
Young Couple – Robert and Jennifer Beamon (July 2014-present)
Youth Ambassadors – Hannah Leibensperger and Ryan Berger (July 2015-July 2016)
Sara Benzio and Casey Kerschner (July 2016-present)
Young Patrons – Philip Vonada and Jennifer Nauss (July 2016-present)

In closing, a sincere thank you to each of you for your support of the Youth and Young Adults program over this past year. Our youth and young adults are very special, they are the future of the Grange and are motivated and excited to be involved and working for a common goal. You don't have to look far to see this excitement in action. Take a look around at the individuals involved at all levels of the Grange in Pennsylvania. Are there ways that you could involve the youth in your area? I would encourage you to involve the youth of your Subordinate and Pomona Granges – allow them to serve as officers, on committees, presenting programs, or assisting with community service and fundraising projects. They might just be waiting for you to ask.

Fraternally,
Ellen M. Wadsworth
PA State Grange Youth and Young Adults Director

2016 YOUTH DEPARTMENT CONTEST WINNERS

Start With A Cake Mix – Chocolate Variation

1. Heather Druckenmiller, Beaver-York/Adams

Start With A Cake Mix – White/Yellow Variation

1. Tammy Schaeffer, Berks Co.
2. Judy Saver, Beaver Co.
3. Vera Supplee, Juniata Co.

- Start With A Cake Mix –
Spice/Fruit/Nut Variation**
1. Stacey Salata, Berks Co.
2. Cindy Leibensperger, Berks Co.

- Cupcake Decorating**
1. Heather Druckenmiller, Beaver-York/Adams

- Scrapbook Page –
Grange Related - Juniors (5-13)**

- Scrapbook Page –
Grange Related - Youth (14-22)**
1. Hannah Leibensperger, Berks Co.

- Scrapbook Page –
Grange Related - Adult (23 +)**
1. Barbara Schroeder, Berks Co.
2. Cindy Keith, Huntingdon Co.
3. Miranda Irons, Warren Co.

- Scrapbook Page –
Other - Juniors (5-13)**
1. NO ENTRIES
2. NO ENTRIES

- Scrapbook Page –
Other - Youth (14-22)**
1. Lindsay Schroeder, Berks Co.
2. Josh Mengel, Berks Co.
3. Isaac Mengel, Berks Co.

- Scrapbook Page –
Other - Adult (23 +)**
1. Barbara Schroeder, Berks Co.
2. Cindy Keith, Huntingdon Co.
3. Shelley Fayewicz, Berks Co.

- Building Block Creation –
Juniors (5-13)**
1. Jacob Schroeder, Berks Co.

- Building Block Creation –
Youth (14-22)**
1. Lindsay Schroeder, Berks Co.

- Building Block Creation –
Adult (23 +)**
1. Matt Irons, Warren Co.
2. Jennifer Beamon, Berks Co.
3. Derek Schroeder, Berks Co.

- Digital Scrapbook –
Juniors (5-13)**
1. NO ENTRIES

- Digital Scrapbook –
Youth (14-22)**
1. NO ENTRIES

- Digital Scrapbook –
Adult (23 +)**
1. NO ENTRIES

- Create A Commercial –
Juniors (5-13)**
1. NO ENTRIES

- Create A Commercial –
Youth (14-22)**
1. NO ENTRIES

- Create A Commercial –
Adult (23 +)**
1. NO ENTRIES

- Creative Writing – “The day I’ll never
forget” (Youth 14-35 ONLY)**
1. Miranda Irons – Warren Co.
2. Jennifer Beamon – Berks Co.

- Recycled Container –
Plastic - Juniors (5-13)**
1. Harvey Reyburn, Chester Co.
2. Kay Reyburn, Chester Co.
3. Sarah Flickinger, Chester Co.

- Recycled Container –
Plastic - Youth (14-22)**
1. Lindsay Schroeder, Berks Co.

- Recycled Container –
Plastic - Adult (23 +)**
1. Deborah Kolpak, Chester Co.
2. Barbara Schroeder, Berks Co.
3. John Nogle, Montour Co.

- Recycled Container –
Aluminum - Juniors (5-13)**
1. NO ENTRIES

- Recycled Container –
Aluminum - Youth (14-22)**
1. NO ENTRIES

Recycled Container –

Aluminum - Adult (23 +)

1. Heather Druckenmiller, Beaver–York/Adams
2. Deborah Kolpak, Chester Co.
3. Carolyn Montz, Lehigh Co.

Recycled Container –

Glass - Juniors (5-13)

1. NO ENTRIES

RecycleD CONTAINER – .

Glass - Youth (14-22)

1. Lindsay Schroeder, Berks Co.

Recycled Container –

Glass - Adult (23 +)

1. Heather Druckenmiller, Beaver–York/Adams
2. Jennifer Beamon, Berks Co.
3. Barbara Schroeder, Berks Co.

Recycled Container –

Mixed - Juniors (5-13)

1. NO ENTRIES

Recycled Container –

Mixed - Youth (14-22)

1. NO ENTRIES

Recycled Container –

Mixed - Adult (23 +)

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

Public Speaking –

Prepared Speech – Youth (14-21)

1. NO ENTRIES

Public Speaking –

Prepared Speech – Young Adult (22-35)

1. Jennifer Nauss, York/Adams Co.
2. Jodi Keith, Huntingdon Co.
3. Gail Switzer, Berks/Chester Co.

Public Speaking –

Prepared Speech - Adult (36 +)

1. Lurae Benzio, Beaver Co.

Public Speaking –

Radio Spot – Youth (14-21)

1. NO ENTRIES

Public Speaking –

Radio Spot – Young Adult (22-35)

1. Jodi Keith, Huntingdon Co.

Public Speaking –

Radio Spot - Adult (36 +)

1. NO ENTRIES

Public Speaking –

Impromptu Speech – Youth (14-21)

1. Hannah Leibensperger- Berks Co.
2. Lindsay Schroeder, Berks Co.

Public Speaking –

Impromptu Speech – Young Adult (22-35)

1. Miranda Irons, Warren Co.
2. Jennifer Beamon, Berks Co.
3. Heather Druckenmiller, Beaver–York/Adams

Public Speaking –

Impromptu Speech - Adult (36 +)

1. Lurae Benzio, Beaver Co.
2. Michael Adams, Berks Co.
3. Jennifer Kehs, Chester Co.

Public Speaking –

Visual Aids Speech – Youth (14-21)

1. NO ENTRIES

Public Speaking –

Visual Aids Speech – Young Adult (22-35)

1. Gail Switzer, Berks/Chester Co.

Public Speaking –

Visual Aids Speech - Adult (36 +)

1. NO ENTRIES

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Worthy Master, National Representatives, State Officers, Members and Guests of the Pennsylvania State Grange: The Credentials Committee of the 144th Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session reports the following:

Subordinate Grange delegates	130
Pomona Grange delegates	46
Total number of delegates	176
Total number of Subordinate Granges Represented	73
Total number of Pomona Granges Represented	28
We had 85 Guests including 27 Juniors registered	
Grand total of 293 registered	

We want to thank the registration committee for their work.

Fraternally submitted,
Shirley Burkhart and Judy Moyer

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 2015-16 are: Chairman, Richard Mangel; Secretary, Bob 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. There were no applicants this year for this scholarship. The balance of this fund as of June 30, 2016 is \$1,531.94.

The Grange Scholarship Fund provides for 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, 2016 is \$78,358.27. These funds are invested by the State Grange Treasurer. Only the interest may be used for scholarships each year. This past year a Museum account was opened within the foundation which is to house any monies given for the future purpose of possibly establishing a Grange Museum. As of June 30, 2016 there is \$233.03 in this account.

The total amount within the Pa State Grange Foundation Scholarship fund as of June 30, 2016 is \$80,123.24 which includes the Sign Language Fund, the Museum account, and the Grange Scholarship fund.

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, 2016 is \$15,442.21.

The winners of this year's scholarships were Kyle Boose of Valley Grange #1360 in York County, Tana Rine of Marion Grange #223 in Centre County, Halee Wasson of Victor Grange #159 in Centre County, and Heather Wasson of Victor Grange #159 in Centre 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

After serving as chair of the State Grange History Committee for many years, Mary Sproat asked to be replaced in mid-2016. Douglas Bonsall, a member of the History Committee, was appointed as the new chair and several brainstorming sessions were held with the State President to get a sense of the future direction for the committee. Historical work has been identified in four major areas and assigned to separate task forces. The facilitators of each task force will form the State Grange History Committee along with the chair and the President.

An analysis was written and presented to the State Grange Executive Committee in July. Approval was received to move forward with further research in each of the following areas and recommend appropriate actions:

Archives – Jennifer Nauss, facilitator

The most immediate need is to develop a practical methodology for handling the large quantity of written records, photographs, disbanded Grange charters, and other Grange related artifacts currently in possession of the State Grange or stored with the State Archives of Pennsylvania. Microfilming is still the most permanent technology for preservation of records but the cost of equipment and labor is prohibitive for large quantities of material. Digital images, while possibly more accessible for users, have a limited life as the technology for storing them changes.

