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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 2018 STATE SESSION**

### **Agriculture & Environmental Issues**

James Huber, Chair – Lancaster County  
John Courtney – Mercer County  
Jodi Keith Kensinger – Huntingdon County  
Dustin Kunkle – Berks County  
Stanley Reyburn – Chester County  
Dale Shupp – Wyoming 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

### **Good of the Order**

Barbara Schroeder, Chair – Berks County  
Glenn Gross – 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

### **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

### **Credentials**

Mary Jane Kent, Chair – Greene County  
Marty Dinsmore – Greene County

### **Sixth Degree**

Martha Ebersole – Perry County  
Donna Kunkle – Berks County

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE 146<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SESSION SCHEDULE

### Thursday, October 18, 2018

10:00 am	Executive Committee meeting – TBA
1:00 pm	State Officers, Committees arrive Exhibit rooms set-up –Ballrooms 1, 2, 5, 6 and Pittsburgh room
1:00 pm to approx. 4:00 pm	Tour of Eden Hall Campus to view an Aquaponics system in operation
4:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Convention Registration – Lobby
4:30 pm	Host Banquet – transportation provided - meet in Lobby
6:30 pm – 10:00 pm	State Officers Rehearsal – Ballrooms 3 & 4
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Exhibit entries accepted – all exhibit rooms

### Friday, October 19, 2018

8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Convention Registration – Lobby
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Session Comm. Meetings – Pine, Forward, Marshall, & Jackson rooms
8:00 am – 10:30 am	Exhibit Entries accepted – all exhibit rooms
9:00 am	OFFICAL OPENING – Ballrooms 3 & 4
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch Recess
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Past Officers Luncheon – Atrium (max. 100)
1:00 pm	Judging of Exhibits – all exhibit rooms
1:15 pm – 5:30 pm	Session reconvenes – Ballrooms 3 & 4
1:15 pm	Suggestions for Officers
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner Recess
5:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Exhibits open for viewing – all exhibit rooms
7:00 pm – 7:45 pm	Speaker – People’s Gas
8:00 pm – 8:45 pm	Speaker – Linda Willis from Gunn Mowery Insurance
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Youth Officers Practice – Ballrooms 3 & 4

### Saturday, October 20, 2018

8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Convention Registration – Lobby
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Junior Jam Registration – Lobby
8:30 am	Session opens with Youth Officers – Ballrooms 3 & 4
9:00 am – 7:45 pm	Exhibits open for viewing – all exhibit rooms
11:15 am	Election of Officers – Ballrooms 3 & 4
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Youth Luncheon & Presentations – Atrium (max. 150)
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Conferral of 6 <sup>th</sup> Degree – Ballrooms 3 & 4
3:15 pm – 5:30 pm	Session reconvenes – Ballrooms 3 & 4
5:45 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner Recess
7:15 pm – 7:45 pm	Department Award Presentations – Ballrooms 3 & 4
7:45 pm – 9:15 pm	Foundation Scholarship Auction– Ballrooms 3 & 4
7:45 pm	Exhibits Closed for tear down – all exhibit rooms
9:15 pm – 11:00 pm	Youth party – Adams & Sewickley Hospitality rooms

### Sunday, October 21, 2018

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Church service – Ballroom 4
9:15 am – 10:15 am	Junior Degree – Ballroom 4
10:15 am – 12:00 pm	PICK-UP All Exhibits (no early pick-up)
10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Sign-A-Song & Public Speaking – Ballroom 4
1:00 pm – ????	All Grangers Banquet – Ballrooms 1, 2, & 3 Installation – Immediately following Banquet Closing of 2018 Annual Session

**MINUTES OF THE 146<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PA STATE GRANGE SESSION**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2018**

1. The 146<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania State Grange Annual Session officially opened in the 6<sup>th</sup> degree on Friday October 19, 2018 at 9:00 am in Ballrooms 3 & 4, Pittsburgh Marriott North Hotel, Cranberry Township, PA with Master Wayne Campbell presiding. The opening drill was under the direction of Lindsay Schroeder, Berks County.
2. Roll call found all officers present. Sister Doris Evans served as the pianist for the session.
3. Honored guests recognized were Betsy Huber, National Grange President and Past Pennsylvania State Grange President John Stefenoni, National Grange Leadership/Membership Director, John Plank, National Grange Assistant Steward and President/Master of the Indiana State Grange and his wife Susan.
4. Introduction of Senator Eldar Vogel Jr., 47<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District to present Senate Resolution Citation Honoring Grange Women.
5. Also recognized as an honored guest was Past First Lady and Past National Priestess Annalist, Fae Snyder.
6. Brother Richard Mangel and Sister Janet Fishovitz, Co-Chairpersons of the 2018 Host Committee, welcomed everyone to Cranberry Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania State Grange Session was hosted by the Southwest Convention District. Brother Mangel introduced Richard Hadley, Chairperson of the Cranberry Township Board of Supervisors who gave a few remarks and welcomed us to Cranberry Township.
7. Master Campbell requested volunteers for the 150<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania State Grange Anniversary Committee. History Committee is already working on it.
8. Master Campbell appointed Sister Cassidy Cheddar as Session parliamentarian.
9. Brother Michael Adams announced that you need to turn your phones to vibrate. If he hears your phone, it will cost you \$10.00.
10. Sister Judy Pressler gave us devotions titled "Living for Jesus". Sister Pressler then read the scripture 1 Thessalonians 5:14-22. Her message was on how we should strive to live. She read a poem from Sylvia Wilson. The song was "Living for Jesus" and the closing prayer was the Lord's Prayer.
11. Sister Barbara Schroeder, Chairperson of the Good of the Order Committee presented 3 resolutions regarding changes to the By-Laws. Resolution No. 31 – Loans to Local Granges; Resolution No. 32 – Pennsylvania State Grange Employees and Resolution No. 33 – Maintaining in the Office of the Pennsylvania State Grange at 10:08 which are needed to be presented 24 hours before they are presented for approval by the Delegate Body.
12. Appointment of Session Committees—Credentials—Sister Mary Jane Kent, Greene County and Sister Marty Dinsmore, Greene County.
  - a. Sister Kent gave a partial report of the Credential's Committee as follows:  
97 Delegates and 60 Subordinate Granges and  
43 Delegates and 27 Pomona Granges represented at this time.

With a total of 140 present at this time. Master Campbell confirmed that we do have a quorum and can proceed with our work.

13. 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Committee—Sister Martha Ebersole, Perry County and Sister Donna Kunkle, Berks County.
14. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the official program with the change of inserting the presentation and discussion of the proposed land purchase and possible building, motion carried. A motion was made and seconded to approve the program as amended, motion carried.**
15. 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*.
16. Master Campbell presented for discussion on a piece of property for a prospective new Grange Building and showed pictures on the prospective property.

**A motion was made and seconded to table the discussion until tomorrow after the opening ceremonies and Junior Activities, motion carried.**

**An amendment to the motion was made and seconded to add "the first order of business after the opening ceremony and the Youth and Junior Director's reports would be considered part of the opening, motion carried.**

17. Sister Campbell, State Grange Secretary, presented highlights from her report. It was accepted and the full report will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
18. Brother Seidel referred to the two letters from Hamilton and Musser. The first letter states that the 2016-17 Annual Audit was completed. The second letter stated that the 2017-18 has not been completed because the delay is based on the normal gathering of extensive documentation and information needed for the review and not due to any issues or concerns. 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.

The Budget can be voted on at 11:34 am., it also has to be 24 hours after the presentation.

19. Sister Janet Pratt, Executive Committee Chairman, presented the Executive Committee report. Her report was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
20. Brother JV Lamb, Chair of the Grange Foundation Committee, presented the Foundation report. It was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
21. Sister Lizzie Bailey, Publication Relations/Membership Consultant presented her report. It was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
22. Door Prizes were given by the Host Committee.



23. Session recessed for lunch at 12:00 PM.
24. Master Campbell called the session back to order at 1:15 PM.
25. 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	JV Lamb - 1 Philip Vonada - 2	Lawrence Centre
c. Lecturer	Denise Clare - 1 Jennifer Nauss - 2	Berks York
d. Steward	Andrew Kieffer	Berks
e. Assistant Steward	Rob Kleckner III	Berks
f. Lady Assistant Steward	Kelly Van Ord - 1 Lorena Baughman - 2	Warren Blair
g. Chaplain	Mary Jane Kent - 1 Judy Pressler - 2	Greene County Centre
h. Treasurer	Henry Seidel	Berks
i. Secretary	Debra Campbell	Perry
j. Gatekeeper	Gene Zvarick - 1 Thomas Kostelansky - 2	Montgomery Armstrong
k. Ceres	Hannah Leibensperger - 1 Grace Mitchell - 2 Dena Zvarick - 3	Berks Washington Montgomery
l. Pomona	Carlene Kleckner - 1 Jennifer Beamon - 2 Joann Heim - 3	Berks Berks Lehigh
m. Flora	Virginia Mangel	Butler
n. Executive Committee	Leonard Heim - 1 Stacy Bruker - 2 Janet Pratt - 3	Lehigh Perry Venango

26. Brother Huber, Chair of the Agriculture and Environmental Issues Committee continued with presenting their resolutions.

**A motion was made and seconded to amend Resolution #1, amend to read, RESOLVED that the Grange encourage the USDA that Food Stamps can only be, used to Purchase Nutritional Foods, motion carried.**

**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*.**

27. Brother Vince Phillips, Legislative Consultant discussed requesting assistance on what to call false meat. He also thanked Sister Virginia Mangel for her work in getting the Women of the Grange being recognized. Sister Mangel started 15 years ago to accomplish getting the Resolution. Brother Phillips also talked about how your vote does matter. The Grange has testified at least 12 occasions to various Legislative entities in 2018. Legislators are beginning to notice the Grange. You need to get to know your Legislature to determine which Legislators are Agriculture supporters.
28. Brother Lynn Dietrich presented the resolutions for the Government Issues Committee with presenting their resolutions.

**A motion was made and seconded to reject the amendment by the committee on Resolution #10, action has been rejected. A motion was made and seconded to accept the resolution as originally written, adopted as originally written.**

**A motion was made and seconded to reject Resolution #14, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution #15 as written, question has been called which forced the vote on the motion, motion adopted as written.**

**A motion was made and seconded to not remove “of a felony” on Resolution #20. A motion to amend the motion was made and seconded to also remove the “for an offense while in office” The amended resolution should state, RESOLVED, our state lawmakers could save taxpayers’ dollars by overhauling the pension system by having any lawmaker convicted of a felony forfeit any and all of their pension earned, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution #21 striking the 2<sup>nd</sup> Resolve, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and amended to the support of “Right to Repair” added to the Government’s Committee Issues Policy Statement, motion carried.**

**Master Campbell asked the Government’s Issues Committee to rewrite the policy statement and bring back to the floor tomorrow.**

29. Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Russell Redding was introduced and spoke regarding the issues that the Grange has been involved and appreciates the Grange and gives thanks for our involvement and what we do every day to promote Agriculture. Secretary Redding spoke on the challenges of the Spotted Lantern Fly and issues with the Dairy Industry.
30. Chairperson Barbara Schroeder of the Good of the Order Committee presented some of their committee resolutions.
31. Door Prizes were given by the Host Committee.
32. Session recessed at 5:30 PM. Session will reconvene Saturday morning at 8:30.

33. People's Gas gave a very interesting presentation at 7:00 pm regarding What is Food21? Food21 is an initiative of People's Natural Gas to focus on growing food in a totally enclosed environment using LED lighting and gas for heating.
34. Linda Willis from Gunn Mowery Insurance gave a presentation at 8:00 pm regarding insuring your Grange Halls.

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018**

35. The Annual Session opened in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree at 8:30 am in Ballroom 3 & 4, Pittsburgh Marriott North Hotel, Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania with an opening drill by the 2018 Youth Officers:
  - a. Master – Jodi Keith Kensinger
  - b. Overseer – Evy Zaleski
  - c. Lecturer – Isabella Boone
  - d. Steward – Bobby Kleckner
  - e. Assistant Steward – Isaac Mengel
  - f. Lady Assistant Steward – Mikayla Davis
  - g. Secretary – Grace Wadsworth
  - h. Treasurer – Lexus Johnson
  - i. Chaplain – Hannah Leibensperger
  - j. Gatekeeper – Owen Stemko
  - k. Ceres – Denae Zvarick
  - l. Pomona – Anna Benzio
  - m. Flora – Cassidy Cheddar
  - n. Executive Committee – Philip Vonada
  - o. Executive Committee – Jenn Nauss
  - p. Executive Committee – Lindsay Schroeder
36. Sister Wadsworth congratulated the Youth on such an outstanding drill and opening of the Saturday Session. Sister Wadsworth also Introduced Jennifer Nauss, 2017-2018 National Grange Outstanding Young Patron. Sister Nauss talked about her year as she traveled around the country. She spoke about how blessed Pennsylvania is to have such an outstanding youth program.

National Youth and Young Adult Development Director, Charlene Espenshade was also recognized and spoke about the upcoming National Convention in Stowe, Vermont. Sister Charlene encourages everyone to come to Vermont to support all the Youth going from Pennsylvania.

Mikayla Davis, Ontelaunee Grange, Berks County and Isaah Mangel, Fleetwood Grange, Berks County, 2018-2019 Youth Ambassadors were introduced and they both gave a few words of encouragement to the Juniors to continue in the Grange and become a Youth member. They both offered to come to your Grange to assist you in any programs etc.

Sister Jodi Keith Kensinger, Huntingdon County was introduced as 2018-2019 Outstanding Youth Patron spoke about membership and how her goal for this year is to increase our membership.

Sister Ellen Wadsworth, Youth Director, presented highlights from her committee report. Sister Wadsworth spoke about how she has the best job ever. She really enjoys working with kids and loves the youth age group and how amazing they are. Watching them grow, becoming adults and

things our Youth have accomplished and are continuing to do. Sister Wadsworth gave examples of some of our youth and things they are involved in, positions they hold in the Grange, careers they are starting and their enthusiasm they have to see this Grange grow. Our amazing Pennsylvania Youth makes our state the luckiest state in the Nation.

Sister Wadsworth's report in its entirety will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

37. Sister Lurae Benzio invited everyone to go to the Junior Degree on Sunday at 9:00. Thanked everyone who was wearing red and those wearing red sneakers. The Juniors were in the room for the opening. The Juniors gave everyone a yellow marker inviting them to the Junior Meeting tomorrow morning.
38. Sister Jodi Keith Kensinger declared the Grange at ease while the State Officers took over their offices. Master Campbell called session back to order.
39. Sister Judy Pressler shared a special message called "Shine Jesus Shine". The Scripture reading was Matthew 5:14-16. The message was on how we can let Jesus' light shine through us. The song was called "Shine Jesus Shine" and the Closing prayer was the Lord's Prayer.
40. At this time discussion continued on the purchase of property with the potential to build a new Grange Hall. The plan would be for the building to have living quarters for the Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange when one is required.

**A motion was made and seconded that the Delegate Body authorize the Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange and Executive Committee to pursue this and all other options to provide the best for housing the State Grange in the future.**

**An amendment to the motion was made and seconded to add ultimate goal of the Pennsylvania State Grange would be to own a property and have a footprint in Pennsylvania, motion carried.**

**An amendment to the motion was made and seconded to insert after the word to and delete "pursue this", motion carried.**

**An amendment to the motion was made and seconded to change "necessary funds" of up to \$30,000.00, motion failed.**

**The question was called which forced the vote of the motion.**

**A motion was made and seconded that the Delegate Body authorize the Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange and the Executive Committee to spend the necessary funds needed to determine the best option for housing the State Grange in the future. The ultimate goal of the Pennsylvania State Grange would be to own a property and have a footprint in Pennsylvania, motion carried.**

41. Brother Henry Seidel presented the Budget.

**A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Budget as it was presented, motion carried.**

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

**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.**

43. The minutes of Friday's Session were read and approved with corrections.
44. Door Prizes were given by the Host Committee.
45. Master Campbell asked if there were any other suggestions for officers. There was one more suggestion listed below:  
  
Derek Snyder, York County was suggested for the Office of Assistant Steward.
46. Worthy Steward Michael Adams stated the above names are write-in only. Their names need to be input with their exact sir names.
47. Brother Adams appointed the Tellers for the election.
48. At this time, the Grange was called at ease for the Election of Officers.
49. The Youth Luncheon was held in the Atrium of the Pittsburgh Marriott North Hotel at 12:00 pm.

Sister Ellen Wadsworth, Youth Director welcomed and thanked everyone for supporting the Youth and attending the luncheon.

During the luncheon, the Youth were recognized for their service as this year's State Grange Youth Officer Team. See Youth Officer Team members listed above.

Each team member received a travel mug with the National Grange Youth logo. Also recognized for their dedication and assistance all year were the members of the Youth Committee: Jen and Rob Beamon, Lindsay Schroeder, and Matt and Miranda Irons. Each family received a special delivery of fresh Kennett Square mushrooms.

The 2018 Friend of the Youth was announced before the luncheon concluded. This year's Friend of the Youth was Robert Beamon, Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County. Rob worked especially hard this year assisting with fundraising for the Youth Department. He organized the fundraisers held at State Session including the Eat N' Park Cookie Sales, the percentage of meals at Denny's and the percentage of meals at Chipotle. The Committee presented Rob with a certificate and a gift card to his favorite local butcher shop.

50. Sister Anna May Nauss called session back to order at 1:00 PM for the conferral of the 6<sup>th</sup> degree.
51. The Degree of Flora was conferred on 14 candidates with Robert Kleckner III, Dustin Kunkle, Monica Turner and Anna Benzio, as the marching candidates. Soloist was Don Steeley.
52. Brother Douglas Bonsall, Chair of the History Committee reported that there are now Historical summaries through Master Gordon Hiller on the Pennsylvania Webpage. State Archives will no longer accept Grange records.

The History Committee has developed a slide presentation that is available on the webpage. To make Grange history come alive for audiences, a 36-slide PowerPoint program highlighting the history of the National and Pennsylvania State Granges was developed. The presentation with speaker notes is posted on the website for viewing; the original slide file may be obtained upon request to the History Committee.

