

# **JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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**OF THE**

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE**

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**OCTOBER 19-22, 2017**

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# ROLL OF HONOR

Past Masters

of the

Pennsylvania State Grange

Organized September 18, 1873 at Reading, Pennsylvania

* DAVID B. MAUGER	1873-1876
* VICTOR E. PIOLLET	1876-1880
* LEONARD RHONE	1880-1898
* W.F. HILL	1898-1908
* WILLIAM T. CREASY	1908-1914
* JOHN A. McSPARRAN	1914-1924
* PHILIP H. DEWEY	1924-1927
* E.B. DORSETT	1927-1932
* J.A. BOAK	1932-1938
* KENZIE S. BAGSHAW	1938-1944
* SHARP FULLERTON	1944-1950
* BEATTY H. DIMIT	1950-1956
* J. COLLINS McSPARRAN	1956-1962
* JOHN W. SCOTT	1962-1968
* A. WAYNE READINGER	1968-1974
* J. LUTHER SNYDER	1974-1979
* ROBERT E. STEESE	1979-1979
* CHARLES E. WISMER	1979-1988
* WILLIAM H. RINGLER	1988-1992
GORDON HILLER	1992-1996
WILLIAM A. STEEL	1996-2002
BETSY HUBER	2002-2010
CARL H. MEISS, III	2010-2014
ELIZABETH DOWNEY	2014-2016

\* Deceased

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE OFFICERS  
2016-2018**

PRESIDENT	Wayne Campbell
OVERSEER	Barbara Schroeder, 2017 JV Lamb – 2017-2018
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 – 2013 – 2017 Janet Pratt – 2014 – 2018 Barbara Gross – 2015 – 2019 Richard Mangel – 2016 – 2020 Dr. James Diamond – 2017 – 2021

## **STANDING COMMITTEES 2017 STATE SESSION**

### **Agriculture & Environmental Issues**

James Huber, Chair – Lancaster County  
John Courtney – Mercer County  
Ronald Houtz – Centre County  
Dorothy Houtz – Centre County  
Dustin Kunkle – Berks County  
Stanley Reyburn – Chester County  
Dale Shupp – Wyoming County  
Austin Albright – Lancaster County

### **Family Issues**

Barbara Warden, Chair – Venango County  
Pamela Courtney – Mercer County  
Ben Hagen – Centre County  
Tammy Schaeffer – Berks County  
Donald Steeley – Bucks County  
Ronald Sweeney – Huntingdon County

### **Government Issues**

C. Arthur Zug, Chair – Juniata County  
Lizzie Bailey – Cumberland County  
Lynn Dietrich – Berks County  
Carol Ann Gregg – Mercer County  
Carole Huber – Lancaster County  
Martha Sherman – Erie County  
Roger Stine – Schuylkill County

### **Good of the Order**

Glenn Gross, Chair – Venango County  
Jane Birk – Bucks County  
Janet Fishovitz – Beaver County  
Leonard Heim – Lehigh County  
George Gregg – Mercer County  
Robert Pardoe – Northumberland County  
Gerald Pratt – Bradford County

### **Credentials**

Jennifer Nauss, Chair, York County  
Doris Koenig, Lehigh County

### **Sixth Degree**

Cindy Shaffer Chair, Cumberland County  
Heather Druckenmiller, York County

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE 145<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SESSION SCHEDULE

### Thursday, October 19, 2017

1:00 pm	State Officers, Committees arrive Executive Committee meeting— Lackawanna Board Room (LBR) Exhibit room set-up — Ballroom 3
4:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Convention Registration — In Front of Ballroom
6:30 pm – 10:00 pm	State Officers Rehearsal —Ballroom 1 & 2
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Exhibit entries accepted — Ballroom 3

### Friday, October 20, 2017

8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Convention registration — In Front of Ballroom
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Session Comm. Meetings — LBR; Johnson Boardroom; Private Dining Room; Suite 203
8:00 am – 10:30 am	Exhibit Entries accepted — Ballroom 3
9:00 am	OFFICIAL OPENING —Ballroom 1 & 2
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch Recess
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Past Officers Luncheon — Platform Lounge
1:00 pm	Judging of Exhibits — Ballroom 3
1:30 pm — 5:30 pm	Session reconvenes —Ballroom 1 & 2 Suggestion for Office
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm - ???	Exhibits open for viewing — Ballroom 3
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Youth Officer Practice —Ballroom 1 & 2

### Saturday, October 21, 2017

8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Convention Registration — In Front of Ballroom
8:30 am	Sessions opens with Youth Officers —Ballroom 1 & 2
9:00 am – 5:30 pm	Exhibits open for viewing — Ballroom 3
8:30 — 9:30 am	Junior Jam Registration — In Front of Ballroom
11:30 am	Election of Officers
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch Recess
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Conferral of 6 <sup>th</sup> Degree —Ballroom 1 & 2
3:00 pm – 5:15 pm	Session reconvenes —Ballroom 1 & 2
5:45 pm – 7:00 pm	Youth Dinner & Youth Presentations — Lobby
7:15 pm – 9:00 pm	Benefit Auction for the Foundation Scholarship Fund — Ballroom 1 & 2 Awards Presentation Ceremony — Ballroom 1 & 2
9:00 pm - ????	Exhibits open for viewing — Ballroom 3
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Youth party — Suite 203

### Sunday, October 22, 2017

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Church Service —Ballroom 1 & 2
9:15 am – 10:15 am	Junior Degree —Ballroom 1 & 2
10:15 am – 12:00 pm	<b>PICK-UP ALL CONTEST Exhibits (NO Early Pick-Up)</b>
10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Sign-A-Song & Public Speaking – Platform Lounge
1:00 pm – ???	All Granger Banquet —Ballroom 1, 2 & 3 Installation — Immediately following Banquet Closing of 2017 Annual Session

## MINUTES OF THE 145<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE SESSION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017

1. The 145<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania State Grange Annual Session officially opened in the 6th degree on Friday October 20, 2017 at 9:00 AM in Ballroom 1 & 2, Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel, Scranton, PA with President Wayne Campbell presiding. The opening drill was under the direction of Lindsay Schroeder, Berks County.
2. Roll call found all officers present. Doris Evans served as the pianist for the session.
3. Honored guests recognized were Stephanie Tiller, Convention/ Operations Director of the National Grange.
4. Also recognized as an honored guest was Past First Lady and Past National Priestess Annalist, Fae Snyder.
5. Brother Rickie Oakley, Committee Co-Chair of the 2017 Host Committee, welcomed everyone to Scranton, the Electric City, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania. PA State Grange Session was hosted by the Northeast Convention District.
6. Wayne appointed Cassidy Cheddar as Session parliamentarian.
7. Sister Judy Pressler gave us devotions, opening song was His Eye is on the Sparrow. God will take care of us. Deal only with the present, never step into tomorrow for God asks us just to trust him and to never borrow sorrow, for the future is not ours to know and it may never be so let us live and give our best and give it lavishly. So let us be content to solve our problems one by one asking nothing for tomorrow except thy will be done. Closing song Great is thy Faithfulness.
8. Appointment of Session Committees—Credentials—Jennifer Nauss, York County and Doris Koenig, Lehigh County.
  - a. Sister Jennifer Nauss gave a partial report of the Credentials Committee as follows:  
96 Delegates from 54 Subordinate Granges and  
43 Delegates from 25 Pomona Granges represented at this time.  
With a total of 139 present at this time.
9. 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Committee—Heather Druckenmiller, York/Beaver County and Cindy Shaffer, Cumberland County.
10. Sister Nettie Kauffman of the Salary Committee gave the Salary Committee report.

Salaries, and only salaries, are set for the following elected Officers of the Pennsylvania State Grange for November 1, 2018 thru October 31, 2019 and

November 1, 2019 thru October 31, 2020.

Beginning November 1, 2018

President/Master	\$44,370
Treasurer	\$ 3,600
Secretary	\$ 2,250

Beginning November 1, 2019

President/Master	\$45,480
Treasurer	\$ 3,750
Secretary	\$ 2,500

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the salary suggested by the Salary Committee, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the Executive Committee package of benefits, motion carried.**

11. **A motion was made to accept the official program with the change of the time of accepting contest entries and adding the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree at 7:30 Friday evening in Ballroom 1 & 2 of the 145<sup>th</sup> PA State Grange Session, motion carried.**
12. Master Campbell read a letter sent from Betsy Huber, President of the National Grange, indicating she was not able to attend the Pennsylvania Session because she was attending another State Session. Master Campbell presented the highlights from his Annual Master's Address. It was accepted and the full report will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
13. Sister Campbell, State Grange Secretary, presented highlights from her report. It was accepted and the full report will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
14. Brother Seidel read the letter from Hamilton and Musser. The letter states that the Annual Audit has not been completed due to health issues of our staff and other unforeseen issues have caused the delay in completing the review. Brother Seidel, State Grange Treasurer, presented his report. His report was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.  
  
Brother Seidel then presented the budget for information only, the budget will be voted on at Saturday's session.
15. Brother Robert Bair, Executive Committee Chairman, presented the Executive Committee report. His report was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
16. Sister Barbara Schroeder, Chair of the Grange Foundation Committee, presented the Foundation report. It was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.



17. Chair Glenn Gross of the Good of the Order Committee — The Good of the Order Committee's By-Laws-change resolution was 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 Resolution requiring the 24-hour notice is Resolution #29.
  - a. 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 motion was made and seconded to add the words Pennsylvania State before the word Grange in Resolution #6, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to reject Resolution #10 and refer it back to Committee to change the intent of the resolution, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to table Resolution #42 until a copy can be handed out, motion carried.**
18. Brother Vince Phillips, Legislative Director gave a report on the legislative work of the Grange. 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. Door Prizes were given by the Host Committee.
21. Session recessed for lunch at 11:50 pm.
22. Master Campbell called session back to order at 1:30 pm.
23. Brother Huber, Chair of the Agriculture and Environmental Issues Committee continued with presenting their resolutions.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy statement of the Agriculture and Environmental Issues, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy statement and all the resolutions that were presented, motion carried. The report in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.**
24. Master Campbell stated that all candidates will be limited to 2 minutes. Master Campbell then asked for suggestions for State Officers. Those suggested were:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Names Suggested</u>	<u>County</u>
a. Master	Wayne Campbell	Perry
b. Overseer	Philip Vonada	Centre
	Kenneth Merrit	Crawford
	Mary Jane Kent	Greene
c. Executive Committee	James Diamond	Bucks
	Barbara Schroeder	Berks
	Martha Ebersole	Perry
	Leonard Heim	Lehigh

Brother Wayne Oakley was suggested for the office of Executive Committee but Brother Oakley declined.

25. Brother Arthur Zug of the Government Committee presented their committee's resolutions.

**A motion was made and seconded to accept Resolution #12 amended as follows, Be it resolved that the Pennsylvania State Grange support legislation that would limit the terms of elected Representatives and Senators to 12 years, motion carried.**

**A motion was made to add "at the State and Federal Level" Amended amendment to the amendment for Resolution #12, motion carried.**

**A motion was made that Resolution #13 be referred back to the committee, motion carried.**

**A motion was made to strike out the first Resolve in Resolution #15, motion carried.**

**A motion was made to remove "person" and replace with "Non-Citizen" on Resolution #17, motion carried.**

26. Brother Glenn Gross continued with presenting the Good of the Order Resolutions.

**A motion was made to refer Resolutions #22, 34, 35 and 36 back to the Good of the Order Committee for further clarification, motion carried.**

**A motion was made to amend Resolution #31 to strike the word "nominating" and replace it with "suggestions", motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to remove the words "and passwords" from Resolution #37, motion carried.**

27. Brother Douglas Bonsall, Chair of the History Committee reported that there is now Historical information on the Pennsylvania State Grange Webpage. State Archives will accept microfilmed records. Executive Committee has approved amendment to our tax filing status, 501-C3 Status of the PA State Grange and the Foundation. When this is

approved contributions that you would make to historical preservation will now qualify as tax deductible. The report was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

28. Door Prizes were given by the Host Committee.
29. Session will reconvene Saturday morning at 8:30 am.
30. The 5<sup>th</sup> Degree was conducted by the Host Region at 7:30 pm. They did an awesome job.

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017**

31. The Annual Session opened in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree at 8:30 am in Ballroom 1 & 2, Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel, Scranton, Pennsylvania with an opening drill by the 2017 2017 2017 Youth Officers:
  - a. Andrew Kieffer, Master
  - b. Lindsay Schroeder, Chaplain
  - c. Sara Benzio, Secretary
  - d. Anna Benzio, Executive Committee
  - e. Cassidy Cheddar, Ceres
  - f. Lexus Johnson, Lecturer
  - g. Grace Wadsworth, LAS
  - h. Jacob Mengel, AS
  - i. Phillip Vonada, Steward
  - j. Denae Zvarick, Overseer
  - k. Jennifer Nauss, Pomona
  - l. Isaac Mengel, Gatekeeper
  - m. Heather Druckenmiller, Executive Committee
  - n. Derek Snyder, Executive Committee
  - o. Mikayla Davis, Flora
  - p. Owen Stemko, Treasurer
32. Sister Ellen Wadsworth, Youth Director, presented highlights from her committee report. It was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
33. Denae Zvarick, Keystone Grange #2, Montgomery County and Andrew Kieffer, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County were introduced as Outstanding Youth Patrons.
34. Sister Lurae Benzio invited everyone to go to the Junior Degree on Sunday at 9:00 am. At this time the Junior's came into the Session. Sister Lurae explained what the Juniors would be doing on their tour and evening. Union Grange Hall will be hosting the Juniors for their evening meal (Spaghetti Dinner), bonfire and sleeping. Next year's theme for Junior Camp will be a "Sports" Theme. Sister Lurae challenged the Counselors to increase the Juniors attending camp by 11 and Counselors by 5. If they meet this challenge she will let them dye her hair green. The Juniors gave everyone in the session a red sneaker with a mint.

35. Brother Kieffer declared the Grange at ease while the Youth could present a retiring drill. Master Campbell called session back to order.
36. Sister Judy Pressler shared a special message. Opening song -- "The Light of the World is Jesus". Just as we feel the warmth of the sun in the sky, we also feel the warmth of the love of Jesus, the son, when we bask in his presence. Closing song – Sunlight.
37. Roll call found all officers present. Doris Evans served as the pianist for the session.
38. The minutes of Friday's Session were read and approved with corrections.
39. Master Campbell requested that Sisters, Joanne Heim (Pomona), Virginia Mangel (Flora) and Jennifer Beamon (Ceres), recognize all the Past Officers that were present.
40. Brother Arthur Zug presented an amended Resolution #13.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy statement of the Government Issues Committee, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy statement and all the resolutions that were presented, motion carried. The report in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the Journal of Proceedings.**

41. Brother Henry Seidel presented the Budget.

**A motion was made to accept the Budget, motion carried.**

42. Brother Glenn Gross and Sister Jane Birk presented Resolutions for the Good of the Order.

**A motion was made to strike all the Resolves, and add that the Pennsylvania State Grange urge the National Grange to review and explore membership options to include members who are homebound or in an extended care facility to Resolution #29, motion carried.**

**A motion for an amendment to the amended to insert \$12.00 into the amendment, motion failed.**

**A motion was made to strike 2019 and insert 2020 in Resolution #43, motion carried.**

**A motion was made to strike the resolve and add that the length of the Convention be retained for the 2018 State Grange Session at which time the Delegates can re-evaluate the schedule for the 2020 Convention on Resolution #43, motion carried.**

**A motion was made to amend the amendment to end the resolve after retained, to read "present length of Convention be retained" on Resolution #43, motion carried.**

**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 all the resolutions that were presented, motion carried. The report in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the Journal of Proceedings.**

43. Door Prizes were given by the Host Committee.

**A motion was made to amend the schedule to move up the Installation of Officers and official closing of the Grange to immediately following the completion of the election this afternoon, motion carried.**

44. Sister Jennifer Nauss, Chair of the Credentials Committee, reported—  
111 Delegates representing the 63 Subordinate Granges  
49 Delegates representing 28 Pomona Granges;  
38 Juniors registered  
Total Delegates—160; Total Registered 231

45. Worthy Overseer Barbara Schroeder appointed the Tellers for the election.

46. Worthy Assistant Steward Andrew Kieffer asked if there were any other suggestions for officers.

JV Lamb, Lawrence County was suggested for the Office of Overseer.

47. Brother Kieffer stated the above names are write-in only. Their names need to be input with their exact surnames.

48. At this time, the Grange was called at ease for the Election of Officers.

49. Sister Anna May Nauss called session back to order at 1:00 pm for the conferral of the 6<sup>th</sup> degree.

50. The Degree of Flora was conferred on 17 candidates with Robert Kleckner III, Dustin Kunkle, Monica Turner and Anna Benzio, as the marching candidates. Soloist was Don Steeley.

51. Brother Adams, Steward reported on the election results. Each office's results were read by the Teller from that office.

52. There was not a majority vote, for the office of Overseer and Executive Committee. The office of Overseer and Executive Committee were voted on at this time with the two names receiving the most ballots –

<u>Office</u>	<u>Officers Elected</u>	<u>County</u>
a. Master/President	Wayne Campbell	Perry
b. Overseer	JV Lamb	Lawrence
	Philip Vonada	Centre
c. Executive Committee	Martha Ebersole	Perry
	James Diamond	Bucks

**A motion was made to amend the Schedule to close the Exhibit Room after Session, motion carried.**

53. Sister Heather Druckenmiller, Chair of the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree, reported that 17 candidates received the Degree of Flora representing 5 counties.
54. Brother Michael Adams, Steward reported on the election results on the revote of the Overseer and Executive Committee. Each office's results were read by the Teller from that office. The officers receiving the majority of the votes are listed below—

<u>Office</u>	<u>Officers Elected</u>	<u>County</u>
a. Overseer	JV Lamb	Lawrence
b. Executive Committee	James Diamond	Bucks

55. At 3:45 PM the Installation of Officers took place with—
- a. Installing Officer—Anna May Nauss
  - b. Master—Susan Tau
  - c. Chaplain—Fae Snyder
  - d. Pianist—Jennifer Nauss
  - e. Marshal—Fae Snyder
  - f. Emblem Bearer—Joyce Snyder
  - g. Regalia Bearer—Kenneth Merritt
56. Brother Dick Mangel, Chair of the 2018 Host Committee introduced his committee that were in attendance and South West Convention District – Armstrong, Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene and Washington and Westmoreland Counties invited everyone to the 2018 Convention. Brother Mangel's Co-Chair is Janet Fishovitz. The Convention will be held at the Pittsburgh Marriot North Hotel Cranberry Township on October 19-21, 2018.
57. Door Prizes were given out by the Host Committee.
58. The 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania Grange Session closed at 4:30 pm.

59. The Youth Banquet was held in the Lobby of the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel at 5:45 pm.

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 Denae Zvarick and Andrew Kieffer; and Female Youth Ambassador Grace Wadsworth and Male Youth Ambassador Jacob Mengel were given the opportunity speak. They offered to come to your Grange or activity to do a program and that they are looking forward to the coming year and representing the Grange and the various activities they will be able to experience.

Sister Wadsworth awarded a “Friend of the Youth” award to Lindsay Schroeder, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County for her outstanding support of the Grange Youth Program.

60. There were 146 present at the Youth Banquet which was held in the Lobby of the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel.
61. 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, \$2,018.00 was collected.
62. The Youth Party was held in Suite 203. The Youth enjoyed a time of fellowship and games.

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017**

63. The Sunday morning Worship Service for the 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange opened with Gathering Music by the Musician, Doris Evans. State Chaplain Judy Pressler greeted everyone and gave a few announcements.

Following the Opening Prayer and Call to Worship, “We Gather Together” was sung. The State Graces draped the charter in memory of those State Officers who have gone to the Great Grange above. Opportunity was given to name others we wanted to remember.

The scripture readings followed the unison praying of the Lord’s Prayer and singing “How Great Thou Art.” Pastor Scott Miller from the St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in Scranton delivered the morning message. “Giving to Caesar and Giving to God What Each Deserves” based on scriptures from Exodus and Matthew.

The service concluded with the closing hymn. “Crown Him with Many Crowns.”

There were 105 in attendance and the offering was \$501.33 and was divided with half going to the Pastor's Church and the Autism Dogs Project which is part of the Deaf and Community Service Committee's projects.

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

Master – Veronica Heckman – Berks County  
Overseer – Kaylen Leiby – Berks County  
Lecturer – Brayden Heckman – Berks County  
Steward – Tyler Davis – Berks County  
Asst. Steward – Wyatt Koller – Berks County  
Lady Asst Steward – Avery Tworkoski– Berks County  
Gatekeeper – Tanner Davis – Berks County  
Chaplain – Emma Seidel– Berks County  
Secretary – Lizzie Seidel – Berks County  
Flora – Alexa Davis – Berks County  
Ceres – Autumn Tworkoski – Berks County  
Pomona – Samantha Davis – Berks County  
Junior Leader – Isaac Mengel – Berks County  
Asst. J. Leader – Mikala Davis, Berks County  
Marching Candidates – Jacob Schroeder, Clayton Davis, Travis Riegel

65. After a very impressive Opening Drill by the Juniors, Sister Benzio, Jr. Grange Director thanked and congratulated the Juniors on their drill and opening of the Jr. Grange.
66. Sister Benzio introduced the Junior Grange Friend of the Year – Sister Debbie Campbell. Sister Campbell stated that she has always enjoyed the Junior program and all the memories over the past 20+ years –and encouraged the Juniors to continue on to become Youth members and to continue on their Grange journey. Sister Campbell also spoke about her memories of the past and how she has enjoyed watching the Juniors grow up from years ago and the present.
67. Honored guests were; Wayne Campbell, President of the PA State Grange; Lurae Benzio, State Jr. Grange Director; Princess Autumn Tworkoski and Prince Tanner Davis.
68. Sister Benzio gave out awards for Junior Grange All Stars, 11 Juniors received the award for those Juniors who attended all 3 events, Junior Camp, Family Fest and Junior Jamboree. Sister Benzio also gave out 23 awards for those Juniors who attended 2 of the 3 events.
69. Sister Virginia Straub was requested to come up. Sister Benzio stated memorial from Richard Straub's passing be given to the PA State Jr. Grange. To date the total from the Memorial Fund is \$510.
70. Sister Benzio thanked Lindsay Schroeder for all her help at Junior Grange Camp as well as all year round with photographer and many other things as well. She is quick to offer her assistance wherever needed.



71. There was a lot of laughter and fellowship as the Youth led us on a successful fund raiser of making over \$2,000.00 to benefit the National Grange Youth Foundation. Sister Virginia Straub and Sister Lurae Benzio received the first 2 pies in the face. Sister Straub was pied by Henry Seidel, Sister Benzio was pied by Mike Adams.
72. As the fun continued, Master Wayne Campbell was pied by National Grange Representative, Stephanie Tiller and Sister Martha Ebersole was pied by Master Wayne Campbell. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the Youth in this very successful fundraiser.
73. Sign-A-Song and Public Speaking Contests were held in the Platform Lounge. The categories for the Public Speaking were: Prepared Speech; Impromptu Speech and Visual Aids Speech with some fantastic contestants.
74. Sister Gail Switzer, Deaf and Community Service Director presented a deaf interpreter at the Scranton School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children donations collected by Grangers. There were 7 boxes and 3 bags full of school supplies.
75. The 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange Session closed with the All Granger's Banquet.
76. There were 173 present at the All Granger Banquet which was held in the Ballroom 1, 2 and 3 with Past State Overseer, Barbara Schroeder as MC for the banquet.
77. Opening remarks were heard from Representative Sid Michaels Kavulich, House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, 114<sup>th</sup> district, Lackawanna County prior to enjoying a delicious meal.
78. National Grange Stephanie Tiller, Convention/Operations Director was thanked for joining us for our 145<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania State Grange Convention.