Among the tasks for this task force already identified:

- Define what records/artifacts should be preserved as items of historical significance
- Develop a retention schedule for records and other Grange materials
- Continue work to Inventory and catalog photographs, charters and artifacts
- Meet with officials of the State Archives of Pennsylvania to clarify current procedures and projected long-term plans for storage of Grange records
- Investigate the feasibility of seeking to have Grange records converted to an electronic media that would preserve the material indefinitely and also provide easier access to the information by interested parties
- Determine if it is in the long-term best interests of the Grange to continue storage of records with the State Archives of PA OR if the Grange should seek to develop/maintain its own climate-

controlled records storage area, either incorporated into a proposed State Grange Museum or in another appropriate facility

- Continue to encourage active Granges and especially those becoming dormant to submit records for long-term preservation to whatever facility is determined to be the best depository for this material

It was during Sister Sproat's tenure that some records from the State Grange as well as those from nearly 200 Subordinate and Pomona Grangers, both active and disbanded, were deposited for safe keeping with the State Archives of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg. Currently, the State Archives facility holds 170 cubic feet of Pennsylvania Grange records in Manuscript Group 493, the largest amount in original paper form and a smaller amount of microfilmed records. Initially, Grange records were accepted on a temporary loan basis, microfilmed by the State Archives and the originals returned to the owner.

Two representatives of the State Grange had a very informative and productive meeting on 9/2/2016 with Mr. Joshua Stahlman of the State Archives. He confirmed that the State Archives will no longer microfilm records submitted to them and the acceptance of paper records for permanent storage is now subject to review/approval by a committee of this agency. We have requested and are waiting on a specific list of the types of records that are most likely to be accepted by this review committee. When that information becomes available, it will be distributed so Granges wishing to submit records to the PA State Archives can prepare a detailed listing of those records for consideration before actually delivering them. Records accepted for storage by the State Archives will require Granges to sign a form permanently transferring ownership of the records to the State Archives. The State Archives is open to the public so Grange members are able to visit and view stored records if they wish.

Written & Oral History – Bill Steel, facilitator

The duties of this task force may include the following initiatives:

- Write an abbreviated history of the Pennsylvania State Grange, perhaps in an easy-to-read bulleted chronology, for immediate posting to the Grange website as the current history tab on that site includes very limited information on PA Grange history.
- Make available the electronic data base, capable of being sorted, of all Granges ever chartered in Pennsylvania so researchers can access name, number, county, current status and other significant historical facts
- Determine what other historical information and in what format can reasonably be included on the State Grange website
- Explore the advisability of recording an oral history in audio and/or video format to capture more of the "people" aspect of the Grange while these persons are available for interviews
- Provide regular historical tidbits for inclusion in the Grange News publication as a means to share information and enhance pride in the historical accomplishments of the Grange
- Pursue the publication of a volume covering the history of the Pennsylvania State Grange from 1998 through the celebration of the 150th anniversary in 2022, including the best method to print, market and distribute the publication

State Grange Museum –*Still searching for facilitator*

From time to time over a number of years there has been some interest expressed for the creation of a State Grange Museum to exhibit the history of the organization to the members and to the public. Perhaps the strongest interest for a PA Grange Museum has been shown at Eagle Grange #1, Lycoming County, where some preliminary investigation has been done with the Lycoming County Historical Society and other local groups. The chair met with members of Eagle Grange in August to discuss the project but their limited resources of people and money make this undertaking unfeasible without much assistance from outside sources.

Eagle Grange Hall is a historic two-story building of frame construction surrounded by approximately 5 acres of land and is highly visible to the public due to its location immediately adjacent to Route 15 about seven miles south of Williamsport. The hall does not currently have an elevator to provide handicap access to the second floor, nor does the facility have climate controlled features that a museum housing fragile historical artifacts and written documents would require for their long-term preservation. A large investment would be necessary to convert the facility to a museum.

Establishing a museum would, in addition to funding, require considerable amounts of labor and would likely benefit from assistance from professional museum curators. Many of the historical artifacts currently being stored at the State Grange headquarters would logically form the basis of the display collections and it could reasonably be anticipated that donations of many other items would be made by local Granges and individuals. Depending upon the recommendations of the Archives Task Force, a potential component in a museum may be the inclusion of a climate-controlled storage facility for Grange records if the determination is made that the permanent transfer of Grange records to the State Archives is not acceptable.

The long-term success and on-going viability of a State Grange Museum would depend on changing displays to encourage repeat visits and the establishment of a hands-on educational outreach program geared to attract the general public, especially school groups and families. Many community museums have staff educators, either paid or volunteer, who lead workshops to teach both history and useful skills to visitors. A common term for this is “living history”. With its rural and agricultural background, a PA Grange Museum could become an attractive destination for visitors if workshops/demonstrations on agricultural, environmental and traditional artisan skills could be developed and taught.

Finance - Anna May Nauss, facilitator

The considerable challenges facing the State Grange History Committee are obvious, not the least of which is finding financial resources to proceed. Each of the three above mentioned task forces will require funds for implementation of any specific projects undertaken. Perhaps almost equally important as the initial fund raising is the creation of on-going sources of financial support for the long-term. Therefore, the creation of a task force specifically charged with the raising of adequate funds to allow historical projects to proceed is vital.

The Finance Task Force will likely begin its deliberations a bit later than the other task forces. The Archives, Written & Oral History and Grange Museum Task Forces will begin work first to develop detailed action plans for their projects, setting short-term (1-2 years), mid-term (3-5 years) and long term (6 or more years) priorities with as much of the financial requirements of each phase as possible. As these more specific funding requirements can be determined by each task force, then the Finance Task Force will explore the various and unique ways by which funding can be secured for each initiative.

Some volunteers have already indicated their interest in serving on one of the task forces but more volunteers are needed. Most importantly, a skilled and energetic facilitator for the Grange Museum task force is needed if the first step – *that of initial investigation* – is to be undertaken. If this important position cannot be filled, the Museum proposal will be dropped from the History Committee’s agenda and efforts will be focused on the other identified areas.

Fraternally submitted,
Douglas A. Bonsall, Chair
Anna May Nauss
Jennifer Nauss
Bill Steel

PAST STATE OFFICER’S & DEPARTMENT HEADS ANNUAL MEETING

The Past Officers and Past Department Heads of the Pennsylvania State Grange held their annual meeting on Friday, **October 21, 2016**, in Reisner Hall at Shippensburg University.

In the absence of both the President Martha Ebersole (who was attending to her committee duties as State Family Activities Chairman) and the Vice President Linda Strong, the meeting was **Called to Order** by the Treasurer Kelly VanOrd.

Session guests National Grange Ceres Claire Logan, and her husband Steve, of Rhode Island were introduced. Also introduced was Kathleen Takerer, the President of the Pennsylvania Rural Letter Carriers Association.

Past Chaplain Jean Hollabaugh offered **grace** prior to the luncheon.

The thirty-six persons in attendance enjoyed lunch and fellowship. A complete list of the attendees accompanies these minutes.

Copies of the **Minutes** of the 2015 meeting were provided at each table. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Nettie Kauffman, seconded by Richard Mangel; motion carried.

The 2016 **Treasurer’s Report** was also provided to all in attendance and was accepted as submitted on a motion by Susan Tau, seconded by Jean Hollabaugh; motion carried.

Report of the 2015 **Audit** Committee – Sara Shank found the accounts correct and in order. 2016 Audit Committee appointed Sara Shank and Sharon Kimmel, with the books to be audited at the close of this luncheon.

A “**pass-the-hat**” collection netted \$123.96, plus a \$25. donation from Janet Fishovitz. Report of the **Grange Resale/Jewelry Table** – We make 20% profit on this merchandise. In 2015, we realized a profit of \$486.03 from these sales. Acting President Kelly thanked Susan Tau, Bob Hollabaugh and Jean Hollabaugh for their commitment to this annual endeavor.

Greeting cards were signed for Mary Buffington and Pat Rudy.

Old business:

Janet Fishovitz moved and J.V. Lamb seconded the motion to make our annual standing contributions to the various departments of the State Grange as follows:

PA State Grange Junior Department	\$200.00
PA State Grange Youth Department	\$200.00
PA State Grange Deaf & Community Service Department	\$200.00
PA State Grange Foundation	\$200.00

We will continue to revisit the possible need for flowers for Memorial Service. As of 2014, the cross is made with artificial flowers which will not need replaced annually. We will continue to assume this responsibility as needed.

New business:

The following officers were elected:

President	Janet Fishovitz
Vice President	Tammy Schaffer
Secretary	Mary Jane Kent (re-elected)
Treasurer	Kelly VanOrd (re-elected)

The motion was made by Nettie Kauffman, seconded by Richard Mangel that a mailing be sent to all Past Officers asking for their financial help with our continuing obligations. Motion carried.