The History Committees plans for the coming year include:

- Complete Phase 2 records preservation work, including the posting of all *Journals of Proceedings* to the State Grange website
- Finish the remaining summaries of the terms for State Masters Ringler through Master Campbell
- Begin Phase 3 records preservation, pending availability of funds
- Maintain the Charter Ledgers to reflect current status of all Granges
- Work with Granges which may want to preserve their records through the IMR microfilming/digitizing contract
- Continuing brainstorming ways to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of Eagle Grange #1 in 2021 and of the State Grange in 2023
- Get started on video interviews to record the recollections of Grange leaders

We are very pleased to announce that Steve & Karen Mohn from Berks County will be joining the History Committee for the coming year to work on the video interviewing project.

The History report was accepted and the full report will appear in the Journal of Proceedings.

53. Sister Martha Ebersole gave the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree report. There were 14 candidates representing 7 counties.
54. Sister Mary Jane Kent, Chair of the Credentials Committee, reported—  
118 Delegates representing 64 Subordinate Granges;  
46 Delegates representing 27 Pomona Granges;  
Total Delegates in attendance—164
55. Sister Barbara Schroeder continued with the presentation of their Resolutions for the Good of the Order.

**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.**

56. 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>Officer’s Elected</u>	<u>County</u>
a. Master/President	Wayne Campbell	Perry County
b. Overseer	JV Lamb	Lawrence County
c. Lecturer	Jennifer Nauss	York County
d. Steward	Andrew Kieffer	Berks County

e. Asst. Steward	Robert Kleckner III	Lehigh County
f. Lady Asst. Steward	Lorena Baughman	Blair County
g. Chaplain	Judy Pressler	Centre County
h. Treasurer	Henry Seidel	Berks County
i. Secretary	Debra Campbell	Perry County
j. Gatekeeper	Gene Zvarick	Montgomery County
k. Ceres	Hannah Leibensperger	Berks County
l. Pomona	Jennifer Beamon	Berks County
m. Flora	Virginia Mangel	Butler County
n. Executive Committee	Janet Pratt	Venango County

57. There was not a majority vote for the offices of Ceres; Pomona and Executive Committee. The office of Ceres; Pomona and Executive were voted on at this time with the two names receiving the most votes.

a. Ceres	Hannah Leibensperger	Berks County
	Denae Zvarick	Montgomery
b. Pomona	Jennifer Beamon	Berks County
	Joanne Heim	Lehigh
c. Executive Committee	Leonard Heim	Lehigh
	Janet Pratt	Venango County

58. Brother Steeley continued with the presentation of their Resolutions for the Family Issues Committee.

**A motion was made and seconded to change Resolution #36 by striking the words “requiring”, motion carried.**

**An amendment to the motion was made and seconded to add the words “at all levels of the Grange” after volunteers, motion carried.**

**The full motion should read:**

**RESOLVED, that the National Grange establish a policy for all officers, staff members, and volunteers at all levels of the Grange who come in contact with children to provide Child Abuse Clearances, State Police Background Checks, and National Criminal Background Checks in compliance with their respective state’s requirements, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to remove the words “children and teenagers” and add “all persons” in the policy statement, motion carried. A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy statement of the Family Issues Committee as amended, 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.**

59. Brother Adams reported the election results. Each officer’s results were read by the Teller from that office. The officers receiving the majority of the votes are listed below—

a. Ceres	Hannah Leibensperger	Berks County
b. Pomona	Jennifer Beamon	Berks County
c. Executive Committee	Janet Pratt	Venango County

- 60. Brother Lamb declared the election of officers closed.
- 61. Sister Ashley Furman, Chairperson of the 2019 Host Committee invited everyone to the 147<sup>th</sup> State Session. The Convention will be held at the Ramada Conference Center, State College on October 25-27, 2019.
- 62. Door Prizes were given out by the Host Committee.
- 63. The 146<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania Grange Session closed at 5:30 pm.
- 64. Department Awards were presented in Ballrooms 3 & 4 at 7:15 pm.

Worthy Lecturer Denise Clare presented the following awards:

Subordinate Lecturer Reports—

- 75 Members or less— Judy Stevenson, Wesley #1675, Venango County
- 76-149 Members – Ashley Furman, Logan #109, Centre County
- 150+ Members – Madeline Seidel, Virginville #1832, Berks County

Pomona

- 1. Nettie Kauffman, Berks County
- 2. Kenna Kurtz, Centre County

- 65. Junior Director Lurae Benzio presented Andrew Kieffer with the “National Jr. Mentor Award”. This is a new category at the National level. Brother Kieffer will be entered at the National level as well.
- 66. Family Activities Director Melanie Meluis announced the winners of the Quilt and other items. Sister Barbara Schroeder, Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County was the lucky winner of the beautiful quilt.
- 67. The Foundation Scholarship Auction followed the Department Awards. The Auction was again very successful. The Youth baked goods raised \$544.00 and the Auction Items donated by the State Officers and some businesses raised \$3,004.00 with a total of \$3,548.50 going to the Foundation Fund.
- 68. The Youth Party was held in the Adams & Sewickley Hospitality rooms. The Youth enjoyed a time of fellowship and games.



## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018

69. The Sunday morning Worship Service for the 146<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. Sister Pressler introduced Pastor Gary Gibson, Past State Chaplain as the Pastor for the Service.

Following the Opening Prayer and Call to Worship, "Open My Eyes That I May See" was sang. 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. Pastor Gary Gibson delivered the morning message. "Where there is no vision, the people perish". Pastor Gary reminded us of the great vision of Oliver Hudson Kelly who was commissioned by President Andrew Johnson after the civil war to assist the southern states in their agricultural practices. Mr. Kelly saw a great need to create an organization that would bring the north and south together again in a spirit of mutual cooperation. Pray for vision, allow yourself to experience what you believe might be part of our future and by all means share that vision with others.

God has often spoken to his people in visions. God has a vision for each of us.

Vision is clear, at least in the head of the person seeing it.

Vision concentrates on the future.

Vision is from God.

Vision reflects a realistic perspective.

Vision is dreaming the most possible dream, not impossible.

Vision is built on reality.

Vision is ability to empowering people.

Vision is people – oriented.

Vision must be owned.

A poem that puts vision into perspective—

Ah, great it is to believe the dream,

As we stand in youth by the starry stream.

but a greater thing is to live life through

and say at the end, the dream came true.

There is a reason why the word vision is mentioned nearly 100 times in the bible.

The service concluded with the closing hymn. "Be Thou My Vision."

There were 105 in attendance and the offering was \$495.00 and was divided with half going to the Pastor's Church and the other half going to the Deaf and Community Service to use for a service project as the Deaf and Community Service Committee chooses.

70. A Junior Grange meeting was held with the following Juniors as officers for the 2018 Junior Grange State Session—

2018 Junior Grange officers for Junior Meeting:

Master – Jessica Hudack – Hookstown JG

Overseer – Abby Dow – Fairview JG

Lecturer – Travis Davis – Fairview JG

Steward – Ryan Hudack – Hookstown JG

Asst. Steward – Tyler Parrish - Fairview JG

Lady Asst Steward – Allison Parrish – Fairview JG

Chaplain – Sadie Johnson – Hookstown JG

Treasurer – Ellio Souffrant – Hookstown JG

Secretary – Eden Schrier – Hookstown JG

Gatekeeper – Alex Schrier – Hookstown JG

Ceres – Breann Hudack – Hookstown JG

Flora – Samantha Patton – Big Knob JG

Pomona – Jocelyn Norris – Fairview JG

Junior Leader – Lexus Johnson – Hookstown JG

Asst. Jr Leader – Lisa Patton – Big Knob JG

Marching Candidates – Brandon Patton (Big Knob JG), Alan Espenshade (Elizabethtown JG), Gayle Reyburn (Russellville JG), Ruby Reyburn (Russellville JG)

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

Logan Eisenhower	Jessica Hudack	Conner Kunkle
Gretchen Reich	Jackson Reich	Ruby Reyburn
Jacob Schroeder	Emma Seidel	

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

Bryce Danko	Alan Espenshade	Evan Espenshade
Sadie Johnson	Abby Kehs	Cassie Kehs
Danni Kehs	Zachary Perseghetti	Gayle Reyburn
Harvey Reyburn	Kay Reyburn	Merle Reyburn

71. 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.
72. Sister Benzio introduced her committee. She thanked her husband and children for supporting her and putting up with her. Sister Benzio presented the Prince and Princess with a check in the amount of \$50.00 from the Jonathan Sattazahn Fund. The Junior Grange Friend of the Year was awarded to Philip Vonada. Philip was given a Star in his name in the constellation Libra next to Pluto along with a map.
73. Honored guests were; Wayne Campbell, President of the PA State Grange and wife Debbie; Lurae Benzio, State Jr. Grange Director; National Assistant Steward John Plank and wife Susan; Princess Cassandra Kehs and Prince Zach Perseghetti.

Junior Princess Cassandra Kehs, Russellville Grange, Chester County feels grateful to be part of something so humble. She spoke of the Eisenhower Matrix to sort out your priorities.

If something is important and urgent, you should do it right away and do it yourself

If something is important but not urgent, you should schedule it

If something is not important but urgent, delegate it to someone else

If something is not important and not urgent, then you shall eliminate it.

Junior Prince Zach Perseghetti, Log Cabin Community Grange, Mercer County. Participates in School Musicals and plays football. Attended Family Festival, Lawrence County Fair, Jamestown Fair Parade. He has enjoyed all the events he has attended and is looking forward to the Farm Show.

74. There were 203 present at the All Granger Banquet which was held in the Ballroom 1, 2 and 3 with Overseer, JV Lamb MC for the banquet. Brother Philip Vonada, Pennsylvania Talent Contest winner, was the Entertainment and will be representing Pennsylvania at the National Grange Night of Excellence.
75. Sister Janet Fishovitz, Host of the National Grange Representatives with husband Tony, introduced the National Grange Assistant Steward John Plank and wife Susan. She thanked them for joining us for the 146<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania State Grange Convention.

Sister Susan expressed her sincere appreciation for the opportunity to attend Pennsylvania Session. It is interesting to see how different states do different things.

Brother Plank brought greetings from the National Grange. He discussed issues the National Grange is working on and also expressed how interesting other state sessions are and that he had a great time meeting new friends.

76. Pennsylvania State Grange Public Relations/Membership Consultant awarded Membership Awards with the highest percentage of increase for membership as follows:
  - a. 21 and Under – Girard Grange #788
  - b. 21-49 Members – Kimmerlings Grange #1529
  - c. 50 or more Members – Roseville Grange #1290
77. Master Wayne Campbell presented the Granger of the Year Award to Jim Scott, Beaver County. Brother Scott joined the Grange in 1996. Took his sixth degree in 1998 and his Seventh Degree in Greenville NC the same year. He is Master of Hookstown Grange #1980, Beaver County. Jill joined the Grange in 1996 and soon immersed themselves in the organization. Brother Jim immediately became involved in the Grange and was elected to the Hookstown Grange Executive Committee in 1997. In 2005 Brother Jim was elected Chairman of the Hookstown Fair Board. He currently holds both positions. Brother Jim has recently been elected Master of the Beaver Pomona Grange and serves on the Executive Committee. With this position, he was also involved with the Big Knob Fair. Brother Jim has also served on the Good of the Order Committee, both as a member and chairperson.
78. Master Wayne Campbell thanked the 2018 Host committee for a great job. Brother Mangel Co-Chairman introduced his committee and thanked them for all their hard work to make the 146<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania State Grange Convention a success.
79. At 3:45 PM the Installation of Officers took place with—
  - a. Installing Officer—William Steel
  - b. Master—Susan Tau
  - c. Chaplain—Fae Snyder
  - d. Marshall—Fae Snyder
  - e. Emblem Bearer—Susan Tau; Anna May Nauss

Jennifer Beamon, Pomona and Hannah Leibensperger, Ceres were not present for the installation and will be installed at a later date.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Debra Campbell, State Grange Secretary

## **MASTER/PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

### President's Address to the Delegate Body 2018

It's hard to believe a year has gone by. This past year has been a time of moving the Grange forward. From July 01, 2017 to June 30, 2018 we received 261 new members into the Grange. I would like to thank all of you who were a part of this increase. The State office has put several new benefits into place that played a role in this growth. If you have not reviewed our member benefits page in a while, please do so ASAP. We have items on there that every person in this room can utilize and will more than put the cost of our membership back into your pocket. Sometimes many times over.

I believe all of you are aware by now of the change that took place last October in the State office when the Office Manager at that time left the employment of the Pennsylvania State Grange. I am taking this opportunity to publicly thank my wife, Debbie, for stepping in and working countless hours on the State Grange's records and accounting. Hamilton and Musser obtained an extension for filing our taxes and with Debbie's help were able to complete the review and file our taxes without penalty. There were many nights Debbie was up well past midnight working on the books. Debbie is still working to fine tune our record keeping and accounting to make it more user friendly. We will soon be looking for a part time bookkeeper to take over those responsibilities.

We reorganized two Granges this past year. Ginger Hill Grange #1549 in Washington County notified me they were closing. An article appeared in a local newspaper and within 24 hours of that article, there was a group of 15 people wanting to keep the Grange going. By the time we had the official reorganizational meeting the group had grown to 28. Members were obligated, Officers were elected and Ginger Hill Grange was off and running. Grange meant a lot to the people of the community that they did not want it to close. You may be asking, well where were these people previously? Sadly, this was a situation where some of the former members were not looking for or willing to accept new members. One person told us they had been trying to join the Grange for over two years. It's upsetting when we are unwilling to allow new people in because it's "our Grange". The result is "your Grange" will eventually die. In this case, we were lucky. These younger folks didn't give up, they persevered and Ginger Hill is now alive and well in the community.

Plainfield Grange in Cumberland County was also reorganized. They are a diverse group of people, but all are concerned about their community. At the time I wrote this address, they had 15 members. This group wants to develop a relationship with Dickinson University, a Sustainable Agriculture farm that the university operates, and the general student body. If they can get some students interested, help them with community service, and provide another educational resource to them, who knows, they may graduate, move to another area and say, "we need a Grange here".

I've had to do some things in the past year I wished I didn't have to do. We have sold several Grange Halls. In some, the Grange has remained active, in others they have merged with another Grange, and unfortunately some have probably closed their doors forever.

I wish the people associated with the State Office could devote all of our time to grow membership, work with our legislators to promote Grange ideas, and develop new benefits our members. Unfortunately, that is not possible. We have several Granges who are delinquent on their dues, some that don't appear to want

new members, as well as other Granges that appear to be ignoring calls from the State Office. How I can help someone when they seem to be making it impossible to even offer them help??

I stood before you one year ago and said I would do my best to be accessible. I have given my personal cell phone number out at every meeting I have attended, as well as at last year's Session. If you missed it or you were not at Session last year, I will give it to you again, 717.275.5045. It is not a leader's job to know all the answers or have all the solutions, but it is a leader's responsibility to find or help find the answers. It is our job to work toward an agreeable solution, it may not, and probably will not, be agreeable to everyone, but it must be a viable and workable solution. To those of you who have not taken on a leadership role in your Grange but would like to, I say, go for it! Don't get into the position years down the road when you look back say "if only I would have run for ????" Try it, go for it, ask God each day for his help and advice. Ask those around you and those seasoned Grangers for their thoughts and knowledge. Digest it all, and be the best officer you can be, you just might surprise yourself.

I stand before you again saying the State Office is there to help you, not you to help us. We are committed to helping you promote the Grange. We are there to help you gain access to your legislator if you think you are being avoided. It may not happen overnight, but we will do our best to assist. In the past year Vince and I have been in the Capitol, one on one with legislators, and have testified on Grange's behalf. We have visited Granges and updated you on what's going on in Harrisburg and Washington. We have had success stories. We were able to get a bill through preventing farmers from having to apply for storm water management plans for High Tunnel Structures. We were very instrumental behind the scenes at getting Cumberland Valley School District to withdraw their Eminent Domain action against the McCormick Farm and supported the Legislature in the passage of a bill to further protect farms in farmland preservation in Pennsylvania whether it be a private or government preservation unit. Matt Espenshade has presented testimony and information to the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board on the Grange's behalf, supported House Bill 2203, which includes the PA Department of Agriculture as an educational career resource. This passed the House April 30, 2018. Of course, then there is Broadband. We have developed a strong relationship with legislators including Representatives Kirsten Phillips-Hill and Pam Snyder, Mark Smith of the Governor's Office on Broadband, as well as our own Betsy Huber, the National Grange Master, sitting on an FCC advisory board. She is the only member of that board representing agriculture in America. We are confronted with broadband issues every day of our lives. The Grange is working both in Harrisburg and Washington to achieve fair and equitable Broadband for all.

I hope you and your Grange has had a good year. I hope you have an enjoyable and productive convention, and gain many new ideas and information to take back to your fellow Grangers.

Grange fellowship, Grange dedication, Grange Juniors and Grange Youth, and the work of the Grange in our communities are just a few of the reasons we say:

IT'S THE GRANGE WAY!!!

*God bless each and every one of you, THANK YOU*

Below is a detailed account of Debbie and my past year—

November was an exciting month as Debbie and I headed west to Spokane Washington for the National Grange Convention. We arrived in Spokane to a beautiful light snow. As first time Delegates, we saw the National Grange Convention through all new eyes. When we attended National Conventions previously we were there as part of a certain function. When you are there as a Delegate, it's a completely different experience. Our days were planned for us from the time we woke up in the morning until we retired at night. Many times, this was not until after 11:00 at night due to committee meetings. It was a great experience for both of us and we were proud to represent the great state of Pennsylvania.

Debbie and I attended functions on behalf of the State Grange at the Centre County Pomona recognition Dinner and I was the guest speaker at Oliver Grange #1069 in Perry County.

We then began preparing for the Pennsylvania Farm Show, our meeting at the Farm Show, Legislative Day, and Family Festival.

Debbie and I attended the National Gala in Washington D.C. along with Barbara and Glenn Gross. I would like to thank Clay Snyder and Hilton Hotels for hosting the Pennsylvania State Grange. Clay represents Hilton Hotels and they sponsored the table that we were at as well as provided us with a nights lodging. The Gala was an interesting event with legislators, business sponsors, and Grangers in attendance.