Sister Tiller brought greetings from the National Office and gave a brief update of activities at the National Level. She then gave a very emotional and inspirational talk of how she learned the real meaning of being a Granger. When her parents passed away she was overwhelmed with the thoughts, prayers and cards that poured in from all across the Nation.

Pennsylvania State Grange Public Relations/Membership Consultant Lizzie Bailey awarded Membership Awards as follows: -- Greenwood Grange #1852, Juniata County; Red Lion Grange #1781, York County and Kimmerlings #1529, Lebanon County.

Master Wayne Campbell presented the Granger of the Year Award to Harry Keith, Huntingdon County. Brother Keith is a 75-year member of the Grange. He is Master of Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County. Brother Keith is involved in many Community Service activities in his community with the Grange as well assisting other organizations. Brother Harry was on the School Board for Huntingdon, Member of Church Consistory Board for 40+ years

79. There was an Agriculture and Legislative Round Table Discussion with Matt Espenshade as the Moderator for the following:
  - a. Honorable Russell Redding, Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture
  - b. Representative Eddie Day Pashinski, House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee Minority Chairman, 121<sup>st</sup> district – Luzerne County
  - c. Vince Phillips, PA State Grange Legislative Consultant
80. Master Wayne Campbell thanked the 2017 Host committee for a great job. Ricky Oakley Co-Chairman introduced his committee and thanked them for all their hard work to make the 145<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania State Grange Convention a success.
81. Master Wayne Campbell also thanked Pianist Doris Evans and Cassidy Cheddar, 6<sup>th</sup> Degree committee, Anna May Nauss and office staff Barbara Warden and Doris Koenig.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Debra Campbell, State Grange Secretary

## MASTER/PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Welcome to the 145<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania State Grange Session. Stephanie Tiller, National Grange Convention/Operations Director, Past State Master Elizabeth Downey, State Grange Officers, Delegates, members of the Pennsylvania State Grange, Youth and Junior members gathered here for the convention.

I am going to be very brief in this part of my address to you. My entire report can be found in your packet and will be in the Journal of Proceedings.

I did not expect to be standing before you in this capacity when I agreed to run for Vice President/Overseer last October. God works in mysterious ways and with that here we are today. I hope and pray our Past President/Master Beth Downey has been able to find God's healing love in the issues that caused her to make the very difficult decision to resign.

I came into this office very much unaware of the daily operations of the Pennsylvania State Grange. It has been a fast ride from February 17, 2017 to now. We are addressing many issues at the State level. The most concerning to me is the amount of Granges that have closed or ceased existence without properly completing the process. Since I have been in office I have revoked the Charter of 4 Granges and we have completed the consolidation of 6 Granges into 3. We are aggressively trying to complete this process, so we can get back to the work of trying to grow the Grange. We have also completed the sale of 3 Grange halls.

I would briefly like to speak about Youth and Junior Camps. Debbie, our Grandson Bryce, and I, along with Lurae Benzio were invited to be Guest Judges for Master Chef Youth Camp Edition. This was truly an amazing experience. David and Ellen Wadsworth along with their committee did a fantastic job at putting this camp together. We watched as groups were given a variety of food items and then given the task of preparing a meal. They all turned out amazing and the food combinations were very interesting. Workshops on various things associated with food and food preparation were done. Debbie and I presented a workshop on cheese. We learned things that sometimes I wonder if we really wanted to know!!

Debbie and I then stayed over into the following week to help Dina Zug and Beth Parrish in the kitchen at Junior Camp. What another fun filled event. It was actually nice to not be in charge of the kitchen and just do what we were asked to do. I was never able to attend Junior Camp when Debbie was Director so this was my first time spending the whole week at camp. The kids were just so energetic and excited the whole time. Lurae and her committee always had something going on for them. Debbie and I were even Honored guests at the Junior meeting one day. The theme was Wild Wild West and on one evening Lurae and crew had put together a Scavenger hunt type event complete with wanted people. The kids had a wonderful time taking the clues from each stop, figuring out where they had to go next to get another clue and eventually ending up at the Sherriff's Office with the wanted person to reap their reward. The reward for bringing in the wanted individual was a gold bar, better known as a Twinkie. Camp was hit with a stomach bug toward the end of the week. The dedication and devotion of the committee and counselors really showed through during this time. A few of the counselors even got sick due to their caring for the Juniors. Unfortunately, 2 campers had to go home early due to the illness. We all spent hours one

night cleaning and sanitizing everything the kids came in contact with right down to the doorknobs. The crowning of the Junior Prince and Princess were the highlights for Friday night. Watching the kids hug and say their goodbyes on Saturday tells you friendships had been made that will last a lifetime. We as the seasoned Grangers must not only encourage our young people to participate in these programs, but welcome them with open arms into our Subordinate Granges and our lives!

During the last seven months, Debbie and I have been blessed with many wonderful experiences. We have traveled all across this great Commonwealth and met many devoted Grangers along the way. When ending a Grange meeting we say, "Worthy Steward, inform the Gatekeeper that the labors of the day are closed".

We never adjourn a Grange meeting because our work is never completed. It is simply closed until another day. Today I leave you with this, wake up every day looking forward to the future. Let's try new ideas, accept change, and above all, always be looking for new ways to grow the Grange.

Thank you and God bless each and every one of you.

Fraternally submitted,  
Wayne Campbell, President/Master

### **Master/President's Monthly Reports**

Debbie and I attended the National Grange Masters/Presidents Conference in Connecticut from February 17, 2017-February 19, 2017. This was a very interesting event. We got to meet and talk with other Presidents from all across the Nation. The workshops were very informative.

My first day in the office, Beth and I traveled out to Berlin, PA to attend the viewing of Past Master, William Ringler. Past Master Ringler was a man I very much admired and respected both as a Granger and a person.

The end of February I accompanied Matt Espenshade, as he testified before the milk marketing board. Matt's testimony helped to convince the board to set over order premium pricing at \$1.60 per hundred weight. This will aid farmers in offsetting increasing operating cost. Matt did an excellent job presenting facts and figures to the board showing the plight of the farmer today.

I believe that is about it for my first two weeks in the office. It certainly has been a learning experience and will continue to be. I am looking forward to an exciting eight months.

In March, Barbara Schroeder was installed as Overseer/Vice-President of the Pennsylvania State Grange. Barbara brought an innovative and bright perspective to her new position.

Vince and I also attended the hearing held by the House of Representatives on the Agricultural part of the Pennsylvania Budget. Secretary Redding was testifying to the Legislators regarding the Governor's budget. There were many concerns, but the major item was cutting 30 million dollars from the budget that helps fund the Pennsylvania Veterinary School in Philadelphia. This is Pennsylvania's only large animal veterinary school. After the hearing, Vince gave me a tour of the capitol visiting many of the Senators' and Representatives' offices introducing me to them. It was

very impressive to watch and see the reactions of the legislators as it was obvious he is very well known and respected on the hill.

I contacted all the State Officers and committee chairs since taking office, and asked them to please contact me for anything if the need arises. I advised them Debbie and I would be very willing to come to any events or meetings if we are invited.

I contacted the Farm Bureau and met with their leadership so that we might continue working together on various issues.

We have been working on the Guide to Contest Booklet, Family Festival, and Ag Progress Days. We are also looking forward to hosting the Juniors and Youth on their Royalty Day. I have been in touch with Ellen and Lurae about possibly hosting a "Spend A Day with the President" contest for a deserving Youth and Junior.

April started out with a full slate. I helped with organizing a food safety class in Perry County. The person giving the class was very pleased. He had never done a class with so many organizations represented. We had 25 different organizations in attendance.

Debbie and I also attended the Perry County Chamber of Commerce Dinner. Russell Redding, Secretary of Agriculture, was the guest speaker for the evening.

I met with an insurance representative to discuss the possibility of getting Dental insurance for our members.

Debbie and I attended the Cumberland Valley Grange #2104 Community Night program. Derek and Barbara Schroeder presented a very good program on the implements of the first Four Degrees.

I met with a representative from Key Advisor to go over a presentation on Social Security to be presented at Family Festival.

Lizzie, Vince and I attended the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm organizations meeting followed by the Cornucopia event. This event is geared toward legislators and their staff learning more about the many rural organizations and where our food comes from. We held a drawing for 4 (four) Pennsylvania State Grange cookbooks at this event. Representative David Millard and Representative Sue Helm were winners of 2 (two) of the cookbooks.

I, along with Debbie when possible, attended open house meetings at Kutztown Grange, Pioneer Grange, Scrubgrass Grange, and Fleetwood Grange. I was very excited to hear that after the open house presentation at Scrubgrass Grange, 2 (two) non-members that were present signed up for membership.

I also attended the Mid-Atlantic Lecturer's Conference on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Cassidy Cheddar and I presented a workshop on Parliamentary Procedure. Following that workshop I did a workshop on leadership. The conference was very well attended with over 30 Grangers representing states from New York to Tennessee.

May started off cool and wet, but May 3rd was a hot time at the Sock Hop. Debbie and I traveled to Virginville Grange for their annual Open House. Over 260 people were in attendance. Debbie and I also traveled to Huntington County where we attended their Seventh Degree Luncheon, and then later in the day helped judge the Huntingdon County Dairy Princess Contest.

Vince Phillips and I met with Ivana Wolfe of the Bravo Group. Bravo represents a very diverse group of clients. She brought with her a Representative from PHRMA. They represent the drug manufacturers. She also had an individual from the Nature Conservancy group. We discussed what was a priority to each group and what role the Grange may play in their goals.

Debbie and I only attended two different Grange meetings during the month of May as well as California Grange's semi-annual chicken BBQ fund raiser. They sold 748 halves of chicken. Debbie and I arrived early, enjoyed a wonderful chicken Dinner, and then went to work helping with the event. Thank you to Master Bob Fry for inviting us and allowing us to be a part of this event.

I volunteered to help at the Perry County Electronics Recycling event held at the Perry County Fair Grounds. The event was so well participated in that they had to turn people away because the trucks got full so quickly!

Debbie and I, on a personal note, also assisted with providing the reception meal for Amanda Brozana, the National Public Relations Director's wedding. We were right at home setting up our portable kitchen and grilling away. A special thank you to Len and Joanne Heim for their help in preparing the food, serving it, and clean up afterwards. Len and I got soaked reloading the trailer in the rain. Virginville Grange also provided their French Fryer to make the fries. Henry Seidel, Casey Kershner, and Mikayla Davis were busy making the fries. Although it was a lot of work, we had a wonderful time with Grange fellowship.

On June 7th, Debbie and I joined with the Juniors and the Youth for their annual Royalty trip. Their day started out with a great breakfast at Perkins Restaurant.

We then traveled to the Governor's Residence in Harrisburg. The Juniors and Youth got to meet Chef Barry who prepares all the meals at the Residence. The Juniors and the Youth each presented him with a Pennsylvania State Grange Cookbook. We were given a tour of the residence complete with very interesting stories about the facility and its content. Did you know the residence has its own hive of Honey Bees?

From there we headed to the State Capital where Vince Phillips, our Legislative Consultant had passes waiting for the Royalty to be introduced on the floor of the House. We also visited a few Representatives' and Senators' offices. Our day at the Capitol ended with some photos in the Senate Chambers. They were not in session that day, so we could walk around and take photos. They enjoyed sitting in their own Senator's seats. The Juniors and Youth completed their day at Hershey Park.

Debbie and I attended the Eastern Regional Youth Conference in Delaware. We all went to the University of Delaware to watch and support participants in the Special Olympics.

I attended the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organization meeting. At that time I was appointed to their Board of Directors to fill the remaining term of Sister Downey's term.

Debbie and I traveled to Centre County to attend the Centre County Pomona Grange Picnic. Everyone enjoyed a terrific covered dish followed by an enjoyable game of Jeopardy based on the American flag and American history.

On a personal note not associated with Grange, my family participated in the Perry County Relay for Life. Our son-in-law is a cancer survivor. This year's goal was to reach \$95,000. As of July 1st, they have donations of \$101,327.00. This is amazing considering the size of Perry County.

Debbie and I attended the Rural Letter Carrier Convention in Harrisburg. We enjoyed a delicious meal followed by some unique stories from some of the letter carriers. After their banquet everyone enjoyed an ice cream social presented by local Dairy Princesses.

As June comes to an end, Debbie and I are off to lend a hand at Youth and Junior Camp.

Debbie and I began July as special guest judges at Master Chef, Youth Camp Edition and in the kitchen at Junior Grange Camp. What an exciting time. It is sad that so many Grangers do not get to see the fun, excitement, and work of the Youth and Juniors at camp.

Sometimes I think we are afraid to open our doors and our arms to the young people. My only question is, who among us were never young? Who among us were not starved for adventure, curious what makes things go, and had a million ideas on how to make things better.

Think where we would be if none of us had chased that dream, dared to do the impossible, or didn't do it because someone told us, "you can't do that". The young people love to hear our stories, let's say "we can try that," let's talk about their ideas and be willing to accept change. Remember how you felt when you thought no one was listening.

These young people all had so much fun and went back home energized and ready to go. We did have a stomach bug visit Junior Camp Thursday through Saturday. A special thank you to the Staff, Counselors, and Helpers who jumped in to sanitize tables, doors, handles, chairs, beds and numerous other things. Thank you to the counselors who also got the bug while taking care of others.

Debbie had to go home on Friday due to her father being hospitalized. He passed the following week. We thank each and every one of you for your thoughts and prayers.

We were also preparing and planning for Family Festival at the same time. I would like to thank my family, friends and other Grangers who helped us out during this hard time.

The following week was off to Family Festival. This year was a new experience for me. My family has been to Family Festival every year, however, other than the first year, our time was always spent in the dining area. This year I had to venture out of my comfort zone. I think Family Festival was a huge success. Our attendance was up 16 people this year. The weather was great and all the workshops were well attended.

August started off with the start of our annual financial review by Hamilton and Musser. August is also a busy fair month and of course Ag Progress Days in Rock Springs, PA. Lizzie and I traveled to

AG Progress Days on Monday, August 14th to set up the Grange booth. We had new photo boards to display this year. The photos featured many of the Juniors, Youth and PA State Grange Royalty. Many people commented about the new photos and the new look.

The Perry County Fair runs the same time as AG Progress Days. I would like to thank the many Grangers who donated their time at the Grange booth at Ag Progress Days. When I was not at AG Progress Days I was helping at the Perry County Pomona Grange food stand. My wife Debbie runs this stand which is a community service event for our Pomona. The stand was started many years ago so the young people and their families from the barns could get a healthy meal at a reasonable price. We to this day honor that commitment. The following week told me I may have over done it just a little. I spent the following week in the hospital recovering from chest pains and cellulitis in my right foot and leg.

We completed the sale of one Grange hall during the month of August. August came to a close as we began work on the budget for 2018-2019.

September came on quickly and we started out with our first Leadership workshop in Venango County at Scrubgrass Grange #1705. Lizzie, Vince, Debbie, and I enjoyed socializing during a covered dish supper prior to our workshop. Our second workshop was in Washington County at Long Branch Grange #2072. Our third workshop was held at Kutztown Grange #1836 in Berks County. All the workshops were well attended and feedback on the content was positive.

We completed the sale of two Grange halls during the month of September.

I attended the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organization board meeting and member meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>. These meetings are always informative and allow us to become familiar with what other Agricultural organizations are watching and working on.

September came to a close with the annual pre-session resolution meeting. The meeting was held at the Radisson Hotel and Convention center in Camp Hill.

Fraternally submitted,  
Wayne D. Campbell, President/Master

### **REPORT OF OVERSEER**

Worthy Master, National Representative, State Grange Officers, Delegates, Grangers, Juniors, and Guests.

It has been an honor to serve as your Overseer for the last seven months. I would like to thank Master Wayne Campbell and the Executive Committee for their faith in me. I am so glad I accepted this opportunity, as it has increased my knowledge about the Grange, which is so very important to my life and family.

While serving as Overseer I was able to attend many of the Grange Open Houses here in Berks County. I attended State Junior Camp over the summer for a few days, and I am now even more



excited that my son Jacob will be attending next year. I spent the weekend at Family Festival which is always a great time, if you have never been there you are missing some great food (including some awesome chicken corn soup). I encourage everyone to attend some of these great (and fun) State Grange events. I look forward to serving the Pennsylvania State Grange as Overseer at State Session in Scranton. While I have enjoyed the last several years on the Good of the Order committee, this is sure to be a learning experience for me.

I would like to thank my family, Derek, Jacob, and Ellie for supporting me throughout this experience. I would also like to thank our extended family, including my mom Anna (AKA Nana A), Derek's mom Becky (AKA Nana B), and Derek's sister Lindsay (AKA Aunt Baby) for helping with childcare when I needed to be away from home for my Overseer duties.

Unfortunately, my life will be going through some changes in the next year and I will not be able to run for Overseer during this election. I look forward to wherever my involvement in the State Grange leads me.

Fraternally Yours,

Barbara Schroeder  
Pennsylvania State Grange Overseer

### **REPORT OF THE PA STATE GRANGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Greetings to our Worthy Master, National Grange Representatives, State Officers, Delegates and members of the PA State Grange representing their Pomona and Subordinate Granges across our Commonwealth.

This represents the Executive Committee report to the PA Grange delegate body for 2016-17.

Executive Committee Members:

Wayne Campbell, PA Grange President (3-2017 to present)  
Elizabeth Downey, PA Grange President (2014 to 3-2017)  
Barbara Schroeder – PA Grange Vice-President (3-2017 to present)  
Wayne Campbell, PA Grange Vice-President (10-2016 to 3-2017)  
Janet Pratt – Vice Chair  
Barbara Gross – Secretary  
Richard Mangel – Member  
Robert Bair – Chairman, Executive Committee

Many thanks to our 2017 Host Committee for graciously welcoming us to "*The Electric City*" of Scranton, Pennsylvania for our 145th Annual Session of the PA State Grange. Great work to everyone involved! You've done a fine job of advance work and your many labors are truly appreciated! Our combined experiences at this session should include the opportunity for friendship, to express and share ideas, and discuss the discourse of events from your local Community Granges.

Grange Members, as a great and amazing National Organization focused on

***"American Values, Hometown Roots."***

it is with excitement we can say:

**Happy, Happy 150th Birthday to the National Grange!!!**

And, who would have ever thought that at this very time of jubilant celebration in our organizational history, our very own, Betsy Huber, from Pennsylvania, the Keystone State, would be representing us as our National Grange President. We stand with her and wish her all the best while serving as our National Grange leader during this important and critical time in our organization.

During this session we have much to discuss, resolutions to debate and consider, a budget to approve, along with much fun and fraternal fellowship for everyone to enjoy with our officers and members. We look forward to all of the planned activities. Frankly, a lot is happening in our world today. There is the good news, the bad news, and everything in between.

For Good News! According to a newly released ***U.S. News 2018 report*** of the ***Best Places to Retire***, Pennsylvania appears to be a pretty darn good place to settle down, and to retire. That report is based on: Housing Affordability, Happiness, Desirability, Retiree Taxes, Job Market, and Healthcare. As PA Grangers we really need to appreciate what trends like that say about this Commonwealth and effectively capitalize on those facts and use them to our advantage to strengthen our Grange presence and membership.

From your PA Grange Executive Committee (EC) this past year summed up in simply one word has been: **C H A N G E**. Understandably, each one of the leadership changes we've experienced, over the last four years, brings with it different ideas, methodologies, biases, staff, personalities, conceptions, people, feedback and results. The good news is that no matter what issue the EC has faced we've done our best to go through it, get through it and hope to improve upon the challenges and persevere onward for the good of the order.

According to the By Laws of the Pennsylvania State Grange, the EC is charged to act on behalf of the Grange members when not in session. This responsibility includes the invested funds of the Grange as well as the oversight of all Granges and their properties. This past year a number of Grange properties have been sold and additional properties will be sold in the future as has been reported in the EC overview reports. As members, it is important to communicate with the state office when we learn of Grange properties that are unused, vacant and going down in disrepair. Your state Grange bears liability for those properties and we need to act responsibly in these situations. The EC viewpoint remains: to revive chartered Granges when feasible, to consolidate shrinking membership Granges, to close Granges only when necessary, and to save as many Grange Halls and members as possible if even a dim glow of viability may exist.

The EC also works with the President in monitoring the State Grange Office. Over the past four years Grange Presidents have varied in their consultation and working relationship with the EC as it comes to staff hires, office administration and salary adjustments or approvals. Usually decisions are made within the bounds budgeted and approved by you the delegate body. Also, the Salary Committee bi-annually convenes to set elected Officers salaries for approval by the delegate body.

**Focus on Survival and Sustainability-** With the pressures of declining membership and limited new growth the EC has adopted a philosophy of making, whenever possible, avenues to establish revenue-neutral opportunities within the budget to offset PA Grange operational costs. As an organization we have only two simple options to exist and pay our bills: Increase Revenue and/or Decrease Expenses.

- The most recent delegate body and EC position has been that increasing revenue through dues increases is a non-option.
- Boosting membership will naturally boost revenue, but that isn't the trend we see presently.
- Increasing revenue through the sale of cookbooks (or some other future commodity) to and with local Granges is the current method used to generate income for the PA Grange and local Granges, too.
- Decreasing expenses is the other way to cut the budget outgo for the state office. To decrease expenses, the Executive Committee is working to embrace collaboration technology that could assist in this area of cost containment.
- The slippery slope of anticipating revenue from the sale of closed Granges has been the option used, when funds are available, to sustain our operations and prop-up the PA Grange budget until other revenue sources can be determined or further cost containment can occur.
- **PA Grange Magazine-** The EC had approved the concept of a more upscale, informative **PA Grange News** magazine format. The publisher had assured the EC committee that advertising would make the publication close to revenue-neutral. While feedback has been positive with the new format, unfortunately, to date, the benchmark to make this publication revenue neutral has not been achieved.
- **PA State Grange Office-** Over the past year the EC has focused on finding the right parcel of commercial real estate to purchase that offers:
  1. Sufficient office space for the PA Grange office needs.
  2. Provisions for rental income units that generate monies to offset the costs of all taxes, maintenance, management and expenses.
  3. Room for a commuting Grange President to eliminate housing/motel rental cost.

While we have come close to making this a reality to find the right property we are still cautiously paying attention to find the best deal and parcel possible for this acquisition. The PA Grange membership will be contacted when this proposal moves forward.

In conclusion, as we meet at this session to elect a new PA State Grange President, Vice-President and EC member we can report that the direction of your present state organization is in good hands; ready to chart the course described above and preparing for where we must go, and where we must focus or reinvent ourselves for the future.

We are reminded that our future is based on: Traditions, Achievements and Beliefs. They are all individually meaningful words that represent 150 years of our Grange Heritage that helped shape our rural communities across this nation.

The Livestock Conservancy (LivestockConservancy.org) based in North Carolina reports that 21% of the world's 8,000 livestock and poultry breeds are in danger of extinction. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, one domesticated livestock breed is lost every month. Since 1977, the Livestock Conservancy has saved 150 Heritage Breeds of livestock and poultry in the United States, many of which were well known by our Grange forefathers 150 years or more ago. We know that once a livestock breed goes extinct, its genetics are lost to history – genetics that agriculture may need to rely on in the future to combat outbreaks of disease, a changing climate, or genetic issues that arise from livestock being too closely related to each other. By a unique comparison, ponder the thought that once a community Grange membership declines and all interest is lost, eventually the hall closes, deteriorates, perhaps is sold or torn down, and it too becomes extinct and is forever lost to history.

We must do everything we possibly can, now, while we still have time and resources, to make sure that we as Grangers avoid becoming an *endangered species*.