State Master Beth Downey announced that the Smithsonian website had numerous excellent videos concerning the Grange and its history. She encouraged everyone to look at them.

Necrology Report of those who have passed since our 2015 meeting:

- 9/10/2015 – Hedwig “Heddy” Chaffee, Past State Lecturer
- 11/4/2015 – Lois Buffington Steel, Past State Deaf Activities Director
- 11/25/2015 – Elizabeth “Betty” Diamond, PA State Grange Mark of Distinction recipient
- 11/13/2016 – Helen Readinger, Past National Ceres, Past First Lady of PA State Grange

The meeting was **adjourned** with a motion by Richard Mangel and second by Sharon Kimmel. Those in attendance at the luncheon were:

Elizabeth Downey	Lycoming County	Executive Committee
Bernie Downey	Lycoming County	Guest
Jordan Downey	Lycoming County	Guest
Tammy Schaeffer	Berks County	Ceres
Tim Schaeffer	Berks County	Guest
Nettie Kauffman	Berks County	Youth Dir, Pomona, Ex Comm
Irvin Kauffman	Berks County	Guest
Barbara Gross	Venango County	Executive Committee
Bob Hollabaugh	Warren County	Gatekeeper
Jean Hollabaugh	Warren County	Chaplain
John Master	Venango County	Steward, Ex Comm
Mazie Master	Venango County	Guest
Mary Jane Kent	Greene County	Lecturer
Marty Dinsmore	Greene County	Flora
Sandy Jacobs	Greene County	Guest

Kelly VanOrd	Warren County	Jr Dir, LAS, D&CS Dir.
Susan Tau	Crawford County	Lecturer
Richard Mangel	Butler County	Gatekeeper, Overseer
Sara Shank	Lancaster County	Pomona
Scott Shank	Lancaster County	Guest
Sharon Kimmel	Bucks County	Lecturer
Ruth Wright	Bucks County	Guest
Leonard Heim	Lehigh County	Steward
Joanne Heim	Lehigh County	Guest
Kathleen Takerer	PA Rural Letter Carriers	Guest
Rebecca Michalka	Washington County	Womens Activities Director
Douglas Bonsall	Dauphin County	Youth Director, Lec, Chaplain
Linda Byers	Dauphin County	Guest
J. V. Lamb	Lawrence County	Executive Committee
Gene Zvarick	Montgomery County	Gatekeeper
Denae Zvarick	Montgomery County	Guest
Claire Logan	Rhode Island	National Ceres
Steve Logan	Rhode Island	Guest
Janet Pratt	Venango County	LAS, Jr.Dir., CS Dir.
Janet Fishovitz	Beaver County	Flora
Tony Fishovitz	Beaver County	Guest

Past Officers and Department Chairmen in attendance were recognized later the same day during the afternoon session.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jane Kent

10/28/16 – Minutes were e-mailed to the PSG State Office for inclusion in the Journal of Proceedings of the 2016 State Session.

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

The Pennsylvania State Grange has strengthened its legislative/advocacy efforts. First, there were staff changes with Betsy Huber being selected as President of the National Grange. She was replaced by veteran lobbyist Vince Phillips who monitored legislation for the PA State Grange until his formal designation as Legislative Director September 1, 2016. Highlights of activity include

TESTIMONY/ADVOCACY

- PA State Grange President testified on Sunday hunting ban before Senate Game & Fisheries Committee
- Correcting loophole in law which exempts farmers (in farmland preservation) from Real Estate Transfer Tax. Loophole allowed for retroactive tax collection – asked to help on this by PA Department of Agriculture
- Support of House resolution urging use of science-based research in making public policy decisions
- Written testimony to House Consumer Affairs Committee on Broadband access for rural Pennsylvanians and continued access to land lines (two hearings)

- Wrote PA Department of Labor & Industry regarding agricultural jobs as High Priority Occupations (an enabler for workforce development funding) at request of PA Department of Agriculture
- Set up legislative appointments for PA State Grange Family Day on Capitol Hill
- Individual conversations with legislators such as Rep. Ed Neilson re property tax exemptions for Grange Halls, opioid/heroin crisis with Senator John Wozniak and Senator Gene Yaw
- Drafted testimony from PA State Grange President on affordability of long-term care insurance to PA Insurance Department

MONITORING

In addition to daily monitoring of legislative and committee activity, the Legislative Director:

- Monitored hearings on topics such as licensing of home inspectors
- Urban agriculture info to urban legislators on the House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee
- Reported to PA State Grange resident on legislative developments on bills like:
 - opioid/heroin crisis
 - legislative threats to bio solids application as a normal farming activity
 - pipeline hearings
 - Liability of rural property owners
 - House Select Committee on Technical & Career Readiness
 - PA State Budget relating to expansion of state Sales Tax to services utilized by Grange members
 - High Tunnel building exemption from Uniform Construction Code/local property tax/ storm water management plan exemption

COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS

- Traditional communication through legislative updates, Government Matters, and other PA State Grange communications
- Distribution to members of the AG ONE Newsletter produced by PSCFO as a monthly guide to what legislative/regulatory happenings are taking place in Harrisburg
- Per request from National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS), urged Grange members to complete farm surveys

VISIBILITY

In addition to non-legislative public outreach events like PA Farm Show and AG Progress Days, PA State Grange organized or participated in numbers of other events:

- Farm Show Grange-sponsored presentation by State Physician General Dr. Rachel Levine on the opioid/heroin crisis
- Penn State Future of Agriculture conference
- Penn State Research Trip on Water Quality and the Chesapeake Bay
- Active member of PA State Council of Farm Organizations (PSCFO)
- Active member of Penn State Ag Council
- Invited participant White House Rural Forum
- Drafted legislative resolution recognizing Grange Family Day at the State Capitol (Formally introduced and adopted by PA House)
- Corrected Penn State's omission of PA State Grange in survey to farmers regarding conservation practices (Chesapeake Bay)
- Published article for PA Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (PAMIC) about the agrarian history (Grange) of PA's Mutual Insurance Companies

COMMUNICATIONS OUTREACH

Media work for the PA State Grange is performed by another staff member but where content relates to legislation or public policy, a release is drafted by the Legislative Director.

Examples:

- Statement to media from PA State Grange Beth Downey on USDA funding for rural access to telecommunications. (USDA used Penn State to announce grants to states other than PA even though they chose PA as the location for that announcement.)
- Media release re PA State Grange testimony on PA Milk Marketing Board hearing

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Part of the Legislative Director's responsibilities is to identify possible funding sources for PA State Grange programs or those benefitting rural PA. Some identified so far:

- DEP Environmental Education Grant
- USDA Rural Health Grant – referred to Hospital Health System Assn. of PA and PA House health Committee Chair
- HHS Rural Health grants referred to House Health Committee Chair and Senate Aging & Youth Committee Chair
- USDA Telemedicine grant info to PA State Grange President
- Food Safety Modernization implementation grants and Specialty Crop grants information to PA State Grange President

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Worthy President, State Officers, Honored Guests and Delegates;

It continues to amaze me that the Grange is its own best kept secret. We've all gotten so much out of this organization, whether you've been a member for 5 or 50 years, and it's about time we start sharing all it is we have to offer.

As your Communications/Membership Director, it's my job to inspire, encourage and prepare you to turn those potential members into active members. I can lead workshops, provide resources and materials, encourage members, set up promotional exhibits, and answer questions. What I can't do is go into your community and sign up members for your Grange. That is the job of each and every one of you as a member of the Grange, to make sure that there is a Grange for future generations. Wouldn't it be a shame for people to miss out on all the great stuff that we've had the opportunity to experience as Grange members?

So think about your Grange, the regular monthly meeting, is this an experience that you want to share with others? Or is there bickering and shouting, disorganization and no one to take charge of anything? This is where you need to start your membership recruitment efforts, making your Grange a place you want to share with others, an atmosphere that is welcoming to members and potential members alike.

Those who attended one of our Membership/Leadership workshops learned how important it is to treat your new members well, like GOLD even. They are the future of our Grange, and it doesn't matter how old they are, they are the future of this organization. These workshops included officer training and a focus on member retention. In focusing on the retention of current members and not the recruitment of new members, we shift the focus to our Grange and its current members, and what we're doing that's driving people away. (And yes, it's happening everywhere, not just in your Grange.)

Each year we initiate into our Order hundreds of new members, and yet our membership totals continue to decline. Why is this? It's not because members are passing away to that Great Grange Above. Yes, that happens, but as we learned last year, about 75% of our members leave voluntarily, not because they passed away. They leave because their ideas weren't heard, because they were shut down when trying to volunteer, because they're tired of the bickering and fighting every month, because they were treated poorly by that member that everyone else "just deals with". All these reasons are at the lead back to what's keeping our Granges from growing, our own members. It's time to take a stand for your Grange, take on a leadership role, or take it away from the person who treats others poorly. I've heard from quite a few Grangers that complain about the current state of their Grange but aren't willing to do anything to change the status quo – if you aren't part of the solution, you're part of the problem.