We traveled to State College and enjoyed a wonderful evening with the members of Victor Grange. It was a Christmas party and member recognition night. Two members were honored with over 70 years of continuous service to the Grange.

We traveled to Elizabethtown Grange for their Christmas party and member recognition dinner. It was held at the Gathering Place in Mount Joy, PA. This is a very beautiful facility that was not only decorated for Christmas, but is lined all the way around with different Nutcrackers from Germany.

We started January off with our pilgrimage to the Pennsylvania State Farm Show. We attended the PA Preferred Dinner on Friday evening along with the Youth and Junior Royalty. Throughout the week, Debbie and I helped at the Grange Booth. We had our best year ever at the Farm Show selling over \$3,800.00 worth of cookbooks and \$600.00 in raffle tickets for the Family Activities Committee Quilt. Wednesday, I attended the Public Officials Luncheon along with Lynn and Joyce Dietrich. Governor Wolf and Secretary Redding both addressed the gathering. A panel, appointed by the Governor, also laid out his plans for Agriculture in Pennsylvania for the coming years.

Thursday was the annual Pennsylvania State Grange public meeting. The topic was Broadband in Pennsylvania. Vince put together an excellent panel that talked about the issue from many different perspectives. We were also pleased with the media coverage that was there to cover it. Pennsylvania Cable Network did an interview with me at the booth on several subjects represented at our stand. We purchased the right to air the video and post it on our website and Facebook page. To date, it has been seen on Facebook by over 6,500 people.

Lizzie Bailey and I attended the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs Dinner. I was very pleased to see how many Grangers across the state are actively involved in our local fairs. It really is the Grange way. I attended the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations meeting and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Farm Safety Advisory Committee meeting. The Pennsylvania State Grange has a seat at the table on this board. Jodi Keith Kensinger from Huntington County represents the Grange.

February started out by meeting with a representative from the Costco's company and was able to obtain them as a member benefit. I attended a public presentation at Messiah University on Sustainable Agriculture in America. There was a panel of four presenters who operate small sustainable farms in Pennsylvania. They described their operations and then took questions from those in attendance. I met with an attorney in Williamsport to discuss Pennsylvania Law pertaining to the West Branch Grange. This Grange had a clause in the deed that states, the family who gave them the land is to be given first option if it is ever sold. This always makes the sale of the property more difficult. I traveled to Berks County to represent the Pennsylvania State Grange at a Rotary Club meeting held at the Kutztown Grange Hall. They invited local farmers to this meeting for recognition and gave awards to two outstanding FFA students. I visited Briar Creek Grange to view the property and to start the process of selling the hall. I also met with Donald Sitler, Past Master, as he had many stories to share of events that were held during his many years at the Grange.

March started off in a storm, literally. Debbie and I were to attend the National Masters Conference in Portland, Oregon. We were looking forward to this as the one we attended last year was really beneficial in meeting with other state presidents. It gave us the opportunity to talk with them about their experiences and learning of new help aids available from National Grange. Unfortunately, we never got off the ground. A storm set in packing 25 to 30 mph steady winds with gusts up to 60 mph. All flights in and out of Harrisburg International Airport were cancelled for almost the entire weekend. This was disappointing but we were able to get all the money refunded for the hotel and the flights.

I visited the Capitol with JV Lamb to meet with Legislators on behalf of the Penn State College of Agriculture. The Penn State Department of Ag Science receives no funding through the general budget of the University. All of their funding comes from a line item on the State budget, Federal Funding, Grants, and donations. This is why adequate funding for the Penn State Land Grant College is so important. I had the opportunity to attend a Town Hall meeting where Rep. Dawn Keefer was the speaker in Cumberland County. I was able to voice the Pennsylvania State Grange opposition to Cumberland Valley School District using eminent domain to acquire the McCormick Farm. This farm is preserved in a private land trust.

Debbie and I attended the Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference in Westminster, Maryland. This event was well attended by Pennsylvania Grangers. Approximately 38 of the almost 90 people in attendance were from Pennsylvania. We liked it being held as a leader's conference as opposed to a conference for each group or committee. There were several good workshops presented. One of the workshops we attended was called, "Nuts and Bolts of the Grange". Betsy Huber was the presenter and we discussed everything from communication, membership, ritual, to legislation.

We toured the Carroll County Almshouse and Outbuildings that were close by. They had some actual Rural Free Delivery carriages, a Poor man's home, a Blacksmith shop, and a tobacco-drying barn. I attended a meeting in Lebanon County that was held in support of the Dairy Farmers who were being dropped by Deans Food. Several TV stations, newspapers, and many other organizations were in attendance. Later that day, Vince and I attended a news conference held by Governor Wolf announcing that 35 million dollars of Penn Dot monies were being re-directed to improving Broadband along Pennsylvania highways.

The Executive Committee and I toured a potential property for a new State Grange office. After much discussion it was decided there were too many concerns and unknowns about the property. The decision was made to not pursue this property any further and to continue our search.

Lizzie and I had our first meeting with the ASA group in hopes of partnering with them to provide health insurance to our members. This organization can provide many other types of health-related insurance that will be a great addition to our member benefits program. I went to Howard, Pennsylvania to collect the Charter and other Grange related items from the Beech Creek Grange that had closed. This is one of the unpleasant duties associated with the duties of President/Master.

April began with Vince and I testifying before the House Transportation Committee on distracted driving. We urged the banning of all hand-held devices while driving. This is already a law in neighboring states. One Legislator said he learned this the hard way when he was pulled over in New Jersey for being on his cell phone. Debbie and I attended the Centre County Pomona Grange Legislative Banquet where I was the guest speaker. This was an excellent event with many of the local county officials in attendance.

Monday, April 9th started out at 8:00 A.M. in Hanover, PA. where Heather Hiller and I previewed the next edition of the PGN at Sheridan Press. This is the publishing company that is now publishing the PGN. This company produces a very high-quality magazine.

In the evening, Debbie and I went to Valley Grange in York County where I was the guest speaker.

Representative Dawn Keefer attended and gave an update on legislative happenings at the Capitol. Debbie and I visited the Kutztown and Pioneer Granges Open House's in Berks County. We attended the Chester County Pomona Grange Legislative Banquet where I was one of the guest speakers. A Senator and a Representative gave remarks and then the three of us addressed questions from those in attendance.

It was then off to Washington D.C. for the National Grange Legislative Fly-in. This was an interesting day with lots of walking. We were able to visit the National Grange Headquarters and meet many of the staff.

I had the opportunity to present Harveys Alleppo Grange with their Distinguished Grange Award. This was their fifth year in a row of receiving the award and National Grange presented them with a very nice plaque at the National Grange Convention in Spokane, Washington. I had accepted the plaque on their behalf at the National Convention in Spokane. Penn State University presented a program on teaching modern Agriculture on April 26th. This was an all-day event that was very interesting. It was presented by an employee of Monsanto Chemical Company. The program was about communication and how to speak about Agriculture with someone who knows very little or nothing on the topic.

May started with an exciting trip as we boarded the bus across America at the Virginville Grange's Open House. They always have a great program that both the young and seasoned can enjoy. This was my first year attending the Penn State Trustee elections. I was asked to be a teller, but that didn't really involve much since only two people were running. Both of these people were incumbents seeking re-election.

I traveled to Community Grange in Dauphin County and talked to them about all the new benefits now offered by the Pennsylvania State Grange. I urged them to use the benefits as a selling tool to encourage people to join their Grange. Debbie and I attended California Grange #914's annual chicken BBQ fundraiser and assisted in this event. This is a big event with almost 800 halves of chicken being sold. Next, we visited Plumbsteadville Grange in Bucks County and viewed their hall and rental properties. They are looking to renovate the kitchen in their hall and do a lot of work to a rental property they own next door. Bucks County has their own inspectors for commercial kitchens. Plumbsteadville must renovate their kitchen in order to be able to serve public dinners again.

Mid May, I accompanied Matt Espenshade as he addressed a Milk Marketing Board information gathering meeting. Secretary Russel Redding had petitioned the Milk Marketing Board to hold hearings throughout the state to get public input on possible ways to help solve the Dairy crisis in Pa.

Debbie and I traveled to Unionville Grange in Butler County to speak at a Community Open House Town Hall type event. I addressed issues that the Pennsylvania State Grange addresses every day on behalf of rural and urban families and communities. After my presentation, I answered questions and took comments from the audience. At least one local official asked for a Grange application when we concluded. I made the short trip to my home county of Perry and helped present prizes to fourth grade students from the Greenwood and Newport area schools at the Millerstown Area Community Center. They had entered an essay and poster drawing contest sponsored by the Perry Valley Grange. This event is held annually and is in conjunction with a Conservation Day of learning. Several hundred students along with their teachers participate in the event. Educational workshops are presented all day long covering many different topics. A local Fish Commission Conservation Officer was there as well with a live butterfly display. Those in attendance were treated to a brown bag lunch with ice cream from Hall's Dairy for dessert.

Our last event in May was to visit Hamburg Grange in Berks County. The meeting was held at the home of Mike and Jane Adams. The members planned their upcoming events and set a goal of receiving the Distinguished Grange award from National Grange.

June was an exciting month. We re-organized Ginger Hill Grange who had closed the month before. This group of enthusiastic people are dedicated to making a difference in Finleyville. Later in the week, I traveled



to Schnecksville Grange to hold a Town Hall meeting. This meeting produced several new members for Schnecksville Grange. I had the opportunity to judge the 4-H Science of Agriculture Challenge in State College the next day. This was a very difficult event to judge. Everyone did a terrific job at developing new products to market. The products had to benefit people in the operation of their Agricultural business every day.

That evening I attended a Diary Crisis meeting presented by Perry Valley Grange. A speaker from the Center for Diary Excellence addressed the group. I helped with the Perry County electronics recycling again this year. Over 50,000 lbs. of electronics were collected and sent on to an electronics-recycling center. Vince put together a very exciting day at the Capitol for those who attended the Pennsylvania State Grange Legislative Day. This was held in conjunction with the Junior and Youth Royalty tour. The Juniors and Youth started their day with a tour of the Governor's Mansion and then off to the Capitol. Some were able to visit their legislator and all were introduced in the Senate Chamber. They concluded their day at Hershey Park.

My daughter, Son-in-Law, and their family participate each year in the Perry County Relay-for-Life that benefits the American Cancer Society. Although this is not anything associated with the Grange, I feel it is important to mention. I do not believe there is a Granger whose life has not been affected by cancer. I personally lost several members on both sides of my family to cancer. My Son-in-Law is a cancer survivor. I am so proud of Jen and Ken for creating their relay team (Kenny's Crusaders) so they could turn a negative event into hope for others.

Rostraver Grange closed its doors during the month of May and Mendon Grange was sold at a public auction.

I attended a reception in the East Wing Rotunda of the Capitol hosted by the Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Penn Vet's Dean, Joan Hendrick was honored for her many years of service to the Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Dean Hendrick retired at the end of July.

Debbie and I joined Trexlertown Grange in celebrating 100 years of Grange at their Hall. It was exciting to hear the stories of long ago. One person told me he remembered as a little boy helping to mix the mortar for his Dad to lay the concrete blocks to what was the new addition then. It was a wonderful evening of food, fun and fellowship. Congratulations on 100 years!!!

Lizzie Bailey and I went to Hickory Grange in Clearfield County. They were in danger of closing. We held a Town Hall style meeting and found a core group of people willing to help them get back up and running. We came home that night knowing they were going to make it.

We traveled to Camp Sylvan Hills to conclude June at Youth Camp. The theme this year was "Fun for all Grangers". I even played Bob Barker in recreating the Price is Right game. Many carnival style games were created using recycled items you would have around the house.

We moved into July by staying at Camp Sylvan Hills to help in the kitchen at Junior Grange Camp. The theme was "All Stars". The kids had an exciting week of games and activities geared around sports. Nothing like decorating cupcakes with your favorite sport in mind.

July had some unwanted events such as the closing of White Deer Grange and the public auction of West Branch Grange. West Branch consolidated with Eagle Grange #1. We hope this consolidation and the funds from the sale will make Eagle Grange #1 an even stronger Grange.

July is also the time for fun and fellowship at Family Festival. We had approximately 175 people registered this year. There were many fantastic new workshops and demonstrations. A man was there demonstrating how ropes are made. He even made a rope from rolls of toilet paper. A new workshop this year was making

stained glass. Over 75 people participated in the workshop throughout the weekend. This workshop will be returning next year as many have requested it.

August is the time for AG Progress Days and the Perry County Fair. I would like to thank the many people who helped at AG Progress Days. Since these two events overlap, I could only spend two days at Ag Progress Days. The weather improved by Wednesday and they had a good week. The end of August was busy as the Executive Committee spent two days in the area. On Wednesday, we viewed a potential property for the Pennsylvania State Grange to build a new office on. This looks like a good idea but a lot of research still needs done to be able to move forward. On the second day, we worked on a new budget for the 2019-2020 year.

As we move into September, I visited Half Moon Grange in Centre County. This was a question and answer session on the Grange. The next day I accompanied Matt Espenshade as he testified before the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board. Matt always gives exact numbers to the board as to how the sale of milk is affecting his family's farm.

I attended Madison Grange in Perry County to speak on Grange benefits and growing their Grange. Lizzie and I attended North Jackson Grange for a Town Hall meeting. We signed up two new members and explored ideas on how to gather more new members. As September grew to a close, Debbie and I traveled to California Grange to install their new officers. The office is very busy compiling the booklet for State Session and packing up to head to Cranberry, Pennsylvania. It won't be long and we'll be heading to National Grange in Stowe, Vermont.

Fraternal submitted,  
Wayne Campbell  
President/Master

## **REPORT OF OVERSEER**

A year ago, I was asked to stand for election to Overseer of the Pennsylvania State Grange. Knowing Master Wayne Campbell was a young, stalwart, and energetic man I said yes. I was humbled when I won the election. It is an honor I never expected.

In the year since, the state office has been a beehive of activity and clearing up the back log of work that had built up over the last few years. That work was done under President Wayne Campbell and Secretary Debbie Campbell. Setting the affairs of Pennsylvania State Grange in order has consumed their lives for the past year.

Unused Grange Halls and real estate have been sold to eliminate the expense of taxes and insurance, and the liability of unoccupied properties.

There has been a complete revamping of the financial system in the office, all of the money put into the correct categories after two years of incompetent bookkeeping. No money missing, just not where it should be.

What did I have to do with these accomplishments? As a member of the Executive Committee which oversees the management of the Grange and approves the changes and sales I was a participant.

The other stalwarts in the State Office have been Lizzie Bailey, Membership and Public Relations Director; Vince Phillips, our State Grange Lobbyist; committee Chairpersons, and many volunteers. There has been an increase in member benefits, in memberships, Granges reorganized, an improvement in Grange News and much more legislative activity.

The Grange is a positive presence that is being felt once again.

Respectfully Submitted,  
JV Lamb, State Overseer

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

In the past year the Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee was met with many celebrations and challenges. We have seen success stories in new Granges and existing Granges revitalized. Along with those celebrations unfortunately we have had to close or consolidate several Granges and sell too many Grange halls and their properties. This challenge seems to be on going across the state as Grange Halls fall into disrepair and Granges stop meeting. At any given time, we have been working with 15 or more Granges in these conditions. Others have left their membership fall below the minimum of 13 members required to maintain their charter or have failed to pay their dues. Even with these regrettable situations the Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee remains optimistic for the future growth of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

We do not take these circumstances lightly. Whenever possible we work with the Membership Director to revitalize Granges or consolidate Granges. It saddens us to have to close any Grange or to sell any Grange Hall. We need your help to move this organization into the future with positive growth to stop this decline. Please contact the Pennsylvania State Grange office at 717.737.8855 if you need assistance of any kind. In the first two quarters of 2018 the Pennsylvania State Grange office mailed out 150 packets to new members. This is a positive sign!!

With our declining membership we are continually confronted with budgetary issues and push ourselves to look for new membership tools. One way we have decreased expenses has been by implementing ZOOM conferencing to eliminate travel expense for the Ex. Comm. and other State Grange Departments and meetings. We have continued to look at options to decrease the office expense and will continue this search in the coming year. We added ASA insurance to the membership benefits. This insurance company has serviced the agriculture community for many years and will hopefully be a selling point for people to join the Grange.

Vince Phillips as Legislative Director and Lizzie Bailey as Membership/PR Director continue to provide valuable services to the PA State Grange. These two Consultants work diligently for the success of your organizations.

Other areas of attention:

Reprinting cookbooks – decided not to at this time since many people of all ages are now going to the Internet for recipes and not a book.

Looking at starting a commodities page in conjunction with the State Grange webpage.

Researching other ideas to help increase membership.

Releasing of trust fund monies to local Granges.

Deliberating over National Grange's request for funds.

Considering requests from local Granges for loans.

Staffing and office needs and concerns.

A presence at the Farm Show and Ag Progress Days

Reviewing the invested funds of the PA State Grange

Updating the student scholarships and interest free loans program

Taking action on State session concerns

Along with other miscellaneous items.

The Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee is elected, but we serve as volunteers to serve Grangers and this great organization to the best of our ability. We do not take lightly this responsibility and trust that comes along with this office. We encourage you to communicate with us any concerns or ideas you may have because together we can build an even better Grange for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Janet Pratt – Chairperson  
Barb Gross – Vice Chairperson  
Richard Mangel – Secretary  
Wayne Campbell – State President  
JV Lamb – State Vice President  
Dr. James Diamond – Member

## **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 March, I attended the Mid-Atlantic Leadership Conference that was hosted in Maryland. At this point, I have not heard if the MALC will resume in 2019 or if it will not be the leadership conference.

I attended the open houses at Virginville Grange and Fleetwood Grange. I also attended Trexlertown Grange's 100th anniversary celebration in August.

This year's Family Festival was held in Centre Hall, PA for the 15th year. This year there were six subordinate entries. I, unfortunately, was unable to attend this year due to getting a new job. Thank you to Lorena Baughman for running the talent contest in my absence.