Fraternally,  
Robert A. Bair, Chairman  
PA State Grange Executive Committee

### **REPORT OF THE 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. In November I traveled to Washington D.C. to attend National Session.

In January, I attended the Pennsylvania State Grange Planning Meeting in State College at the end of January where I enjoyed meeting with my committee, State Officers, other committees, and Grangers while exchanging ideas and making plans for 2017.

In April, I attended the Mid-Atlantic Lecturer's Conference that was hosted here in Pennsylvania at Scotch Valley Grange #510. Thank you to Lorena Baughman for putting together the 2017 MALC! The 2018 MALC is scheduled to be held in Tennessee.

I attended the open houses at Virginville Grange, Pioneer Grange, Fleetwood Grange and Ontelaunee Grange.

This year's Family Festival was held in Centre Hall, PA for the 14th year. This year there were four subordinate entries. I, unfortunately, was unable to attend this year. Thank you to Lorena Baughman for running the talent contest in my absence.

The talent contest winners are as follows:

**Vocal:**

1st Place: Tina Reich, Valley Grange #1360, York/Adams County

**Instrumental:** 1st Place: Jennifer Nauss, Valley Grange #1360, York/Adams County  
2nd Place: Michael Adams, Hamburg Grange #2103/Kutztown Grange #1836, Berks County

**Variety:** 1st Place: Lurae Benzio, Fairview Grange #1351, Beaver County

**Best of Show Winner:** Jennifer Nauss who will be representing Pennsylvania at National Grange in Spokane, Washington

I hope to see more contestants next year. Please share your talents!

I also attended the leadership meeting at Kutztown Grange.

I would like to thank those who helped me through this year. I am always looking for new ideas, please share!! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Lecturer.

Fraternally submitted,  
Denise Clare

Lecturer's Committee:

J.V. Lamb, New Castle  
Georgette Mummert, Alexandria  
Jessie White, Turbotville  
Jane Birk, Bethlehem

Jackie Clabaugh, Williamsburg  
Thomas Kostelansky, Vandergrift  
Lorena Baughman, Duncansville

### 2017 LECTURER CONTEST WINNERS

**Subordinate Lecturer Scrapbook**  
**75 Members or less–**  
Kutztown Grange #1836, Berks County  
**76-149 Members –**  
Ontelaunee #1617, Berks County  
**150+ Members –**  
Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

**Pomona Lecturer Scrapbook**  
Crawford County Pomona #26  
**Pomona Scrapbook**  
Berks County Pomona #43  
**Pen in Hand Winners**  
**Poetry**-Lurae Benzio, Beaver County  
**Short Story**-Ethel Diehl, Blair County

**Photography – Flowers**  
1. Ashley Mohn – Berks County  
2. Cindy Keith – Huntingdon County  
3. Anna Heffner – Berks County  
4. Deanna Hollabaugh – Warren County

**Photography – Churches**  
1. Georgette Mummert – Huntingdon County  
2. Dee Ruckert – Beaver County  
3. Marci Jenkins – Berks County  
4. Ashley Furman – Centre County

**Photography – Sunrise/Sunset**  
1. Mary McMillin – Lawrence County  
2. Dana Swartwood – Warren County  
3. Jennifer Nauss – York County  
4. Cindy Keith – Huntingdon County

**Photography – Trains**  
1. Shelley Fayewicz – Berks County  
2. Rebecca Catner – Northumberland County  
3. Denise Kostelansky – Armstrong County  
4. Georgette Mummert – Huntingdon County

**Photography – Baby Animals**

1. Ashley Mohn – Berks County
2. Ashley Furman – Centre County
3. Grace Mitchell – Washington County
4. Ada Skiles – Beaver County

**Photography – Collage**

1. Cindy Keith – Huntingdon County
2. Patty Bird – Centre County
3. Jessie White – Montour County
4. Jane Reppert – Berks County

**Photography – Digitally Enhanced**

1. Jesse White – Montour County
2. Ashley Kolpak – Chester County
3. Shelley Fayewicz – Berks County

**Art – Still Life**

1. Georgette Mummert – Huntingdon County
2. Ashley Kolpak – Chester County
3. Ron Sweeney – Huntingdon County

**Art – Animals**

1. Ashley Kolpak – Chester County
2. Amanda Zug – Juniata County
3. Deanna Hollabaugh – Warren County
4. Lorena Baughman – Blair County

**Art – Graffiti (Street Art)**

1. Ashley Kolpak – Chester County
2. Georgette Mummert – Huntingdon
3. Ron Clabaugh – Blair County
4. Jackie Clabaugh – Blair County

**Art – Landscape/Seascape**

1. Lindsey Schroder – Berks County
2. Sandy Westover – Juniata County

**Subordinate –****Wreaths – Pretty**

1. Lori Hartle – Centre County
2. Jackie Clabaugh – Blair County
3. Patti Bird – Centre County
4. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County

**Wreaths – Grange**

1. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County
2. Jackie Clabaugh – Blair County
3. Becky Davis – Greene County
4. Tom Kostelansky – Armstrong County

**Wreaths – Holiday**

1. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County
2. Miranda Irons – Warren County
3. Ron Clabaugh – Blair County
4. Melinda Tercha – Berks County

**Wreaths – JR-Grange**

1. Chase Kosciński – Lawrence County
2. William McGregor – Lawrence County

**Wreaths –JR- Holiday**

1. Chase Kosciński – Lawrence County
2. William McGregor – Lawrence County

**Wreaths –JR- Pretty**

1. William McGregor – Lawrence County
2. Ava Jenkins – Berks County

**Container Pots – JR- Grange**

1. Logan Eisenhower – Berks County

**Container Pots–JR- Funny**

1. Chase Kosciński – Lawrence County
2. Heidi Eisenhower – Berks County
3. Cameron Cannon – Lawrence County

**Subordinate – Pots – Pretty**

1. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County
2. Debrah Huffer – Berks County
3. Emma Baughman – Blair County
4. Nancy Sattazahn – Berks County

**Subordinate – Pots – Funny**

1. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County
2. Nick Sattazahn – Berks County
3. Jackie Clabaugh – Blair County
4. Brynee Baughman – Blair County

**Subordinate –Pots-Grange**

1. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County
2. Jackie Clabaugh – Blair County

**Frames – JR- Plastic – Funny**

1. Aiden DeLillo – Lawrence County
2. Chase Koscinsky – Lawrence County

**Frames –JR- Plastic – Pretty**

1. Heidi Eisenhower – Berks County
2. Matthew Mohrman – Lawrence County
3. William McGregor – Lawrence County
4. Chase Koscinsky – Lawrence County

**Frames-JR-Wood-Pretty**

1. Hadyn Wiseman – Berks County
1. William McGregor – Lawrence County
2. Ruby Rayburn – Chester County

**Frames-JR -Wood-Funny**

1. Logan Eisenhower – Berks County
2. William McGregor – Lawrence County

**Frames – Subordinate-Funny-Foam**

1. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County

**Frames-Wood**

1. Debra Kieffer – Berks County
2. Jackie Clabaugh – Blair County
3. Miranda Irons – Warren County

**Frames-Wood-Funny**

1. Jackie Clabaugh – Blair County
2. Georgette Mummert – Huntingdon County

**Subordinate-Tissue Box-Card Stock**

1. Shirley Swires – Blair County

**Subordinate-Tissue Box-Holiday**

1. Brynee Baughman – Blair County
2. Shirley Swires – Blair County
3. Tammy Schaeffer – Berks County

**Subordinate-Tissue Box-Most Creative-Card Stock**

1. Caroline Reilly – Blair County
2. Helen Lafferty – Blair County
3. Emma Baughman – Blair County
- 1.

**Subordinate-Tissue Box-Most Creative-Yarn**

1. Georgette Mummert – Huntingdon County

**Subordinate-Tissue Box Covers-Most Creative-Yarn**

1. Linda Warren – Chester County
2. Janice Bowser – Huntingdon County

**Fabric-Most Creative**

1. Virginia Yeckley – Blair County

**JR-Tissue Box-Most Creative -Fabric**

1. Heidi Eisenhower – Berks County

**JR-Tissue Box-Most Creative –Yarn**

1. William McGregor-Lawrence County

**JR-Tissue Box-Holiday**

1. Chase Koscinsko – Lawrence County

**BEST OF SHOW****JR-Tissue Box**

William McGregor – Lawrence County

**Subordinate****Frames**

Deborah Kolpak – Chester County

**Container Pots**

Deborah Kolpak – Chester County

**Wreaths**

Deborah Kolpak – Chester County

**Art**

Ashley Kolpak-Chester County

**Photo**

Ashley Mohn-Berks County

### **My Favorite Anything Winners**

#### **Miscellaneous**

1. Matt Irons, Warren County  
Cindy Keith, Huntingdon County
2. Kathy Parks, Susquehanna County  
Ada Skiles, Beaver County
3. Jane Reppert, Berks County  
Janet Fishovitz, Beaver County
4. Lindsay Schroeder, Berks County  
Helen Oakley, Susquehanna County  
Gladys Kieffer, Berks County

#### **Juniors**

1. Tabitha Samsel, Berks County
2. Ruby Reyburn, Chester County

#### **Plastic**

1. Cindy Keith, Huntingdon County

#### **Yarn/Material**

1. Nettie Kauffman, Berks County  
Shirley Swires, Blair County
2. Sandy Brown, Juniata County  
Deinise Kostelansky, Armstrong County

#### **Juniors**

1. Kay Reyburn, Chester County

#### **Wood**

1. Kenneth Snyder, Berks County
2. Bill Yeckley, Blair County
3. Sharon Heck, Berks County

## **REPORT OF THE 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 on the Pomona Executive Committee, Hamburg Master, and Kutztown Overseer. I attend a lot of Grange meetings and participate in a lot of activities, from serving banquets, pot pie dinners, Kutztown Folk Festival, Kutztown Fair, and attending social events.

I want to thank the delegate body at the 2016 State Session for electing me as your State Steward. I am serving my first year of my second term. It has been a wonderful experience, and I encourage anyone else to consider a state office.

Wayne Campbell, the PA State President, has kept me on as the Chief Advocate for the eastern half of Pennsylvania.

I started this Grange year by attending the 150<sup>th</sup> session and participating in the 6<sup>th</sup> degree of National Grange in Virginia in November 2016, and playing the chimes for the program for the Schnecksville Grange's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in December 2016. I started 2017 by attending the planning and budget meeting in January. This gave me an opportunity to offer suggestions to move this organization in a positive direction. I attended Russellville Grange's Italian night in February. I spent 1 day at the State Grange Office in June to contact the current advocates. I visited the Middletown Grange Fair in August, and visited Plumsteadville and Middletown Granges. Helped with clean up at Trexlertown Grange's hot roast beef sandwich dinner in September. Also, I visited the Lehigh/Northampton Pomona picnic in June and their September Pomona meeting, where I dressed up as a hobo for their program. I attended the State Leadership/membership training in September at the Kutztown Grange.

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 Scranton, PA.

One final note, if you would like me to visit any of your Grange functions, please contact me at 610-562-5933, so that we can schedule a visitation.

Fraternally Yours,  
Michael Adams

### **REPORT OF CHAPLAIN**

The year has gone by so swiftly and yet not so fast that there wasn't time for meaningful Grange experiences.

My nomination and election at last year's State Grange Session was anything but routine. We were waiting for an ambulance ride to the Carlisle Hospital as Jodie was giving my two-minute nomination speech. Thankfully, we were indeed blessed because the most damage from our "rear-ender" accident was to our car and our physical repercussions have been remedied with therapy.

I was duly elected and am proud to have been chosen to serve as the State Chaplain. I enjoy the comradery with the fellow officers as well as the many brothers and sisters who welcomed me into this office for the next two years.

I did not get installed until January since we had to leave Saturday evening due to follow up for our accident and the installation was held on Sunday. However, I was installed at the Planning Meeting in January and so I am now officially the Pennsylvania State Grange Chaplain.

I attended the Mid-Atlantic Lecturer's Convention in Altoona in April and met Lecturers from the various states and gathered ideas for our local Lecturers. I was asked to share devotions on Sunday morning before everyone departed for their homes and was happy to do so.

I attended Family Festival and, as our Worthy Master asked, I prayed before every meal except the one that I missed while I was at the Emergency Department with our grandson. Of course, I was praying while I was there and he returned to the Festival to enjoy the rest of the weekend.

I was happy to welcome two of my fellow parishioners who helped with our Sunday morning Worship Service at the Family Festival. Glenn Albert delivered an inspiring and educational message and Patsy Nelson contributed lovely gathering music as well as accompaniment for our group songs. There was a favorable attendance and the offering of \$226 was divided between Gail Switzer's "Autism Dog" project and the Good Samaritan Fund at Glenn and Patsy's church, St. Paul's United Methodist Church in lieu of payment to them.

Although it means thinking ahead into the future sometimes, I am enjoying writing the Chaplain's Report for the Grange News. It is particularly heartwarming to hear from my fellow Grangers over the State when I happen to touch on a subject near and dear to them.

As I write this report, I am in the planning stages of the Worship Service to be held at this year's Annual Session to be held at Scranton, PA.

Sincerely and Fraternaly Submitted  
Judy Pressler  
Pennsylvania State Chaplain

## **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 145th Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

Today, we are reviewing financial information for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. My records, as well as the records of the Department Heads and State Office were forwarded to the accounting firm of Hamilton & Musser, P.C. in Mechanicsburg. The audit is being performed under the direction of Sharon Miller. However, while we normally have the completed report for inclusion in your delegate packets, some of the transactions were not properly categorized. Therefore, the firm did not want to provide an incomplete report.

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

Jennifer Stewart, Office Manager, worked under the guidance or our Worthy Masters, to manage the day to day financial requirements of the State Office.

### **SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:**

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, three (3) 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 three (3) loans of \$1500 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, 2017, there were thirty-one (31) students involved in the program. One (1) student was new to the program and three (3) students completed the

repayment of their loan during the year. Two (2) 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 Office and can be downloaded from the PA State Grange website, [www.pagrang.org](http://www.pagrang.org). This is one of our benefits that continues to be promoted to help add and retain younger members.

### **SUBORDINATE GRANGE/POMONA GRANGE TRUSTS:**

These are funds received by Subordinate and Pomona Granges from the sale of Grange real estate. The National Grange Digest requires that these funds are to be held in trust and invested by the State Grange with no less than 90% of the interest being returned to the Subordinate or Pomona Grange every six (6) months, as long as the Subordinate or Pomona Grange remains active. The PA State Grange returns 97%. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, there were 97 Granges with invested funds. Twenty-Nine (29) of those Granges are closed and one (1) had their assets transferred to the State Grange after having been closed for seven (7) years. One (1) active and One (1) closed Grange added funds to the trust for the first time. Three (3) 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, 2017. 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, 2017, there have been a total of 1,594 members who have become lifetime members since the program's inception in 1984. We gained 5 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 look for ways to improve the return on investment for all assets of the PA State Grange, the Active & Closed Grange Trust Funds and the Grant and Scholarship Funds. I will continue to work to keep the best interest of the Grange and its membership in mind when considering future investment options.

Fraternally submitted,  
Henry L. Seidel, Treasurer



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October 4, 2017

Pennsylvania State Grange  
20 Erford Road, Suite 216  
Lemoyne, PA 17043

Dear Members,

Hamilton & Musser, P.C. has been engaged for the past several years to perform a review of the Pennsylvania State Grange's annual financial statements. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the Grange in this way again for the year ended June 30, 2017.

The June 30, 2017 review is in process; however, it remains incomplete at this time. The health issues of your office staff and other unforeseen issues have caused the delay in completing the review. This delay should not be alarming to the membership, and we are diligently working with the staff to complete the June 30, 2017 review as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

James A. Krimmel, MBA, CPA, CFE, CFF  
Shareholder

	2016-2017	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	
	Budget	Actual	Revised Budget 12/9/2016	Proposed Budget	
<b>1 ***REVENUE</b>					
<b>2</b>					
<b>3 MEMBERSHIP &amp; DUES</b>					
<b>4</b> Subordinate Dues	186,000	120,863	299,200	277,024	
<b>5</b> Initiation Fees	1,000	1,493	1,000	1,500	Qtr report info: Sub dues (844), Lifetime, Golden Seal, E-memb, Error Factor, Youth
<b>6</b> Junior Dues	250	108	250	250	Includes individual (\$5) and family (\$10)
<b>7</b> Associate Dues	1,700	847	1,500	900	\$1 - year per Junior
<b>8</b> National Grange Assessment			2,200	6,785	\$11 per Associate Member
<b>9 TOTAL DUES &amp; FEES</b>	<b>188,950</b>	<b>123,311</b>	<b>304,150</b>	<b>286,459</b>	\$1 per member from Subordinate
<b>10</b>					
<b>11 SALES OF MERCHANDISE</b>					
<b>12</b> Cookbooks	25,000	13,414	25,000	14,000	Sales Total for 2010, 1985, 1972, 1050
<b>13</b> Resale/Promotional Items	150	30	200	100	Other sale items (coasters, plates are only items still on books)
<b>14 TOTAL SALES AND TAX</b>	<b>25,150</b>	<b>13,444</b>	<b>25,200</b>	<b>14,100</b>	
<b>15</b>					
<b>16 OTHER INCOME</b>					
<b>17</b> Property Fund Interest	8,800	2,239	8,800	8,956	Interest received from the investment representing the sale of the former Headquarters
<b>18</b> Interest/Dividends	1,700	2,923	17,400	19,987	Account Interest, Capital One account, Fulton Checking, Active and Closed Grange interest and Adams. Fees
<b>19</b> Grange Property	86,200	15,270	0	80,137	90% of money rec. when a closed Grange's assets are transferred to State after 7 yrs
<b>20</b> Restricted Membership Fund	9,500	9,635	0	8,904	10% of money rec. from Closed Grange
<b>21</b> Lifetime Interest	15,625	7,874	15,750	15,567	Interest received from the Lifetime membership account
<b>22</b> Membership Seals	500	400	500	400	The State Grange buys seals in bulk and sells to Granges since National Grange is now charged shipping. Rather than showing as inventory, we just treat it as expense and income.
<b>23</b> Washington Trip	1,000	120	1,000	1,000	Income from people attending the Washington Fly-in
<b>24</b> Bus Tours	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	Income from any other bus trip scheduled (not Fly-in)
<b>25</b> State Session Registration	3,700	0	2,500	3,000	State Grange portion of registration fees from Session (1/2 of registration fee)
<b>26</b>					Revenue for all reservations that are reserved by the State Secretary except Natl Delegates, PR, Off. Sec, Asst. Sec, Legislative, Pianist, etc.
<b>27</b> Sixth Degree Fees	260	100	200	100	Application fee for the Sixth Degree at Session
<b>28</b> Legislative Day	1,000	0	1,000	500	Income for Grange Day
<b>29</b> Grange Family Festival	9,000	8,964	8,000	8,000	Income for Family Festival including any Donations from Sponsors
<b>30</b> PA Grange News Ads	2,000	0	38,000	12,000	Ads sold for PA Grange News - 6 issues
<b>31</b> Vision Insurance Service Fee	500	698	500	5,000	Vision Insurance Program (includes \$6 service fee)
<b>32</b> Legislative		0	5,000	0	Grant monies received
<b>33</b> Grange Donation/Disaster		0	1,000	1,000	This is a pass through account

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	2016-2017	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	
	Budget	Actual	Revised Budget	Proposed Budget	
34 Local Grange Fund		0	5,000	5,000	General Expense recouped from Local Granges for copies, postage etc. from assisting when they lack funds and to pay expenses for closed Granges.
35 Misc/Contributions/Commissions	2,000	4,941	2,000	2,000	Donations/commission & Misc (sometimes pass through)
36 TOTAL OTHER INCOME	142,785	53,164	107,650	179,031	
37					
38 Copier Income	4,000	3,588	4,000	3,600	Offset to Department Expenses for Copier use
39					
40 TOTAL INCOME	360,885	193,507	441,000	483,190	
41					
42					
43 *** EXPENDITURES					
44					
45 Payroll	179,000	147,243	75,700	60,000	Gross Payroll - President, Office Manager, and Custodian --- President - \$44,370 --- Part-time Secretary-\$15,000
46 Taxes, benefits	33,500	32,213	19,686	12,000	Employer tax, Health Ins. Suspend, life ins payment,
47 TOTAL EMPLOYEE	212,500	179,456	95,386	72,000	
48					
49 GRANGE HEADQUARTERS					
50 Insurance	7,500	7,069	8,500	8,500	All Insurances other than health and life
51 Spring Water & Soda	325	331	350	200	Includes all beverages, condiments
52 Repairs and Other	500	580	500	500	Repairs to office space
53 Rent Expense	34,500	35,231	34,000	35,000	to Lilo Properties. Lease expires July 31 of 2019
54 TOTAL HEADQUARTERS	42,825	43,211	43,350	44,200	
55					
56 STATE SESSION					
57 Rooms/Food for Officers/Comm., etc.	12,000	18,626	13,000	23,400	Cost of rooms less Officer/comm. member req. cont.; Legislative, PR, Off. Sec.; Asst. Off. Sec.
58 Pre-session Meetings	700	607	700	650	Committee discussion of resolutions as required
59 Session-Labor	300	0	300	300	Pay for Office Help at Session
60 Reports/Printing	1,200	651	1,500	1,000	Printing cost
61 Sixth Degree Expenses	100	0	100	1,500	Any expenses affiliated with Sixth Degree - Purchasing new curtains - one time expense
62 Journal of Proceedings	150	0	100	150	Printing Cost
63 Flowers/Awards	200	0	250	250	As needed
64 Hosting Nat'l Rep.	700	25	500	500	Travel Expenses
65 Misc.	800	2,643	1,000	1,000	All other expenses
66 TOTAL STATE SESSION	16,150	22,552	17,450	28,750	



	2016-2017	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
	Budget	Actual	Revised Budget	Proposed Budget
<b>67</b>				
<b>68 PROMOTIONS</b>				
69 Farm Show	3,000	3,297	4,000	4,000
70 Ag Progress Days	3,000	1,573	3,000	3,000
71 Grange Week	1,000	3	1,000	500
72 Grange Family Festival	9,000	7,221	8,000	8,000
73 Miscellaneous Promotions	500	0	250	250
<b>74 TOTAL PROMOTIONS</b>	<b>16,500</b>	<b>12,094</b>	<b>16,250</b>	<b>15,750</b>
<b>75</b>				
<b>76 DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES</b>				
77 Community Service	800	389	1,200	1,200
78 Junior Grange	1,400	1,112	1,200	1,200
79 Youth/Young Adults	1,400	803	1,200	1,200
80 Family Activities	1,400	1,408	1,200	1,200
81 Lecturer	2,500	1,864	2,000	1,200
82 Historical Committee	100	0	500	500
83 Executive Committee	6,500	4,802	6,500	5,000
84 Other State Officers	1,500	672	750	750
85 Membership Seals	500	0	500	400
86 Program Books/Legislative Handbook	0	0	500	0
87 Special Committee	100	4	100	100
88 Heritage Quilt Trail	2,000	270	750	750
<b>89 TOTAL DEPART. &amp; COMM.</b>	<b>18,200</b>	<b>11,324</b>	<b>16,400</b>	<b>13,500</b>
<b>90</b>				
<b>91 HONORARIUMS</b>				
92 Community Service		1,000	1,000	1,000
93 Family Activities		1,000	1,000	1,000
94 Lecturer		1,000	1,000	1,000
95 Jr. Director		1,500	1,500	1,500
96 Youth Director		1,500	1,500	1,500
97 Treasurer		3,600	3,600	3,600
98 Secretary		2,000	2,000	2,250
<b>99 TOTAL HONORARIUMS</b>		<b>11,600</b>	<b>11,600</b>	<b>11,850</b>
<b>100 OFFICE EXPENSES</b>				