The Membership/Leadership workshops weren't as well attended as we had hoped they would be, in fact, two of them were cancelled due to lack of interest. Those who did attend (about 40 people between two workshops) received some great information and resources to help grow their Grange and the future leaders of their Grange.

In addition to these workshops, I've been working hard to make additional improvements to the work we do at the State Office and the resource we have available to all of you. We now have new brochures, recently redesigned with the help of Allegra-Harrisburg, the same company that conducted our membership survey last year. They were invaluable in that process, are familiar with our organization and what we are trying to accomplish as a result of the survey results. The new brochures focus on the social aspects of the Grange, which we learned is the main reason that people join the Grange. These brochures are available to all Granges FREE OF CHARGE! So be sure to request these updated brochures for your next event.

I'm proud to report that this year we've reorganized two Granges and chartered a new one. Girard Grange #788 and Sanborn #2016, both in Clearfield County successfully reorganized. In Mercer County, we chartered Log Cabin Unity Grange #2110 in early 2016. All three of these Granges continue to be active in their communities and are growing. So it's possible for your Grange to grow, no matter how many members you currently have 5, 25 or 50, your Grange has the potential to GROW. As your Membership Director, I'm ready, willing and excited to visit your Grange, promote membership and get your members excited about the potential in your Grange and the community!

As I've been out visiting Granges, I continue to remind members that their Grange didn't lose their members overnight and they won't gain them overnight either. Growing your Grange is a process, but one that you must start now, not next month or next year. A membership plan should be part of your annual planning meeting each year. How are you going to turn all those great events that your Grange already hosts into membership recruitment opportunities?

As for the membership promotion at the State Grange, we again hosted booths at both the Pennsylvania State Farm Show and Ag Progress Days. These two events are invaluable public relations opportunities. The staff and volunteers that work during these events promote all the local Granges, and gather membership leads from people who are interested in learning more about the Grange in their home town. We pass the contact information on to the local Grange, asking that you follow up with the prospective member to invite them to your events and regular meeting. We are in need of people to help with these promotions. The Farm Show runs 8 days now, and it's just not possible for 3 staff people to cover the booth for all those hours. We need your help to make sure the Grange continues to have a presence at the Farm Show.

Now, for the numbers... As of the end of the second quarter (June 30 2016) the Pennsylvania State Grange has 6,941 members, which does represent a decrease in the number of members we had at this

time last year. But you know what's great about this number – it's less of a decrease than we've experienced in previous years. We are moving in the right direction, before we can talk about significant gains, we have to decrease our losses.

Our Granges welcomed 257 new members during this membership year, which is from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. These new members came from the efforts of just 56 of our local Granges. Congratulations to those Grange that welcomed new members, they will be recognized at the All Grange Banquet on Sunday afternoon. The bad news is that we have a total of 211 Grange in Pennsylvania, so there were 155 Granges with no new members. Imagine the potential if each of these Grange took in just one new member!

Another piece of good news – our NET change in membership was the smallest it's been in about 2 years. (The NET loss or gain in membership factors both the members gained and the members lost.) We had a NET loss of just 28 members in the 2nd quarter of 2016. Some may look at this in a negative light; after all, it's still a loss in membership. I look at it as a great achievement, because we are finally moving in the right direction, losing less members each year brings us closer to realizing a gain in membership.

Our challenge for the 2016-17 membership year is to achieve a NET Gain in membership, and I know we can do it, because we've done it in individual quarters before, now it's time to maintain the momentum and develop a plan for your Grange – How are you going to contribute to the gain in membership for 2017?

Fraternally Submitted,
Stacy Bruker, Communications & Membership Director

REPORT FOR THE PA GRANGE HERITAGE QUILT TRAIL COMMITTEE

The PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail is now in its seventh year and still going strong. There are over 100 blocks now mounted in PA on Granges, Fairgrounds and community buildings along with the PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail www.pagrangle.org sign. Through *Paint Your Own Quilt Block Workshops* we now have close to 200 people experienced in planning and painting quilt blocks.

Classes have been held for Grangers, Quilt Guilds, Art Councils, community organizations and individuals 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 Fest, with 17 Grangers painting quilt blocks.

Thanks to retired Penn State Journalism professor, R Thomas Berner, short articles along with photos about the PA Grange *Paint Your Own Quilt Block Workshop* were published in the Grit magazines May/June and July/August issues. As a result of the article, inquiries about painting barn quilts have come in from as far away as Louisiana, Michigan and Connecticut. The "Paint Your Own Quilt Block" workshop was also highlighted in Mr. Berner's book, Pennsylvania Quilt Barns. The book includes photos of Grangers painting quilt blocks and three barns with quilt blocks painted by Grangers or people who attended a Grange sponsored workshop.

Our pagrange.org website has been updated this year and we have a new Quilt Trail link. It features a map pinpointing the physical location and address of the PA Grange Heritage Quilt Blocks of which we have information and photos. If you have a mounted Quilt Block(s) that is not on the new web site please fill out the form provided on line and send in a photo – either by e-mail or snail mail. Or if you wish to update your present photo with a new photo please call the PA State Grange office or one of the persons listed below and we will work with you to get it posted.

In order to get more aesthetically pleasing photos of our Quilt Blocks to place on our web-site, the PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail Committee has sponsored a contest at State Session that will offer monetary rewards for the top five Quilt Block photographs that have the pagrange.org sign included in the photo.

If you need assistance, directions 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 FOR THE SIXTH DEGREE COMMITTEE

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

The Sixth Degree Committee is pleased to report that the Degree of Flora was beautifully conferred on 10 candidates representing 6 counties at the 144th Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Mazie Masters
John Masters

SIXTH DEGREE CANDIDATES

6th Degree Member #	Name	Grange Name	County
PA-1075	Lexus Johnson	Hookstown Grange	Beaver
PA-1076	Sara Benzio	Fairview Grange	Beaver
PA-1077	Kitze Shehan	Victor Grange	Centre
PA-1078	Lisa Musser	Penns Valley Grange	Centre
PA-1079	Joyce A. Dietrich	Cumberland Grange	Cumberland
PA-1080	Lynn A. Deitrich	Cumberland Grange	Cumberland
PA-1081	Chelsea Winters	Elizabethtown Grange	Lancaster
PA-1082	Kelsea Eisenbise	Elizabethtown Grange	Lancaster
PA-1083	Julie E. Jacobson	Mahoning Valley Grange	Lawrence
PA-1084	Kathryn Bailey	Sheango Grange	Mercer

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

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

The members of Agricultural and Environmental Issues committee are again honored to serve the members of the Pennsylvania State Grange. We have reviewed the resolutions presented to our committee with an open discussion and have presented them in a way that we feel best addresses these issues.

The committee has also introduced resolutions for Grange approval.

Agriculture's impact on the Environment is under constant attack by environmentalist. Agricultural producers and the Grange must take a proactive position to maintain a profitable balance while creating a sustainable environment. The Grange supports negotiating trade agreements that recognize the importance of and the global nature of Agriculture. These Pacts should level the playing field, expand our markets, and help stabilize needed supplies.

Pennsylvania Dairy farmers are presently encountering economic hardships. The Pennsylvania State Grange is in support of the Dairy Transparency Bill that will show how over order premiums are distributed. Present Grange policy is for distribution to all PA producers.

Dairy, Confinement Livestock and Poultry operations are facing water usage limitations or usage fees. Grange has presented policy to oppose any regulation or usage fees imposed on agriculture and privately owned residential wells.

As the Clean Water Act is being implemented Grange continues efforts to counter the expansion of the EPA's jurisdiction.

Pennsylvania farmers are suffering economic losses from an overabundance of wildlife thru crop damage or Predatory species such as Coyotes. Grange is encouraging the Game Commission, PA Dept. of Agriculture, USDA / APHIS / Wildlife Services to implement measures to manage this wildlife population.

* Animal & Plant Health Inspection Services

The Grange has limited representation at agricultural fairs thru out the state of Pennsylvania for Junior Grange projects.

The PA. State Grange has taken an initiative to have more presence and opportunities for Junior Grangers to compete and participate by petitioning the Fair boards in areas where a JR. Grange is active.

The Grange extends congratulations to the Tree Farm System that is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. This group was years ahead of their time in restoring forests and sustainably managing woodland resources. Their product has gained value as it is now recognized as a sustainable source for those who wish to gain green certification such as *LEED*.