The talent contest winners are as follows:

### **Vocal:**

1st place – Philip Vonada  
2nd place – The Reyburn Family

### **Instrumental:**

1st place – Gayle & Jessica Reyburn

### **Variety:**

1st place – Redneck Jeopardy  
2nd place – Doris Koenig  
3rd place – Virginia Straub

**Best of Show Winner:** Philip Vonada will be representing PA at the National talent contest in Stowe, VT.

I hope to see more contestants next year. Please share your talents! I would like to thank those who helped me through this year. I am always looking for new ideas for contests, please share!! I am also willing to visit Granges if it fits in my schedule. 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  
Jackie Clabaugh, Williamsburg  
Georgette Mummert, Alexandria  
Jessie White, Turbotville  
Thomas Kostelansky, Vandergrift  
Lorena Baughman, Duncansville  
Jane Birk, Bethlehem

## 2018 LECTURER CONTEST WINNERS

### Subordinate Lecturer Reports

**75 Members or less**– Judy Stevenson  
Wesley #1675 – Venango County

**76-149 Members** – Ashley Furman  
Logan #109 – Centre County

**150+ Members** – Madeline Seidel  
Virginville #1832 – Berks County

### Pomona Reports

1. Nettie Kauffman – Berks County
2. Kenna Kurtz – Centre County

### Pen in Hand Winners

#### Poetry—

Melinda Tercha – Berks County

### Container Pot Decorating – Subordinate Pretty

1. Nancy Sattazahn – Berks County
2. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County
3. Brynee Baughman – Blair County
4. Jane Reppert – Berks County

### Funny

1. Nancy Sattazahn – Berks County
2. Ashley Kolpak – Chester County
3. Linda Warren – Chester County
4. Will McGregor – Lawrence County

### Subordinate Community Night/Day Programs

**75 Members or less**– Nancy Sattazahn,  
Kutztown Grange #1836 – Berks County

**76-149 Members** – Lorrie Wesner  
Ontelaunee #1617 – Berks County

**150+ Members** – Madeline Seidel  
Virginville Grange #1832 – Berks County

### Short Story –

Jane Birk – Bucks County

### Grange Theme

1. Marlene Borman – Butler County
2. Lindsay Schroeder – Berks County
3. Ashley Kolopak – Chester County

### Container Pot Decorating – Junior Pretty

1. Lila Samsel – Berks County
2. Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence County

### Funny

1. Elijah Bicksler – Berks County
2. Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence County

**Grange Theme**

1. Maya Bicksler – Berks County
2. Tabby Samsel – Berks County
3. Brooke Bicksler – Berks County

**Tissue Box – Card Stock –Subordinate  
Holiday/Seasonal**

1. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County
2. Helen Lafferty – Blair County
3. Carol Kushma – Lawrence County
4. Shirley Swires – Blair County

**Most Creative**

1. Deborah Kolpak - Chester County
2. Ronald Sweeney – Huntingdon County
3. Georgette Mummert – Huntingdon County
4. Linda Warren – Chester County

**Grange Theme**

1. Linda Warren – Chester County
2. Carol Kushma – Lawrence County
3. Ruth Kurtz – Huntingdon County
4. Georgette Mummert – Huntingdon County

**Tissue Box – Yarn –Subordinate****Most Creative**

1. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County

**Grange Theme**

1. Shirley Swires – Blair County

**Tissue Box – Fabric –Subordinate****Holiday/Seasonal**

1. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County

**Most Creative**

1. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County
2. Jane Adams – Berks County

**Tissue Box – Yarn --Junior****Holiday/Seasonal**

1. Will McGregor – Lawrence County
2. Chase Koscuinszko – Lawrence County

**Most Creative**

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

**Frames – Prettiest – Subordinate****Foam**

1. Jane Reppert – Berks County
2. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County

**Plastic**

1. Dee Ruckert – Beaver County
2. Will McGregor – Lawrence County
3. Nancy Sattazahn – Berks County

**Wood**

1. Ada Skiles – Beaver County
2. None
3. Denise Kostelansky – Armstrong County
4. Lorena Baughman – Blair County

**Frames – Funniest – Subordinate****Wood**

1. Linda Warren – Chester County
2. Ashley Kolpak – Chester County
3. Jodi Kensinger – Huntingdon County
4. Lindsay Schroeder – Berks County

**Plastic**

1. Nancy Sattazahn – Berks County
2. Will McGregor – Lawrence County

**Foam**

1. Jane Reppert – Berks County
2. Kelly Van Ord – Warren County

**Frames – Grange Theme – Subordinate****Wood**

1. Linda Warren – Chester County
2. Shelley Fayewicz – Berks County
3. Jodi Kensinger – Huntingdon County

**Plastic**

1. Ashley Kolpak – Chester County

**Frames – Prettiest – Junior****Plastic**

1. Chase Koscuinszko – Lawrence County

**Wood**

1. Rebecca Berger – Berks County
2. Sarah Berger – Berks County

**Frames – Funniest – Junior****Plastic**

1. Chase Koscuinszko – Lawrence County

**Foam**

1. Rebecca Berger – Berks County

**Wreaths – Subordinate****Holiday**

1. Becky Davis – Greene County
2. Gloria Smith – Greene County
3. Carmie Smith – Greene County
4. Nettie Kauffman – Berks County

**Pretty**

1. Marty Dinsmore – Greene County
2. Will McGregor – Lawrence County
3. Becky Davis – Greene County
4. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County

**Grange Theme**

1. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County
2. Ashley Furman – Centre County
3. Marty Dinsmore – Greene County
4. Jackie Clabaugh – Blair County

**Wreaths – Junior****Holiday**

1. Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence County

**Pretty**

1. Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence County
2. Ruby Reyburn – Chester County

**My Favorite Anything – Subordinate****Wood**

1. Lindsay Schroeder – Berks County
2. Gene Zvarick – Montgomery County
3. Dee Ruckert – Beaver County

**Plastic**

1. Jodi Kensinger – Huntingdon County

**Material/Yarn**

1. Sandra Hill – Berks County
1. Jackie Clabaugh – Blair County
2. Shirley Swires – Blair County
2. Jill Cavaleiro – Butler County
3. Deanna Hollabaugh – Warren County

**Miscellaneous – Subordinate**

1. Marlene Baoman – Butler County
2. Jane Reppert – Berks County
3. Ada Skiles – Beaver County

**My Favorite Anything – Junior****Material/Yarn**

1. Tabby Samsel – Berks County

**Art – Subordinate****Landscape or Seascape**

1. Ashley Kolpak - Chester County
2. Jodi Kensinger – Huntingdon County
3. Lindsay Schroeder – Berks County
4. Linda Warren – Chester County

**Animals**

1. Linda Warren – Chester County
2. Will McGregor – Lawrence County

**Still Life**

1. Linda Warren – Chester County
2. Ashley Kolpak – Chester County
3. Jodi Kensinger – Huntingdon County
4. Deanna Hollabaugh – Warren County

**Street Art/Graffiti**

1. Jodi Kensinger – Huntingdon County
2. Will McGregor – Lawrence County
3. Linda Warren – Chester County
4. Betty Brennaman – Blair County

**Photography – Subordinate****Flowers**

1. Ben Kensinger – Huntingdon County
2. Denise Kostelansky – Armstrong County
3. Harry Keith – Huntingdon County
4. Shelly Fayewicz – Berks County

**Sunrise/Sunset**

1. Jenn Nauss – York County
2. Cindy Keith – Huntingdon County
3. Lisa Patton – Beaver County
4. Ashley Mohn – Berks County

**Baby Animals**

1. Ben Kensinger – Huntingdon County
2. Barbara Schroeder – Berks County
3. Marty Dinsmore – Greene County
4. Shelley Fayewicz – Berks County

**Churches**

1. Shelly Fayewicz – Berks County
2. Marci Jenkins – Berks County
3. Ashley Mohn – Berks County
4. Ben Kensinger – Huntingdon County

**Trains**

1. Marty Dinsmore – Greene County
2. Denise Kostelansky – Armstrong County
3. Jackie Clabaugh – Blair County
4. Dianne Geschwindt – Berks County

**Digitally Enhanced**

1. Ashley Mohn – Berks County
2. Ashley Kolpak – Chester County
3. Shelley Fayewicz – Berks County

**Collage**

1. Patty Bird – Centre County
2. Ashley Mohn – Berks County
3. Marty Dinsmore – Greene County
4. Ashley Kolpak – Chester County

**Photo Gallery/Slide Show/Story Board**

1. Ashley Mohn – Berks County
2. Denise Kostelansky – Armstrong County

**BEST OF SHOW****Container Pots – Junior**

Elijah Bicksler – Berks County

**Subordinate****Art**

Ashley Kolpak – Chester County

**Photography**

Jenn Nauss – York

**Frames**

Ada Skiles – Beaver County

**Tissue Box**

Swirles Swires – Blair County

**Container Pots**

Debra Kolpak – Chester County

**Wreaths**

Gloria Smith – Green 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 serve 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 second 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 our region that hosts State session.

I started this Grange year by attending Russellville Grange's annual November pie and field corn judging. I played a few hand chime selections.

In May, I helped Lehigh/Northampton Pomona with their open pit chicken barbeque at the Schnecksville Grange. I have run Kauffman Chicken Barbeque fundraiser dinners, but this was a first where we actually baked our own chickens. They were delicious!

During July, I attended Keystone Grange's picnic that was held at Ron Joyce's Park Place farm. It was originally deeded in 1745. It has been in his family for two generations. I attended the Family Festival at the Centre County Fairgrounds. The attendance was up and the workshops, food, activities, fellowship, and the weather were wonderful, despite the nasty downpours that we had Saturday night.



I am planning on attending the Bucks County Pomona Grange meeting at the Plumsteadville Inn on September 22. I am looking forward to meeting them and enjoying a meal together.

I attended all of the 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 Cranberry Township, Pittsburgh, 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**

This second year of my serving as State Chaplain has been eventful and challenging, but also rewarding.

Following State Session in 2017, our family celebrated the holidays and looked forward to a Happy New Year. By January I was seeing a neurosurgeon for a pinched nerve in my back that rendered my left arm "useless."

Thankfully, aside from my writing articles for the Pennsylvania Grange News, the duties of my office were not too demanding. I was able to type as long as I lifted my arm up to the computer! I was also able to accompany my husband and two other couples on a cruise to the Panama Canal (which had been planned before my arm decided not to function). It was a reunion for the fellows since they had all graduated from high school 60+ years ago!

What a wonderful opportunity for a Pennsylvania gal to see and appreciate God's handiwork in the tropics.

I returned to a surgical procedure that replaced two vertebrae to relieve my pinched nerve. After three months in my "big blue plastic collar," I was able to attend and participate in the Family Festival in July. Our grandson spent the time with us and had a wonderful time, despite the fact that his momma was in Danville with his papa who was recovering from blood clots and complications.

I assisted Melissa Gartner with a workshop on Chrismons which was well received. The participants had the opportunity to make four Chrismons and were given a program and patterns to take home for use in their own churches.

Two of my fellow parishioners from St. Paul's UMC in State College helped me with the Sunday Worship service. Phil Mohr provided the music and Glenn Albert again brought the message. He said he really enjoys our Family Festival Worship Service opportunity! I am so glad! Sixty-nine people attend the service and the offering of \$252 was divided with \$126 going to a PA Grange project and the other \$126 divided with half going to each of the two gentlemen from St. Paul's UMC. Glenn reported that his share will be donated to a fundraiser when our minister rappels over the edge of a HIGH building in State College to support Interfaith Human Services and Faith Centre.

As my year comes to a close, I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to serve as State Chaplain, to share God's Word through my articles and participate in the worship services at Family Festival and State Session as well as perform any other duties that go along with the office.

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 146th Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

Today, we are reviewing financial information for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. 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.

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

Sister Deb Campbell worked with our Worthy Master to manage the day to day financial requirements of the State Office.

### **Scholarship Funds:**

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, one (1) grant was 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 five (5) loans totaling \$4,000 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, 2018, there were thirty-three (33) students involved in the program. Four (4) students were new to the program and five (5) students completed the repayment of their loan during the year. The remaining students are either in school or making payments on their loans.

Applications are available from the State Treasurer and the State Office and can be downloaded from the Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania State Grange returns 97%. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, there were 105 Granges with invested funds. Thirty-Nine (39) of those Granges are closed. Three (3) of those had their assets transferred to the State Grange after having been closed for seven (7) years. Four (4) active and Five (5) closed Grange added funds to the trust for the first time. Six (6) 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. No new loans were approved during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. 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, 2018, there have been a total of 1,599 members who have become lifetime members since the program's inception in 1984. We gained five (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 Pennsylvania 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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September 18, 2018

Wayne D. Campbell, President  
PA State Grange  
20 Erford Road, Suite 216  
Lemoyne, PA 17043

Dear Wayne and Members of the Pennsylvania State Grange,

I am writing this letter to explain the delay in finalizing the June 30, 2017 review of the Pennsylvania State Grange financial statements. You and I have discussed these issues in detail; however, I wanted to explain them again in this letter.

During the review of the June 30, 2016 financial statements, we worked with Jennifer, who had been hired right at the end of that fiscal year. Since she had not been responsible for that year's bookkeeping, we did not become aware of her inability to maintain the records for the Grange at that time.

When we returned for the June 30, 2017 review, we quickly discovered that Jennifer was very incapable of maintaining the records for the Grange. Her lack of basic accounting knowledge resulted in records that were incomplete and inaccurate. Once this was discovered, we began to have conversations with you about our concerns.

By this point we all recognized that the records would virtually need to be redone from scratch and could not be easily corrected. At this time you decided that your wife Debbie would take on this records reconstruction process. Debbie did an excellent job in reconstructing these records over the next several months. Once this was finished, we were able to conduct our normal review procedures, which were completed in late April, with our report issued in May 2018. As you can see from the June 30, 2017 review report, there were no issues once the records were reconstructed.

This was a very unfortunate situation for the Grange. However, I can now state that, based on our work on the June 30, 2018 review, these issues have been properly addressed and our completion schedule is back on track with the years prior to June 30, 2017.

Thank you for your assistance and your patience during the past year. Please let me know if any additional details would be helpful.

Sincerely,

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

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October 9, 2018

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, 2018.

The June 30, 2018 review is in process; however, it remains incomplete at this time. This delay is based on the normal gathering of extensive documentation and information needed for the review and is not due to any issues or concerns. We are diligently working with the staff to complete the June 30, 2018 review as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

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

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Proposed Budget 2019-2020-a

	2017-2018	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	Description
	Revised Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget	
<b>*** REVENUE</b>					
<b>1 MEMBERSHIP &amp; DUES</b>					
2 Subordinate Dues	299,200	272,199	277,024	218,240	Subordinate Dues for 4,699 members
3 Lifetime Members - Interest from Fund	15,750	15,563	15,567	15,642	Interest received from the Lifetime membership account
4 Lifetime Members - Principal from Fund	0	0	15,750	23,870	898 Lifetime Members
5 Golden Sheaf	0	-5,605	0	11,640	388 Golden Sheaf Members - Deducts \$3.50
6 Youth	0	-5,905	0	2,506	179 Youth Members
7 Initiation Fees	1,000	1,292	1,500	1,300	Includes individual (\$5) and family (\$10)
8 Junior Dues	250	199	250	210	\$1 - year per Junior
9 Associate Dues	1,500	1,078	900	960	\$11 per Associate Member (2)
10 National Grange Assessment	2,200	6,268	6,785	6,428	\$1 per member from Subordinate
<b>11 TOTAL DUES &amp; FEES</b>	<b>319,900</b>	<b>285,089</b>	<b>317,776</b>	<b>280,796</b>	
<b>13 SALES OF MERCHANDISE</b>					
14 Cookbooks	25,000	21,257	14,000	14,000	Sales Total for 2010, 1985, 1972, 1050
15 Resale Promotional Items	200	66	100	100	Other sale items (coasters, plates are only items still on books)
<b>16 TOTAL SALES AND TAX</b>	<b>25,200</b>	<b>21,323</b>	<b>14,100</b>	<b>14,100</b>	
<b>17 OTHER INCOME</b>					
18 Property Fund/Headquarters Interest	8,800	12,398	8,956	8,959	Interest received from the investment representing the sale of the former Headquarters
19 Interest/Dividends	17,400	13,572	19,987	24,317	Account Interest, Capital One account, Fulton Checking, Active and Closed Grange interest and Admin. Fees
20 Grange Property	0	86,201	80,137	143,348	90% of money rec. when a closed Grange's assets are transferred to State after 7 yrs
21 Restricted Membership Fund	0	9,578	8,904	15,928	10% of money rec. from Closed Grange
22 Membership Seals	500	498	400 #	500	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.
23 Washington Trip	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	Income from people attending the Washington Fly-in
24 Bus Tours	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	Income from any other bus trip scheduled (not Fly-in)
25 State Session Registration	2,500	1,962	3,000	2,000	State Grange portion of registration fees from Session (1/2 of registration fee)
26 State Session Rm Contributions		4,160	6,480	4,500	Revenue for all reservations that are reserved by the State Secretary except Natl Delegates; PR, Off. Sec., Asst. Sec., Legislative, Pianist, etc.
27 Sixth Degree Application Fee	200	170	100	100	Application fee for the Sixth Degree at Session
28 Legislative Day	1,000	0	500	0	Income for Grange Day
29 Family Festival	8,000	9,898	8,000	9,000	Income for Family Festival including any Donations from Sponsors
30 PA Grange News Ads	38,000	848	12,000	1,000	Ads sold for PA Grange News - 6 issues
31 Vision Insurance and Service Fee	500	4,061	5,000	4,100	Vision Insurance Program (includes \$6 service fee)
32 Legislative	5,000	0	0	0	Grant monies received
33 Grange Donation/Disaster	1,000	2,489	1,000	1,000	This is a pass through account
34 Local Grange Fund	5,000	200,146	5,000	5,000	General Expense recopped from Local Granges for copies, postage etc. from assisting when they lack funds and to pay expenses for closed Granges.