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		2016-2017	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
		Budget	Actual	Revised Budget	Proposed Budget
101	Dues, Subs, Memberships	550	256	300	300
102	Quarterly Reports	800	399	800	500
103	Directory	125	0	0	125
104	Postage	500	279	200	300
105	Office Supplies	5,000	2,607	3,600	3,000
106	Maintenance Agreements/Rentals	2,400	2,678	2,400	2,800
107	Equipment Repairs	250	109	250	100
108	Telephone	4,800	4,673	3,600	3,600
109	Cell Phone	840	263	420	400
110	Website	500	156	500	250
111	Computer Support	3,800	4,010	3,500	4,000
112	Computer updates	1,500	1,894	2,500	2,500
113	Bank Fees	200	496	100	500
114	Copier lease	4,300	4,729	4,000	4,800
115	<b>TOTAL OFFICE EXP</b>	<b>25,565</b>	<b>22,549</b>	<b>22,170</b>	<b>23,175</b>
116					
117	PA GRANGE NEWS				
118	Printing/Mailing List Expense	16,000	47,489	8,000	24,000
119	Postage	12,500	4,696	6,000	5,000
120	<b>TOTAL PGN</b>	<b>28,500</b>	<b>52,185</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>29,000</b>
121					
122	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>				
123	Advocates (Deputies)	3,600	27	1,000	1,000
124	President General Expenses	9,500	10,467	9,000	9,000
125	President Housing	9,000	7,764	7,200	7,200
126	Membership General	4,000	2,686	5,000	4,000
127	Membership Restricted	9,500	9,472	0	8,904
128	Public Relations Department	4,000	1,015	2,000	2,000
129	Legislative Department	4,000	14,199	2,000	3,000
130	Local Grange Expense				
130	Local Grange Fund	4,000	9,526	5,000	5,000
131	Vision Plan Expense	100	4,191	100	4,200
132	<b>TOTAL ADMIN</b>	<b>47,700</b>	<b>59,347</b>	<b>31,300</b>	<b>44,304</b>
133					



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	2016-2017	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
	Budget	Actual	Revised Budget	Proposed Budget
<b>134 CONTRACT SERVICES</b>				
135 Payroll Services	2,000	2,096	2,000	2,200
136 Legal Counsel	7,000	2,583	7,000	5,000
137 Legislative Director	0	0	24,000	24,000
138 PCGN Publisher		0	24,000	20,000
139 Membership PR Director		0	24,000	25,000
140 Accounting/Audit	10,000	10,165	9,500	10,000
<b>141 TOTAL CONTRACTS</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>14,844</b>	<b>90,500</b>	<b>86,200</b>
142				
<b>143 COOKBOOKS</b>				
144 Printing/Purchase	12,500	3,823	12,500	5,000
145 Postage/Supplies	2,800	1,341	2,500	1,500
146 Sales Tax	2,000	1,033	2,000	1,200
<b>147 TOTAL COOKBOOK</b>	<b>17,300</b>	<b>6,197</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>7,700</b>
148				
<b>149 RESALABLE/PROMOTIONAL ITEMS</b>				
150 Cost basis	100	0	100	100
151 Postage/Supplies	50	36	50	50
<b>152 TOTAL RESALE EXP.</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>
153				
<b>154 MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES</b>				
Assessment Expense	1,000	2,547	1,000	1,000
155		0		6,785
156 Grange Assessment Expense	500	0	6,800	0
157 National Dues Expense	1,000	0	95,200	90,468
<b>158 TOTAL MISC</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,547</b>	<b>103,000</b>	<b>98,253</b>
159				

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	2016-2017	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	
	Budget	Actual	Revised Budget	Proposed Budget	
<b>160</b> CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS					
<b>161</b> Advocates	0	0	500	500	Expense related to a Advocate Conferences
<b>162</b> Regional Leadership Meetings	2000	302	1,000	1,000	Expense related to regional training meeting held by President/Membership Dir
<b>163</b> Departmental Planning Meetings	3,000	3,036	1,000	1,000	Expenses incurred with Committee Planning Meetings
<b>164</b> National Grange Conference	1,000	426	1,500	1,000	Exp vouchers (less unused & returned \$) for delegates. Others out Cont.
<b>165</b> Tours	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	Winner Luab See Line 24
<b>166</b> Washington Bus Tour	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	Expenses affiliated with the Wash Fly-in, pass through line 23
<b>167</b> TOTAL CONF/WORK	8,000	3,764	6,000	5,500	
<b>168</b>					
<b>169</b> DONATIONS/DISASTERS	1,500	890	1,000	1,000	Money that we donate to others/Sponsorships
<b>170</b>					
<b>171</b> TOTAL EXPENSES	456,390	430,996	485,556	481,332	Total Expenses
<b>172</b>					
<b>173</b> NET REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ (95,505)	\$ (237,489)	\$ (44,556)	\$ 1,858	Amount left over after Expenses are deducted from Revenue (income). Can be negative, but this means there is not enough money to cover expenses and we will be accessing savings to cover the difference.
State Grange Checking Account Current Balance as of 09-14-2017				\$ 22,366.49	
State Grange Savings Account Current Balance as of 08-31-2017				\$ 176,021.49	
State Grange Trust Fund				\$ 150,000.00	
Line 18 and 19 - * \$95,779.00 was received in 2017 - 2018 instead of 2016 - 2017					

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE  
SCHEDULES OF GRANGE FUNDS  
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

	June 30, 2016			June 30, 2017		
	Balance	Interest Earned	Interest Paid	Interest State Grange	Additions/Withdrawals	Ending Balance
<b>ACTIVE GRANGES</b>						
Atlantic - #344	\$11,755.00	\$375.44	\$364.18	\$11.26	\$0.00	\$11,755.00
Baileysville - #1991	36,742.34	\$1,173.52	\$1,138.32	\$35.20	0.00	\$36,742.34
Bianco - #2099 (Marshall #539)	15,396.82	\$491.76	\$477.02	\$14.74	0.00	\$15,396.82
Boot Jack - #1680	23,890.00	\$763.02	\$740.14	\$22.88	0.00	\$23,890.00
Bottle Run - #1301 (Lycova #2006)	18,510.00	\$591.19	\$573.47	\$17.72	0.00	\$18,510.00
Brandywine - #60	87,102.91	\$2,781.99	\$2,690.54	\$83.45	0.00	\$87,102.91
Clearfield Pomona - #33	19,885.00	\$635.11	\$616.07	\$19.04	0.00	\$19,885.00
Cochranon - #2030	42,190.00	\$1,347.51	\$1,307.09	\$40.42	0.00	\$42,190.00
Community - #2048	18,290.00	\$584.17	\$566.65	\$17.52	0.00	\$18,290.00
Dawson - #419	75,627.38	\$2,789.18	\$2,705.52	\$83.66	20,238.47	\$95,865.85
Dawson - #419 (Morning Star - #1271)	12,933.00	\$413.07	\$400.69	\$12.38	0.00	\$12,933.00
East Lynn - #1263	264,611.66	\$8,451.45	\$8,197.92	\$253.53	0.00	\$264,611.66
East New Castle - #1536	27,068.72	\$864.55	\$838.63	\$25.92	0.00	\$27,068.72
Edinboro - #947	52,813.45	\$1,686.81	\$1,636.22	\$50.59	0.00	\$52,813.45
Elk Creek - #997	34,000.00	\$1,085.93	\$1,053.36	\$32.57	0.00	\$34,000.00
Friendship - #1232	13,795.00	\$440.60	\$427.39	\$13.21	0.00	\$13,795.00
Fulton - #66	78,879.98	\$2,519.35	\$2,443.78	\$75.57	0.00	\$78,879.98
Gibson - #798 (Harford #418)	17,600.00	\$562.13	\$545.28	\$16.85	0.00	\$17,600.00
Goshen - #121	28,960.00	\$901.29	\$874.25	\$27.04	(3,000.00)	\$25,960.00
Hartslog Valley - #375	39,600.00	\$1,264.79	\$1,226.86	\$37.93	0.00	\$39,600.00
Hayfield - #800 (Cambridge #168)	11,950.00	\$521.30	\$505.67	\$15.63	(1,659.87)	\$10,290.13
Hayfield - #800 (W. Center #1034)	4,644.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$4,644.87
Hillcrest - #1674 (1/2 of Valley #876)	5,926.15	\$189.27	\$183.60	\$5.67	0.00	\$5,926.15
Honeybrook - #1688	66,811.92	\$2,133.91	\$2,069.90	\$64.01	0.00	\$66,811.92
Kennett - #19	58,210.00	\$1,894.03	\$1,837.21	\$56.82	0.00	\$58,210.00
Kimberton - #1304	117,662.56	\$3,758.03	\$3,645.30	\$112.73	0.00	\$117,662.56
Little Gap - #1882	19,700.00	\$629.20	\$610.33	\$18.87	0.00	\$19,700.00
London - #1492	57,540.75	\$1,837.80	\$1,782.68	\$55.12	0.00	\$57,540.75
London Grove - #63	45,470.00	\$1,452.27	\$1,408.71	\$43.56	0.00	\$45,470.00
Long Branch Comm. - #2072 (Deemstown #1372)	28,085.00	\$897.01	\$870.11	\$26.90	(2,815.00)	\$25,270.00
Long Branch Comm. - #2072 (Fallowfield - #1382)	20,425.00	\$652.35	\$632.79	\$19.56	0.00	\$20,425.00
Marioning Valley - #1649 (Wilmington #1477)	60,727.87	\$1,912.07	\$1,854.72	\$57.35	(1,300.00)	\$59,427.87
Marshallton - #1394	41,310.00	\$1,319.40	\$1,279.83	\$39.57	0.00	\$41,310.00
Menallen - #1091	79,425.00	\$2,536.76	\$2,460.67	\$76.09	0.00	\$79,425.00
Mountain - #1307	20,197.42	\$645.08	\$625.74	\$19.34	0.00	\$20,197.42
Mt. Nebo - #1872	289,253.00	\$9,238.46	\$8,961.31	\$277.15	(28,923.00)	\$260,330.00
New Vernon - #608 (Millbrook #1601)	720.00	\$23.00	\$22.32	\$0.68	0.00	\$720.00
North Woodbury - #1923	24,270.00	\$775.16	\$751.91	\$23.25	0.00	\$24,270.00
Northumberland - #218	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	54,740.30	\$54,740.30
Ontelaunee - #1617 (Centerport #1600)	19,275.00	\$615.62	\$597.17	\$18.45	0.00	\$19,275.00
Penn - #534	22,119.06	\$770.34	\$747.24	\$23.10	0.00	\$22,119.06

ACTIVE GRANGES	June 30, 2016		Interest		Interest		Interest Paid		Additions/		June 30, 2017	
	Balance		Earned	Paid Grange	State Grange	Withdrawals	Ending Balance					
Penn - #534 (Greenwood #706)	2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$2,000.00					
Perry Valley - #1804	162,099.00	\$5,177.29	\$5,021.98	\$155.31	\$147,099.00	(15,000.00)	\$147,099.00					
Pleasant Hill - #1505	40,383.50	\$1,289.81	\$1,251.13	\$38.68	\$40,383.50	0.00	\$40,383.50					
Pleasant Valley - #1643	38,717.53	\$1,236.60	\$1,199.52	\$37.08	\$38,717.53	0.00	\$38,717.53					
Red Lion - #1781	321,004.63	\$10,252.59	\$9,945.02	\$307.57	\$321,004.63	0.00	\$321,004.63					
Richland - # 1413 (Sandy Creek - #2021)	22,408.73	\$715.72	\$694.26	\$21.46	\$22,408.73	0.00	\$22,408.73					
Ridgeview - #1948	33,082.50	\$1,056.62	\$1,024.93	\$31.69	\$33,082.50	0.00	\$33,082.50					
Rostraver - #919	59,915.00	\$1,913.63	\$1,856.23	\$57.40	\$59,915.00	0.00	\$59,915.00					
Rural Valley - #1750	5,145.00	\$164.32	\$159.40	\$4.92	\$5,145.00	0.00	\$5,145.00					
Russellville - #91 (Fernwood #1329)	3,000.00	\$95.81	\$92.95	\$2.86	\$3,000.00	0.00	\$3,000.00					
Sanatoga - #25 (N. Coventry - #2011)	28,000.00	\$1,006.08	\$975.91	\$30.17	\$28,000.00	0.00	\$28,000.00					
Sanatoga - #25 (Valley - #1880)	3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	0.00	\$3,500.00					
Shavers Creek - #353 (Donation #330)	5,500.00	\$178.89	\$173.53	\$5.36	\$5,500.00	0.00	\$5,500.00					
Shenango Township - #2057	74,126.55	\$2,367.53	\$2,296.51	\$71.02	\$74,126.55	0.00	\$74,126.55					
Sinking Valley - #484	15,552.00	\$463.88	\$449.97	\$13.91	\$14,000.00	(1,552.00)	\$14,000.00					
South Buffalo - #1908	19,624.36	\$637.55	\$618.43	\$19.12	\$19,624.36	0.00	\$19,624.36					
Spring Church - #1803	6,300.00	\$201.22	\$195.19	\$6.03	\$6,300.00	0.00	\$6,300.00					
Star - #993	99,822.80	\$3,227.33	\$3,130.52	\$96.81	\$99,822.80	0.00	\$99,822.80					
Stony Point Grange - #1694	36,427.66	\$1,115.01	\$1,081.56	\$33.45	\$29,527.66	(6,900.00)	\$29,527.66					
Union City - #89 (Corry #55)	13,739.41	\$438.82	\$425.66	\$13.16	\$13,739.41	0.00	\$13,739.41					
Unionville - #1971 (S. Rock # 1441)	7,055.00	\$225.33	\$218.58	\$6.75	\$7,055.00	0.00	\$7,055.00					
Vernon - #936	26,018.93	\$831.02	\$806.10	\$24.92	\$26,018.93	0.00	\$26,018.93					
Walker - #2007	31,535.02	\$1,007.20	\$976.99	\$30.21	\$31,535.02	0.00	\$31,535.02					
Washington - #1949 (Battlefield #2063)	18,990.00	\$606.52	\$583.33	\$18.19	\$18,990.00	0.00	\$18,990.00					
Watson - #1068	819.82	\$26.18	\$25.41	\$0.77	\$819.82	0.00	\$819.82					
Wesley - #1675 (Sugar Creek #1131)	2,920.62	\$93.28	\$90.49	\$2.79	\$2,920.62	0.00	\$2,920.62					
West Branch - #136 (C. J. Brady #1355)	2,000.00	\$63.88	\$61.97	\$1.91	\$2,000.00	0.00	\$2,000.00					
West Valley - #1760	9,693.93	\$309.62	\$300.34	\$9.28	\$9,693.93	0.00	\$9,693.93					
Westfield - #1514 (N. Beaver #1646)	17,500.00	\$545.13	\$528.78	\$16.35	\$15,750.00	(1,750.00)	\$15,750.00					
White Deer - #122	22,515.38	\$719.12	\$697.55	\$21.57	\$22,515.38	0.00	\$22,515.38					
Wills - #1690 (Jenner #1661)	24,003.56	\$955.92	\$927.25	\$28.67	\$24,003.56	0.00	\$24,003.56					
Wills - #1690 (1/2 of Valley #878)	5,926.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,926.16	0.00	\$5,926.16					
York Run - #1699	38,352.63	\$1,224.95	\$1,188.21	\$36.74	\$38,352.63	0.00	\$38,352.63					
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE GRANGES</b>	<b>3,111,054.58</b>	<b>99,670.77</b>	<b>96,681.29</b>	<b>2,989.48</b>	<b>3,123,133.48</b>	<b>12,078.90</b>	<b>3,123,133.48</b>					
PA State Grange Assets in Trust Fund	150,000.00	\$4,386.67		\$4,386.67		0.00	\$150,000.00					
<b>Grand Total for Trust Fund</b>	<b>3,261,054.58</b>	<b>104,057.44</b>	<b># 96,681.29</b>	<b>7,376.15</b>	<b>3,273,133.48</b>	<b>12,078.90</b>	<b>3,273,133.48</b>					

Notes: (1) - Northumberland is new to the Active list.

(2) - Buffalo Valley # 320, Eureka #816 & Valley # 1420 were moved from the Active list to the Closed list.

(3) - Stony Point # 1694 balances were under-reported last fiscal year as they gained the assets of Jackson # 1306

(4) - Interest earned by individual Granges was based upon their percentage within the fund and the length of time in the fund for all assets.

(5) - Perry Valley's balance was updated as last year's \$15,000 withdrawal was incorrectly reported as \$1,500



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CLOSED GRANGES	Date Closed	June 30, 2016			Interest Paid State Grange	Additions/ Withdrawals	June 30, 2017		
		Balance	Interest Earned	Interest Paid Grange			Ending Balance	Interest Earned	Interest Paid State Grange
Bedford - #619		70,500.00						\$65,090.21	
Brady - #1218	October 2011	26,326.66						\$26,326.66	
Buffalo Valley # 520	December 2016	29,657.00	947.21	918.80	28.41	5,811.12		\$35,468.12	
Charleston Valley - #54	December 2011	19,319.25	617.04		617.04			\$19,319.25	
Community - #1994	March 2012	13,800.00	440.76		440.76			\$13,800.00	
Cross Creek Village - #1751	August 2012	35,000.00	1,117.87		1,117.87			\$35,000.00	
Donegal - #1927	May 2012	29,595.15						\$29,595.15	
East Branch - #1262	March 2010	12,945.97						\$12,945.97	
Economy - #2013	December 2009	41,443.80						\$41,443.80	
Eureka - #816	November 2016	34,843.44	\$1,112.86	\$546.44	\$566.42	0.00		\$34,843.44	
Fort Granville - #1902	August 2014	1,191.00	38.04		38.04			\$1,191.00	
Green Grove - # 1955	August 2014	34,043.30				(5,006.76)		\$29,036.54	
Henderson - #1315	August 2014	2,790.00	89.11		89.11			\$2,790.00	
Lawrence - #533	May 2014	0.00						\$3,918.39	
Lightstreet - #31	July 2012	74,421.91						\$74,421.91	
Mahoning - #1732	March 2014	70.11						70.11	
Miller's Run - #2020	December 2012	45,543.87						\$45,543.87	
Mountain - #567	July 2015	638.60						\$638.60	
Nittany - #334	June 2006	491.06				(491.06)		\$0.00	
Pine Run - #250	January 2015	7,090.00	226.45		226.45			\$7,090.00	
Plainfield - #1727	July 2014	36,878.00	1,177.85		1,177.85			\$36,878.00	
Plum Creek Valley - #1702	April 2014	1,354.58						\$1,354.58	
Shannondale - #1865	August 2015	20,370.00	650.59		650.59			\$20,370.00	
Tamarack - #1388	August 2013	14,215.31	454.03		454.03			\$14,215.31	
Valley - #52	August 2013	29,471.50						\$29,471.50	
Valley - #1104	May 2016	57,490.16	1,836.18		1,836.18			\$57,490.16	
Valley - #1420	May 2016	11,284.66	\$360.43	\$176.98	\$183.45			\$11,284.66	
Weishample - #1898	March 2012	4,309.93						\$4,309.93	
Wilmington - #512	December 2009	41,389.25						\$41,389.25	
<b>TOTAL CLOSED GRANGES</b>		<b>696,474.51</b>	<b>9,068.42</b>	<b>1,642.22</b>	<b>7,426.20</b>	<b>(1,178.10)</b>		<b>695,296.41</b>	

Notes: (1) - The balance of Nittany Grange # 334 was transitioned during the fiscal year, and East Branch, Economy and Wilmont were forwarded to the PA State Grange during July 2017, after having been closed 7 years.

(2) - Lawrence is new to the list.

(3) - Buffalo Valley, A26Eureka and Valley # 1420 were transitioned from the Active list to the Closed list.

(4) - A lack of detailed interest simply means that those funds were comingled and interest was not detailed by each Grange asset.

## REPORT OF SECRETARY

Worthy State Master, Stephanie Tiller, National Grange Convention/Operations Director, State Officers, Delegates, and Members of the Pennsylvania State Grange, I bring you greetings and wishes for a very successful and enjoyable 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange 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	10	45 years	17
10 years	18	50 years	27
15 years	11	55 years	30
20 years	12	60 years	33
25 years	44	65 years	27
30 years	16	70 years	23
35 years	17	75 years	4
40 years	13	80 years	3
		85 years	1

The total number of certificates recognized this year were 306, which is a decrease of 74 from last year. I would really like to encourage you to recognize your members for their years in membership. I would like to give a special recognition to the 75 and 80 year members recognized this year. They are:

75 years — Catherine Holcombe, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County  
— Leta Farhnam, Union Grange #152, Susquehanna County  
— Norman Folchman, Brandywine Grange #60, Chester County  
— Leanne Schafer, North Strabane Grange, Washington County

80 years — Donald W. Fox, Westfield Grange #1514, Lawrence County  
— Homer Otterman, South Buffalo Grange #1908, Armstrong County  
— Dorothy S. Zug, Goshen Grange #121, Chester County

85 years — Ruth Otterman, South Buffalo Grange #1908, Armstrong County

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all 75, 80 and 85 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 as well as to encourage other Secretaries to do the same.

I am also responsible for processing Lifetime Membership Applications. During this Fiscal year we have issued 5 new Lifetime Memberships, with a total of 1,594 Lifetime Members.

Visitations by the PA State Grange Secretary:

**JANUARY**— PA Farm Show—January 5, 2017— my husband Wayne, and I assisted in setting up the exhibit stand at the PA Farm Show. Wayne and I also worked in the stand during the Farm Show.

**APRIL**— Scrubgrass Grange Open House; Cumberland Valley Community Grange Night; Fleetwood Grange Open House

**MAY**—Virginville Grange for 50's Open House, "Sock Hop"; California Grange for a Chicken BBQ Benefit Dinner; Seventh Degree Club of Huntingdon County 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Luncheon; Judge for the Huntingdon County Dairy Princess Contest

**JUNE**—Royalty Trip for Youth and Junior Royalty where Wayne and I were privileged to share in their day as they traveled to the Governor's Mansion and to the State Capitol. Centre County Pomona Grange Picnic; Eastern Regional Youth Conference in Delaware.

Wayne and I attended Youth Camp with Master Chef Youth Camp Edition theme and we presented a work shop on cheese. We were judges of the Master Chef teams and I was one of the judges for the Youth Ambassadors contest.

**JULY**—Junior Camp has always had a special place in my heart. Wayne and I assisted Dina Zug and Beth Parrish in the kitchen preparing all the meals.

**FAMILY FESTIVAL**—Centre County —Wayne and I, along with our daughter Jennifer, and her husband Ken, our Grandchildren and many Granger volunteers, prepared breakfast for Friday, Saturday and Sunday and lunches for Friday and Saturday and Saturday dinner. My family and I have been cooking for Family Festival for 13 years. If you have ever been there, it looks like we everything but the kitchen sink! If you have never been there, consider going. It is a great weekend of fun and fellowship!

**AUGUST**—Perry County Pomona Grange Fair Stand at the Perry County Fair. Wayne and I run the food stand. Centre County Grange Fair was a great experience. We haven't been able to attend the fair for many years. This unique fair is filled with great people and wonderful food.

**SEPTEMBER**—Regional Meetings – Scrubgrass Grange, Venango County and Long Branch Grange in Washington County

Listed below is the list of statistics for the State Grange for the fiscal year 2016-2017—

Number of Subordinate Granges –	<u>203</u>
Number of Subordinate Grange Members –	<u>6,635</u>
Number of Associate Members –	<u>23</u>

Number of Lifetime Members – 938  
 Number of Junior Granges – 15  
 Number of Junior Grange Members – 218

New Subordinate Grange Charters issued – name, number, & county (there were no new Subordinate Grange charters issued this fiscal year.