* Leading Energy Efficient Design

The Grange supports the Congressional clarification of treatment of "Electronic Sales of Livestock Act" that insures electronic sales and banking are covered by the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dale Shoupp, Wyoming Co.
Dustin Kunkle, Berks Co.
Dorothy Houtz, Centre Co.
Ronald Houtz, Centre Co.
John Courtney, Mercer Co.
Stanley Reyburn, Chester Co.
James Huber, Chair, Lancaster Co.

Approved Resolutions

Resolution #1 - Dairy Transparency Bill 2016

Berks County Pomona Grange #43

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania General Assembly be asked to vote on the Dairy Transparency bill.

Resolution #2 – Coyotes Policy 2016

Watson Grange #1068, Warren County

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange change their current policy to state “The Grange encourages the PA Department of Agriculture, the PA Game Commission and USDA/APHIS Wildlife Services to manage coyotes and other predator, pests, nuisance and vector species.”

Resolution #4 – Water Resources Act 2016

Plumsteadville Grange #1738, Bucks County

RESOLVED, that the PA State Grange support legislation to ensure fair, equitable water usage among citizens, agriculture and industry, and be it further

RESOLVED, the PA State Grange support legislation to ensure that industry pays its fair share in ensuring the continuing quality of the Commonwealth’s water supply, through compliance with clean water regulations and payment of taxes and fees. And, be it further

RESOLVED that the PA State Grange oppose action that would impose water fees on agricultural water use and household wells.

Resolution #5 - Oppose Waters of the United States (WOTUS) New Rule

National Grange 2016

RESOLVED, the PA State Grange joins the National Grange in opposing the expansion of the regulatory authority of the EPA and the Corps concerning the Clean Water Act including the definition of ‘navigable waters’.

Resolution #7 – Fair Grange Inclusion 2016

Agriculture & Environmental Issues Committee

RESOLVED, that the Grange urges Agricultural Fairs and the PA Department of Agriculture to include Junior Granges in activities related to promoting agricultural programs and visibility.

Resolution #8 - Green Buildings

Agriculture & Environmental Issues Committee

RESOLVED, that the Grange encourages voluntary “Green” construction initiatives for new construction without mandating retrofitting existing structures.

Resolution #9 - Hemp Production

Agriculture & Environmental Issues Committee

RESOLVED, that The PA State Grange supports full scale production of industrial hemp.

Resolution #11 - Conservation Districts

Agriculture & Environmental Issues Committee

RESOLVED, that the Grange opposes compulsory imposition of Chesapeake Bay pollution compliance enforcement on the conservation districts.

Resolution #12 – Application of Biosolids

Agriculture & Environmental Issues Committee

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange supports maintaining DEP authority over the application of biosolids and rejects giving municipalities a veto or imposing restrictions on biosolid application.

**Resolution #13 - Sight View Clearances
Agriculture & Environmental Issues Committee**

RESOLVED, that the Grange supports exploring mechanical and biological alternatives for vegetation maintenance.

**Resolution #14 - Telecommunications Access for Rural Pennsylvanians
Agriculture & Environmental Issues Committee**

RESOLVED that the Grange supports legislation requiring utilities provide land line service at a reasonable rate for remote rural areas until there is full access to other means of telephonic communication. Be it further

RESOLVED, that the Grange advocate parity in Broadband access for rural areas generally and specifically for rural schools.

**Resolution #15: AGRICULTURAL GROUP FUNDING
Agriculture & Environmental Issues Committee**

RESOLVED that the Grange supports a dependable and reliable dedicated source of funding to support youth, 4-H, FFA, county fairs and other agriculture-related organizations.

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 South Central Convention District for hosting this year's 144th 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 education, health, consumer issues, and laws and regulations governing our standards of life and death. This year, the focus in our policy statement is on two issues: long-term care and the opioid and heroin crisis.

Long-term care is a personal responsibility that should not be ignored. It is needed when someone is unable to perform basic self-care tasks (such as bathing, dressing, or eating) and/or is unable to perform instrumental activities of daily living (such as household chores, meal preparation, or managing money). Long-term care may be home-based and provided by unpaid individuals (such as family members). It may be home-based but with paid assistance. It may be community based, such as in an assisted living facility, or it may be institutionalized assistance, as in a nursing home. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2015), 70% of people over age 65 will need one of the above forms of long-term care.

Long-term care is also a very expensive responsibility. Medicare does not cover extended care, and may cover only a maximum of 100 days of services per benefit period after a hospital stay. To qualify for long-term care through Medicaid, you must demonstrate financial need, which means you must deplete most of your financial resources prior to receiving benefits. As Grangers, it is in our best interest to be proactive in planning for financing our long-term care needs. Pennsylvania has an option

for long-term-care insurance, titled “Long-Term Care Partnership Policies.” Act 40, signed into law in 2007, established a “Long-Term Care Partnership”, which both protects consumers by requiring that all partnership long-term care insurance policies sold in the state provide comprehensive coverage, and also provides asset coverage equal to the benefits paid by the policy. For example, a person whose qualifying policy paid for \$100,000 of care would be entitled to keep \$100,000 in assets if they need to apply for Medical Assistance in the future. Act 40 also gives consumers, in some cases, the ability to exchange their existing long-term care policies for Partnership Policies. As of July, 2016, there are sixteen Partnership Approved Policy carriers in the state.

<http://www.insurance.pa.gov/Coverage/Documents/Approved%20LTC%20Carriers%20in%20PA%207.21.16.pdf>

Once again, as Grangers, it is our responsibility to investigate all means of funding long-term care prior to making a decision. We need to understand self-funding, hybrid life insurance policies, long-term care policies, and partnership policies. We need to educate ourselves regarding available policies from a variety of reputable and licensed companies. We need to understand the coverage their products provide, and compare costs and benefits. We need to consider our personal risk factors, assets, income, costs, and alternatives. As a source of information, please log onto www.insurance.pa.gov, look under the title “Coverage,” and select “Long-Term Care.” You may also call the department toll-free on their automated hotline at 1-877-881-6388.

The opioid and heroin crisis has reached epidemic proportions, according to Dr. Margaret Jarvis, the medical director at Geisinger Marworth Treatment Center. In 2015, 3,505 people in Pennsylvania died from drug overdoses—more than the number of people who died in car crashes. (Pocono Record, 9.23.2016)

According to Dr. Jarvis, it is the most significant public health crisis facing our state today. As noted by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Medical Society, “Prescription opioid abuse has become an issue of national importance as drug overdose is the leading cause of accidental death in adults living in America.”

The question arises, how did this opioid and heroin crisis happen? What is the cause? And, as in many complex issues, there is more than one answer. Opioids have been used for many years for the treatment of severe pain, often caused by trauma, surgery, extensive burns, and terminal diseases. In some cases, these opioids have been over prescribed, or patients who have become dependent on these medications have acquired prescriptions from multiple providers. Also, prescribed pain medicine is usually paid for by insurance companies. Alternative pain management therapies, such as biofeedback training, exercise programs, or meditation training are often not. Despite the good intentions of the medical community, a deadly epidemic of addiction and misuse of opioid prescription medication has occurred. Often, when prescription opioids become unavailable, patients turn to heroin, which has a similar molecular makeup and is cheaper and more readily available. Heroin also reaches the brain very quickly when injected into a vein, and so gives the user a faster high. It is true that not every opioid or heroin addict started out as a patient being treated for chronic pain. Some have chosen that path through experimentation—finding medications left carelessly around the house, or “partying” with friends.

In response to this crisis, The United States Department of Health and Human Services has announced a targeted initiative aimed at reducing prescription opioid and heroin related overdose, dependence, and death. The initiative focuses on prevention, treatment, and intervention. Healthcare professionals will receive training and educational resources to help them make informed prescribing decisions so that overprescribing of opioids can be avoided. Prescription drug monitoring programs to support data sharing for safe prescribing will be facilitated, and the development of lifesaving drugs such as naloxone will be supported.

In Pennsylvania, Governor Tom Wolf has made fighting Pennsylvania's opioid and heroin epidemic a top priority. Governor Wolf's 2016-17 budget proposal provides \$34 million to establish new treatment centers and improve treatment options for Pennsylvanians struggling with substance abuse disorder. Once established through the Department of Human Services, the proposed Opioid Use Disorder Centers of Excellence would provide medication-assisted treatment and appropriate wraparound services, such as cognitive-based therapies, for individuals in need of treatment. In addition, the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs has established several programs and initiatives to address the issue.