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	2017-2018	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	Description
	Revised Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget	
35	2,000	1,078	2,000	100	Donations/commission & Misc (sometimes pass through)
<b>36</b>	<b>91,900</b>	<b>347,059</b>	<b>163,464</b>	<b>221,852</b>	
<b>37</b>	<b>437,000</b>	<b>653,472</b>	<b>495,340</b>	<b>516,748</b>	
<b>38</b>					
<b>39</b>	75,700	50,098	60,000	76,000	Gross Payroll — President - \$45,480 — Bookkeeper \$15,000; Part-time Secretary-\$15,000
40	19,686	12,310	12,000	18,250	Employer tax, Health Ins. Stipend, life ins payment, IRA
<b>41</b>	<b>95,386</b>	<b>62,408</b>	<b>72,000</b>	<b>94,250</b>	
<b>42</b>					
<b>43</b>	8,500	5,311	8,500	6,000	All Insurances other than health. Includes Workman's Comp
44	350	110	200	100	Includes all beverages, condiments
45	500	0	500	500	Repairs to office space
46	34,000	31,294	35,000	35,000	to Limbo Properties. Lease expires July 31 of 2019
<b>47</b>	<b>43,350</b>	<b>36,715</b>	<b>44,200</b>	<b>41,600</b>	
<b>48</b>					
<b>49</b>	13,000	22,608	23,400	23,400	Cost of rooms less Officer/comm. member req. cost; Legislative, PR, Ofc. Sec.; Asst. Ofc. Sec.
50	700	765	650	800	Committee discussion of resolutions as required
51	300	300	300	300	Pay for Office Help at Session
52	1,500	534	1,000	700	Printing cost
53	100	448	1,500	500	Any expenses affiliated with Sixth Degree - Purchasing new curtains - one time expense
54	100	0	150	150	Printing Cost
55	250	262	250	300	As needed
56	500	277	500	500	Travel Expenses
57	1,000	39	1,000	1,000	All other expenses
<b>58</b>	<b>17,450</b>	<b>25,233</b>	<b>28,750</b>	<b>27,650</b>	
<b>59</b>					
<b>60</b>	4,000	2,693	4,000	4,000	Includes all expenses affiliated w/ events including give-aways
61	3,000	1,380	3,000	1,800	Includes all expenses affiliated w/ events including give-aways
62	1,000	0	500	500	Includes all expenses affiliated w/ Grange Week
63	8,000	9,017	8,000	9,000	Includes all expenses affiliated with Family Festival
64	250	0	250	250	Seminars and other events
<b>65</b>	<b>16,250</b>	<b>13,090</b>	<b>15,750</b>	<b>15,550</b>	

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	2017-2018	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	Description
	Revised Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget	
<b>67 DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES</b>					
68 Community Service	1,200	23	1,200	800	Deaf and Community Service Expenses
69 Junior Grange	1,200	103	1,200	800	Junior Grange Expenses
70 Youth/Young Adults	1,200	544	1,200	800	Youth Expenses
71 Family Activities	1,200	468	1,200	800	Family Activities Expenses
72 Lecturer	2,000	2,033	1,200	2,000	Lecturer Expenses
73 Historical Committee	500	0	500	500	Historical Committee Expenses
74 Executive Committee	6,500	3,895	5,000	5,000	Ex Comm Expenses – Mileage and meals
75 Other State Officers	750	60	750	1,000	Mileage for all other Officers
76 Membership Seals	500	340	400	500	State Grange buys seals in bulk and sells to Granges since Granges are now charged shipping. Rather than showing as inventory, we just treat it as expense and income.
77 Special Committee	100	123	100	100	Any expenses incurred by a Special Committee (i.e. Salary Committee, Lifetime)
78 Heritage Quilt Trail	750	0	750	750	Quilt Blocks and Signs for Heritage Quilt trail
<b>79 TOTAL DEPART. &amp; COMM</b>	<b>15,900</b>	<b>7,588</b>	<b>13,500</b>	<b>13,050</b>	
<b>80 HONORARIUMS</b>					
81 Community Service	1,000	1,625	1,000	1,150	
82 Family Activities	1,000	1,625	1,000	1,150	
83 Lecturer	1,000	2,225	1,000	1,150	
84 Jr. Director	1,500	2,100	1,500	1,800	
85 Youth Director	1,500	2,100	1,500	1,800	
86 Treasurer	3,600	4,500	3,600	3,750	Salary Committee and Delegate Approved
87 Secretary	2,000	2,500	2,250	2,500	Salary Committee and Delegate Approved
<b>88 TOTAL HONORARIUMS</b>	<b>11,600</b>	<b>16,675</b>	<b>11,850</b>	<b>13,300</b>	
<b>89 OFFICE EXPENSES</b>					
90 Dues, Subs, Memberships	300	533	300	500	Newspaper Subs/Organization Dues/Memberships to other Organizations
91 Quarterly Reports	800	209	500	500	Mailing/Postage – Outside Printing
92 Postage	200	2,314	300	2,000	Cookbook postage goes in and out of this account. In-house Postage
93 Office Supplies	3,600	2,983	3,000	3,000	All office, breakroom, & Cleaning supplies
94 Maintenance Agreements/Rentals	2,400	1,320	2,800	2,000	Postage Machine Rental
95 Equipment Repairs	250	0	100	100	Misc Equipment Repairs
96 Telephone	3,600	3,000	3,600	3,200	Telephone
97 Cell Phone	420	0	400	400	Employee Reimbursement, \$2.5 Data Plan and \$10 for Cell use
98 Website	500	331	250	350	Website maintenance, hosting and email
99 Computer Support	3,500	3,324	4,000	3,500	IT services/Membership Database Services (McDonald)
100 Computer updates	2,500	3,150	2,500	3,000	Software, cables etc. Computer purchases are listed as an asset
101 Bank Fees	100	225	500	250	Bank and Credit Card Fees
102 Copier lease	4,000	3,078	4,800	3,000	Copier lease (Lease in the vendor), maint agreement and per copy (Commonwealth)
103 Copies	0	0	0	2,000	In-House Copies
<b>104 TOTAL OFFICE EXP</b>	<b>22,170</b>	<b>20,667</b>	<b>23,050</b>	<b>23,800</b>	



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	2017-2018	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	Description
	Revised Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget	
105					
106	8,000	25,917	24,000	25,000	Printing PGN and Maintenance on mailing list
107	6,000	2,516	5,000	0	Actual PGN Postage (new company postage is in total)
108	14,000	28,433	29,000	25,000	
109					
110	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	Mileage
111	9,000	5,590	9,000	9,000	President travel and Meals. Expenses that pertain directly to the President
112	7,200	0	7,200	7,200	Housing for a President who lives out-of-town
113	5,000	7,173	4,000	5,000	Regular Expenses for the office of Membership Director and Mileage
114	0	4,750	8,904	15,928	Benefits to Membership that are above and beyond the basics (refer to line 20)
115	2,000	1,532	2,000	2,000	Any advertising, publicity, Events to adv Granges, Signs (not quilt block signs)
116	2,000	2,719	3,000	3,000	Any activity relating to Legislative activities
117	5,000	131,246	5,000	5,000	General Exp incurred for Local Granges (copies, postage etc). Fund set up to allow the State Grange to assist Local Granges when they lack funds. Also used to pay expenses for closed Granges.
118	100	3,777	4,200	4,000	Vision Insurance — See line 31
119	31,300	156,788	44,304	52,128	
120					
121					
123	2,000	2,236	2,200	1,500	Paychex - Changed to Paytime effective October, 2018. Paytime's cost are less
124	7,000	3,795	5,000	5,000	As needed
125	24,000	23,076	24,000	24,000	
126	24,000	21,167	20,000	20,000	
127	24,000	24,550	25,000	33,000	
128	9,500	13,146	10,000	13,000	Future Full Audit
129	90,500	87,970	86,200	96,500	
130					
131	12,500	0	5,000	2,500	Cost of printing is recorded as Cookbooks are sold. Not the bulk printing of CB
132	2,500	2,847	1,500	2,800	Postage Expense (post meter and ACS) and shipping boxes
133	2,000	1,130	1,200	1,200	Sales tax expense (what is paid after the liability account is balanced)
134	17,000	3,976	7,700	6,500	See Line 14
135					
136	100	0	100	100	Cost of item is recorded here as items sell
137	50	0	50	50	Postage exp if items are shipped
138	150	0	150	150	

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		2017-2018	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	Description
		Revised Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget	
140	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES					
		1,000	0	1,000	1,000	Other Expenses. Used also as pass through account
141	Assessment Expense	6,800	6,635	6,785	6,428	When paying the Annual Assessment Fee from National, we first use the Assessment Fee Liability account. Any amount over the Liability will be taken from this expense line item
142	Grange Assessment Expense	0	0	0	0	Used when the Assessment Fees paid by Subordinate Granges are not adequate to cover the fees from National. See Line 10
143	National Grange Dues - Individual				68,292	4,878 Individual Members and Youth
144	Associate and Affiliate Members				798	22 Associates, 35 Affiliate Members
145	Golden Sheaf Members				0	388 Golden Sheaf
146	Family Plans				2,156	77 Family Plans; 220 Members
147	Lifetime Members				12,372	898 Lifetime Members
148	National Dues Expense	95,200	84,837	86,604	0	When paying National Dues, we first use the National Dues Liability amount. Any amount over the Liability will be taken from this expense line item
149	TOTAL MISC	103,000	91,472	94,389	91,246	
150	CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS					
151	Advocates	500	0	500	500	Expense related to a Advocate Conferences
152	Regional Leadership Meetings	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	Expense related to regional training meeting held by President/Membership Dir
153	Departmental Planning Meetings	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	Expenses incurred with Commitee Planning Meetings
154	National Grange Conference - Delegates	1,500	1,011	1,000	4,000	Delegates Expenses for National Grange
155	National Grange Participants	1,000	0	1,000	1,250	Youth, Juniors and Talent Travel
156	Tours	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	See Line 24
157	Washington Bus Tour	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	Expenses affiliated with the Wash Fly-in, pass through line 23
158	TOTAL CONF/WORK	6,000	1,011	5,500	9,750	
159	DONATIONS/DISASTERS	1,000	2,992	1,000	1,000	Money that we donate to others/Sponsorships
160						
161	TOTAL EXPENSES	485,056	555,018	477,343	511,474	Total Expenses
162	NET REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ (48,066)	\$ 98,454	\$ 17,997	\$ 5,274	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 09-04-2018			\$ 54,086.30		
	State Grange Savings Account Current Balance as of 09-04-2018			\$ 106,419.19		
	State Grange Trust Fund			\$ 150,000.00		

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE  
SCHEDULES OF GRANGE FUNDS  
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2018 AND 2017

ACTIVE GRANGES	June 30, 2017		Interest		Interest		Interest Paid		Additions/		June 30, 2018	
	Balance	Earned	Paid Grange	State Grange	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	Ending Balance	State Grange	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	Ending Balance	
Atlantic - #344	\$11,755.00	\$376.16	\$364.88	\$11.28	\$0.00	\$11,755.00	\$11,755.00	\$11.28	\$0.00	\$11,755.00	\$11,755.00	
Baileyville - #1991	36,742.34	\$1,175.76	\$1,140.50	\$35.26	0.00	\$36,742.34	\$36,742.34	\$35.26	0.00	\$36,742.34	\$36,742.34	
Blanco - #2099 (Marshall #539)	15,396.82	\$492.70	\$477.92	\$14.78	0.00	\$15,396.82	\$15,396.82	\$14.78	0.00	\$15,396.82	\$15,396.82	
Bottle Run - #1301 (Lycova #2006)	18,510.00	\$592.32	\$574.56	\$17.76	(1,850.00)	\$16,660.00	\$16,660.00	\$17.76	(1,850.00)	\$16,660.00	\$16,660.00	
Brandywine - #60	87,102.91	\$2,787.30	\$2,703.70	\$83.60	0.00	\$87,102.91	\$87,102.91	\$83.60	0.00	\$87,102.91	\$87,102.91	
California - #941 (Northumberland - #218)	54,740.30	\$1,751.68	\$1,699.14	\$52.54	0.00	\$54,740.30	\$54,740.30	\$52.54	0.00	\$54,740.30	\$54,740.30	
Carmichaels - #1380	0.00	\$1,226.73	\$37.94	\$37.94	67,750.00	\$67,750.00	\$67,750.00	\$37.94	67,750.00	\$67,750.00	\$67,750.00	
Clearfield Pomona - #33	19,885.00	\$636.32	\$617.24	\$19.08	0.00	\$19,885.00	\$19,885.00	\$19.08	0.00	\$19,885.00	\$19,885.00	
Cochranon - #2030	42,190.00	\$1,350.08	\$1,309.58	\$40.50	0.00	\$42,190.00	\$42,190.00	\$40.50	0.00	\$42,190.00	\$42,190.00	
Community - #2048	18,290.00	\$585.28	\$567.74	\$17.54	0.00	\$18,290.00	\$18,290.00	\$17.54	0.00	\$18,290.00	\$18,290.00	
Dawson - #419	95,865.85	\$3,427.16	\$3,324.35	\$102.81	(3,400.00)	\$92,465.85	\$92,465.85	\$102.81	(3,400.00)	\$92,465.85	\$92,465.85	
Dawson - #419 (Morning Star - #1271)	12,933.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$12,933.00	\$12,933.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$12,933.00	\$12,933.00	
Eagle - #1 (West Branch - #136)	2,000.00	\$64.00	\$62.08	\$1.92	0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1.92	0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
East Lynn - #1263	264,611.66	\$8,467.58	\$8,213.56	\$254.02	0.00	\$264,611.66	\$264,611.66	\$254.02	0.00	\$264,611.66	\$264,611.66	
East New Castle - #1536	27,068.72	\$866.20	\$840.22	\$25.98	0.00	\$27,068.72	\$27,068.72	\$25.98	0.00	\$27,068.72	\$27,068.72	
Edinboro - #947	52,813.45	\$1,690.04	\$1,639.34	\$50.70	0.00	\$52,813.45	\$52,813.45	\$50.70	0.00	\$52,813.45	\$52,813.45	
Elk Creek - #997	34,000.00	\$1,088.00	\$1,055.36	\$32.64	0.00	\$34,000.00	\$34,000.00	\$32.64	0.00	\$34,000.00	\$34,000.00	
Friendship - #1232	13,795.00	\$441.44	\$428.20	\$13.24	0.00	\$13,795.00	\$13,795.00	\$13.24	0.00	\$13,795.00	\$13,795.00	
Fulton - #66	78,879.98	\$2,524.16	\$2,448.44	\$75.72	0.00	\$78,879.98	\$78,879.98	\$75.72	0.00	\$78,879.98	\$78,879.98	
Gibson - #798 (Harford #418)	17,600.00	\$563.20	\$546.32	\$16.88	0.00	\$17,600.00	\$17,600.00	\$16.88	0.00	\$17,600.00	\$17,600.00	
Goshen - #121	25,960.00	\$806.72	\$782.52	\$24.20	(1,908.50)	\$24,051.50	\$24,051.50	\$24.20	(1,908.50)	\$24,051.50	\$24,051.50	
Hartslog Valley - #375	39,600.00	\$1,267.20	\$1,229.20	\$38.00	0.00	\$39,600.00	\$39,600.00	\$38.00	0.00	\$39,600.00	\$39,600.00	
Hayfield - #800 (Cambridge #168)	10,290.13	\$477.92	\$463.60	\$14.32	0.00	\$10,290.13	\$10,290.13	\$14.32	0.00	\$10,290.13	\$10,290.13	
Hayfield - #800 (W. Center #1034)	4,644.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$4,644.87	\$4,644.87	\$0.00	0.00	\$4,644.87	\$4,644.87	
Hillcrest - #1674 (1/2 of Valley #878)	5,926.15	\$189.64	\$183.96	\$5.68	0.00	\$5,926.15	\$5,926.15	\$5.68	0.00	\$5,926.15	\$5,926.15	
Honeybrook - #1688	66,811.92	\$2,137.98	\$2,073.86	\$64.12	0.00	\$66,811.92	\$66,811.92	\$64.12	0.00	\$66,811.92	\$66,811.92	
Kennett - #19	58,210.00	\$1,800.64	\$1,746.62	\$54.02	(5,820.00)	\$52,390.00	\$52,390.00	\$54.02	(5,820.00)	\$52,390.00	\$52,390.00	
Kimberton - #1304	117,662.56	\$3,731.87	\$3,619.92	\$111.95	(2,500.00)	\$115,162.56	\$115,162.56	\$111.95	(2,500.00)	\$115,162.56	\$115,162.56	
Laurel Point - #915	0.00	\$356.84	\$346.14	\$10.70	22,302.39	\$22,302.39	\$22,302.39	\$10.70	22,302.39	\$22,302.39	\$22,302.39	
Little Gap - #1882	19,700.00	\$630.40	\$611.50	\$18.90	0.00	\$19,700.00	\$19,700.00	\$18.90	0.00	\$19,700.00	\$19,700.00	
London - #1492	57,540.75	\$1,841.30	\$1,786.08	\$55.22	0.00	\$57,540.75	\$57,540.75	\$55.22	0.00	\$57,540.75	\$57,540.75	
London Grove - #63	45,470.00	\$1,455.04	\$1,411.40	\$43.64	0.00	\$45,470.00	\$45,470.00	\$43.64	0.00	\$45,470.00	\$45,470.00	
Long Branch Comm. - #2072 (Deemstown #1372)	25,270.00	\$1,462.24	\$1,418.38	\$43.86	0.00	\$25,270.00	\$25,270.00	\$43.86	0.00	\$25,270.00	\$25,270.00	
Long Branch Comm - #2072 (Fallowfield - #1382)	20,425.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$20,425.00	\$20,425.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$20,425.00	\$20,425.00	
Mahoning Valley - #1649 (Wilmington #1477)	59,427.87	\$1,901.70	\$1,844.66	\$57.04	0.00	\$59,427.87	\$59,427.87	\$57.04	0.00	\$59,427.87	\$59,427.87	
Marion - #223	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	15,380.00	\$15,380.00	\$15,380.00	\$0.00	15,380.00	\$15,380.00	\$15,380.00	
Marshallton - #1394	41,310.00	\$1,321.92	\$1,282.28	\$39.64	0.00	\$41,310.00	\$41,310.00	\$39.64	0.00	\$41,310.00	\$41,310.00	
Menallen - #1091	79,425.00	\$2,541.60	\$2,465.36	\$76.24	0.00	\$79,425.00	\$79,425.00	\$76.24	0.00	\$79,425.00	\$79,425.00	
Mt. Nebo - #1872	260,330.00	\$8,261.15	\$8,013.33	\$247.82	(26,030.00)	\$234,300.00	\$234,300.00	\$247.82	(26,030.00)	\$234,300.00	\$234,300.00	