Subordinate Grange Closed – name, number, & county

<u>Grange Name &amp; Number</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date Closed</u>
Eureka Grange #816	Crawford	11-30-2016
Mahantango Grange #2087	Juniata	12-31-2016
Howard Grange #297	Centre	04-27-2017
Buffalo Valley Grange #520	Union	06-01-2017

Subordinate Grange Consolidations – name, number, & county

<u>Grange Name &amp; Number</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date Closed</u>
Sandy Creek Grange #2021	Venango	11-01-2016
Waterford Grange #423	Erie	01-01-2017
Fallowfield Grange #1382	Fayette	03-31-2017

New Junior Grange Charters issued – name, number, & county (there were no new Junior Grange charters issued this fiscal year.

Due to the Office Secretary, Jennifer Stewart, being out of the office I have been assisting Wayne in various tasks. Before this experience I never realized how much was involved and the President’s responsibilities.

I would like to thank the 2017 Host Committee for inviting the Pennsylvania State Grange to hold the Annual Session in Scranton.

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,

As your state Gatekeeper I have been travelling a lot during late 2016 and through 2017. November 2016 was a very memorable month as my wife Denae and I attended the Russellville Grange annual corn and pie night in Chester County. Denae once again won first place with her double crust apple pie. I was afforded the opportunity to speak about the history of pie to keep with the theme.



We then were at Hamburg Grange in Berks County where Denae spoke about photography. The end of November found us in Washington at the annual National Convention where we conferred the Sixth Degree, Denae was once again a member of the Flora group. This was followed up by the conferral of the Seventh Degree. What a honor it is to reach this level of Grange membership. Seeing numerous Grange friends from across the country made this a very special event.

December found us at holiday gatherings with Plumsteadville Grange in Bucks County and our own Keystone Grange in Montgomery County. We were also directed to Edgewood Grange in Bucks County on official business to obtain their charter and a few other items to take back to the state office.

January had me taking time off work for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service and volunteering my time doing landscaping outside of Keystone Grange hall in conjunction with a local community beautification effort. I joined the Chester County Pomona Grange in their quarterly meeting and then to State College for our annual planning session. It was back to Russellville Grange in February for their Italian night for the best Italian food I ever tasted.

We also had a special event at Keystone Grange where a few of us gathered to see a play at Ursinus College followed by an Italian dinner at a local restaurant. March found us at Chester Valley Grange in Chester County for their hoagie/soup sale and back to Hamburg Grange for one of their chicken pot pie dinners, this was the best chicken pot pie I ever had and I highly recommend you attend one of these fundraisers. It seems like these past two months of Grange events all involved food which is a good thing since this was some of the best food I had all year.

It was back to Chester Valley Grange in April for their vendor day. This is a craft bazaar and featured numerous vendors selling all kinds of wonderful items. Chester Valley Grange sold food items and had a flea market. We attended the quarterly Chester County Pomona meeting. There was a second Italian night at Russellville Grange in May. The Juniors at Russellville do a wonderful job of serving food and cleaning tables. Such an impressive group of kiddos here.

Denae and I drove to Minnesota over Memorial day weekend to visit members of the Minnesota State Grange and received a private tour of the OHK Farm with State master TJ Malaskee. On the way we visited Granges in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin and met numerous Grange members across the Midwest. This was a very inspiring trip. We then attended the Montgomery County Pomona meeting in June.

July had us on the road again travelling to Junior Grange Camp and Family Festival. Denae taught a photography workshop at these two events. Of course there was big news coming out of Family Festival when Denae was selected to serve as Outstanding Young Patron for 2017-2018. Special thank you to Ellen, Philip and Jenn for their support. We will attend the Middletown Grange Fair in August. September will find us at Trappe Community Days where we will have Lizzie Bailey with us to assist in promoting the Grange in our community.

As I write this we are planning to hold the conferral of the first Four Degrees at Keystone Grange in conjunction with Chester County Pomona members, this will be the first time in a long time something like this has been done in Montgomery County. 2017 has also been a special year in Trappe as we are celebrating our 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Keystone Grange has partnered with various other local nonprofit organizations to develop a steering committee where we plan events to

celebrate our special year. I am hoping to see many of you at the annual Keystone Grange Farm City dinner on Friday November 17.

Fraternally,  
Gene Zvarick  
Gatekeeper

### **REPORT OF CERES**

In my fifth 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, PA State Youth Camp, and PA State Junior Camp. I also served along with the other Graces to choose the Santee Student Loan recipients. My husband Robert and I travelled to Virginia for National Session where we gave up our title of National Outstanding Young Patrons. That was a great opportunity that we are so glad to have shared. At Family Festival in July, the Graces provided the vespers each night. I really enjoyed relaxing during the weekend and watching the talent show. Robert and I were honored to serve another year on the PA State Grange Youth Committee and help plan the various events. I look forward to this upcoming State Session in Scranton, PA.

Fraternally,  
Jennifer Beamon  
State Ceres

### **REPORT OF POMONA**

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

Greetings from the eastern part of the Keystone State! This is my first report as State Pomona, having been elected in 2016 at the 144<sup>th</sup> State Session held in Shippensburg. My home county is Lehigh, where I serve as Treasurer of my subordinate Grange, Trexlertown #1755 and also my Pomona, Lehigh-Northampton #68. I also serve as Family Activities Chair for both subordinate and Pomona Granges as well. Local Grange activities keep me very busy throughout the year....serving as Fundraiser Chair for Trexlertown Grange, which includes advertising, planning, cooking/baking for these events. I also help with Pomona fundraisers in the same capacity.

The New Year began with the annual State Grange Planning Meeting held in State College. I have attended many planning meetings over the years, having previously served on the Family Activities Committee for 16 years and I always look forward to this meeting. Much is accomplished at this meeting and this year's meeting was no exception. Excellent workshop presentation by the Jr. Grange and Youth directors, as well as department heads, PA Grange News publisher, Heather Hiller and Vince Phillips, Legislative Chair. We have an awesome group of dedicated Grange officers and department chairs who strive to make our organization great and continue to make us visible in our local communities. Following the State Planning Meeting, I attended and served as a

Credential verifier at the Special Budget meeting held at Logan Grange in Centre County. In February I attended and enjoyed the food and fellowship at the spaghetti dinner at Ontelaunee Grange hosted by the Junior Grangers.

During the Spring, I attended the Tri-County Visitation meeting held at Schnecksville Grange. In May I attended the Open House/Community Night at Virginville Grange, which is always an evening filled with laughter, special recognitions and accomplishments. It's awesome so see a Grange Hall filled with Grangers and visitors. On May 28<sup>th</sup>, I had the opportunity to help prepare and serve the food at the National Grange Communications Director, Amanda Brozana's wedding reception. Summertime means it's Family Festival time! Once again, I enjoyed attending this fun-filled, informative gathering at the Centre County Fairgrounds. Fulfilling one of my duties as your State Pomona, I led Vespers on Friday evening.

Throughout this past year I have also been involved with helping to plan the upcoming 145<sup>th</sup> PA State Grange session being held in Scranton. Our Pomona, Lehigh-Northampton #68, is part of the Northeast Region Hosting Committee. We have met numerous times and have a core group of dedicated Grangers who are working to make this State Session a success. We look forward to seeing many of our PA State Grange members there.

I have enjoyed this year serving as your State Pomona and I am looking forward to serving in this capacity at the 145<sup>th</sup> State Session in Scranton.

Fraternally,  
Joan Heim  
State Pomona

### **REPORT OF FLORA**

WOW!!! 2017 came and went. As I look into my first year as State Flora it was amazing to reflect on what all happened and where it went. Well I cannot explain where it went, but it is gone. The year started with a State planning meeting and ended in October at the state convention. In between my year was like everyone else, hectic, constantly going, etc. I visited granges, met with the then hosting committee to help them out, along with Dick, worked at the Family Festival doing cooking and food preparations, and holding vespers on Thursday night. participated in the programs and workshops at the festival.

This all lead up to the State session in October. Once I got to the state session, it was time to get down to the reason I was there. Yes, as a state officer you have help set up the floor and stage for the session. At least I felt I could help. Then I got into the step to do the drill for the opening. Now I am knee deep in setting up the stage for the 6th degree. I found a great team of volunteers after my election in 2016 that VOLUNTEERED to work with me on this job. I was in contact with them over the summer with ideas and thoughts that were drawn out so everyone would know their job when we arrived. These ideas all paid off when we got down to work. Our goal was to put some sparkle and bling into making the stage a bit more eye catching. So my team of Len & Joanne Heim, Scott & Sara Shank, Gene & Denae Zvarick, Deb Campbell, Jen Danko and who ever dropped by to help went to work. Bingo.....mission accomplished. The lights went on and the stage sparkled. We are now ready for the 6th degree, and the work was done in record time. Now you can see what

TEAMWORK can do. Now Saturday morning is here and into session we go. After lunch it is time for the 6th degree. Nerves are on edge but this is good. We all worked together and gave 17 candidates the opportunity to witness what the degree is about, and done with class and pride.

An experience it was to be State Flora for the first year. I came away with satisfaction that I did my best. I wish to thank all of my volunteer team for all their work at state session. From set up to tear down and pack up, all went well and I am very thankful for them and we will be together again next year with new ideas and thoughts to keep the sparkle and beauty in the 6th degree. I am looking forward to that as well.

October 2018 will be in western Pennsylvania, just 40 minutes from my home in Cranberry Twp., Pa. Hope all of you will join us. I also must thank Jodi Keith and Anna Mae Nauss for their time, guidance and help in getting me going in the right direction. Now that I have a better feel of what is expected of me on my job, I will be ready. Some of this I can add to my job description that will help the next person.

From here I will move into 2018 and look forward to visiting you, helping Granges and Grangers strive for new light on Grange.

Fraternally yours,  
Ginny Mangel  
State Flora

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

Worthy State Master, National Representative, State Officers, Delegates and Guests: My first year has been an exciting and rewarding year. I could not have done it without the help of my amazing Grange family. I would like to thank State Master, Wayne Campbell, and State Secretary, Deb Campbell for all of their help and support through this year. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to Ruth Vonada, who was always available to answer any questions I had about my new position. Along with Wayne and Deb, I would like to thank all the officers and staff at the State Grange Office for their continued support. I would also like to thank my committee of Samantha Gourley, Carol Kushma, Judy Shupp, Ruth Vonada, and Grace Wadsworth for their work, ideas, and support.

Last year at State Grange a collection was completed for the Boys and Girls Program in Shippensburg and Carlisle area. We also had the book, CD and DVD sale at our exhibit. Money from this was donated to Dogs for the Deaf. Thank you to all who supported any of these programs.

Last year, we implemented new projects across the state and continued to push you to work hard in your local communities to complete your service ideas. 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. We decided that each year we would like to switch up our projects to something we are passionate about and to complete a diverse spectrum of projects as we continue to go through each year.

In July, I was able to attend camp for the entire week. I had the honor of being a judge for court and also presented a sign language workshop. I taught the campers how to sign the alphabet in ASL and we all learned how to spell out our names in ASL. Jennifer Beamon also presented a sign a song workshop. Thank you, Jennifer, for teaching the campers a song for coronation!

During Family Festival we, again, sponsored a cake walk, which involved neither cakes, nor walking, and collected nearly \$150.00. This money along with collections of items brought from Grangers around the state was donated to Easter Seals in State College.

The second Bike-Hike was held on Saturday morning raise money to sponsor an autism dog. Many grange members registered to participate, with the majority being Junior Grangers. We were able to collect \$680.00. We are continuing to collect money and reach out to businesses in hopes to raise more money to sponsor an autism dog, as it costs over \$10,000 to sponsor a dog for it's entire life. Robert Beamon was recognized for raising the most money. A big thank you to all those that sponsored a biker or hiker as well as to those that participated in the event.

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 may 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.

We had 69 reports from across the state make their way to my mailbox; 11 from Pomona's, 57 from Subordinate and 1 County Junior Grange. As they arrived, I had the chance to look through the amazing projects that have been occurring around the state. Keep up the great work! I hope you had the time to stop by the exhibit and view the books and reports of your fellow grangers! I compiled a 7-page document with the different projects that occurred around the state. Be on the lookout for these projects as suggestions for upcoming community service ideas. I also encourage you to follow the Facebook page: Pennsylvania Grange Community Service. On this page you will find projects that occurring over the state. I encourage you to e-mail me at [pagrange.dacs@gmail.com](mailto:pagrangecacs@gmail.com) to get your projects posted on the state and national community service pages. 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 each year. Although some of the books created are absolutely wonderful, all I really need is the report. I encourage you to complete a book, but strongly ask that these reports are submitted. Thank you to all of those that have done so!

Congrats to the following Granges for their Reports/Books:

Granges with less than 25 member:

1. Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
2. London Grove Grange #63, Chester County
3. Sinking Valley Grange #484, Blair County

Granges with 26-60 members:

1. Hayfield Grange #800, Crawford County
2. Schnecksville Grange #1684, Lehigh County
3. Harveys-Aleppo Grange #1444, Greene County  
(Honorable Mention) Central Grange #1650, Lehigh County

Granges with 61 or more members:

1. Plumsteadville Grange #1738, Bucks County
  2. Ontelaunee Community Grange #1617, Berks County
  3. Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County
- (Honorable Mention) – Kutztown Grange #1836, Berks County

Pomona Granges

1. Centre County Pomona Grange #13
2. Montour-Northumberland Pomona Grange #31
3. Bucks County Pomona Grange #22

Overall Placings:

1. Hayfield Grange #800, Crawford County
2. Plumsteadville Grange #1738, Bucks County
3. Ontelaunee Community Grange #1617, Berks County
4. Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County

Congratulations to Hayfield Grange #800, as their book will be representing Pennsylvania at the National Grange Session in Spokane, Washington in November 2017.

This year at State Grange, a collection was made for the Scranton School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children and St. Francis Commons in Scranton. We donated 7 boxes and 3 bags of items to the Scranton School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing children and 5 boxes and 1 bag of items to St. Francis Commons. We also held the book, CD and DVD sale at our exhibit. We collected \$95, which will be donated to Dogs for the Deaf.

The Sign-A-Song contest was held Sunday morning in conjunction with Public Speaking. Jennifer Beamon participated signing "Happy Trails". She will be representing Pennsylvania at Eastern Regionals in the spring.

If you have any suggestions for statewide projects that we can do, please let me know. Again I would like to thank everyone for their support during my first year as Chair. I would like to thank my committee and the state office for their help. Without all of them, I would not be able to do this job.

Fraternally yours,  
Gail Switzer, Director

Committee members,  
Samantha Gourley  
Carol Kushma  
Judy Shupp  
Ruth Vonada  
Grace Wadsworth

## REPORT OF THE FAMILY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Worthy State Master, Worthy National and State Officers, Brothers and Sisters of the Grange. For those of you that don't know me, I was on the Committee with Virginia Mangel for a couple of years, I was in Region G. Martha Ebersole took over Family Activities Director and I was on her team. Around December, 2017, Martha resigned as Director.

The year began with the annual state planning meeting which was held in State College in January 2017. Beth was looking for a Director to take over as Director and asked me if I would be the Director, I agreed and it was announced at the meeting that I had been appointed as Director, so I Melanie A. Melius became the next Family Activities Director.

My Committee is —

- Region D - Evelyn Cottrell
- Region E - Shirley Garren
- Region H - Cindy Liebensperger
- Region G - Jodi Keith

Committee members are available to answer your questions so PLEASE call them if you have any questions. We spent the time planning activities, projects, contests and much more. The contest guide was late getting out this year, I had to get it all together and find anyone who had a picture of the quilt for the packets with the tickets and contest flyers. They were mailed in March. Sorry they were so late. Thank you to Debbie, Ginny, Barb, Glenn, Jennifer, Lizzie and most of all Isabella for helping me get the packets ready to ship.

This year the guide to contest is almost ready to go. We hope everyone gets a copy in the Family Activities Room at the 2017 State Session so you can work on everything over the winter with your group or family.

Family Festival, July 2017 - the theme this year was "Happy Birthday", the weekend was another great event, thanks to all the volunteers and committee members who led workshops and activities for everyone.

Friday our committee arranged a tour, there were 50 people on the bus and 4 people in a car. We went to the Boal Mansion, where we were divided into three groups. We saw The Chapel, the Boal Mansion, upstairs Knights and Armor room and the Barn, which is a Play Company that does plays throughout the year.

Friday after lunch, our community service project, Gift of Life that Martha started the year before and is still continuing into 2018 was presented to Dewendy Johnson with the Gift of Life. Thank You to everyone who knitted or crocheted a wrap for the Wrapped in Hugs Project. We donated 50 wraps to the project. The committee asked Dewendy Johnson if we can help her again with the Wrapped in Hugs Project and the answer was YES. She needs all the Wraps we can make, so gentlemen and ladies please keep knitting and crocheting and making the wraps.

Friday evening, we hosted dinner with the Youth department frying hamburgers and hotdogs, and baked beans. We, the Committee would like to thank Wayne and Debbie Campbell and all their volunteers for making the Potato and Macaroni salad and getting all the supplies for supper.

Saturday we had a workshop on Domestic Animal Bells by Dr. Jim Diamond. He brought 53 different kinds of Bells. We had about 40 people attend the workshop. He talked about all the bells he had that day, afterwards you could ask any questions about any of the bells.

Before the evening was over we gathered in the eating area for Ice Cream from Meyers Dairy. We had 135 people who joined us for make your own ice cream sundaes with all the toppings and at the end we said "Good Night to All".

Ag Progress Days, Aug. 2017 - 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 in August of 2018 on behalf of the Family Activities Department, just give me a call, phone number—814-234-4943.

The People's Choice Award— Wooden Coat Rack won by Thomas Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496

Pomona Director of the Year—Virginia Mangel, Butler County  
Subordinate Director of the Year: Jane Reppert, Berks County

Item represented at National Grange—Cotton Thread/Doilies: Virginia Mangel, Butler County

Family Activities Quilt was won by Pam Naugle

Total Subordinate Reports submitted – 46

Total Pomona Reports submitted -- 18

Thank you to Jennifer, Lizzie and State Master Wayne at the State Grange Office for all their help and support, with this being my first year at this job and their understanding, just ask and they will help. Thank you to all Granges and Grangers for all the notes of encouragement and support you have given me throughout my first 8 months.

Would like to say Thank You to All My Ladies Evelyn, Cindy, Shirley and Isabella. You really helped me through My first year of being Director, without the four of you I would not have made it, So Thank you again.

Fraternally yours,  
Melanie A. Melius  
Family Activities Director



## 2017 FAMILY ACTIVITIES CONTEST WINNERS

TOTAL ENTRIES - 265

### **Class 1 - Quilt Blocks**

1<sup>st</sup> Dianne Geschwindt – Berks County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ginny Mangel – Butler County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Alice Hartman – Chester County

### **Class 2 - Quilts Hand Quilted Individual**

1<sup>st</sup> Rodney Fleegeer – Butler County

### **Class 3 – Quilts Hand Quilted Group**

No Entries

### **Class 4 – Quilts – Baby/Crib Hand Quilted**

3<sup>rd</sup> Jackie Clabaugh – Blair County

### **Class 5 – Quilts – Baby/Crib Machine Quilted**

No Entries

### **Class 6 - Wall Hanging Hand Quilted**

1<sup>st</sup> Nettie Kauffman – Berks County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Shirley Swires – Blair County

### **Class 7 - Wall Hanging Machine Quilted**

1<sup>st</sup> Barbara Gross – Venango County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Destarta Carberry – Huntingdon County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sara Carberry – Huntingdon County

### **Class 13B – Afghan – Knitted**

No Entries

### **Class 14A – Afghan – Baby Crocheted**

1<sup>st</sup> Helen Lsaffery – Blair County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Amelia Mitchell – Washington County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jean Hollabaugh – Warren County

### **Class 14B – Afghan - Baby Knitted**

1<sup>st</sup> Shirley Garren – Beaver County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Martha Lott – Susquehanna County

### **Class 15 - Embroidery**

1<sup>st</sup> Ilene Altenheim – Potter County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dorothy Bechtel – Berks County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jeanette McDonald – Beaver County

### **Class 8 – Machine Quilt**

1<sup>st</sup> Pat Weir- Butler County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Karen McElhinney – Venango County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Barbara Warden – Venango County

### **Class 9 – Preprinted Quilt Top-Hand Quilted**

No Entries

### **Class 10 - Baking/Cooking - Angel Food Cake**

1<sup>st</sup> Ginny Mangel – Butler County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Elaine Hoppes – Lehigh County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Darlene Dietrich – Berks County

### **Class 11 - Baking/Cooking - Sticky Buns**

1<sup>st</sup> Roberta Windhorst – Lawrence  
2<sup>nd</sup> Emily Werner – Berks County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jean Hollabaugh – Warren/Forest

### **Class 12 - Baking/Cooking - Potato Candy**

1<sup>st</sup> Mary McMillin – Lawrence County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tammy Schaeffer – Berks County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Caroline Reilly – Blair County

### **Class 13A – Afghan - Crocheted**

1<sup>st</sup> Ruth Stewart – Beaver County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Gloria Hahn – Lawrence County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Linda Warren – Chester County

### **Class 21C – Hat and Scarf Set – Adult Other**

1<sup>st</sup> Deborah Kolpak – Chester County

### **Class 22 – Hat and Scarf Set – Child Crocheted**

1<sup>st</sup> Ilene Altenheim – Potter County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lorrie Wesner – Berks County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Amelia Mitchell – Washington County

### **Class 22B – Hat and Scarf Set – Child Knitter**

1<sup>st</sup> Pauline Johnson – Susquehanna County

### **Class 22C – Hat and Scarf Set – Child Other**

1<sup>st</sup> Darlene Shinsky – Lawrence County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Deborah Kolpak – Chester County

**Class 16 – Counted Cross Stitch**

1<sup>st</sup> Jane Reppert – Berks County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Roberta Windhorst – Lawrence County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jessica Kostelansky - Armstrong County

**Class 17 – Plastic Canvas Needlepoint**

1<sup>st</sup> Deborah Kolpak – Chester County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ginny Mangel – Butler County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Caroline Mantz – Lehigh County

**Class 18 – Cotton Thread Doilies/Centerpieces**

1<sup>st</sup> Ginny Mangel – Butler County  
2<sup>nd</sup> June Stricker – Berks County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Frances Wise – Washington County

**Class 19 – Wooden Coat Rack**

1<sup>st</sup> Thomas Kolpak – Chester County

**Class 20 – Coat Rack - Other**

No Entries

**Class 21A – Hat and Scarf Set – Adult Crocheted**

1<sup>st</sup> Amelia Mitchell – Washington County

**Class 21B – Hat and Scarf Set – Adult Knitted**

1<sup>st</sup> Pauline Johnson – Susquehanna County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sharon Heck – Berks County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ilene Altenheim – Potter County

**Class 26 – Decorated Christmas Stocking – Other**

1<sup>st</sup> Sandra Hill – Berks County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jill Cavalero – Butler County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Deborah Kolpak – Chester County

**Class 27 – Set of 4 Coasters Cork**

1<sup>st</sup> Deborah Kolpak – Chester County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Reppert – Berks County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jackie Clabaugh – Blair County

**Class 28 – Set of 4 Coasters Tile**

1<sup>st</sup> Deborah Kolpak – Chester County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Reppert – Berks County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Brynee Baughman – Blair County

**Class 23A – Decorated Christmas Stocking – Quilted Lined**

1<sup>st</sup> Jill Cavalero – Butler County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Deborah Kolpak – Chester County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Fern Sonon – Berks County

**Class 23B – Decorated Christmas Stocking – Quilted Unlined**

1<sup>st</sup> Deborah Kolpak – Chester County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Karen McElhinney – Venango County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Fern Sonon – Berks County

**Class 24A – Decorated Christmas Stocking – Applique Lined**

1<sup>st</sup> Deborah Kolpak – Chester County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Shirley Swires – Blair County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Becky Berkert – Beaver County

**Class 24B – Decorated Christmas Stocking – Applique Unlined**

1<sup>st</sup> Deborah Kolpak – Chester County

**Class 25A – Decorated Christmas Stocking – Counted Cross Stitch Lined**

1<sup>st</sup> Linda Warren – Chester/Delaware County

**Class 25B – Decorated Christmas Stocking – Counted Cross Stitch Unlined**

1<sup>st</sup> Deborah Kolpak – Chester County

**Class 30 – Set of 4 Coasters Other**

1<sup>st</sup> Carol Kushma – Lawrence County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Deborah Kolpak – Chester County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sandra Hill – Berks County

**Class 31A – Clocks Large Wooden**

1<sup>st</sup> Darlene Shinsky – Lawrence County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa Butler – Centre County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Deborah Kolpak – Chester County

**Class 31B – Clocks – Large Other**

1<sup>st</sup> Deborah Kolpak – Chester County

**Class 32A – Clocks – Small Wooden**

1<sup>st</sup> Art Beckert – Beaver County

**Class 29 – Set of 4 Coasters Wood**1<sup>st</sup> Deborah Kolpak – Chester County2<sup>nd</sup> Trudy Wigton – Lawrence County3<sup>rd</sup> Art Beckert – Beaver County**Class 32B – Clocks – Small Other**1<sup>st</sup> Deborah Kolpak – Chester County**REPORT OF THE JUNIOR COMMITTEE**

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

Greetings and Welcome to the 2017 PA Grange State Session! It is wonderful to be in Scranton to celebrate another year of Grange memories and to continue the work of our Order. It is my pleasure to report to you the happenings of the PA Junior Grange this past year and to let you know of our future plans.