What can we, as Grangers, do to combat this problem? First and foremost, we need to increase our awareness of the issue and educate ourselves regarding the subject. If this problem does not directly affect us or our families, it most certainly will affect our neighbors, friends, or acquaintances. Check out www.ddap.pa.gov and www.drugabuse.gov for more information. Read what is printed in the local newspaper to see how close to home this problem actually is. Check the prescription drugs on hand. If there are opioids among them, keep them under lock and key to both prevent children and teenagers from accessing them out of curiosity and to keep them from being stolen. If these drugs are no longer being taken, get rid of them! Keeping unused opioids or other common drugs of abuse in a medicine cabinet is no longer safe or responsible. Permanent prescription take-back boxes are available in 62 of the Commonwealth's 67 counties. Check the www.ddap.pa.gov website to find out exactly where these take-back boxes are located and use them! The goal is to reduce the amount of prescription drugs available for potential misuse and/or abuse. Since 2015, approximately 145,857 pounds of prescription drugs have been collected and properly destroyed. Every Granger can do something to combat this problem. Let's make sure we do.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Courtney, Mercer County
Ben Haagen, Centre 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 #19 – School District Consolidation

Family Issues Committee

RESOLVED that the Pennsylvania State Grange oppose compulsory school district consolidation and/or school district benefits consolidation.

Resolution #21: Opioid and Heroin Crisis

Family Issues Committee

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange supports actions that confront the opioid and heroin crisis.

Resolution #22: Long-Term Care

Family Issues Committee

RESOLVED, that the PA State Grange recognizes the tremendous cost to taxpayers from expanded long-term care costs to Pennsylvania taxpayers and urges state promotion of Qualified Long-Term Care

Partnerships as an alternative to Medicaid as well as legislative consideration of legislation to increase incentives for people to purchase private sector insurance, and let it be further
RESOLVED that the PA State Grange commends the newly formed PA Long-Term Care Council inclusion of financial strategies to afford long-term care as part of its mission.

Resolution #23 – Expand Flood Insurance Coverage

Family Issues Committee

RESOLVED, that the PA State Grange urges the National Flood Insurance Program to change policy provisions to allow umbrella coverage over multiple structures on a property.

Resolution #24 – Property Owner Rights Under the NFIP

Family Issues Committee

RESOLVED, that PA State Grange urges that the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and PA Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) conduct a public awareness campaign to help property owners understand their rights when there is a flood map reclassification.

Resolution #25 –Flood Insurance

Family Issues Committee

RESOLVED, that the PA State Grange supports continuation of the ‘Write Your Own’ (local insurance agent) model of securing Flood Insurance.

Resolution #26 – Workers Compensation/Health Insurance

Family Issues Committee

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange recommends to the General Assembly that a study be done as to the feasibility of developing a hybrid Workers Compensation/health policy.

Resolution #27: Hunger

Family Issues Committee

RESOLVED, that the Grange supports inclusion of fresh farm products into schools and public-private efforts to assist food banks in meeting recipients’ needs for fresh produce and other farm products, and let it be further

RESOLVED, that Grange members be encouraged to support and volunteer to assist local food banks in achieving their mission.

REPORT OF GOVERNMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

Worthy Master/President, National Representative, State Officer, Delegates and Guests:

The Government Issues Committee wishes to express our gratitude and appreciation to our volunteers and our dedicated staff, Worthy Master Beth Downey, PR/Membership Director Stacy Bruker, Officer Manager Jennifer Stewart, and Legislature Director Vince Phillips for their efforts to advance the interests of the PA State Grange, the local Granges and the citizens and communities of rural Pennsylvania.

Engagement in government affairs is vital. Grange members realize that government actions affect all rural Pennsylvanians and know that citizens in our Republic must make sure they are informed on issues, legislation, and regulations. Further, the Resolution process used by the PA State Grange is a tremendous example of grass roots democracy at work.

This is a critical time for America and for Pennsylvania in the numbers of issues rural citizens face. In addition, there is a growing lack of civility in our public discourse. PA State Grange believes that those holding opposing views should always be treated with respect.

The Government Issues Committee is addressing several major areas. The State Budget being completed on time, legislative redistricting and even how big the legislature should be are a number of priority concerns. Safety issues like use of cell phones while driving and noting disabled status on auto registrations are important.

Good government transparency is important to for knowing candidate preferences for delegates to Republican Convention and for the advertising of municipal legal announcements to be better seen by the public.

Last but certainly not least is a nutrition issue where misguided government nutritionists prevent our kids from eating wholesome foods in the school meals program.

That is certainly a full plate of issues to pursue and with the help of Grange members across the Commonwealth, we will succeed.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Arthur Zug, Chairman – Juniata Co.
Martha Sherman, Erie County
Carole Huber, Lancaster County
Jim Diamond, Bucks County

Approved Resolutions

Resolution #32 – Cell Phone Usage by State Employees 2016

Bradford-Sullivan Pomona Grange #23

RESOLVED that the Grange is opposed to drivers using hand held cell phones while operating (state should be deleted) vehicles, and be it further

RESOLVED that the PA State Grange should propose legislation banning the use of cell phones while operating any vehicle on public roads.

Resolution #33 – Clarity of National Convention Delegate Voting Intention 2016

Bradford-Sullivan Pomona Grange # 23

RESOLVED, that the PA State Grange ask all Pennsylvania Political Party Committees consider changing their primary rules to list national convention delegate candidates on the primary ballot along with their convention voting preference or if they are undecided.

Resolution #34 – Legal Announcements 2016

Bradford-Sullivan Pomona Grange # 23

RESOLVED that the Grange urges that all legal announcements from local governments be published in the newspaper of the widest circulation in that area as well as the municipalities' website.

Resolution #37 – Reduction of the Size of the PA State Legislature 2016

Venango County Pomona Grange #57

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange establish a committee to examine the proposed reduction of the Pennsylvania State legislature that said committee is to make its report to the PA State Grange Executive Committee on or before October 31, 2017, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Pennsylvania State Grange provide written and oral testimony to the Pennsylvania General Assembly regarding the committee's findings.

Resolution #38 – School Meal Programs

Governmental Issues Committee

RESOLVED, that the U.S. Congress be urged to direct the USDA Food and Nutrition Service to amend their rules to allow consumption of grapes, whole milk and white potato agricultural products by students in school meal programs and that language to that effect be inserted into the 2018 Farm Bill.

REPORT OF THE GOOD OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE

Worthy Master, State Officers, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Sister,

Thank you for allowing us to serve on the Good of the Order Committee again this year. We would like to remind all Granges, both Subordinate and Pomona, to be ready to speak on any resolution that they put forward. We want to hear your input on the resolution. This is important for us to be able to make sure all committees are not misinterpreting your intent behind the resolution. Also, prior to submitting your resolution, please take a moment to read the resolved portion of the resolution out loud, as it would be at Session. These statements must be able to stand alone, without the reference of the whereas statements in order to be properly voted upon.

Our Delegate body passed a resolution regarding the expansion of the National Grange Patriot Program. Changes are underway at the National Grange office to include the veterans of the Gulf War and the post 9/11 conflicts in the next two years. We would like to encourage all Granges to apply for this certificate for members and non-members alike. This could be a great addition to any Community Day or Night program.

Please encourage your local Granges to send delegates and guests to Session. This is the only way your Grange will have a say in our policy making process. Also, sending guests allows more people to witness the process of setting Grange policy and hopefully encourage more people to become actively involved in the process.

Again, thank you for your time as delegates this year. We look forward to seeing you next year in Scranton.

Glenn Gross, Chair, Venango County
Barbara Schroeder, Recording Secretary, Berks County
Jane Birk, Bucks County
Janet Fishovitz, Beaver County
Leonard Heim, Lehigh County
Gerald Pratt, Bradford County

Approved Resolutions

Resolution #39 – Caucuses for Pennsylvania State University Trustees 2016

Ontelaunee Community Grange #1617

RESOLVED a one-time caucus session at the home county level shall be sufficient to select voting delegates for the Penn State University Agricultural Trustees. This decision should be final, and be it further

RESOLVED, to stop and abolish all caucusing on the date of voting at the Pennsylvania State University voting site for Trustees.

Resolution #40 – Make the Annual Password Permanent

Hookstown Grange #1980 Beaver County

RESOLVED that the Pennsylvania State Grange request that the National Grange discontinue the use of a changing annual word at the fourth and fifth degree levels and establish a permanent password for each degree.

Resolution #41 – Expansion of the National Grange Patriot Program

Plumsteadville Grange #1738, Bucks County

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange recommends that the National Grange expand its Patriot Program to include recognition for all honorably discharged veterans, regardless of their time of service.

Resolution #43 – Restore “The Yellow Corn” to the Grange Songbook

Valley Grange #1360, York County

RESOLVED, that “The Yellow Corn” be recognized as a suitable song for the first four Degrees of the Order, and be it further

RESOLVED, that “The Yellow Corn” be included in the next revision of the Grange Songbook, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that until such time as a revision to the Grange Songbook is undertaken, the sheet music for “The Yellow Corn” be made available in digital format on the National Grange website.

Resolution #45 - Funding for Grange Museum

Good of the Order Committee

RESOLVED that the Pennsylvania State Grange seek public as well as private funding for the Pennsylvania State Grange Museum, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that legislation passed by the General Assembly providing aid to museums contain a provision making funds available to smaller or newly-established museums and heritage centers.