ACTIVE GRANGES	June 30, 2017 Balance	Interest Earned	Interest Paid Grange	Interest State Grange	Additions/Withdrawals	June 30, 2018 Ending Balance
New Vernon - #608 (Millbrook #1601)	720.00	\$21.12	\$20.49	\$0.63	(720.00)	\$0.00
Ontelaunee - #1617 (Centerport #1600)	19,275.00	\$616.80	\$598.30	\$18.50	0.00	\$19,275.00
Penn - #534	22,119.06	\$771.80	\$748.66	\$23.14	0.00	\$22,119.06
Penn - #534 (Greenwood #706)	2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$2,000.00
Perry Valley - #1804	147,099.00	\$4,707.16	\$4,565.96	\$141.20	(14,709.00)	\$132,390.00
Pleasant Hill - #1505	40,383.50	\$1,206.95	\$1,170.74	\$36.21	(4,000.00)	\$36,383.50
Pleasant Valley - #1643	38,717.53	\$1,238.96	\$1,201.80	\$37.16	0.00	\$38,717.53
Red Lion - #1781	321,004.63	\$8,672.14	\$8,411.98	\$260.16	(100,000.00)	\$221,004.63
Richland - # 1413 (Sandy Creek - #2021)	22,408.73	\$717.08	\$695.58	\$21.50	0.00	\$22,408.73
Ridgeview - #1948	33,082.50	\$1,058.64	\$1,026.90	\$31.74	0.00	\$33,082.50
Rural Valley - #1750	5,145.00	\$164.64	\$159.72	\$4.92	0.00	\$5,145.00
Russellville - #91 (Fernwood #1329)	3,000.00	\$96.00	\$93.12	\$2.88	0.00	\$3,000.00
Sanatoga - #25 (N. Coventry - #2011)	28,000.00	\$1,008.00	\$977.76	\$30.24	0.00	\$28,000.00
Sanatoga - #25 (Valley - #1880)	3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$3,500.00
Seipstown - #1657	0.00	\$4,336.28	\$4,206.20	\$130.08	203,263.18	\$203,263.18
Shavers Creek - #353 (Donation #330)	5,500.00	\$164.27	\$159.34	\$4.93	(550.00)	\$4,950.00
Shenango Township - #2057	74,126.55	\$2,372.04	\$2,300.88	\$71.16	0.00	\$74,126.55
Sinking Valley - #484	14,000.00	\$421.87	\$409.22	\$12.65	(1,400.00)	\$12,600.00
South Buffalo - #1908	19,624.36	\$591.30	\$573.57	\$17.73	(1,964.76)	\$17,659.60
Spring Church - #1803	6,300.00	\$201.60	\$195.56	\$6.04	0.00	\$6,300.00
Star - #993	99,822.80	\$3,233.48	\$3,136.48	\$97.00	0.00	\$99,822.80
Stony Point Grange - #1694	29,527.66	\$894.91	\$868.06	\$26.85	(4,152.00)	\$25,375.66
Union City - #89 (Corry #55)	13,739.41	\$439.66	\$426.48	\$13.18	0.00	\$13,739.41
Unionville - #1971 (S. Rock # 1441)	7,055.00	\$225.76	\$219.00	\$6.76	0.00	\$7,055.00
Vernon - #936	26,018.93	\$832.60	\$807.64	\$24.96	0.00	\$26,018.93
Walker - #2007	31,535.02	\$1,009.12	\$978.86	\$30.26	0.00	\$31,535.02
Washington - #1949 (Battlefield #2063)	18,990.00	\$607.68	\$589.46	\$18.22	0.00	\$18,990.00
Watson - #1068	819.82	\$26.24	\$25.46	\$0.78	0.00	\$819.82
Wesley - #1675 (Sugar Creek # 1131)	2,920.62	\$93.46	\$90.66	\$2.80	0.00	\$2,920.62
Westfield - #1514 (N. Beaver #1646)	15,750.00	\$504.00	\$488.88	\$15.12	(1,575.00)	\$14,175.00
Wills - #1690 (Jenner #1661)	24,003.56	\$957.76	\$929.04	\$28.72	0.00	\$24,003.56
Wills - #1690 (1/2 of Valley #878)	5,926.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$5,926.16
York Run - #1699	38,352.63	\$1,227.28	\$1,190.48	\$36.80	0.00	\$38,352.63
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE GRANGES</b>	<b>2,962,651.75</b>	<b>97,482.14</b>	<b>95,784.95</b>	<b>2,961.86</b>	<b>138,116.31</b>	<b>3,100,768.06</b>
PA State Grange Assets in Trust Fund	150,000.00	\$4,800.00		\$4,800.00	0.00	\$150,000.00
<b>Grand Total for Trust Fund</b>	<b>3,112,651.75</b>	<b>102,282.14</b>	<b>95,784.95</b>	<b>7,761.86</b>	<b>138,116.31</b>	<b>3,250,768.06</b>

Notes: (1) - California and Eagle are new to the list due to consolidations.

(2) - Carmichaels # 1380, Laurel Point # 915, Marion # 223 and Seipstown # 1657 are new to the list.

(3) - Boot Jack, Mountain # 1307, North Woodbury, Rostraver, West Valley and White Deer were moved to the Closed list.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

SCHEDULES OF GRANGE FUNDS  
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2018 AND 2017

CLOSED GRANGES	Date Closed	June 30, 2017 Balance	Interest Earned	Interest Paid Grange	Interest Paid State Grange	Additions/ Withdrawals	June 30, 2018 Ending Balance
Bedford - #619		65,090.21				3533.48 *	\$68,623.69
Boot Jack - #1680		23,890.00	764.48		764.48	40,336.59	\$64,226.59
Brady - #1218	October 2011	26,326.66					\$26,326.66
Briar Creek - #146	December 2017	0.00				36303.61 *	\$36,303.61
Buffalo Valley # 520	December 2016	35,468.12	949.02		949.02		\$35,468.12
Carter Camp - #1563	August 2015	0.00				20,862.87 *	\$20,862.87
Charleston Valley - #54	December 2011	19,319.25	618.22		618.22		\$19,319.25
Community - #1994	March 2012	13,800.00	441.60		441.60		\$13,800.00
Cross Creek Village - #1751	August 2012	35,000.00	1,120.00		1,120.00		\$35,000.00
Decatur - #1920	July 2017	0.00				2329.03	\$2,329.03
Donegal - #1927	May 2012	29,595.15					\$29,595.15
East Branch - #1262	March 2010	12,945.97				(12945.97)	\$0.00
Economy - #2013	December 2009	41,443.80				(41443.80)	\$0.00
Eureka - #816	November 2016	34,843.44	1,115.00		1,115.00		\$34,843.44
Fort Granville - #1902	August 2014	1,191.00	38.12		38.12		\$1,191.00
Green Grove - #1955	August 2014	29,036.54					\$29,036.54
Henderson - #1315	August 2014	2,790.00	89.28		89.28		\$2,790.00
Lawrence - #533	May 2014	3918.39					\$3,918.39
Lightstreet - #31	July 2012	74,421.91					\$74,421.91
Mahoning - #1732	March 2014	70.11					\$70.11
Mendon - #855		0.00				1,500.00 *	\$1,500.00
Miller's Run - #2020	December 2012	45,543.87					\$45,543.87
Mountain - #567	July 2015	638.60					\$638.60
Mountain - # 1307	January 2018	20,197.42	\$646.32	\$626.94	\$19.38	0.00	\$20,197.42
North Woodbury - #1923	January 2018	24,270.00	776.64		776.64	219.95 *	\$24,489.95
Pine Run - #250	January 2015	7,090.00	226.88		226.88		\$7,090.00
Plainfield - #1727	July 2014	36,878.00	1,180.10		1,180.10		\$36,878.00
Plum Creek Valley - #1702	April 2014	1,354.58					\$1,354.58
Reynoldsville - #1825		0.00				3555.36	\$3,555.36
Rostraver - #919	June 2018	59,915.00	\$1,917.28	\$1,859.78	\$57.50	0.00	\$59,915.00
Shannondale - #1865	August 2015	20,370.00	651.84		651.84	23,460.99	\$43,830.99
Tamarack - #1388	August 2013	14,215.31	455.88		455.88		\$14,215.31
Valley - #52	29,471.50						\$29,471.50
Valley - #1184	May 2016	57,490.16	1,839.68		1,839.68		\$57,490.16
Valley - #1420	11,284.66		360.50		360.50		\$11,284.66
Weishample - #1898	March 2012	4,309.93					\$4,309.93
West Valley - #1760	June 2018	9,693.93	\$310.20	\$150.45	\$159.75		\$9,693.93
White Deer - #122	June 2018	22,515.38	\$719.12	\$697.55	\$21.57		\$22,515.38
Wilmon - #512	December 2009	41,389.25				(41389.25)	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL CLOSED GRANGES</b>		<b>855,778.14</b>	<b>14,220.16</b>	<b>3,334.72</b>	<b>10,885.44</b>	<b>36,322.86</b>	<b>892,101.00</b>

Notes: (1) - East Branch, Economy and Wilmon were forwarded to the PA State Grange after having been closed for 7 years.  
 (2) - Briar Creek, Carter Camp, Decatur, Mendon and Reynoldsville are new to the list.  
 (3) - Boot Jack, Mountain # 1307, North Woodbury, Rostraver, West Valley and White Deer transitioned from the Active list  
 (4) - The Additions with an asterisk (\*) to the right are funds that were in possession of the State Grange Office at the end of the fiscal year.

## REPORT OF SECRETARY

Worthy State Master, National Grange President Betsy Huber, National Grange Assistant Steward and President/Master of Indiana State Grange John Plank, and wife Susan, Officers, Delegates, and Members of the Pennsylvania State Grange, I bring you greetings and wishes for a very successful and enjoyable 146<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange here in Cranberry Township, 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	42	30 years	25	55 years	30
10 years	26	35 years	28	60 years	35
15 years	19	40 years	34	65 years	22
20 years	22	45 years	34	70 years	22
25 years	44	50 years	41	75 years	14
				80 years	4

I am thrilled to report that the total number of certificates recognized this year were 442, which is an increase of 136 from last year. I really appreciate the Secretaries who recognize your members and please continue doing so. I would like to encourage those Secretaries who do not recognize their members to please consider recognizing them. They really appreciate the acknowledgment for the years of service they have given to the Grange.

I would like to give a special recognition to the 75- and 80-year members recognized this year. They are:

75 years	—Anna May Ishler, Victor Grange #159, Center County
	—Mabel Kistler, Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County
	—Hope Kniss, Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County
	—Louise Johnson, Beech Creek #378, Clinton County
	—Gladys Kieffer, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
	—Carl Miller, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
	—Esther Stitzel, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
	—Herman Hunter, Hayfield Grange #800, Crawford County
	—Wilma Buckley, Hookstown Grange #1980, Beaver County
	—Francis Watterson, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
	—Ruth Hunsicker, Trexlertown Grange #1755, Lehigh County
	—Glenn Hoffman, Mt. Nebo Grange #1872, Allegheny County
	—Katherine Holman, Mt. Nebo Grange #1872, Allegheny County
	—Elsie Mae Meehan, California Grange #941, Montour County
80 years	—Harold W. Schuler, Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County
	—Donald R. Biddle, Logan Grange #109, Centre County
	—Robert Buckley, Hookstown Grange #1980, Beaver County
	—Ruth Steeley, Plumsteadville Grange #1738, Bucks 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 five new Lifetime Memberships, with a total of 1,599 Lifetime Members.

Worthy Master Wayne and I visited many Granges and Grange events and loved every visit! We started off working the Farm Show Stand by talking to non-Grangers about the Grange which was exciting and makes us appreciate the organization even more! We sold lots of cookbooks, and loved hearing the stories of “my Grandmother had one of these, or this is my first cookbook by a 13-year-old to I’m using this as a Bridal Shower gift to I’m buying one for all my children because they all want mine when I’m gone (she bought five)”.

Wayne and I attended the National Gala in Washington D.C. The Gala was in celebration 150 years of the National Grange. It was a fun night with legislators, business sponsors, and Grangers in attendance.

We then attended the Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference in Westminster MD. It was a great weekend of fellowship and wonderful workshops. There were 38 Pennsylvania Grangers in attendance. Having the all the conferences combined seem to work very well. We also were able to visit the Carroll County Almshouse and Outbuildings.

Wayne and I were again thrilled to spend the weekend with the Youth and the week with the Juniors! We both enjoy spending time with our Youth witnessing all their enthusiasm about the future of the Grange and their excitement to be a part of this great organization. A special thank you to Ellen for giving us the opportunity to join you for Youth Camp and making us feel part of camp!

Junior Camp has always had a special place in my heart. Wayne and I assisted Dina Zug and Ginny Straub in the kitchen preparing all the meals and what a wonderful time we had doing it! Thanks Dina and Lurae for allowing us to help!

Family Festival—Centre County—Wayne and I, along with our daughter Jennifer, and her husband Ken, our Grandchildren, and many Grange 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 14 years. If you have ever been there, it looks like we bring everything but the kitchen sink! If you have never been there, consider joining us. It is a great weekend of fun, fellowship and relaxation!

We attended many fairs this year, of course the Perry County Fair where Wayne and I are the co-chairs of the Pomona Grange Food Stand. In addition, we visited the Centre County Grange Fair, Elizabethtown Fair, and the Great Allentown Fair. Thank you to everyone for the invitations as we really enjoyed seeing the differences on how each fair is ran successfully. It was a great experience and lots of fun working in the Milkshake stand at the Elizabethtown Fair, thanks to Matt Ependshade!

I have worked in the State Grange office this past year working on getting the Grange accounting books corrected as well as keeping the office running smoothly. Thank you for all your understanding as I made mistakes and you were willing to help me. I really enjoyed working with my husband as well as learn more of the ins and outs of the State Grange Office.

I would like to thank all the Grangers that came into the office and assisted with mailings, etc. as well as those you proofread the Journal of Proceedings. I would also like to thank the 2018 Host Committee for inviting the Pennsylvania State Grange to hold the Annual Session in Cranberry Township, Beaver County.

As of June 30, 2018 the membership of the Pennsylvania Grange was 6,437 with 191 Subordinate Granges. Nine Granges have closed during the Fiscal year 2017-2018. They are: Decatur #1920; Boot Jack #1680; Briar

Creek #146; West Valley #1760; North Woodbury #1923; White Deer #122; Mountain #1307; Rostraver #919; Ginger Hill #1549. Four Granges have merged. They are: Lawsville #1455 – Union #152; Sugar Hill – Roseville #1290; Northumberland #218 – California #941 and West Branch #136 – Eagle #1. One grange was Reorganized – Ginger Hill #1549.

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

Fraternally Submitted,  
Debra Campbell, State Secretary

## **REPORT OF GATEKEEPER**

Worthy Master, fellow officers, delegates, members and guests of the Pennsylvania State Grange annual session.

The past year has been extremely rewarding as my wife Denae served as the 2017-2018 Pennsylvania State Grange Outstanding Young Patron. We experienced more Grange events than ever as well as very exciting personal events.

Our Grange year began in October at State Session in Scranton. A week after we returned home we settled on our first house and moved in Thanksgiving weekend. Our doors are always open to fellow Grangers. In November Denae and I attended Russellville Grange's annual Corn and Pie night where Denae had the program on the youth and their future in the Grange. This was followed two weeks later by the annual Keystone Grange Farm City Dinner. We also made an appearance at the Collegetown Rotary Club to discuss a project with them. We attended two holiday parties in December. The first was with Plumsteadville and the second was with our own Keystone Grange.

Early January 2018 had us braving the cold as we attended the annual PA Farm Show where Denae was a part of the PA Preferred Reception and the opening ceremonies and had the opportunity to meet the PA Governor and Secretary of Agriculture. We also volunteered at the Grange booth. January 13th had us double booked as we attended the Chester County Pomona meeting in the morning and travelled to Hamburg Grange in Berks County where Denae gave a program on leadership in the afternoon. February had us back at Russellville Grange to support their Junior program with the annual Italian Night. March has us running over the state again with the annual Hamburg Grange chicken pot pie supper, our own Keystone Grange meeting which was delayed due to snow, and a Reading Royals hockey game with the Youth and Young Adults Department. We also made it to Maryland for the Mid Atlantic Leaders Conference where we met new Grange friends from across the country.

April 2018 was our busiest month as it was Grange Month. We started the first weekend with the Trexlertown Grange chicken pot pie supper followed by the Young Adults gathering in Williamsport where I made my Grange themed string art. The following weekend had us at the Kutztown Grange community night where many of the state royalty were in attendance. We also attended the Chester County Pomona meeting where Denae was recognized for the Outstanding Youth in Agriculture Day. The following week was a whirlwind with a visit to the hotel for 2021 state session, our monthly Keystone Grange meeting where we had a packed house for the program on hummingbirds. Denae visited Pioneer Grange for their Community Night later that week. We had our first annual spaghetti supper at Keystone Grange where we featured the newly elected mayors of Collegetown and Trappe.

The summer months had us attending a meeting for Berks County Junior Grange camp at the farm of Andrew Kieffer in early May and then the camp from May 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. Denae and I were judges for the Berks County Junior royalty. Memorial Day we featured numerous local antique tractors in the annual Collegetown-Trappe Memorial Day Parade. June was almost as active as April as we travelled quite a bit



again. The first weekend has us at the Fleetwood Grange Strawberry Festival followed by the Goshen Grange Strawberry Festival the next day. We had our monthly Keystone Grange meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> then immediately the next morning we drove across the state to the Beaver County Junior Grange camp which was actually on a state park in West Virginia. Once again Denae and I were judges for county royalty. This was an amazing experience and I thank Lurae Benzio for the invitation. We were home for about a week then it was off to the PA State Grange Youth camp. This time we were able to be judges for state Youth royalty. We were home for two days then back to Howard for PA State Grange Junior camp. Once again Denae and I were judges for Junior Royalty. This was followed by the annual Keystone Grange picnic a week later. The next day we travelled to Centre County for the annual Family Festival. Here Denae and I had the pleasure to announce our pregnancy with our Grange family. The Grange is without question the organization and people we want to raise our child with.