When I am asked to recap our year, it is with joy and a little sadness. Most all of you can understand the joy & happiness that is felt when working with the youngest members of our organization. The sadness might perplex a few of you. It is not a sadness of tears and sorrow but rather of mixed emotions as we end another year of so many memories, obstacles and triumphs. We are always working hard to teach and help the young members and once they move to the next age level, we don't stand and wave goodbye, but hold their hand across the entryway and guide them to new adventures. It makes my heart swell with pride as I see the "former Juniors" now fully engaged as active Youth members.

The Junior Department isn't only focusing on the Juniors coming and going, we also have changes in staff. I am extremely biased when I say that I have the BEST Junior committee in the nation. I love the friendship that has formed among us and I embrace the differences we have and the way we approach issues. All of us have the same goals to reach and respect each other's approach to reaching those goals. In the end, we all want to have a stronger, bigger and more vibrant Junior Grange. One of the ways we approach that goal is by moving out of our comfort zones. Committee member, Philip Vonada, is doing just that. Philip has given much of his time and talent working in the Junior program while serving as our states Outstanding Young Patron. Philip essentially served on both the Junior and Youth committees while holding this position. Because of his love of the Grange and for the future of our Order, he is climbing the steps of leadership and is running for the state office position of Overseer. In pursuit of this goal, he has asked that I find a replacement for him on the Junior Committee. Once again, the joy and sadness of moving forward tugs on my emotions, but with a thankful heart I will honor Philip's decision and support his new endeavor in his Grange Journey. Philip always has a place with the Juniors and he knows it! Thank you for the laughs, ideas, opinions, suggestions, more laughs, and knowledge shared with all of us! Keep on keeping on Philip!

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

**FARM SHOW – January**

The PA Farm Show is a great start to the new year for our Jr. Grange Royalty. This year, Prince Jeffrey McCartney and Princess Kaylen Leiby enjoyed a couple of days promoting the Grange and Junior program. The weekend began with a trip to the complex on Friday night for the PA Preferred Banquet. This is a great place to meet other commodities in attendance and we had the

chance to meet the Governor and have a group photo with him. On Saturday, the Juniors were honored during the opening ceremonies and we were proud to have them front and center on the main stage. The Grange Royalty are being recognized at the same level as the 4-H officer team and FFA team, as it should be. Jeffrey & Kaylen helped out in the Grange Booth for a few hours before heading off to enjoy the Farm Show sights.

### **ROYALTY TRIP - June**

The Royalty trip is always a favorite for the Prince and Princess and others in attendance and this year did not disappoint. We are thankful to Wayne and Deb Campbell for setting up a tour of the Governor's Mansion that we enjoyed after having breakfast together.

### **COUNTY CAMPS – May & June**

There were a couple of County Camps held in May & June. Berks County had a Super weekend when they explored the world of Super Heroes! They always have a lot of Juniors and staff to make this weekend a fun time. Also in May, over Mother's Day weekend, Russellville Junior Grangers had a fun time learning about various "Royalty" and held their own coronation. In June, Beaver County celebrated a "Hometown Christmas" and were pleased to have some temperatures that were cooler to enjoy the weeks activities and fun.

### **STATE JUNIOR GRANGE CAMP - July**

The Juniors traveled to the Wild Wild West at the PA State Junior Camp. WOW What a great time we had...until the end of the week! Read the camp highlights for the info:

#### **2017 State Camp Highlights**

\* We were honored to have our State President Wayne Campbell and State Secretary and former Jr. Director Deb Campbell come to camp for the entire week to help out. They were mostly seen in the kitchen but were willing to help out wherever we needed. Wayne was a great Sheriff during our Oregon Trails Adventure and was one of the judges for our Royalty contest. Many thanks to both of them for their help and dedication to the program, but mostly for their friendship. We hope we didn't work them too hard and they will return to have fun with the Juniors again.

\* It is always a hot week at camp but the Juniors and staff found ways to stay cool during the week. We traveled to the Beach two times and had some fun with water games and the famous slip n' slide. We also went to the Centre County Grange Fairgrounds to enjoy some Bluegrass music with our very own (and former Junior Granger) Conlan Kershner sharing his Banjo talent with us. We ordered pizza for lunch, which has become a new camp favorite, and took a little stroll around the fairgrounds. Some of our other meals were over the campfire – just like the days back in the Wild Wild West!

\*This year the Juniors earned "Cowboy Cash" for completing various tasks, chores, and for caught being good. The money was then used at the Auctions to purchase a variety of fun items such as milkshakes, having 2 committee members serve your cabin at a meal, candy at the lake, ice cream sundaes, a party with the Director and more. This is always a fun time!

\*We had 59 Junior Grange campers (14 were NEW campers), 5 helpers, 10 counselors, 9 staff members for a total of 83 people! That is one more person than last year! (Sometimes it only takes one person to keep growing the Grange.)

\*High Test Ritual Awards went to Harvey Reyburn, Sadie Johnson, Kay Reyburn, Isabella Boone.

\*Camp Superlatives were awarded to Danni Wilcox, Brooke Bixler, Kay Reyburn, Lizzie Seidel

\*The 2017-18 PA Junior Grange Princess is Autumn Tworkowski from Berks County and the PA Junior Grange Prince is Tanner Davis also from Berks County. The Court members were Ayden Reckner (Beaver County), Cassandra Kehs (Chester County), Isabella Boone (Centre County).

\*I mentioned in my opening remarks that it was a great week up until the end. Well – we’re not sure what “plague” was picked up during the Oregon Trail but we had several campers, a few counselors, the nurse AND the Director come down with a nasty stomach bug. It came in with a force and knocked down those who were infected for anywhere from 12-24 hours. It was awesome to see everyone come together to help disinfect nearly every surface in the mess hall and Boys cabin 6, become a “nurse” in the sick bay and stepped up to take over workshops or activities. I can’t thank my staff enough for what they did. But let’s not have a repeat of that particular activity!

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**

Happy Birthday to the Grange!! That was the theme for this year’s Family Festival. We had cake and ice cream, balloons, games, presents and the Junior fave – water games! Juniors participated in the Bike Hike, Guessing games and the Talent Show. The winners for the Talent Show are: age 5-9 Vocal - Ruby Reyburn 1<sup>st</sup>, age 5-9 Instrumental - Ava Jenkins 1<sup>st</sup>, age 5-9 other act - Ava, Ruby, Gretchen, 1<sup>st</sup>, age 10-14 Vocal - Isabella Boone 1<sup>st</sup> & Cassy Kehs 2<sup>nd</sup>, age 10-14 Instrumental - Kay Reyburn 1<sup>st</sup>, age 10-14 other act - Elisabeth Reich 1<sup>st</sup> & Abby, Danni, Cassy, Izzy, Elisabeth & Kay 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **STATE SESSION – October 2017**

Special thanks to the entire state session 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 & Thank YOU**

The above-mentioned activities could not possibly be held without the very generous support of our fellow Grange members who answered our Grange appeal. 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. Also - The Junior Grange Program and all of the activities we offer could not be fully appreciated without the help from the Grange Youth and the Youth Committee. Youth Director, Ellen Wadsworth has been a great shoulder to lean on and an ear to bend. I am proud to call her one of my dearest Grange friends.

Ellen and her committee have been a great asset to the Junior Program and I promise that I will keep sending her motivated Juniors ready to be youth leaders and Do'ers.

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 2018 brings to the Junior Program!

Fraternally submitted,  
Lurae A, Benzio  
PA State Junior Grange Director

And Committee,	Heather Druckenmiller	Derek Schroeder
	Suann Johnson	Derek Snyder
	Dina Zug	Philip Vonada

### **2017 JUNIOR GRANGE OFFICERS FOR STATE SESSION**

Master – Veronica Heckman – Berks	Chaplain – Emma Seidel– Berks
Overseer – Kaylen Leiby – Berks	Secretary – Lizzie Seidel – Berks
Lecturer – Brayden Heckman – Berks	Flora – Alexa Davis – Berks
Steward – Tyler Davis – Berks	Ceres – Autumn Tworkowski – Berks
Asst. Steward – Wyatt Koller – Berks	Pomona – Samantha Davis – Berks
Lady Asst Steward – Avery Tworkowski– Berks	Junior Leader – Isaac Mengel – Berks
Gatekeeper – Tanner Davis – Berks	Asst. Jr. Leader – Mikayla Davis
Marching Candidates – Jacob Schroeder, Clayton Davis, Travis Riegel	

#### Juniors who received the All Star certificates for attending 2 out of the 3 State events (Camp, Family Festival or Session/Jam)

Arora Baker	Avery Tworkowski	Riley Danko
Drake Baker	Emma Seidel	Bryce Danko
Savannah Baker	Lizzie Seidel	Macy Buskey
Evan Espenshade	Alexa Davis	Madalyn Warham
Alan Espenshade	Ruby Reyburn	Kaylen Leiby
Connor Kunkle	Gayle Reyburn	Brooke Bicksler
Jordan Downey	Gretchen Reich	Mya Bicksler
Autumn Tworkowski	Jacob Schroeder	

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

Tanner Davis  
Isabella Boone  
Sadie Johnson  
Elizabeth Reich

Jackson Reich  
Harvey Reyburn  
Kay Reyburn  
Merle Reyburn

Cassandra Kehs  
Danielle Kehs  
Abigail Kehs

## 2017 JUNIOR GRANGE CONTEST WINNERS

### Recycled Craft – Yogurt & Dessert cup age 5-9

1<sup>st</sup> – Tabitha Samsel – Berks County  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Lila Samsel – Berks County  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Madelyn Warham – Warren County  
4<sup>th</sup> – Heidi Eisenhower – Berks County

### Recycled Craft – Yogurt & Dessert Cup age 10-14

1<sup>st</sup> – Veronica Heckman – Berks County  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Brayden Heckman – Berks County  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Kay Reyburn – Chester County  
4<sup>th</sup> – Alexa Davis – Berks County

### Baking – Fudge –Peanut Butter age 5-9

1<sup>st</sup> – Natalee Zug – Juniata County  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Sadie Johnson – Beaver County  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Logan Eisenhower – Berks County  
4<sup>th</sup> – Madelyn Warham – Warren County

### Baking – Fudge –Other age 10-14

1<sup>st</sup> – Kay Reyburn – Chester County  
2<sup>nd</sup> – William McGregor – Lawrence County

### Creative Writing – age 5-9

No Entries

### Creative Writing – age 10-14

1<sup>st</sup> – Dani Kehs – Chester County  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Cassy Kehs – Chester County  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Peter Rhorbach – Berks County

### Nature Craft – age 5-9

1<sup>st</sup> – Natalee Zug – Juniata County  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Logan Eisenhower – Berks County  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Gayle Reyburn – Chester County  
4<sup>th</sup> – Travis Riegel – Berks County

### Baking – Fudge – Peanut Butter age 10-14

1<sup>st</sup> – Tanner Davis – Berks County  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Bryce Danko – Perry County  
3<sup>rd</sup> – William McGregor – Lawrence County  
4<sup>th</sup> – None

### Baking – Fudge – Chocolate age 5-9

1<sup>st</sup> – Alexa Davis – Berks County  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Tanner Warham – Warren County  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Jacob Schroeder – Berks County  
4<sup>th</sup> – Chase Koscinszko – Lawrence County

### Baking – Fudge – Chocolate age 10-14

No Entries

### Baking – Fudge – Other age 5-9

1<sup>st</sup> – Chase Koscinszko – Lawrence County  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Conrad Long – Juniata County

### Art- Animals age 10-14

1<sup>st</sup> – Macy Busky – Perry County  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Kay Reyburn – Chester County  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Cadence Tempel – Berks County  
4<sup>th</sup> – Riley Danko – Perry County

### Art – Landscape – age 5-9

1<sup>st</sup> – Gayle Reyburn – Chester County  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Ava Jenkins – Berks County  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Natalee Zug – Juniata County  
4<sup>th</sup> – Conrad Long – Juniata County

### Art - Landscape – age 10-14

1<sup>st</sup> – Kay Reyburn – Chester County  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Meryle Reyburn – Chester County  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Cadence Tempel – Berks County  
4<sup>th</sup> – Macy Buskey – Perry County

Nature Craft – age 10-14

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Veronica Heckman – Berks County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Eric Jones – Lawrence County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – William McGregor – Lawrence County
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Merle Reyburn – Chester County

Promotional Poster – age 5-9

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence County

Promotional Poster – age 10-14

- 1<sup>st</sup> – William McGregor – Lawrence County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kay Reyburn – Chester County

Origami – age 5-9

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Sarah Flickinger – Chester County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jacob Schroeder – Berks County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Harvey Reyburn – Chester County
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence County

Origami – age 10-14

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Evan Espenshade – Lancaster County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Carson Sattazahn – Berks County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Eric Jones – Lawrence County
- 4<sup>th</sup> – William McGregor – Lawrence County

Art - People – age 5-9

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ruby Reyburn – Chester County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Gabriella Lindsay – Warren County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Cameron Cannon – Lawrence County
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Jacob DeLillo – Lawrence County

Art - People – age 10-14

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Kay Reyburn – Chester County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Merle Reyburn – Chester County

Art - Animals – age 5-9

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Harvey Reyburn – Chester County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tabitha Samsel – Berks County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ruby Reyburn – Chester County
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Jackson Reich – York County

Photography - Scenic America – age 10-14

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Veronica Heckman – Berks County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kaylen Leiby – Berks County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Brayden Heckman – Berks County
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Cadence Tempel – Berks County

Art - Other – age 5-9

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Harvey Reyburn – Chester County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Gayle Reyburn – Chester County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Natalee Zug – Juniata County
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Aiden DeLillo – Lawrence County

Art - Other – age 10-14

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Kay Reyburn – Chester County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Elizabeth Reich – York County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – William McGregor – Lawrence County
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Abby Kehs – Chester County

Photography - My Family – age 5-9

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Heidi Eisenhower – Berks
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Grace Tempel – Berks
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Madalyn Warham – Warren
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Ava Jenkins – Berks

Photography - My Family- age 10-14

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Cadence Tempel – Berks County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kay Reyburn – Chester County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Elizabeth Reich – York County
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Peter Rhorbach – Berks County

Photography - Scenic America – age 5-9

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Emma Seidel – Berks County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ava Jenkins – Berks County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Coy Koller – Berks County
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Grace Tempel – Berks County

Photography – Jr Grange Fun – age 10-14

- 1<sup>st</sup> – William McGregor – Lawrence County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kay Reyburn – Chester County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Abby Kehs – Chester County
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Cassy Kehs – Chester County

Field Pumpkin – paint only – age 5-9

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Skyler Eakles – Beaver County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cassy Kehs – Chester County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – William McGregor – Lawrence County
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Abby Kehs – Chester County

Field Pumpkin - paint only – age 10-14

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Gayle Reyburn – Chester County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tabitha Samsel – Berks County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sammie Patton – Beaver County
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Wyatt Koller – Berks County



Photography - My Favorite Animals – age 5-9

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Emma Seidel – Berks County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lila Samsel – Berks County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sadie Johnson – Beaver County
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Ava Jenkins – Berks County

Photography - My Favorite Animals – age 10-14

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Riley Danko – Perry County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Maya Bicksler – Berks County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Avery Tworkowski – Berks County
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Alexa Davis – Berks County

Photography – Event Collage – age 5-9

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Sadie Johnson – Beaver County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Hadyn Wiseman – Chester County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Chase Koscinszko – Lawrence County

Photography – Event Collage – age 10-14

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Kay Reyburn – Chester County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - William McGregor – Lawrence County

Photography – Jr. Grange Fun – age 5-9

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Chase Koscinszko – Lawrence County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Grace Tempel – Berks County

Field Pumpkin - other/creative – age 5-9

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Sadie Johnson – Beaver County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Harvey Reyburn – Chester County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Olivia Wilhelm – Berks County
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Samantha Davis – Berks County

Field Pumpkin - other/creative – age 10-14

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Alexa Davis – Berks County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kay Reyburn – Chester County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sierra Merkel – Berks County
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Zoe Merkel – Berks County

Mini Junior Art Entries from:

- Karlie Supplee – Juniata County
- Alexander DeLillo – Lawrence County
- Lillian Cassellberry – Lawrence County
- Addison McGuire – Lawrence County
- Julie Eisenhower – Berks County
- Sarah Riegel – Berks County
- Ellie Schroeder – Berks County
- Kadence Stang – Beaver County
- Kaleb Lindsay – Warren County
- Dexter Irons – Warren County

**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 and Young Adults! 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!

**2016 NATIONAL GRANGE SESSION**

The youth of Pennsylvania started the year on a great note, beginning with the 2016 National Grange Session in Washington, DC. Unfortunately, Pennsylvania was not able to have any participants in the National Youth Ambassador or Outstanding Young Patron contests. However, our youth served in many other capacities. Philip Vonada and Gail Switzer represented the Eastern Region and Pennsylvania in the Jeopardy Contest. Kudos to Philip for placing first and Gail for placing third in this national contest. In addition, Philip Vonada and Derek Snyder served on the National Grange Youth Officer Team as Master and Assistant Steward respectively. Gail Switzer proudly represented Pennsylvania as the Trimble Legislative Experience participant and Lindsay Schroeder as a Communications Fellow. Lastly, Derek Schroeder and Derek Snyder represented Pennsylvania at the National Grange Evening of Excellence with their comedy skit and Philip Vonada performed his sign-a-song. 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, Sara Benzio and Casey Kerschner, and Outstanding Young Patrons, Jennifer Nauss and Philip Vonada, represented the Pennsylvania State Grange at the Farm Show's PA Preferred Reception on Friday evening. The youth were able to mingle and meet various officials such as the Governor, Secretary of Agriculture, and many 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 2017, along with the other departments and State Officers meeting. The Youth Committee used this time to plan our activities for camp, family festival, and to review the contests for the upcoming year.

## **YOUNG ADULTS WEEKEND**

2017 was the second year for our 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 31 March-2 April in Pittsburgh, PA, at a local hotel. The committee decided to add a second night so that participants could travel and arrive on Friday night and be ready to start with a full day on Saturday. This schedule enabled several couples with young children to arrange child care and still be a low-cost event. The schedule included several games, crafts, a visit to the Western PA Sports Museum, Sen. John Heinz History Center and a trip up the Duquesne Incline. 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.

## **ROYALTY TRIP**

This year the Royalty Trip to Harrisburg was held on 7 June. The Youth Ambassadors and Young Couple (along with all of the other attendees), met for breakfast before heading into the Capitol. We had an amazing tour of the Governor's Mansion and Rose Garden and then went to the Capitol to meet with Representatives and Senators. The group was introduced on the House floor and had several photo ops with House and Senate members. Following a group lunch, the action-packed day ended with a few thrill-packed hours at Hershey Park to celebrate their reign.

## **EASTERN REGIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE**

The Eastern Regional Youth Conference (ERYC) was held in Newark, Delaware, hosted by the Delaware State Grange. Several Youth and Young Adults from Pennsylvania were able to attend and had a great time! The conference dates were changed to June 9-11 this year to try to attract more youth and young adults. Pennsylvania had several youth participating in contests this weekend. Here are the results: Cassidy Cheddar and Jennifer Nauss won two of the three spots to compete at National Session in the Jeopardy contest; Jennifer Nauss won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Prepared Speech as well as Best of Show and will represent ERYC at National Grange. Maryland will be hosting the ERYC in 2018 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.

## **PA STATE GRANGE YOUTH CAMP**

The Youth and Young Adults held “Master Chef – Youth Camp Edition” from June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 2<sup>nd</sup> at Camp Sylvan Hills. This is the second year that we ran an incentive for first-time youth campers to attend at half-price. This was still a great promotion with 6 new first-time campers attending. We had a total of 24 campers with a total of 32 in attendance for at least a portion of the weekend.

The entire weekend was planned with popular cooking contest show themes in mind. Friday evening began with the announcements of the cooking teams as well as basic food safety instruction. The campers warmed up to the cooking theme with make your own pizza for dinner. The youth participated in some get acquainted games, a dessert creation contest, and vespers. Saturday morning following flag raising, each team was given a few mandatory ingredients and had to create breakfast for their group plus extras.

The remainder of the morning included workshops making apple turkeys, “Wonderful World of Cheese”, learning how to make icing flowers and table etiquette. Just prior to lunch the annual Spoons tournament was held. The lunch cooking contest included creating a “picnic basket” lunch with a specific bread ingredient. The dessert contest on Friday night and the breakfast and lunch contests were all judged by our celebrity guest judges: Wayne and Debbie Campbell, Lurae Benzio, and Bryce Danko. Saturday evening activities included the Coronation Ceremony, a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration BBQ dinner, and our culmination of Master Chef – Youth Camp Edition with food related games.

During the Coronation Ceremony we announced the new Youth Ambassadors for the 2017-2018 year: Grace Wadsworth from Chester County and Jacob Mengel, from Berks County. Both of these Youth are eager to come speak during Grange meetings or participate in events. Plan to add them to your calendar. To close Saturday evening, the new Youth Ambassadors with the assistance of one of the PA State Grange Outstanding Young Patrons, Philip Vonada, conducted vespers before heading to the cabins.

Sunday morning brought a visit from the other PA State Grange Outstanding Young Patron, Jenn Nauss, to conduct our church service. The last craft workshop for the weekend was on container gardening where each camper was able to start planters with 3 herbs. 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 and Young Adults helped by grilling the Friday night tailgate meal of hamburgers and hot dogs. The Youth Department hosted a Zumba workshop as well as a Drill workshop attended by many of the State Officers. Saturday afternoon took us in to State College where approximately 38 individuals spent the afternoon bowling. We conducted the Outstanding Young Patron contest (replacing the Young Couple contest) during Family Festival. Congratulations to Andrew Kieffer and Denae Zvarick for being chosen for this honor. As with the Youth Ambassadors, both Andy and Denae are available to attend Grange events and present programs when asked/invited. Please take advantage of these Grange Young Adults 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 Scranton, 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 2017 State Grange Youth Officer Team:

Master – Andrew Kieffer, Berks County  
Overseer – Dena Zvarick, Montgomery County  
Lecturer – Lexus Johnson, Beaver County  
Steward - Philip Vonada, Centre County  
Asst Steward – Jacob Mengel, Berks County  
LAS – Grace Wadsworth, Chester County  
Secretary - Sara Benzio, Beaver County  
Treasurer – Owen Stemko, Berks County  
Chaplain - Lindsay Schroeder, Berks County  
Gatekeeper – Isaac Mengel, Berks County  
Ceres - Cassidy Cheddar, Lancaster County  
Pomona - Jennifer Nauss, York-Adams County  
Flora – Mikayla Davis, Berks County  
Exec Comm - Anna Benzio, Beaver County  
Exec Comm – Derek Snyder, York-Adams County  
Exec Comm – Joshua Mengel, Berks County

Congratulations and great job everyone!!