Resolution # 46 Lecturer’s Honorarium

PA State Grange Executive Committee

RESOLVED, that the Program Director/Lecturer’s salary be reduced to \$1,000 beginning 11/1/16 and \$1,000 beginning on 11/1/2017, and be it further

RESOLVED that from this day forward the Program Director/Lecturer’s monetary remittance be considered an honorarium which will be set by the Executive Committee as are the other Department Directors in the PA State Grange.

Resolution # 47 Master/President’s Salary

PA State Grange Executive Committee

RESOLVED that the Master/President of the PA State Grange be provided a salary of \$47,500 beginning on 11/1/ 2016 and continuing 11/1/ 2017 to be in compliance with Federal Law and to avoid paying overtime wages.

Resolution #48 Article VII 1.8.3, Changing Duties of Salary Committee

PA State Grange Executive Committee

RESOLVED that the Lecturer/Program Directors honorarium be set yearly by the P/M and the Executive Committee, and

RESOLVED that Article 1.8.3 of the PA State Grange By-Laws read: “A salary Committee of three members appointed by the President/Master (P/M) and Vice President/Overseer shall review the salaries

of the P/M, Secretary and Treasurer and recommend to the delegate body each odd numbered year such adjustments which may be appropriate. They shall consult with the Treasurer and Executive Committee.”

Resolution #50 Long-Term Grange Fiduciary Responsibility

PA State Grange Executive Committee

RESOLVED, that the PA State Grange initiate a campaign educating members to consider naming PA State Grange as beneficiary when planning their estates.

Resolution #52 PA State Budget 2016

Government Issues Committee

RESOLVED that the Pennsylvania State Grange go on record with the Governor and Legislatures saying that we expect our State Government to act in the spirit of cooperation, for the good of the Commonwealth and the protection of its financial integrity, and as required by our constitution and have in place an enacted budget by June 30 of each year.

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	<u>Resolution Number and Title</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Delegate Action</u>
1	Dairy Transparency Bill 2016	Agriculture & Envir. Issues	Adopted as Amended
2	Coyotes Policy 2016	Agriculture & Envir. Issues	Adopted as Amended
3	Game Commission License Increase 2016	Agriculture & Envir. Issues	Rejected
4	Water Resources Act 2016	Agriculture & Envir. Issues	Adopted as Amended
5	Oppose Waters of the United States (WOTUS) New Rule	Agriculture & Envir. Issues	Adopted as Amended
6	US Clean Water Rules 2016	Agriculture & Envir. Issues	Rejected
7	Fair Grange Inclusion 2016	Agriculture & Envir. Issues	Adopted as Amended
8	Green Buildings	Agriculture & Envir. Issues	Adopted
9	Hemp Production	Agriculture & Envir. Issues	Adopted as Amended
10	Conservation of Water Used for Fracking	Agriculture & Envir. Issues	Rejected
11	Conservation Districts	Agriculture & Envir. Issues	Adopted as Amended
12	Application of Biosolids	Agriculture & Envir. Issues	Adopted as Amended
13	Sight View Clearances	Agriculture & Envir. Issues	Adopted
14	Telecommunications Access for Rural Pennsylvanians	Agriculture & Envir. Issues	Adopted as Amended
15	AGRICULTURAL GROUP FUNDING	Agriculture & Envir. Issues	Adopted as Amended
16	Common Core 2016	Family Issues	Present Policy
17	Charity Donation Requests 2016	Family Issues	Rejected
18	Standardizing the Start of School in Pennsylvania	Family Issues	Rejected
19	School District Consolidation	Family Issues	Adopted
20	Arts and Music	Family Issues	Present Policy
21	Opioid and Heroin Crisis	Family Issues	Adopted as Amended
22	Long-Term Care	Family Issues	Adopted
23	Expand Flood Insurance Coverage	Family Issues	Adopted as Amended
24	Property Owner Rights Under the NFIP	Family Issues	Adopted as Amended
25	Flood Insurance	Family Issues	Adopted
26	Workers Compensation/Health Insurance	Family Issues	Adopted as Amended
27	Hunger	Family Issues	Adopted
28	PA Sales Tax for Granges.2016	Government Issues	Adopted as Amended
29	Annotation of Disability in Vehicle Registration Database 2016	Government Issues	Adopted
30	PA State Budget 2016	Government Issues	Rejected

31	Payment of Legislature and Executive Branches 2016	Government Issues	Rejected
32	Cell Phone Usage by State Employees 2016	Government Issues	Adopted as Amended
33	Clarity of National Convention Delegate Voting Intention 2016	Government Issues	Adopted as Amended
34	Legal Announcements 2016	Government Issues	Adopted as Amended
35	Voter Fraud 2016	Government Issues	Rejected
36	Political Campaign Sign Removal	Government Issues	Rejected
37	Reduction of the Size of the PA State Legislature 2016	Government Issues	Adopted as Amended
38	School Meal Programs	Government Issues	Adopted
39	Caucuses for Pennsylvania State University Trustees 2016	Good of the Order	Adopted as Amended
40	Make the Annual Password Permanent	Good of the Order	Adopted as Amended
41	Expansion of the National Grange Patriot Program	Good of the Order	Adopted as Amended

	<u>Resolution Number and Title</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Delegate Action</u>
42	Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee	Good of the Order	Ruled out of order by NG
43	Restore “The Yellow Corn” to the Grange Songbook	Good of the Order	Adopted
44	Property Tax Paid by Local/Subordinate Granges	Good of the Order	Rejected
45	Funding for Grange Museum	Good of the Order	Adopted as Amended
46	Lecturer’s Honorarium	Good of the Order	Adopted
47	Master/President’s Salary	Good of the Order	Adopted as Amended
48	Article VII 1.8.3, Changing Duties of Salary Committee	Good of the Order	Adopted as Amended
49	Article VII 1.7.1.2, Restrictions to President/Master Duties	Good of the Order	Rejected
50	Long-Term Grange Fiduciary Responsibility	Good of the Order	Adopted
51	Article VII 1.8.3 – Limitations to Master/President Duties	Good of the Order	Rejected
52	PA State Budget 2016	Good of the Order	Adopted as Amended
53	Legislative Issues Arising Between Annual Sessions of the PA State Grange	Good of the Order	Rejected

**MINUTES OF THE 2017-2018 SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
OF THE PA STATE GRANGE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017**

1. The Special Budget Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Grange officially opened in the 6th degree on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 1:30 PM at the Logan Grange, 122 North Main Street, Pleasant Gap, PA, Centre County with President Elizabeth Downey presiding.
2. Roll call found Executive Committee Member Janet Pratt absent.
3. The Credentials Committee consisting of—Virginia Mangel, Chair, Joanne Heim and Denae Zvarick Sister Mangel gave a report of the Credential's Committee as follows:
 - 119 Delegates and representing; 65 Subordinate Granges and
 - 27 Delegates and representing; 16 Pomona Granges
 - 7 Guest present
 - 153 Total Present
4. Brother Seidel, State Grange Treasurer, presented the updated Proposed Budget finalized by the Executive Committee on December 9, 2016—
5. **A motion and seconded to move for the previous question, (to vote on the budget). Motion failed.**
6. **A motion was made and seconded to recall Resolution #47 back on the floor for review. Motion carried.**
7. **A motion was made and seconded to reject Resolution #47. Motion carried. Resolution #47 is rejected. (This would reduce the Salary by \$2,000 which was approved to be in compliance with the Federal Law and to avoid paying overtime wages. Federal courts overturned this USA Department of Labor, Fair Labor Standards Act Law Act and determined it was illegal.) Motion carried.**
8. A question was asked if anyone was able to attend an Executive Committee Meeting. It was stated that it is open except in the event of a Personnel issue. The next Executive Committee meeting will be March 23rd. The Executive Committee are looking into also using Zoom to hold meetings without the members traveling to Harrisburg to save on cost.
9. **A motion and seconded to move for the previous question, (to vote on the budget). Motion carried.**
10. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2017-2018 Budget as presented with the amendments, Motion carried.**
11. The 2017-2018 Special Budget Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Grange closed at 2:36 PM in the 4th Degree.
12. The minutes from Special Budget Meeting for the PA State Grange will be approved by the Executive Committee at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Fraternally Submitted,
Debra Campbell, Pennsylvania State Grange Secretary

2016-17 UPDATED ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET – REVENUE