August had us cosponsoring our first ever bird walk with the John James Audubon Center Mill Grove at a local park in Trappe. We are working on different ways and events to promote the Grange name. September found us at the annual Trappe Community Day where we were joined by Lizzie Bailey to promote the Grange within the community. We were again at the Kieffer Farm for the Youth picnic at the end of September. Weekends in October had us at the farm of past State Master Charlie Wismer with a Grange information booth. His son Matthew promotes agriculture and the farm life with the annual Northern Star Farm Fall Festival. We also made an appearance at Trexlertown Grange for their chicken and waffles supper.

2017-2018 was a very special year for us as Denae served as Outstanding Young Patron, we bought our first house, we announced the birth of our child, we attended five camps, made appearances in about nine counties and had Grange events in three states. As I always state: "the Grange is an organization which you get out of it what you put into it."

Fraternally  
Gene Zvarick, Gatekeeper

### **REPORT OF CERES**

In my sixth year as State Ceres, I was able to attend several Grange meetings in my county, along with some open houses. I was glad to see that we are starting to use technology more to our advantage, like using Zoom for our meetings across the state. I was able to attend the PA Farm Show, Berks County Junior Grange Camp, PA State Youth Camp, and PA State Junior Camp. I also served along with the other Graces to choose the Santee Student Loan recipients. At Family Festival in July, the Graces provided the vespers each night. I really enjoyed relaxing during the weekend. I look forward to this upcoming State Session in Cranberry Township, PA.

Fraternally,  
Jennifer Beamon, State Ceres

### **REPORT OF POMONA**

Worthy Master, National Representative(s), State Officers and Members of the Pennsylvania State Grange,

Greetings from Eastern PA, more specifically, Lehigh County. Time for another officer's report, but I wonder where the time has gone? I have spent this past year being involved with many Grange activities, as seems to be the normal around our home. I still serve as our Subordinate and Pomona Treasurer and Family Activities Chairperson. I also chair the Fundraising Committee for Trexlertown Grange and help with Lehigh-Northampton Pomona fundraisers as well.

Starting off the Grange year, I enjoyed serving as your State Pomona and participating in my first ever Sixth Degree presentation as a state officer at State Session in Scranton, PA. What an honor to be able to portray this Grace's role in the Sixth Degree! My husband and I helped our State Flora to set-up the stage for the Sixth Degree presentation. We were very pleased with the results...the stage decorations were very attractive and colorful.

The winter months were rather quiet, which afforded me the time to plan the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Trexlertown Grange, of which I served as the chairperson. Many hours were put into planning, food prep, decorating, etc. All those efforts came to fruition on Friday, June 22nd with the celebration of 100 years of Trexlertown Grange. We were so grateful to those who attended the celebration and helped to make this a very memorable evening for Trexlertown Grange members.

During the Spring, I attended the Tri-County Pomona visitation meeting held at Lewistown Grange, Schuylkill County in April. Lehigh-Northampton Pomona presented the evening's program. In May, I once again attended Virginville Grange's Open House program...always a special evening filled with laughter, presentations and accomplishments. I also helped our Pomona with a shoo-fly pie sale (all homemade!) in April and our annual chicken BBQ in May. The chicken BBQ is the fundraiser that benefits the \$1,000 scholarship we have provided for the past 10 years to the Allentown Fair Queen contest.

Summertime! And, it's Family Festival time once again! As always, this year's Family Festival was a huge success...actually it was the 15th year of Family Festival. Great food, many activities and catching up with Grange friends. On Friday evening I led Vespers to the many Grangers in attendance.

My husband and I also hold membership in Virginville Grange #1832 and we volunteered in the food stand for the Kutztown Folk Festival and the Kutztown Fair, which occur in July and August. We also help serve banquets throughout the year at Virginville Grange. Since summertime is Fair season, I also help to assemble and place Trexlertown Grange's display in the Allentown Fair.

As things begin to wind down from Summer activities, I am looking forward to the upcoming 146th PA State Grange Session in Cranberry Twp., October 18-21. But before that happens, Trexlertown Grange has two public dinners coming up and right after we return from State Session, our Grange will hold their annual Apple Dumpling Sale fundraiser. So, as an active Granger, there is always something happening with the Grange....but I wouldn't want it any other way!

Looking forward to serving as your State Pomona at this year's session and seeing many Grange friends from across the state there.

Fraternally,  
Joanne Heim, State Pomona

## **REPORT OF FLORA**

2018 has been a wild year for me. Things got so busy after state session 2017 that it run into 2018. I have been to several Granges as Flora and as a traveler with Dick on requests from the state office. I went to Westmoreland, Washington and Mercer Counties to name a few. All of these trips were in regards to the end of a Grange era or the beginning of a new Grange era for Granges and Grangers and new members. For some of these new members, we are encouraging them to come to our state session and get a good look at what we do and the different programs and contest we promote as well as getting involved in community service work.

On one trip, I witnessed the sad situation of a Grange hall that was left to go down to rubble. Other trips seemed more encouraged to restart what others had just closed their doors to. I guess the sign of the times is quickly changing and I see some hope on the horizon. Change is good if it is good for everyone and everyone agrees. We all know that we want things our way, but after witnessing two Granges problems because they did not want to change what they worked for all their Grange years, the doors went shut. Now in one instance there is a great possibility that a new Grange will be started in the same building. This is a lesson we can all learn from. Ask yourself how you and your members can work to avoid such a crisis.

Now it is late June and I have moved into high speed for the Grange at our local fair. We run the Grange kitchen at the fair for nine grueling days. We were so sorry that we missed the Grange Festival, but we all have needs to take care of. It is 90 degrees and we are cooking up a storm for the fair goers to eat. We also have a quilt there to raffle off and a hospitality table to man with Grange info on it. We also have three local Granges that have set up displays. After that busy nine days, we took off for a vacation in Tennessee for a week. As soon as we returned home it was time to set up the Butler Farm Show. We set up a display and had a basket raffle there as well. All of these were fund raisers for Pomona Grange.

Now it is time to focus on what we are doing to host the state session, and all of my duties for that. As secretary of the hosting committee it is quite busy. However, we got things under control and are looking forward to a wonderful session, and we say "Welcome" back to Butler County. We hope that you will enjoy all we have lined up for you. Take time to get around the community. However, as you do that, picture at one time a great big and wonderful farm sitting where we are holding session and the surrounding community.

Fraternally yours,  
Virginia "Ginny" Mangel, State Flora

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

Worthy State Master, National Representative, State Officers, Delegates and Guests: This 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. 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 Charms, 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 Scranton School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and for St. Francis Commons. The response to support these two projects was absolutely INCREDIBLE. Thank you, thank you, thank you, to all of the individuals and to all of the Granges that sent items! We also had the book, CD and DVD sale at our exhibit. Money (\$95) from this was donated to Dogs for Better Living (previously known as Dogs for the Deaf) along with an additional amount from the committee account. Thank you to all who supported any of these programs.

Throughout this 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. This year our committee decided to continue to raise funds to sponsor an autism dog. These funds coming from our annual bike/hike along with donations from the appeal. At Family Festival we decided we would also collect items to celebrate the end of our 150th birthday and create birthday boxes. For state session, the committee decided to help a local food pantry as well as the Western School for the Deaf this year. Our committee also came up with two new contests for 2019, we hope you will participate!

In July, I was able to attend the State Junior Grange Camp for the entire week. Jennifer Beamon, Philip Vonada, and I led a sign a song and deaf awareness workshop along with a community service workshop. Each of the four groups completed a different project. We made mail trucks and attached M&Ms with a saying: Thank you for driving Miles & Miles to deliver my mail. The group made 80 of these so all campers and some counselor/helpers could take home to put in their mailboxes for their mailman or mailwoman. The second group cut out "life savers" and wrote something along the lines of "thank you for being a life saver" and attached life saver mints to the paper. These were given to a hospital for doctors and nurses. The third group cut out templates from old jeans to send to Sole Hope which is a company that makes shoes for individuals in Uganda. The fourth group made no sew hats and scarves which were donated to a shelter. The groups also made socks with puffy paint on the bottom (this adds traction) for a local nursing home. Ruth Vonada assisted with this when she visited camp. The campers delivered the socks and also entertained the residents at the nursing home on Thursday of our camp week. It is always fun to be at camp, but I thoroughly enjoy getting to spread the word of my committee to the future of Grange, our Juniors.

During Family Festival we, again, sponsored a cake walk, which involved neither cakes, nor walking, and collected \$147.00. This money was donated to a food bank. This year we also collected items to create birthday boxes (birthday cake mix, pans, candles, icing etc.). What was intended to be a local community service project turned it to much more. We created **87** birthday boxes that were sent across the state. I took 10 to a food cupboard in West Chester. They were extremely thankful for the donation and were intrigued by the project. The volunteers were excited to give the birthday boxes/kits to those in need.

The third Bike-Hike was held on Saturday morning to raise money to sponsor an autism dog. Many Grange members (34) registered to participate, with the majority being Junior Grangers. We were able to collect \$1,162.00. I can't begin to explain how amazing that is. That is just short of TWICE the amount we raised last year. 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 its entire life. Robert Beamon was recognized for raising the most money (\$226). Cheryl Miller also brought in a solid \$150 and gave Robert a run for his money this year. 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 61 reports from across the state make their way to my mailbox. 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 7.5-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:pagrange.dacs@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 the books some create 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! Below are the results of the judging of the community service books:

Granges with 25 or less member:

1. Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
  2. London Grove Grange #63, Chester County
  3. Sinking Valley Grange #484, Blair County
- Honorable Mention: London Grange #1492, Mercer County

Granges with 26-60 members:

1. Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County
  2. Hayfield Grange #800, Crawford County
  3. Wesley Grange #1675, Venango County
- Honorable Mention: Schnecksville Grange #1684, Lehigh County

Granges with 61 or more members:

1. Valley Grange #1360, York County
  2. Plumsteadville Grange #1738, Bucks County
  3. Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County, Chester County
- Honorable Mention: Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County

Pomona Granges

1. Centre County Pomona Grange #13
  2. Bucks County Pomona Grange #22
  3. Pomona Grange #31 Montour-Northumberland-Union County Pomona Grange#31
- Honorable Mention: Berks County Pomona Grange #43

Congratulations to Valley Grange #1360, as their book represented Pennsylvania at the National Grange Session in Stowe, Vermont in November 2018.

At State Session we collected boxes upon boxes of items for the Gleaners Food Bank and The Western PA School for the Deaf. THANK YOU for the overwhelming support. We sent 12 boxes to each of the locations. It was amazing to see your response. We were also successful with our book, CD and DVD sale at State Grange. We raised \$92 from this sale and sent \$100 to Dogs for Better Lives. Thank you to all that donated books and CDs and to all of those that purchased books and CDs.

During session, we also had our sign a song contest. Congrats to Philip Vonada who will be representing Pennsylvania at Eastern Regionals to compete for this contest.

Please be reminded that I would like you to e-mail [pagrange.dacs@gmail.com](mailto:pagrange.dacs@gmail.com) when your Grange completes community projects. I will post your projects on Facebook. This allows others around the state (and nation) to see the work you have done and get ideas for more community service projects.

If you have any suggestions for state-wide projects that we can do, please see me, or stop by our exhibit. Again, I would like to thank everyone for their support. I would especially 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 Charmo  
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. My committee and I had a good 2018 year. This is my second year as Director, I hope to be a little better organized this year. I know a little more of the workings and responsibilities of being a Director now. My Committee is Evelyn Cottrell Region D, Shirley Garren Region E, Cindy Liebensperger Region H, Jodi Keith Kensinger Region G, Committee members are available to answer your questions. The Family Activities started on September 25, 2018 with a letter sent to the State Master and Executive Committee asking if Family Activities could hold another quilt raffle. Family Activities will hear their decision at State Session if to have a quilt raffle or not to have one. After State Session I will contact the Master, Wayne, for the small games of chance number for the tickets. I will talk with the committee at state session at our meeting about color of tickets, number of tickets, new food contest for 2020, and new contests for 2021 and 2022. We must order the tickets as soon as I get home from State Session, so tickets will be back before the Farm Show in January. This year the tickets were ready in late November, picked up the tickets sorted into packets for selling at Farm Show, we sold 600 tickets. This was a very good start on ticket sales. After the Farm Show we went to the State Office to stuff envelopes for Subordinate and Pomona Grange packets.

Next was getting ready for Family Fest. "SUPER HEROES" was the theme this year. We went on a tour this year from 1:00 pm until 3:30 pm to the Military Museum in Boalsburg and had a workshop on stained glass on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 pm. The Wraps for Hugs were picked up Friday morning at 11:00 am. We had 51 for Dewendy Johnson from York County for the Gift of Life. She talked a little about the program, they need 400-500 wraps a year. Dewendy said to say THANK YOU to all PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE MEMBERS for making the wraps, seven more came in late to give to her so I will get them to her. Family Festival has come and gone. A good turn out Friday for the tour to Military Museum. It was great, 50 people signed up, everyone said they really liked the tour and learned a lot of history. Friday evening was the Family Activities Dinner with about 125 people attending, we had hamburgers, hotdogs, mac and potato salads, baked beans and cookies baked by Centre County Pomona Grange #13 THANK YOU LADIES for making the cookies for Fridays dinner.

Saturday's stained glass workshop was GREAT. Amy Koenig conducted the workshop and came in Thursday and set up. She was talking to everyone and letting them start to make their piece Thursday evening, 76 people signed up for the workshop and we all made hearts. Amy had the glass cut and we picked our colors we wanted. We had to grind the glass to the pattern she made for us, clean, put a metal tape around the pieces, then a paste on so the solder holds the two pieces together. Amy had a total of 86 people making pieces over the three days starting on Thursday evening and ending Saturday evening. A big THANK YOU to AMY KOENIG for teaching us how to make stained glass in her workshop. Everyone had a Lot of fun at Family Festival.

Then it was on to getting ready for Ag Progress for Aug 14, 15, 16. THANK YOU to everyone who helped sell tickets. We sold 100 tickets, that was great, so we don't have very many to sell at State Session this year. If your Grange has tickets buy them at your Grange before they run out.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Melanie Melius, Director

## 2018 FAMILY ACTIVITIES CONTEST WINNERS

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

1. Betty Brenneman – Blair County
2. Mary Hartstrom – Blair County
3. Linda Clapper – Centre County

### **Class 2 – Quilts—Hand Quilted Individual**

1. Rodney Fleeger – Butler County
2. Jackie Clabaugh – Blair County
3. None

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

1. None
2. None
3. None

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

1. None
2. None
3. Jackie Clabaugh – Blair County

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

1. None
2. None
3. Jackie Clabaugh – Blair County

### **Class 6 – Wall Hanging—Hand Quilted**

1. Shirley Swires – Blair County
2. Sandra Hill – Berks County
3. None

### **Class 7 – Wall Hanging—Machine Quilted**

1. Barbara Gross – Venango County
2. Mazie Masster – Venango County
3. Gretchen Kralj – Venango County

### **Class 8 – Machine Quilt**

1. Barbara Gross – Venango County
2. Karen McElhinney – Venango County
3. Gretchen Kralj – Venango County

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

1. None
2. None
3. None

### **Class 10 – Baking—Chocolate Cake**

1. Holly Allen – Berks County
2. Jean Hollabaugh – Warren County
3. Janet Fishovitz – Beaver County

### **Class 11 – Baking—Lemon Bars**

1. Doris Koenig – Lehigh/Northampton County
2. Alverna Hotchkiss – Crawford County
3. Mary Lee McElhaney – Beaver County

### **Class 12 – Baking—Peanut Brittle**

1. Susan Tau – Crawford County
2. Jill Cavalero – Butler County
3. Tammy Schaeffer – Berks County

### **Class 13A – Afghan—Crochet**

1. Mary Ann Nagel – Lawrence County
2. Amelia Mitchell – Washington County
3. Ruth Stewart – Beaver County

### **Class 13B – Afghan—Knitted**

1. None
2. None
3. None

### **Class 14A – Baby Afghan—Crochet**

1. Darlene Shinsky – Lawrence County
2. Ilene Altenhein – Potter County
3. Amelia Mitchell – Washington County

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

1. Ilene Altenhein – Potter County
2. Shirley Garren – Beaver County
3. Jill Cavalero – Butler County

### **Class 15 – Embroidery**

1. Tara Whitehead – Lehigh/Northampton County
2. Dorothy Bechtel – Berks County
3. Karen Poorman – Centre County

### **Class 16 – Counted Cross Stitch**

1. Karen Poorman – Centre County
2. Martha Lott – Susquehanna County
3. Jane Reppert – Berks County

### **Class 17 – Plastic Canvas Needlepoint**

1. Ilene Altenhein – Potter County
2. Linda Warren – Chester/Delaware County
3. Jane Reppert – Berks County

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

1. Ilene Altenhein – Potter County
2. Gloria Hahn – Lawrence County
3. Virginia Mangel – Butler County

**Class 19 – Coat Rack—Wooden**

1. Alan Johnson – Blair County
2. Art Beckert – Beaver County
3. J. Thomas Kolpak – Chester/Delaware County

**Class 20 – Coat Rack—Other**

1. Will McGregor – Lawrence County
2. None
3. None

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

1. Michelle Knoch – Venango County
2. Carol Kushma – Lawrence County
3. Amelia Mitchell – Washington County

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

1. Betty Rae Clark Ward – Venango County
2. Jodi Keith Kensinger – Huntingdon County
3. None

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

1. Debra Kolpak – Chester/Delaware County
2. Darlene Shinsky – Lawrence County
3. Janice Stricker – Berks County

**Class 22A – Hat and Scarf Set—Child Crocheted**

1. Nancy Dusko – Berks County
2. Amelia Mitchell – Washington County
3. Jill Cavalero – Butler County

**Class 22B – Hat and Scarf Set—Child Knitted**

1. Donna Dries – Berks County
2. Jill Cavalero – Butler County
3. None

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

1. Janice Strickler – Berks County
2. Debra Kolpek – Chester/Delaware County
3. None

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

1. Debra Kolpak – Chester/Delaware County
2. Becky Beckert – Beaver County
3. None

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

1. Debra Kolpak – Chester/Delaware County
2. Diane Geschwindt – Berks County
3. Jill Cavalero – Butler County

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

1. Debra Kolpak – Chester/Delaware County
2. Betsy Beckert – Beaver County
3. None

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

1. Debra Kolpak – Chester/Delaware County
2. Nettie Kauffman – Berks County
3. Jill Cavalero – Butler County

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

1. Debra Kolpak – Chester/Delaware County
2. None
3. None

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

1. Debra Kolpak – Chester/Delaware County
2. None
3. None

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

1. Nicole Rubenacker – Berks County
2. Jill Cavalero – Butler County
3. Debra Kolpak – Chester/Delaware County

**Class 27 – Set of 4 Coasters—Cork**

1. Jane Reppert – Berks County
2. Jill Cavalero – Butler County
3. Debra Kolpak – Chester/Delaware County

**Class 28 – Set of 4 Coasters—Tile**

1. Jane Reppert – Berks County
2. Helen Lafferty – Blair County
3. Nettie Martsolf – Butler County

**Class 29 – Set of 4 Coasters—Wood**

1. Jill Cavalero – Butler
2. Debra Kolpak – Chester/Delaware
3. Harold Reppert – Berks County

**Class 30 Set of 4 Coasters—Other**

1. Ashley Kolpak – Chester/Delaware
2. Lorena Baughman – Blair County
3. Nettie Martsolf – Butler County



**Class of 31A Clocks—Large Wooden**

1. Jacob Fegley – Berks County
2. J. Thomas Kolpak – Chester/Delaware
3. Art Beckert – Beaver County

**Class 32A Clocks—Small Wooden**

1. J. Thomas Kolpak – Chester/Delaware County
2. None
3. None

**Class 31B Clocks—Large Other**

1. Nettie Martsof – Butler County
2. Darlene Shinsky – Lawrence County
3. None

**Class 32B Clocks—Small Other**

1. Debra Kolpak – Chester/Delaware County
2. None
3. None

**REPORT OF THE JUNIOR GRANGE COMMITTEE**

Dear Worthy President, State Officers, Delegates and Guests,

Greetings and Welcome to the 2018 PA Grange State Session! It is wonderful to be in my neck of the woods, Cranberry Township, 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.