## **APPRECIATION**

I would like to express my thanks to my husband David, who took care of so much this year – both at home and for the Youth Committee. He single-handedly pulled off the greatest Youth Camp Theme – prepping all of the contests, instructing several workshops, and making sure we all had edible and safe food to eat!

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 and President Wayne Campbell for the opportunity to serve as Youth Director, and for your unwavering support and encouragement for me, the youth, and the programs.

A huge thank you to Lurae Benzio, Junior Director and sister director! We made it through another year 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  
Robert and Jennifer Beamon

Youth Ambassadors – Sara Benzio and Casey Kerschner (July 2016-July 2017)  
Grace Wadsworth and Jacob Mengel (July 2017 – present)  
Young Patrons – Philip Vonada and Jennifer Nauss (July 2016-July 2017)  
Denae Zvarick and Andrew Kieffer (July 2017 – present)

In closing, a sincere thank you to each of you for your generous support of the Youth and Young Adults program over this past year. Our youth and young adults members are very special, they are the future of the Grange and are motivated and excited to be involved and working toward 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

### **2017 YOUTH DEPARTMENT CONTEST WINNERS**

#### **START WITH A CAKE MIX - Chocolate Mix - All ages**

1. Miranda Irons – Warren County
2. Vera Supplee – Juniata County
3. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County

#### **START WITH A CAKE MIX - White/Yellow Mix - All ages**

1. Nancy Sattazahn – Berks County
2. Jessica Reyburn – Chester County
3. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County

#### **START WITH A CAKE MIX - Spice/Other Mix - All ages**

1. Philip Vonada – Centre County
2. Jennifer Beamon – Berks County
3. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County

#### **CUPCAKE DECORATING – Juniors**

1. Conrad Long – Juniata County
2. Natalee Zug – Juniata County
3. Lila Samsel – Berks County

#### **CUPCAKE DECORATING – Adults (14- above)**

1. Nancy Sattazahn – Berks County
2. Heather Druckenmiller – York-Adams County
3. Jennifer Beamon – Berks County

**SCRAPBOOK PAGE – Grange Related – Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Jennifer Beamon – Berks County

**SCRAPBOOK PAGE – Grange Related –Adult (35+)**

1. Cindy Keith – Huntingdon County

**SCRAPBOOK PAGE – Other – Youth (14-21)**

1. Lindsay Schroeder – Berks County

**SCRAPBOOK PAGE – Other – Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Ashley Mohn – Berks County
2. Jennifer Beamon – Berks County
3. Miranda Irons – Warren County

**SCRAPBOOK PAGE – Other –Adult (35+)**

1. Cindy Keith – Huntingdon County

**BUILDING BLOCK CREATION – Juniors (5-13)**

1. Logan Eisenhower – Berks County
2. Hadyn Wiseman
3. Harvey Reyburn – Chester County

**BUILDING BLOCK CREATION – Youth (14-21)**

1. Lindsay Schroeder – Berks County

**BUILDING BLOCK CREATION – Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Ashley Kolpak – Chester County
2. Jennifer Beamon – Berks County

**BUILDING BLOCK CREATION –Adult (35+)**

1. Derek Schroeder – Berks County
2. Karen Mohn – Berks County
3. Barbara Schroeder – Berks County

**CREATE A COMMERCIAL - Individual**

1. Ashley Mohn – Berks County

**RECYCLED/REPURPOSED CRAFT – Container - Juniors (5-13)**

1. Jacob Schroeder – Berks County (tied for 1<sup>st</sup>)
1. Harvey Reyburn – Chester County (tied for 1<sup>st</sup>)

**RECYCLED/REPURPOSED CRAFT – Container – Youth (14-21)**

1. Lindsay Schroeder – Berks County

**RECYCLED/REPURPOSED CRAFT – Container – Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Jennifer Beamon – Berks County

**RECYCLED/REPURPOSED CRAFT – Container – Adults (35+)**

1. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County

**RECYCLED/REPURPOSED CRAFT – Fabric – Juniors (5-13)**

1. Kay Reyburn – Chester County

**RECYCLED/REPURPOSED CRAFT – Fabric – Youth (14-21)**

1. Lindsay Schroeder – Berks County

**RECYCLED/REPURPOSED CRAFT – Fabric – Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Ashley Mohn – Berks County
2. Jennifer Beamon – Berks County
3. Miranda Irons – Warren County

**RECYCLED/REPURPOSED CRAFT – Fabric – Adults (35+)**

1. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County
2. Karen Mohn – Berks County

**RECYCLED/REPURPOSED CRAFT – Wood – Youth (14-21)**

1. Lindsay Schroeder – Berks County

**RECYCLED/REPURPOSED CRAFT – Wood – Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Ashley Mohn – Berks County

**RECYCLED/REPURPOSED CRAFT – Wood – Adults (35+)**

1. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County

**DESIGN A BUTTON – Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Ashley Kolpak – Chester County
2. Philip Vonada – Centre County
3. Ashley Mohn – Berks County

**DESIGN A BUTTON – Adults (35+)**

1. Karen Mohn – Berks County

**PUBLIC SPEAKING – Prepared Speech – Youth (14-21)**

1. Derek Snyder – York County

**PUBLIC SPEAKING – Prepared Speech – Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Gail Switzer – Berks County

**PUBLIC SPEAKING – Prepared Speech – Adult (36 +)**

1. Lurae Benzio – Beaver County

**PUBLIC SPEAKING – Impromptu Speech – Youth (14-21)**

1. Jacob Mengel – Berks County
2. Grace Wadsworth – Chester County
3. Isaac Mengel – Berks County

**PUBLIC SPEAKING – Impromptu Speech – Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Gail Switzer – Berks County
2. Denae Zvarick – Montgomery County
3. Jennifer Nauss – York County

**PUBLIC SPEAKING – Impromptu Speech – Adult (36 +)**

1. Ruth Vonada – Centre County
2. Lurae Benzio – Beaver County
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**PUBLIC SPEAKING – Visual Aids Speech – Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Philip Vonada – Centre County

**REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Worthy Master, National Representatives, State Officers, Members and Guests of the Pennsylvania State Grange: The Credentials Committee of the 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session reports the following:

Subordinate Grange delegates	111
Pomona Grange delegates	<u>49</u>
Total number of delegates	160
Total number of Subordinate Granges Represented	63
Total number of Pomona Granges Represented	28
Total number of Junior Grange Members	38
<b>Grand total of 231 registered</b>	

We want to thank the registration committee for their work.

Fraternally submitted,  
Jennifer Nauss, Chair  
Doris Koenig

**REPORT OF THE PA STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION**

In 1994, at the State Session in Warren, Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania State Grange Foundation was formed by delegate action. The main purpose of the Foundation is to administer the two Grange scholarship funds established by the delegate action.

The annual meeting of the Foundation was held on January 28, 2017 in State College, PA. Board members who were present at the meeting included: Elizabeth Downey, Pennsylvania State Grange President, Wayne Campbell, Pennsylvania State Grange Overseer, Henry Seidel, Pennsylvania State Grange Treasurer, Robert Bair and Richard Mangel, Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee Members. Debra Campbell, Pennsylvania State Grange Secretary, served as recording secretary at the meeting. During the meeting Wayne Campbell was elected as Chairman of the Foundation.



The Deaf & Community Service Department and the Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee oversee the Sign Language Training Program scholarship Fund, from which a grant of \$250 is available each year. The balance of this fund as of June 30, 2017 is \$1,531.94. In 2017, we were able to award a grant to Megan Brown of Hillcrest Grange #1674 in Somerset County and we encourage anyone interested in furthering their education in this area to apply for a grant.

Also included 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, 2017 is \$14,119.75.

The Pennsylvania Grange Scholarship Fund provides for grants to be given to Grange members in their Junior or Senior years at any institution of higher learning, for any course of study. The State Grange Executive committee administers the fund and the State Grange Treasurer invests the funds. A scholarship committee comprised of the State Overseer, one Executive Committee member, and three additional Grange members, at least one of whom is an educator, select the grantees. The balance in this fund as of June 30, 2017 is \$77,881.53. The winners of this year's scholarships were Derek Snyder of Valley Grange #1360 in York County, Jenna Sattazahn of Marion Grange #1853 in Berks 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.

A unique aspect of the Grange Scholarship Fund is that only interest earned may be used for scholarships each year. Therefore, the greater the principal, the more grants we are able to award. One way to contribute is through the State Officers project which is traditionally an auction held on Saturday evening of State Session each year. Another way to contribute is by sending a 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 our members.

Fraternally submitted,  
Barbara Schroeder, Interim Chairman

### **REPORT OF THE HISTORY COMMITTEE**

During the past year a great deal of work to preserve the history of the Grange in Pennsylvania has been going on "behind the scenes", the results of which will shortly become much more apparent. While a major goal of the hundreds of hours of volunteer time invested in this work is to safeguard important documents and records that exist only in paper form subject to deterioration, the History Committee is also anxious that the story of the Grange become more readily accessible to our members and the public.

To accomplish these goals, the work of the State Grange History Committee is divided into three task forces, each working with relative independence on its particular area of interest.

#### **Archives – Jennifer Nauss, facilitator**

Specific Accomplishments of the Last Year:

- Sorted, organized, and boxed records and other paraphernalia (regalia, manuals, implements, etc.) submitted by local Granges that were stored in the conference room at the State Office
- Negotiated (on-going) with the PA State Archives to determine best disposition of some 20 boxes of local Grange original records that are still stored at the State Office (submitted after the Archives imposed a moratorium in 2016 on acceptance of additional paper records); if the Archives will not make an exception to accept this material, an attempt will be made to return it to the respective counties in the hope that local historical societies might preserve this information
- Negotiated contract with IMR Digital to preserve on microfilm and digitize into an on-line accessible and indexed PDF format the records of the PA State Grange, including the various newsletters (*Grange News*, *Grange Advocate*, etc.), the *Journals of Proceedings* not previously microfilmed, Executive Committee minutes and original charter applications from the National Grange Office; most of these records are currently at IMR and balance will be submitted as funding permits
- Decided to pursue the idea of one set of all microfilmed records be on file at the PA State Archives and a second copy owned by the State Grange to be stored in a secure, climate controlled facility
- Arranged for secure storage site of Grange copy of all microfilmed records

#### Plans for the Coming Year:

- Obtain duplicate rolls of the already microfilmed *Journals of Proceedings* housed at the PA State Archives and have them digitized (converted to PDF format) by IMR Digital
- Post the PDF format digitized and indexed documents on the State Grange website so this historical information is available on-line to anyone interested in this information
- Determine best course of action for dealing with the local Grange records currently at the State Office
- Pursue initial contact with PA State Archives to accept film copies of newly microfilmed records
- Work with local Granges who may wish to preserve their records through the contracts in place with IMR
- Determine what additional records of the PA State Grange or National Grange (publications, books, manuals, songbooks, etc.) should be preserved and/or stored

**Written & Oral History** – Bill Steel, facilitator; Susan Tau, assisting

#### Specific Accomplishments of the Last Year:

- Determined that brief sketches of the activities, accomplishments, significant facts and statistics during the term of each State Grange Master/President for posting on the Grange website should be excerpted from existing Pennsylvania State Grange history (hard copy) publications. Those history publications are:
  - Fred Brenckman's 1949 book, *History of the Pennsylvania State Grange* covering the years 1873-1948

- **1973 Centennial Edition Pennsylvania State Grange History** covering 1949-1973
- **1998 Historical Excerpts of the Pennsylvania State Grange, 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition** covering 1974-1998
- Summaries for those terms from 1998 to the present time obtained facts from annual *Journals of Proceedings*
- Completed drafts of the historical sketches and began editing process
- Completed historical rosters of all 2,110 Subordinate Granges and 73 Pomona Granges chartered in Pennsylvania from 1871 to present showing organization date, name, number, location, organizer, number of charter members and current status (active or inactive) and including significant details like dormancy and re-organization dates, consolidations with other Granges, etc. (*this project was handled by Doug Bonsall and Jenn Nauss due to their proximity to the State Grange office where many hours of research was conducted to “dig out” this information*)

Plans for the Coming Year:

- Post historical summaries by Master/President terms and several different sorts of the Grange rosters (by county, by Grange number) on State Grange website
- Begin recording of oral historical interviews with key Grange leaders
- Continue planning for a new written history of the past 25 years leading up to the State Grange’s 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023.

**Finance** - Anna May Nauss, facilitator

Financial resources are necessary to carry out the work of the History Committee, especially the one-time costs of microfilming/digitizing/indexing nearly 150 years of accumulated records estimated at about \$9,000. The Executive Committee approved the issuance of an appeal early in the summer of 2017. As of 9/15/2017, generous contributions totaling \$4,680 have been received from the following Granges & individuals, providing just over half of the funding needed:

Armstrong County	Greene County
Laurel Point #915	Harveys-Aleppo #1444
Beaver County	Lehigh County
Hookstown #1980	Seipstown #1657
Berks County	Lycoming County
Berks Pomona #43	Gordon Hiller
Ontelaunee #1617	Mercer County
Virginville #1832	London #1492
Kutztown #1836	Stony Point #1694
Hamburg #2103	Montgomery County
Chester County	Sanatoga #25
Chester Pomona #3	Northampton County
Brandywine #60	Star #993
Kimberton #1304	Northumberland County
Marshallton #1394	Robert Pardoe, Jr.
Honey Brook Twp. #1688	Perry County
Diane Marino – in memory of mother A.	Perry Pomona #69
Elaine Cook	Oliver #1069

Clearfield County  
Harmony #1201

Crawford County  
Hayfield #800  
Cochranton #2030

Erie County  
Elk Creek #997

Fayette County  
Dawson #419

Perry Valley #1804  
Susquehanna County

Fairdale #1157  
Venango County  
Scrubgrass #1705

York County  
Valley #1360

A fourth area considered by the History Committee was the idea of the establishment of a PA State Grange Museum. This initiative has been indefinitely postponed due to lack of a facilitator for this specific project and the significant funding required for such an undertaking.

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

### **145TH ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE PAST STATE OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS ANNUAL MEETING**

The Past Officers and Past Department Heads of the Pennsylvania State Grange held their annual meeting on Friday, **October 20, 2017**, in the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel in Scranton. The meeting was **Called to Order** by the President Janet Fishovitz. Session guest was Stephanie Tiller, **Convention/Operations Director of the National Grange**.

Past Chaplain Jean Hollabaugh offered **grace** prior to the luncheon. The forty-four persons in attendance enjoyed lunch and fellowship. A complete list of the attendees accompanies these minutes.

Copies of the **Minutes** of the 2016 meeting were provided at each table. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Nettie Kauffman, seconded by Richard Mangel; motion carried.

The 2017 **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 2016 **Audit** Committee – Sara Shank found the accounts correct and in order. 2017 Audit Committee appointed Nettie Kaufman and Evelyn Cottrell, with the books to be audited at the close of this luncheon.

Report of the **Grange Resale/Jewelry Table** – We make 20% profit on this merchandise. President Janet thanked Susan Tau and Jean Hollabaugh for their commitment to this annual endeavor.

**Old business:**

Barbara Gross moved, and Leonard Heim 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 monitor the possible need for flowers for the Memorial Service. In 2014, the cross was 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	Anna May Nauss
Treasurer	Kelly VanOrd (re-elected)

The motion was made by Nettie Kauffman, seconded by Richard Mangel, that as some of our members do not attend State Session, a mailing be sent to all Past Officers asking for their financial help with our continuing obligations. Motion carried.

**Necrology** Report of those who have passed since our 2015 report:

April 9, 2016 – Andrew D. “Andy” Springer

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

Tammy Schaeffer	Berks County	Ceres
Tim Schaeffer	Berks County	Guest
Nettie Kauffman	Berks County	Youth Dir, Pomona, Ex Com.
Irvin Kauffman	Berks County	Guest
Barbara Gross	Venango County	Executive Committee
Jean Hollabaugh	Warren County	Chaplain
John Master	Venango County	Steward, Ex. Com.
Mazie Master	Venango County	Guest
Mary Jane Kent	Greene County	Lecturer
Marty Dinsmore	Greene County	Flora
Kelly VanOrd	Warren County	Jr. Dir, LAS, D&CS Dir.
Susan Tau	Crawford County	Lecturer
Richard Mangel	Butler County	Gatekeeper, Overseer
Ginny Mangel	Butler County	Family Activities Dir.
Sara Shank	Lancaster County	Pomona
Scott Shank	Lancaster County	Guest
Leonard Heim	Lehigh County	Steward

Joanne Heim	Lehigh County	Guest
Gene Zvarick	Montgomery County	Gatekeeper
Denae Zvarick	Montgomery County	Guest
Janet Pratt	Venango County	LAS, Jr. Dir., CS Dir.
Janet Fishovitz	Beaver County	Flora
Tony Fishovitz	Beaver County	Guest
Grace Mitchell	Washington County	Guest
Wayne Campbell	Perry County	Overseer, Master
Debbie Campbell	Perry County	Sec'y, Pomona, Jr. Dir.
Anna Mae Nauss	York County	Flora, Treas., Youth Dir.
Jennifer Nauss	York County	Chaplain
Fae Snyder	York County	First Lady
Evelyn Cottrell	Susquehanna County	LAS
Stephanie Tiller	National Grange Rep.	Guest
Lorena Baughman	Blair County	Lecturer
Denise Clare	Berks County	Guest
Martha Ebersole	Perry County	LAS, Youth Dir., GK, FA Dir
Ruth Britcher	Perry County	Guest
Clifford Baily	Cumberland County	Guest
Vince Phillips	Cumberland County	Guest
Sandy Witmer	Lancaster County	Secretary
Judy Pressler	Centre County	Chaplain
Lee Pressler	Centre County	Ex. Com.
Brian Ebersole	Perry County	Overseer
Derek Schroeder	Berks County	Assistant Steward
Jim Diamond	Bucks County	Youth Chairman
Wayne Oakley	Susquehanna County	Ex Com.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Jane Kent

### **REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANT**

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 Campbell on Capitol Hill re Appropriations hearing for PA Dept. Agriculture (PDA) budget
- Lobbying on restoration of funds cut from PDA budget
- Lobbying on “non-preferred” bills to free up funding for Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences and University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine

- Participated in PA Game Commission meeting on Sunday hunting
- Proposed hearings to House and Senate Policy Committee on agricultural risk management and profitability of farming today
- County Fair funding
- Changes in Uniform Construction Code allowing for exemption for roadside stands
- Letter to Senator Casey regarding Drug User Fee Act
- Letter to Senator Casey regarding Federal Broadband access bill
- Lobbied on continuance of Universal Service Fund (continued landline phone service for rural areas)
- Lobbied on state control over rural EMS air transport charges
- Property Tax exemptions for 100-year old Grange Halls
- Marcellus Shale property owners royalty protection
- Lobbied on reducing liability for property owners who allow recreational use (ATVs, etc.)
- PA State Budget relating to expansion of state Sales Tax to services utilized by Grange members

## **MONITORING AND REPORTING**

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

- Reported to Grange President Campbell on legislative developments on topics such as State Budget, balance billing legislation, wind easements for protected farmland, vo-tech legislation, agri-tourism liability, REAL ID issue, Ag Education Commission legislation, Governor Wolf's agency consolidation proposal, Covered Device Recycling Act, rural law enforcement fee for municipalities under State police protection, telemedicine legislation, national Repeal & Replace Affordable Care Act legislation, Waters of the US Rule, etc.

## **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 (Lizzie Bailey)
- Pipeline program at Farm Show
- Prepared guidance on State Budget for members
- Researched questions from members on topics as varied as:
  - Funding resources for local Grange projects
  - Applicability of Libre's Law (animal cruelty) to homing pigeons
  - Law enforcement officers legal use/prohibition on Epi-pen use
  - School charter legislation
  - Property tax exemptions for Grange Halls
- Drafted member survey on important areas of interest
- Blurbs to Lizzie Bailey
- Presentations to Hamburg Grange, State College Grange, Elizabethtown Grange, Eagle Grange (Lycoming County)
- Presentations to PA State Grange Regional Meetings in Venango County, Washington County, Berks County

## **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 and industry committees:

- Farm Show Grange-sponsored presentation and discussion on pipeline construction
- Presentation to seniors group in Duncannon per Grange request
- PA State Grange invited to Pollinator advisory board, Penn State Ag in the Balance, PDA potential conservation recognition project
- Promoted Tamaqua Grange visibility to legislators and farmers by hosting a PDA Food Safety Modernization/ PA State Council of Farm Organizations workshop
- Assisted with Grange Royalty visit to State Capitol

## **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:

- Media on Grange pipeline program at Farm Show
- [Lancaster Farming](#) Grange Page
- Media release regarding EPA school bus retrofit grant
- Media release on President Campbell (assisted)
- Media release on Avian Influenza threat
- Media release on proposed USDA Budget cuts
- Media release regarding Grange member Milk Marketing Board testimony
- REAL ID media release
- School lunch media release (why not whole milk, etc.?)
- UPenn Vet School comments to Central Penn Business Journal
- Biosolid study media statement
- USDA Budget cuts editorial in Lancaster Farming
- Media release on State Budget
- Media query on Libre's law (animal cruelty)
- Teen Writing contest to Lizzie Bailey as possible Grange Youth project

## **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 on importance of riparian borders
- Possible grant opportunities on beekeeping and gardening to Lizzie Bailey for possible local Grange projects
- Monsanto grant to Lizzie Bailey for local Granges
- Rural library grants to Lizzie Bailey for local Granges
- Alcohol grant to Lizzie Bailey for possible local Grange use
- Bayer Bee grant to local Grange for Bee event
- Senior Corps opportunities to Lizzie Bailey
- State Farm grant opportunity to Lizzie Bailey

Some identified grants were referred to legislative offices including:

- Rural health and rural hospital grants referred to PA House health Committee Chair



- Opioid grant opportunities to Senator Yaw and House chair Human Services Committee
- Urban agriculture grant opportunities to House Urban Affairs Committee chair and House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee chair
- Opioid grant opportunity to PA Physician General
- Rural technology grant opportunity to Senate President Pro Tempore

## **ASSOCIATION**

Working with other PA State Grange staff, the Legislative Director facilitates Resolution Review sessions, Farm Show programs, prepares Policy Manual listing of public policy positions adopted by the PA State grange, Archives obsolete policy positions that are no longer relevant, preparation of quarterly Lobbying Log to help PA State Grange in filing state-required lobbying reports to the PA Department of State, etc.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vince Phillips, Legislative Director

## **REPORT OF THE PR/MEMBERSHIP CONSULTANT**

In December, I returned to the PA State Grange as the PR/Membership Consultant. I feel very passionate about the deep historical roots of this organization. It is a privilege to work for the members as we strive to grow membership and expand our handprint in our communities!

January brought in the Farm Show which we at the State office worked feverishly to prepare for by packing up and relocating across the river at the Farm Show building. It was very exciting to talk to so many people about the Grange and oh the cookbook stories we heard from so many who approached our table to tell us about them. Our team of volunteers worked hard and we were so proud that we sold about \$2,000 in cookbooks!