	2015-2016 Actual	2015-2016 Budget	2016-2017 Budget	2017-2018 Proposed Budget	2017-2018 Revised Budget 12/9/2016
***REVENUE					
MEMBERSHIP & DUES					
Subordinate Dues	155,605	196,608	186,000	272,800	299,200
Initiation Fees	1,291	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,000
Junior Dues	242	200	250	250	250
Associate Dues	1,385	1,000	1,700	1,500	1,500
National Grange Assessment					2,200
TOTAL DUES & FEES	158,523	199,308	188,950	275,550	304,150
SALES OF MERCHANDISE					
	0				
Cookbooks	22,468	25,000	25,000	22,000	25,000
Resale/Promotional Items	244	500	150	200	200
TOTAL SALES AND TAX	22,712	25,500	25,150	22,200	25,200
OTHER INCOME					
Property Fund Interest	8,733	7,000	8,800	8,800	8,800
Interest/Dividends	938	2,300	1,700	3,000	17,400
Grange Property	240,120	188,100	86,200	0	0
Restricted Membership Fund	26,134	20,900	9,500	0	0
Lifetime Interest	13,974	12,500	15,625	14,000	15,750
Membership Seals	407	0	500	500	500
Washington Trip	225	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Bus Tours	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
State Session Registration	2,442	3,000	3,700	2,500	2,500
Sixth Degree Fees	150	300	260	200	200
Legislative Day	(175)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Grange Family Festival	15,589	8,000	9,000	9,000	8,000
PENNSYLVANIA Grange News Ads	0	500	2,000	14,000	38,000
Vision Insurance Service Fee	480	500	500	500	500
Legislative				5,000	5,000
Grange Donation/ Disaster				1,000	1,000
Local Grange Fund				5,000	5,000
Misc/Contributions/Commissions	54,047	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	363,064	248,100	142,785	68,500	107,650
Copier Income	3,835	3,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
TOTAL INCOME	548,134	475,908	360,885	370,250	441,000

2016-17 UPDATED ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET – EXPENSES

	2015-2016 Actual	2015-2016 Budget	2016-2017 Budget	2017-2018 Proposed Budget	2017-2018 Revised Budget
***EXPENDITURES					
Payroll	137,046	138,000	154,000	103,000	75,700
Taxes, benefits	25,975	30,000	33,500	19,140	19,686
TOTAL EMPLOYEE	163,021	168,000	187,500	122,140	95,386
GRANGE HEADQUARTERS					
Insurance	8,003	8,000	7,500	8,500	8,500
Spring Water & Soda	363	300	325	350	350
Repairs and Other	0	500	500	500	500
Rent Expense	34,037	35,000	34,500	34,000	34,000
TOTAL HEADQUARTERS	42,403	43,800	42,825	43,350	43,350
STATE SESSION					
Rooms/Food for Officers/Comm., etc.	13,575	12,000	12,000	12,000	13,000
Pre-session Meetings	568	700	700	700	700
Session-Labor	150	500	300	300	300
Reports/Printing	1,424	1,500	1,200	1,500	1,500
Sixth Degree Expenses	38	500	100	100	100
Journal of Proceedings	41	150	150	150	100
Flowers/Awards	228	200	200	250	250
Hosting Nat'l Rep.	159	500	700	700	500
Misc.	1,016	1,800	800	1,000	1,000
TOTAL STATE SESSION	17,199	17,850	16,150	16,700	17,450
PROMOTIONS					
Farm Show	4,148	5,000	3,000	5,000	4,000
Ag Progress Days	2,546	5,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Grange Week	1,257	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Grange Family Festival	7,369	8,000	9,000	8,000	8,000
Miscellaneous Promotions	(1)	500	500	500	250
TOTAL PROMOTIONS	15,319	19,500	16,500	17,500	16,250
DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES					
Community Service	1,210	1,600	800	1,200	1,200
Junior Grange	840	1,600	1,400	1,200	1,200
Youth/Young Adults	1,252	1,600	1,400	1,200	1,200
Family Activities	674	1,600	1,400	1,200	1,200
Lecturer	1,949	3,000	2,500	2,000	2,000

2016-17 UPDATED ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET – EXPENSES (CONT'D)

	2015-2016 Actual	2015-2016 Budget	2016-2017 Budget	2017-2018 Proposed Budget	2017-2018 Revised Budget
Historical Committee	44	400	100	500	500
Executive Committee	6,649	8,000	6,500	6,500	6,500
Other State Officers	576	1,500	1,500	1,000	750
Membership Seals	693	0	500	500	500
Program Book/Legislative Handbook	0	750	0	500	500
Special Committee	0	500	100	100	100
Heritage Quilt Trail	0	2,000	2,000	1,000	750
TOTAL DEPART. & COMM.	13,887	22,550	18,200	16,900	16,400
HONORARIUMS					
Community Service					1,000
Family Activities					1,000
Lecturer					1,000
Jr. Director					1,500
Youth Director					1,500
Treasurer					3,600
Secretary					2,000
TOTAL HONORARIUMS					11,600
OFFICE EXPENSES					
Dues, Subs, Memberships	305	500	550	300	300
Quarterly Reports	835	1,000	800	800	800
Directory	0	500	125	0	0
Postage	185	500	500	200	200
Office Supplies	3,641	5,500	5,000	4,000	3,600
Maintenance Agreements/Rentals	2,290	2,500	2,400	2,400	2,400
Equipment Repairs	4	250	250	250	250
Telephone	4,436	5,000	4,800	4,800	3,600
Cell Phone	245	700	840	300	420
Website	390	2,500	500	3,000	500
Computer Support	3,325	4,000	3,800	3,800	3,500
Computer updates	2,404	4,000	1,500	2,500	2,500
Bank Fees	79	200	200	100	100
Copier lease	4,547	6,000	4,300	4,500	4,000
TOTAL OFFICE EXP	22,686	33,150	25,565	26,950	22,170
PA GRANGE NEWS					
Printing/Mailing List Expense	15,031	13,500	16,000	8,000	8,000
Postage	6,771	15,500	12,500	6,000	6,000
TOTAL PGN	21,802	29,000	28,500	14,000	14,000

2016-17 UPDATED ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET – EXPENSES (CONT'D)

	2015-2016 Actual	2015-2016 Budget	2016-2017 Budget	2017-2018 Proposed Budget	2017-2018 Revised Budget
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES					
Advocates (Deputies)	1,537	1,000	3,600	2,000	1,000
President General Expenses	10,603	8,000	9,500	10,000	9,000
President Housing	8,981	7,200	9,000	9,000	7,200
Membership General	3,983	6,000	4,000	5,000	5,000
Membership Restricted	20,350	20,900	9,500	0	0
Public Relations Department	2,116	4,500	4,000	3,000	2,000
Legislative Department	11,872	28,000	4,000	2,000	2,000
Local Grange Expense					
Local Grange Fund	10,423	1,500	3,000	5,000	5,000
Vision Plan Expense	45	100	100	100	100
TOTAL ADMIN	69,910	77,200	46,700	36,100	31,300
CONTRACT SERVICES					
Payroll Services	2,101	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Legal Counsel	5,890	5,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
Legislative Director			24,000	24,000	24,000
PGN Publisher				24,000	24,000
Membership PR Director					24,000
Accounting/Audit	9,500	10,000	10,000	11,000	9,500
TOTAL CONTRACTS	17,491	17,000	43,000	68,000	90,500
COOKBOOKS					
Printing/Purchase	10,267	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500
Postage/Supplies	2,110	3,500	2,800	2,500	2,500
Sales Tax	1,395	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
TOTAL COOKBOOK	13,772	18,000	17,300	17,000	17,000
RESALABLE/PROMOTIONAL ITEMS					
Cost basis	218	250	100	100	100
Postage/Supplies	0	100	50	50	50
TOTAL RESALE EXP.	218	350	150	150	150
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES					
Assessment Expense	49,815	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,000
Grange Assessment Expense		700	500	6,200	6,800
National Dues Expense		2,000	1000	86,800	95,200
TOTAL MISC	49,815	4,200	2,500	94,000	103,000

2016-17 UPDATED ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET – EXPENSES (CONT'D)

	2015-2016 Actual	2015-2016 Budget	2016-2017 Budget	2017-2018 Proposed Budget	2017-2018 Revised Budget
CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS					
Advocates		1,000	<u>0</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>500</u>
Regional Leadership Meetings		1,000	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Departmental Planning Meetings	2,476	3,000	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
National Grange Conference	1,500	1,500	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Tours	0	1,000	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Washington Bus Tour	325	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
TOTAL CONF/WORK	<u>4,301</u>	<u>8,500</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,500</u>	<u>6,000</u>
DONATIONS/DISASTERS	<u>850</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>452,674</u>	<u>462,100</u>	<u>454,390</u>	<u>482,290</u>	<u>485,556</u>
NET REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 95,460</u>	<u>\$ 13,808</u>	<u>\$ (93,505)</u>	<u>\$ (112,040)</u>	<u>\$ (44,556)</u>
State Grange Checking Account Current Balance as of 12-9-2016					\$ 38,100.31
State Grange Savings Account Current Balance as of 12-9-2016					\$215,549.58
Active Grange Trust Fund					\$150,000.00

Annual Sessions of the Pennsylvania 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	Harrisburg	December 13, 1881	57	Indiana	December 10, 1929
10	Williamsport	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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Location	Opening Date	Location	Opening Date		
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	144	Shippensburg	October 20, 2016