At the state office, the goals set before us were simple, but daunting at the same time. We started working on consolidations and closing of Granges and the sale of some Grange Hall buildings. I have been traveling to locations across the state to pick up charters, record books, and regalia, scheduled appraisals, located realtors and assisted with any tasks needed to consolidate, close, and sell buildings.

Change arrived again in March as President Elizabeth Downey stepped down and the Overseer, Wayne Campbell accepted the duties of the presidency. He came into the office with surmountable chores and embraced them with all their challenges. We continued on our path with consolidations, closures and arranging for Grange properties that needed to be sold. The goals remained the same, address the problems and make clear our true membership numbers.

Summer arrived along with Youth and Junior Camps, and Family Festival. Family Festival provided the opportunity to spend time getting to know everyone better and sleeping in a tent. The events, tour, food, wooden quilt blocks, and more food were just some of the many highlights of the event.

Penn State's Ag Progress Days provided workshops, presentations, networking with peers to showcase our organization in the agriculture community. The networking value of all the participating organizations and the attendees was wonderful!

Your state office is a resource to meet the needs of your Grange by offering support and information. Three regional workshops have now been completed in Venango, Washington, and Lehigh Counties, with more being planned for after our state convention. Topics included legislation, marketing, and leadership.

As we look forward to 2018, let us work together on building stronger regions. Each region has distinct characteristics and each Grange enhances their community with activities, volunteerism, and family values. As Pennsylvania Grangers, let us stand tall and proud of our historical significance and continue the pursuit of representing the diverse issues within our state.

I look forward in working alongside your Grange and visiting your community!

Lizzie Bailey  
PR/Membership Consultant

### **REPORT FOR THE PA GRANGE HERITAGE QUILT TRAIL COMMITTEE**

As the PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail completes its eighth year, interest continues to be strong with Grangers and friends of the Grange. The *Paint Your Own Quilt Block* workshop continued to be well attended at Family Festival with both new and return participants painting 24 blocks. In the workshop most of the blocks painted were 2' x 2' blocks but there were also a few 4' x 4' blocks painted.

A *Paint Your Own Quilt Block* workshop was presented by Barbara and Glenn Gross at the 2016 National Grange Session in the Washington D.C. area. Forty-two Grangers from all across the nation attended the workshop and were taken step by step through the entire process of selecting the materials, choosing the design, graphing it on the wood and painting the block. Each attendee went home with complete instructions for painting their own quilt block and developing a Quilt Trail in their state.

A new type of Quilt Block was painted at the Mid-Atlantic Lecturer's Workshop. Due to limited time, we graphed and painted Quilt Blocks on 12" x 12" flat canvases with tempera paints. The same instructional methods were utilized in this class plus the drying time was also shortened by using hair driers on the paint.

Work continues to be needed to bring our website up to date with current photos and locations of Quilt Blocks. Remember that the PA Grange will provide every Grange sponsored Quilt Block with a PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail sign at no cost. If you have a Grange sponsored Quilt Block or know of one without signage, please contact us to receive either a 2' or 4' sign. To register your Quilt Block with the PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail and have it listed on the website, fill out the form on line and send a photo of your mounted Quilt Block to the State Grange Office.

If you need assistance, directions or help in creating your one of a kind wooden Quilt Block, help is only a phone call away. Just call Barbara and Glenn Gross at 724-290-3783 or Nettie and Irvin Kauffman at 610-926-5389 and they will assist with your needs. Classes are held in various locations throughout the year for Grangers, Quilt Guilds, Arts Councils, community organizations and individuals. If you want a workshop in your area, give us a call and we will work with you!

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Gross, Chair

### **REPORT OF 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 Saturday, October 21, 2017. There were 17 candidates representing 5 counties at the 145<sup>th</sup> 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,  
Heather Druckenmiller, York/Beaver  
Cindy Shaffer, Cumberland

### **SIXTH DEGREE CANDIDATES**

<b>6th Degree Member #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Grange Name</b>	<b>County</b>
PA-1087	Mikayla Davis	Ontelaunee #1617	Berks
PA-1088	Isaac Mengel	Fleetwood #1839	Berks
PA-1089	Jacob Mengel	Fleetwood #1839	Berks
PA-1090	Alicia Huttenlock	Middletown #684	Bucks
PA-1091	Francis Huttenlock	Middletown #684	Bucks
PA-1092	Walter McChessney	Hartslog Valley #375	Huntingdon
PA-1093	Ilene Altenhein	Central #1216	Potter
PA-1094	Penny J. Carpenetti	Union #152	Susquehanna
PA-1095	Pauline R. Johnson	Fairdale #1157	Susquehanna
PA-1096	MaryAnn Furman	Fairdale #1157	Susquehanna
PA-1097	Roger Furman	Fairdale #1157	Susquehanna
PA-1098	Arthur D. Murphy	Fairdale #1157	Susquehanna
PA-1099	Frances Robbins-Murphy	Fairdale #1157	Susquehanna
PA-1100	Jean Stang	Fairdale #1157	Susquehanna
PA-1101	Monica Turner	Union #152	Susquehanna
PA-1102	Bryan S. Poorman	Baileyville #1991	Centre
PA-1103	Karen M. Poorman	Baileyville #1991	Centre

## **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 Pennsylvania State Grange supports land owners in stream clean up necessary following Storms as allowed by the EPA. The Grange continues to support the Permitting process for “mechanical excavation of a stream bed or stream banks.”

The Grange also supports the Soil Conservation Service in their role as educators and facilitators in the implementing of on farm conservation practices and not in a capacity of permitting or enforcing.

Grange supports the Pennsylvania Dairy farmers in their efforts to identify Milk products as a product produced by lactating mammals only and label other products as imitation. Grange recognizes the need for fresh farm produce currently not available in areas identified as “Food Deserts” and supports legislation, education and the elimination of any zoning that may hinder the proposed program.

Grange recognizes the economic pressures in Agriculture and supports legislation requiring that Grain Brokers be Bonded to insure payment for grains received.

Grange will continue to encourage Penn Dot and the Pennsylvania Game Commission to advertise a deer removal reporting procedure to clear public highways of dead deer in a timely manner.

Grange is opposed to any statewide fees applied to current natural gas customers with the intent to expand gas service in remote areas not currently economically viable.

The Pennsylvania State Grange holds Penn State University AG department in high regard and will continue to participate in their nominating process for trustees. Grange encourages a wider participation of Agricultural Societies and or organizations at the county level.

The Grange is concerned as the Delaware Valley Commission moves towards a ban on drilling and developing oil and gas wells in the basin. This effort has been buoyed by recent court decision that ruled the commission had control over all projects that have a substantial effect on quality or quantity of water resources. A consequence of this ruling is that the commission is now moving from regulating to banning a project they perceive could affect water quality or quantity. This recent ruling effectively gives the already powerful commissions unchecked legislative jurisdiction over any project that could substantially effect water quality or quantity. The Grange believes this recent court decision should be appealed and / or other actions taken as needed to limit the authority of the various river basin commissions.

Many aspects of agriculture depend on foreign guest workers to fill jobs that they cannot find Americans to perform. As immigration reform moves to the forefront, the Grange should work to see that provisions for guest workers, such as those in the current H-2a and other similar classifications and programs are maintained and simplified to provide our agricultural industries a legal and stable supply of workers.

The Grange opposes any leasing or equity arrangement for the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex.

The AG committee is proposing these recent issues for archiving due to their relevance and their resolve.

Grange policy has supported “Dog Law” legislation on dog tethering. 2017 legislation is more specific and gives clear limits.

Grange policy has supported local fair funding be sourced from the State Gaming Fund. Currently fair premium funding is sourced from the Pennsylvania Horse Race Development Fund.

PA State Grange AG & Environmental Committee

Dustin Kunkle, Berks County  
Dorothy Houtz, Centre County  
Ronald Houtz, Centre County  
John Courtney, Mercer County  
Stanley Reyburn, Chester County  
James Huber, Chair, Lancaster County

## **APPROVED RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution #3 — Urban Agriculture**

#### **Cumberland Valley Grange #2104, Cumberland County**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange support legislative, educational and regulatory efforts to make fresh agriculture products available to “food desert” urban areas by encouraging the development of urban food gardens and working to overcome legal obstacles that may prevent the growth of urban agriculture.

### **Resolution #4 — Disposal of Dead Deer**

#### **Venango County Pomona Grange #57**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange support legislation detailing how dead deer are disposed of on Pennsylvania state and interstate highways, who is responsible for removal and a timeline for removal. Be it further

RESOLVED, that Grange urge Penn Dot and the Game Commission to advertise a reporting procedure such as a 1-800 Hotline.

### **Resolution #6 — Opposition to House Bill 107**

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

RESOLVED, Pennsylvania State Grange opposes a statewide fee being imposed on existing gas customers to expand gas service in areas not currently economically viable.

**Resolution #7 — Grain Brokers**

**Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

RESOLVED, Pennsylvania State Grange supports legislation requiring Grain Brokers be Bonded to secure payments to farmers/producers for grain received.

**Resolution #10 — PSU Ag Trustee Election Process**

**Beaver County Pomona Grange #66**

RESOLVED, Pennsylvania State Grange with other Agricultural organizations become pro-active in the Penn State University Ag Trustee election process to insure consistent implementation at the county level and guarantee continued AG Trustee representation.

**Resolution #42 —**

**Agriculture & Environmental Issues Committee**

RESOLVED that the Pennsylvania State Grange opposes any move to put the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex into an equity or leasing arrangement.

**REPORT OF GOVERNMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**

Worthy Master/President, National Representative, State Officers, Delegates and Guests.

The Government Issues Committee wishes to express our gratitude and appreciation to our volunteers and our dedicated staff 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.

There are two items we reviewed with elections. Resolution 11 &12. The committee also reviewed resolutions in ways to save the State of Pennsylvania money in the budget. We also spent time on reviewing safety for emergency responders. A resolution presented the need of a Database to be compiled and made available for Veterans Affairs. The committee discussed and adopted the resolution on the creation of a postage stamp to acknowledge the 150th anniversary of the Grange. It is important to support getting Pennsylvania up to date on the Real ID initiatives.

The Government Issues Committee made the decision to archive PA Grange policy on Industrial Hemp and Citizenship of the President of the U.S.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Arthur Zug, Chairman – Juniata County  
Lynn A. Dietrich – Berks County  
Martha Sherman – Erie County  
Carole Huber – Lancaster County  
Elizabeth Bailey – Northumberland County  
Carol Ann Gregg – Mercer County

## APPROVED RESOLUTIONS

### **Resolution #12 — Term Limits**

#### **Lycoming County Pomona Grange #28**

RESOLVED, that the PA State Grange support legislation that would limit the terms of elected Representatives and Senators at the State and Federal Level to 12 years

### **Resolution #13 — Pennsylvania Lieutenant Governor's Mansion**

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

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange proposes that the Pennsylvania taxpayers not subsidize residence for the Lieutenant Governor; and be it further  
RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth make every effort to relinquish possession of the property now used as the Lieutenant Governor's Mansion residence.

### **Resolution #14 — Pennsylvania Giving Tax Money to Host Political Conventions**

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

RESOLVED, Pennsylvania State Grange suggests that Pennsylvania gives no money to host political conventions in the future.

### **Resolution #15 — Providing Access for Emergency Vehicles**

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

RESOLVED, that Pennsylvania implement a strong education campaign on Emergency Vehicle law.

### **Resolution #16 — Veterans Benefits and Services**

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

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange propose that the current Pennsylvania State law be changed, so that the Veterans Affairs Office be able to directly contact retirees by mail, phone, or otherwise, to advise them of the potential services and benefits available to them; and be it further  
RESOLVED, that a central database be developed to assist the Veterans Affairs Officers.

### **Resolution #17 — Abide by Laws in Other Countries**

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

RESOLVED, that any non-citizen living or visiting the United States must abide by United States laws or face possible deportation.

### **Resolution #19 — Postage Stamps**

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

RESOLVED, that the PA State Grange urge the United States Postal Service to issue a stamp to recognize the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the National Grange.

### **Resolution #21 — Real ID Resolution**

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

RESOLVED, The Pennsylvania State Grange urges immediate adoption by the General Assembly of legislation bringing the Commonwealth in compliance with the Federal Real ID requirements of personal identification required for airline travel, access to Federal facilities, etc. and be it further

RESOLVED, that this legislation include all drivers' licenses and other forms of identification issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and that holders of Real ID-compliant identification not be required to subsidize the transition from present Pennsylvania identifications.

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

Worthy President, State Officers, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for allowing us to serve on the Good of the Order Committee this year. Our committee reviewed a total of 21 resolutions with much discussion of their merits and repercussions in determining our recommendations. Like Brothers and Sisters in any family, members have differing opinions of what is in the best interest of our Order.

The consensus of our Committee overall is that while the will of the Delegate body should govern policy in general, it should leave the detail of planning and execution of the specifics to our elected officers and appointed committees to whom we have entrusted our faith. We encourage Granges who have submitted resolutions to speak at session on their behalf.

In looking forward to 2018, in order to expedite the business at State Session, we encourage Community and Pomona Granges to keep the following points in mind prior to submitting resolutions to minimize the need for amendments from the floor:

- Attempt to determine whether the issue is present Grange policy, in which case no resolution is needed.
- If there is a particular local issue that has sparked a resolution, feel free to attach newspaper clippings, face book posts, etc. to your resolution so that the respective Committees can better understand why the resolution was submitted.
- In wording your resolutions state an affirmative action that you wish the PA State Grange to take on the subject - for example "RESOLVED that the PA State Grange support ....."
- Avoid mentioning specific legislative bills in your RESOLVED statements – bills come and go with each year's legislative sessions, but Grange policy should be for/against a particular issue, regardless of what bills may be pending in current legislative sessions.
- Read the RESOLVED portion of the resolution out loud, independently, without the WHEREAS statements, as it would be read at Session. These statements must be able to stand alone, without regard the WHEREAS statements in order to be properly voted upon.
- If suggesting a change in Grange by-laws, please reference the specific section and article numbers(s) and clearly state the proposed language to be changed.
- If you have questions, feel free to contact our State President, Executive or Program Committee member, or Legislative or Membership Consultant at any time.

We encourage local Granges to continue to perform our rituals to keep our traditions and history alive. We also encourage National Grange to produce videos of the first four Degrees for Granges to use before they are lost forever.

Please encourage your local Granges to submit resolutions and to send delegates and guests (particularly new members) 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 at the State level.

Please take a few minutes before you leave Session to complete the surveys included in your packets. Your input will be very helpful in planning future meetings and events. Again, thank you for your time as delegates. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Glenn Gross, Chair, Venango County  
Jane Birk, Bucks County  
Janet Fishovitz, Beaver County  
Leonard Heim, Lehigh County

Gerald Pratt, Bradford County  
Robert Pardoe, Northumberland County  
George Gregg, Mercer County

## **APPROVED RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution #20 — Use of Vote Cards by National Grange**

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

RESOLVED, that Pennsylvania State Grange encourages the delegates to National Grange use color vote cards similar to those used at Pennsylvania State Grange sessions.

### **Resolution #23 — Admittance to Annual National Grange Sessions**

#### **Crawford County Pomona Grange #26**

RESOLVED, that the National Grange inform the host areas providing Deputies for National Conventions that the Annual Membership Dues Card or Lifetime Membership Card be accepted for admittance to the National Grange Session.

### **Resolution #27 — Notification of Availability of Resolutions**

#### **Crawford County Pomona Grange #26**

RESOLVED, that notification be made when the resolutions are available for the upcoming session.

### **Resolution #28 — Provide Current List of Advocates and Point of Contact**

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

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange provide to all the Subordinate Granges in the State in writing an up-to-date list of the current Advocates and their point of contact.

### **Resolution #29 — Honorary Members**

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

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange urge the National Grange to review and explore membership options to include members who are homebound or in an extended care facility

### **Resolution #30 — Date of Session — October 2019**

#### **Centre County Pomona #13**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange be willing to make an exception to the 2019 State Session date and move it from the 3<sup>rd</sup> week to the 4<sup>th</sup> week of October 2019. Therefore, be it further resolved that this be of a period of one year.

### **Resolution #31 — Suggestions for State Grange Officers**

#### **Watson Grange #1068, Warren County**

RESOLVED, that the Suggestions Committee work to obtain at least two candidates per office prior to suggestions for officers at each State Grange Session.

**Resolution #32 — Election of Officers**

**Valley Grange #1360, York County**

RESOLVED, as stated in the By-Laws of the Pennsylvania State Grange, Article I, Section 1.1.2: This Grange shall operate under the rules and regulations of the constitution, by-laws, and code as adopted by the National Grange and published in the Digest of Laws of the National Grange.

Therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange adhere to the By-Laws and follow Robert's Rules of Order Article VI, Section 38 which states that the election of officers shall be reported as follows: number of votes cast, number required for election, and how many votes each person received.

**Resolution #37 — Grange Ritual**

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

RESOLVED, that we continue the ritual to maintain our history and uniqueness of the Grange.

**Resolution #38 — Pennsylvania State Grange Awards**

**Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

RESOLVED, Committee Department Chairs should have ribbons, plaques, and/or monies to be awarded be available during State Session to be presented to the winner(s) or a designated person on their behalf.

**Resolution #39 — Overview of Executive Committee Minutes**

**Beaver County Pomona Grange #66**

RESOLVED, that the Overview of the minutes of the Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee be distributed to local Grange leaders in a timely manner following approval of the minutes.

**Resolution #41 — Two-Year Program Guides**

**Beaver County Pomona Grange #66**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange print and distribute a two-year program guide for all departments in off-election years so that there will be a continuation of program rules and contests into a new term of officers and departmental leaders.

**Resolution #43 State Grange Session Schedule**

**Good of the Order Committee**

RESOLVED, that the present length of the convention be retained.

## **MOVE TO ARCHIVE**

### **Farm/Agricultural Safety**

The Grange recommends that the Governor, the General Assembly and the Secretary of Agriculture take steps to implement the proposed program revisions for farm/agricultural safety and occupational health including the PA Outreach Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (POCASH) 2006

ARCHIVED 2017: This is a picture in time. Research within PA Department of Agriculture was unable to conclude what “proposed program revisions” were or even what POCASH is or was.

### **Dog Law**

The Grange supports the repeal of parts of Act 119 of 2008 known as the Dog Law which are onerous and burdensome. (2011)

ARCHIVED 2017: There is no definition as to what “onerous and burdensome” means. In addition, the Dog Law was amended since 2008 and the objectionable parts may have been addressed.

## COMPLETE RESOLUTION INDEX

	<u>Resolution Number and Title</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Delegate Action</u>
1	Farm Permits	Agriculture & Envir Issues	Reject
2	Farm Permits	Agriculture & Envir Issues	Reject
3	Urban Agriculture	Agriculture & Envir Issues	Adopt as Amended
4	Disposal of Dead Deer	Agriculture & Envir Issues	Adopt as Amended
5	Creek and Streams	Agriculture & Envir Issues	Reject
6	Opposition to House Bill 107	Agriculture & Envir Issues	Adopt as Amended
7	Grain Brokers	Agriculture & Envir Issues	Adopt as Amended
8	Milk	Agriculture & Envir Issues	Present Policy
9	Definition of Milk	Agriculture & Envir Issues	Present Policy
10	PSU AG Trustees Election Process	Agriculture & Envir Issues	Adopt as Amended
11	Open Primary	Governmental Issues	Reject
12	Term Limits	Governmental Issues	Adopt as Amended
13	PA Lieutenant Governor's Mansion	Governmental Issues	Adopt as Amended
14	PA Giving Tax Money to Host Political Conv.	Governmental Issues	Adopt as Amended
15	Providing Access for Emergency Vehicles	Governmental Issues	Adopt as Amended
16	Veterans Benefits & Services	Governmental Issues	Adopt as Amended
17	Abide by Laws in Other Countries	Governmental Issues	Adopt as Amended
18	Requirements for Public Assistance	Governmental Issues	Present Policy
19	Postage Stamps	Governmental Issues	Adopt
20	Real ID Resolution	Good of the Order	Adopt
21	Use of Vote Cards by Nat'l Grange	Good of the Order	Adopt as Amended
22	PA State Grange Session	Good of the Order	Reject
23	Admittance to Nat'l Grange Session	Good of the Order	Adopt
24	Distribution of Guide to Contests & Prog	Good of the Order	Reject
25	Grange Buildings	Good of the Order	Present Policy
26	Grange Buildings	Good of the Order	Present Policy
27	Notification of Availability of Resolutions	Good of the Order	Adopt as Amended
28	Provide Current List of Advocates and Point of Contact	Good of the Order	Adopt
29	Honorary Members	Good of the Order	Adopt as Amended
30	Date of Session – October 2019	Good of the Order	Adopt as Amended
31	Nominations for State Grange Officers	Good of the Order	Adopt as Amended
32	Election of Officers	Good of the Order	Adopt
33	Contest and Program Guide	Good of the Order	Reject
34	PA State Grange Session Schedule	Good of the Order	Reject
35	Length of Session	Good of the Order	Reject
36	State Grange Banquets & Recognition	Good of the Order	Reject
37	Grange Ritual	Good of the Order	Adopt as Amended
38	PA State Grange Awards	Good of the Order	Adopt
39	Overview of Executive Com. Minutes	Good of the Order	Adopt as Amended
40	Transfer of Dormant Grange Funds to General Fund	Good of the Order	Reject
41	Two Year Program Guides	Good of the Order	Adopt
42	PA Farm Show	Agriculture & Envir Issues	Adopt
43	State Grange Session Schedule	Good of the Order	Adopt as Amended

## Annual Sessions of the Pennsylvania State Grange

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Opening Date</u>		<u>Location</u>	<u>Opening Date</u>
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

## Annual Sessions of the Pennsylvania State Grange (cont'd)

<u>Location</u>	<u>Opening Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Opening Date</u>		
97	Lewistown	October 28, 1969	122	Carlisle	October 23, 1994
98	Meadville	October 27, 1970	123	West Middlesex	October 23, 1995
99	Somerset	October 26, 1971	124	Warren	October 28, 1996
100	Williamsport	October 23, 1972	125	Reading	October 27, 1997
101	Reading	October 22, 1973	126	Meadville	October 24, 1998
102	Washington	October 28, 1974	127	Allentown	October 23, 1999
103	Lancaster	October 27, 1975	128	Carlisle	October 21, 2000
104	Sharon	October 25, 1976	129	Altoona	October 20, 2001
105	Danville	October 24, 1977	130	Washington	October 25, 2002
106	Butler	October 23, 1978	131	Exton	October 25, 2003
107	Williamsport	October 22, 1979	132	Harrisburg	October 23, 2004
108	Lewistown	October 27, 1980	133	West Middlesex	October 22, 2005
109	Altoona	October 26, 1981	134	Reading	October 21, 2006
110	Harrisburg	October 25, 1982	135	Williamsport	October 6, 2007
111	Clearfield	October 24, 1983	136	Lancaster	October 17, 2008
112	Gettysburg	October 22, 1984	137	Johnstown	October 17, 2009
113	Warren	October 27, 1985	138	West Middlesex	October 16, 2010
114	Reading	October 26, 1986	139	Harrisburg	October 15, 2011
115	Butler	October 26, 1987	140	Butler	October 20, 2012
116	Allentown	October 24, 1988	141	State College	October 19, 2013
117	Uniontown	October 22, 1989	142	Reading	October 18, 2014
118	West Chester	October 21, 1990	143	Warren	October 17, 2015
119	Altoona	October 28, 1991	144	Shippensburg	October 21, 2016
120	Williamsport	October 26, 1992	145	Scranton	October 20, 2017
121	Clarion	October 24, 1993			