I struggle to understand how a year can go by so quickly. I know it was just a month ago that I was preparing for State Junior Grange Camp, when in reality it happened back at the beginning of July! I wish time would slow down so I can take a deeper breath. So much has happened in my personal life this past year and perhaps that is why I feel like time is moving too quickly.

As I think back over the Junior activities since last year’s State Session in Scranton, I do so with a smile in my heart. I love watching these young Juniors mature and grow into respectable members of our Order. I love how they embrace and care deeply about this Organization at a time when the adult members chatter about the lack of interest “these days”. If you take a moment or two to spend time with the Juniors and Youth, you will learn that they are eager to learn, lead and love the Grange as much as anyone. Give them a chance. In fact, give them more than a chance. Make them part of what happens inside the walls of your Grange Hall. Elect them into an office position, ask them to serve on a committee, invite them to share their ideas. I promise you that your heart will smile like mine when you welcome them in.

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 Tanner Davis and Princess Autumn Tworkoski (both from Berks County) 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. Tanner & Autumn 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. I was unable to attend so Junior Grange committee member Derek Schroeder went in my place. We are thankful to Wayne and Deb Campbell for setting up a tour of the Governor’s Mansion that was enjoyed. The Juniors were recognized on the House floor and visited with a few Representatives. After the Capital visit, the Juniors and Youth went on the annual Hershey Park trip. What a great way to end the day!

## **COUNTY CAMPS – May & June**

There were a couple of County Camps held in May & June. Berks Co. had a fun weekend with their Luau themed camp. 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 enjoyed the weekend with activities, games, crafts and more. In June, Beaver County enjoyed their "Emoji Camp" with campers completing activities, crafts and more. Gene and Denae Zvarick (State Gatekeeper & PA State Female Young Patron) were able to attend both Berks and Beaver Camps and really enjoyed seeing the Juniors interacting and becoming the next Leaders of the Grange.

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

The Juniors had a BALL during their "All Star Sports" week at the PA State Junior Camp. Read the camp highlights for the info:

### 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, AGAIN! It was a great honor to have both of them there helping with kitchen duties and assisting wherever they were needed. I am thankful for their help and guidance, but mostly for their friendship. I am happy to call them my Brother and Sister in the Grange.
- \*We had 56 campers (11 were NEW campers), 9 helpers, 13 counselors, 9 staff members for a total of 96 people! That is 13 more than 2017! It was AWESOME having so much help this year! Everyone was able to fully enjoy the week without getting too worn out.
- It is always a hot week at camp but the Juniors and staff found ways to stay cool during the week. We set up Hydration Stations (water jugs) around camp and tried to get the campers in the AC areas as much as possible. We held four Junior Grange meetings during the week and you would be so proud of how the Juniors run a meeting. We traveled to Bald Eagle State Park on Monday to enjoy some time at the Lake, unfortunately Mother Nature had other plans and the thunderstorm that blew in kept us out of the water. The campers and counselors still enjoyed playing games, cards and relaxing in the "cooler" weather. The big exciting activity on Tuesday was a trip to State College to attend a Spikes Baseball Game. This was made possible because of memorial donations given in Richard Straubs name and the funds were matched by his wife Ginny Straub. (We LOVE you Ginny). There was a fireworks show after the ball game which was perfect since it was the eve of July 4<sup>th</sup>. We spent Wednesday at camp doing several workshops and activities. We had special guest Jodi (Keith) Kensinger do a workshop called Powered by Milk. Andrew Nauss was a guest who talked about Sports Therapy and had a few neat activities for the Juniors (and counselors) complete. Gene and Denae Zvarick were our guests for the remainder of the week and they did a Team Building workshop. Thursday was a busy day as the campers first went to Susque-View Nursing Home to sing songs to the many residents gathered there as well as give them cards of cheer. We then traveled over to Lock Haven University for a Soccer workshop and quick tour of the athletic facilities. We then went to the Mill Hall Community Pool and had our PIZZA lunch (this is a new favorite tradition) and afterwards we got to go swimming. The evening ended with Skit Night which is always a fun time. Friday was spent at camp again. The campers and counselors enjoy water games and the big water slide in the afternoon. The highlight of the day is the Coronation and the dance.
  - \* High Test Ritual Awards went to Gayle Reyburn, Sadie Johnson, Cat Moatz, Isabella Boone.
  - \* Camp Superlatives were awarded to Gayle Reyburn, Danni Wilcox, Maya Bicksler, Kay Reyburn
  - \* The 2018-19 PA Junior Grange Princess is Casandra Kehs from Russelville Grange in Chester County and the PA Junior Grange Prince is Zachary Perseghetti from Log Cabin Grange in Mercer Co.

The Court members were Jordan Downey (Lycoming Co), Jessica Hudack (Beaver Co), Isabella Boone (Centre Co), Kay Reyburn (Chester Co), Elizabeth Reich (York Co) and Abby Kehs (Chester Co)

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.

The 2019 PA State Junior Grange Camp theme is “DISNEY”! It is going to be a WONDERFUL week of Disney trivia, songs, games, workshops and so much more!

### **FAMILY FESTIVAL - July**

I am so thankful that Junior Grange Committee members, Suann Johnson, Derek Schroeder and Derek Snyder, were able to take my place at Family Festival this year. I spent the majority of my summer (including County and State Camp) with some health issues. I had to pick and choose where I wanted and needed to be. Although I enjoy the Family Festival weekend, I decided taking it easy was a better choice. The Juniors had fun with the Super Hero theme and activities. The water games are always a great time with the new Prince and Princess running them. The Juniors spent time playing games and enjoying the weekend events held by other committees. The Talent Show winners are: Age 10-14 Vocal 1<sup>st</sup> place Cassy & Dani Kehs. 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Cassy Kehs. (We NEED more Juniors to enter the Talent Contest!!!!)

### **STATE SESSION – October 2018**

The Junior Jam is a fun time during State Session for the youngest members of our Order to share in fellowship, partake in activities within the Host area and enjoy some fun times. The Juniors will be ice skating at the Pittsburgh Penguins practice facility which is just across the highway from the convention hotel. They will then travel to Big Knob Grange and enjoy a spaghetti dinner provided by the members and do a community service activity as well as play some games before settling down for a movie. Plan on joining the Juniors on Sunday for their meeting and degree work. The Beaver County Juniors are the officers and have been working hard on learning their drill and ritual.

### **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 Junior 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. There are so many people to thank for their dedication and help with the program. (I always worry when I start listing names that I will forget someone.) I appreciate the creative talent of Lindsay Schroeder for all of the photography she does during Grange camp and other activities. Thank you to the many Grange officers and committee members who attend camp as either a counselor, workshop leader or to assist in any way. I thank the Centre Co. Y.P. of H for the wonderful food they prepare for our end of camp Banquet. Thank you to our Youth Director, Ellen Wadsworth, for being one of my best friends in the Grange and supporting the Junior program and helping me achieve my goals. And of course, I can't do ANY of this without my Junior Grange Committee. You are the BEST and I get a little misty-eyed thinking about the friendships we have made because of this journey we are all on!

**In closing...**

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 2019 brings to the Junior Program!

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

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

**2018 JUNIOR GRANGE OFFICERS FOR STATE SESSION**

Master – Jessica Hudack – Beaver County  
Overseer – Abby Dow – Beaver County  
Overseer – Travis Davis – Beaver County  
Steward – Ryan Hudack – Beaver County  
Asst. Steward – Tyler Parrish – Beaver County  
Lady Asst Steward – Allison Parrish – Beaver County  
Chaplain – Sadie Johnson – Beaver County  
Treasurer – Ellio Souffrant – Beaver County  
Secretary – Eden Schrier – Beaver County  
Gatekeeper – Alex Schrier – Beaver County  
Ceres – Breann Hudack – Beaver County  
Flora – Samantha Patton – Beaver County  
Pomona – Jocelyn Norris – Beaver County  
Junior Leader – Lexus Johnson – Beaver County  
Asst. Jr. Leader – Lisa Patton – Beaver County  
Marching Candidates – Brandon Patton (Beaver County); Alan Espenshade (Lancaster County); Gayle Reyburn (Chester County); Ruby Reyurn (Chester County)

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

Ruby Reyburn	Emma Seidel	Conner Kunkle	Jessica Huddack
Gretchend Reich	Jackson Reich	Jacob Schroeder	Logan Eisenhower

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

Bryce Danko	Merle Reyburn	Kay Reyburn	Harvey Reyburn
Gayle Reydburn	Abby Kehs	Cassy Kehs	Danni Kehs
Alan Espenshade	Evan Espenshade	Sadie Johnson	Zachary Perseghetti

## 2018 Junior Grange Contest Winners

### Recycled Craft – Silverware (Metal) cup – age 5-9

1. Braden Thompson – Warren County
2. Addison McGuire – Lawrence County
3. None
4. None

### Recycled Craft – Silverware (Metal) cup – age 10-14

1. Maci Kress – Beaver County
2. None
3. None
4. None

### Recycled Craft – Silverware (Plastic) cup – age 5-9

1. Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence County
2. Grace Tempel – Berks County
3. Gayle Reyburn – Chester County
4. Ruby Reyburn – Chester County

### Recycled Craft – Silverware (Plastic) cup – age 10-14

1. Sadie Johnson – Beaver County
2. Braden Heckman – Berks County
3. Cadence Tempel – Berks County
4. Declan Harrison – Chester County

### Baking – Trail Mix – age 5-9

1. Jacob Schroeder – Berks County
2. Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence County
3. Addison McGuire – Lawrence County
4. Ellie Schroeder – Berks County

### Baking – Trail Mix – age 10-14

1. Sadie Johnson – Beaver County
2. Braden Heckman – Berks County
3. None
4. None

### Creative Writing – age 5-9

1. None
2. None

### Creative Writing age 10-14

1. None
2. None

### Nature Craft – age 5-9

1. Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence County
2. Jacob DeLillo – Lawrence County
3. Tanner Warham – Warren County
4. Addison McGuire – Lawrence County

### Nature Craft – age 10-14

1. Sadie Johnson – Beaver County
2. Merle Reyburn – Chester County
3. Dani Kehs – Chester County
4. Hadyn Wiseman – Chester County

### Promotional Poster – age 5-9

1. Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence County
2. Ruby Rehburn – Chester County
3. None
4. None

### Promotional Poster – age 10-14

1. Sadie Johnson – Beaver County
2. Kay Reyburn – Chester County
3. Sara Berger – Berks County
4. Peter Rohrbach – Berks County

### Origami – age 5-9

1. Lilyanna Berkhaus – Warren County
2. Jacob Schroeder – Berks County
3. Ellie Schroeder – Berks County
4. Gayle Reyburn – Chester County

### Origami – age 10-14

1. Evan Espenshade – Lancaster County
2. Allyson Spencer – Watson County
3. Jordan Zachodini – Beaver County
4. Travis Davis – Beaver County

### Art – People – age 5-9

1. Gayle Reyburn – Chester County
2. Ruby Reyburn – Chester County
3. Justin Dusko – Berks County
4. Cameron Cannon – Lawrence County

### Art – People – age 10-14

1. Kay Reyburn – Chester County
2. Harvey Reyburn – Chester County
3. Tabby Samsel – Berks County
4. Braden Heckman – Berks County

### Art – Animals – age 5-9

1. Gayle Reyburn – Chester County
2. Lila Samsel – Chester County
3. Natalee Zug – Juniata County
4. Jacob DeLillo – Lawrence County

Art– Animals age 10-14

1. Sammie Patton – Beaver County
2. Tabby Samsel – Berks County
3. Kay Reyburn – Chester County
4. Braden Heckman – Berks County

Art – Other – age 5-9

1. Gayle Reyburn – Chester County
2. Coy Koller – Berks County
3. Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence County
4. Ruby Reyburn – Chester County

Art = Other – age 10-14

1. Tanner Bavis – Berks County
2. Sammie Patton – Beaver County
3. Alexa Davis – Berks County
4. Aiden DeLillo – Lawrence County

Photography –My Family – age 5-9

1. Jacob Schroeder – Berks County
2. Samantha Davis – Berks County
3. Grace Tempel – Berks County
4. Gayle Reyburn – Chester County

Photography –My Family- age 10-14

1. Harvey Reyburn – Chester County
2. Peter Rohrbach – Berks County
3. Merle Reyburn – Chester County
4. Cadence Tempel – Berks County

Photography –Scenic America – age 5-9

1. Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence County
2. Gayle Reyburn – Chester County
3. Maddy Warham – Warren County
4. Emma Seidel – Berks County

Photography –Scenic America – age 10-14

1. Sadie Johnson – Beaver County
2. Merle Reyburn – Chester County
3. Kay Reyburn – Chester County
4. Tabby Samsel – Berks County

Photography –My Favorite Animals – age 5-9

1. Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence County
2. Grace Tempel – Berks County
3. Brendon Patton – Beaver County
4. Emma Seidel – Berks County

Photography –My Favorite Animals – age 10-14

1. Kay Reyburn – Chester County
2. Sammie Patton – Beaver County
3. Alexa Davis – Berks County
4. Cadence Tempel – Berks

Photography – Event Collage – age 5-9

1. Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence County
2. None
3. None
4. None

Photography – Event Collage – age 10-14

1. Sadie Johnson – Beaver County
2. None
3. None

Photography – Jr. Grange Fun – age 5-9

1. Grace Tempel – Berks County
2. None
3. None

Photography – Jr Grange Fun – age 10-14

1. Ava Jenkin – Berks County
2. Maya Bicksler – Berks County
3. Cadence Tempel – Berks County
4. None

Field Pumpkin –Paint Only – age 5-9

1. Gayle Reyburn – Chester County
2. Lila Samsel – Berks County
3. Chase Kosciuszko – Lawrence County
4. Maddy Warham – Warren County

Field Pumpkin –Paint Only – age 10-14

1. Marva Sosack – Beaver County
2. Brooke Bicksler – Berks County
3. Abby Dow – Beaver County
4. Allison Parrish – Beaver County

Field Pumpkin –Other/Creative – age 5-9

1. Braden Thompson – Warren County
2. Ruby Reyburn – Chester County
3. Jocelynn Norris – Beaver County
4. Lila Samsel – Berks County

Field Pumpkin –Other/Creative – age 10-14

1. Tabby Samsel – Berks County
2. Hadyn Wiseman – Chester County
3. Sadie Johnson – Beaver County
4. Cassy Kehs – Chester County

Mini Junior Art Entries from:

Daxter Irons – Warren County

Lillian Casselberry – Lawrence County

Cyrus Long – Juniata County

Molly Reyburn – Chester County

Makenna McGuire – Lawrence County

Savannah Beamon – Berks County

Wyatt Casselberry – Lawrence 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!

### **2017 NATIONAL GRANGE SESSION**

The youth of Pennsylvania started the year on a great note, beginning with the 2017 National Grange Session in Spokane, Washington. The following Pennsylvania youth participated in the National Youth Ambassador and the Outstanding Young Patron contests – Sara Benzio, Philip Vonada and Jennifer Nauss. Cassidy Cheddar and Jennifer Nauss represented the Eastern Region and Pennsylvania in the Jeopardy Contest. Kudos to Jennifer Nauss for placing first in this national contest. Jennifer Nauss and Philip Vonada competed in the new contest on Code Reading. It was a very close contest between the two friends but in the end, Jennifer Nauss took 1<sup>st</sup> place and Philip Vonada - 2<sup>nd</sup> place. In addition, Grace Wadsworth and Derek Snyder served on the National Grange Youth Officer Team as Ceres and Overseer respectively. Lastly, Jennifer Nauss represented Pennsylvania at the National Grange Evening of Excellence with her amazing piano solo and her 1<sup>st</sup> place public speaking speech. The highlight of the Evening of Excellence was the naming of the new National Young Patron with our own Jennifer Nauss bringing the title home to Pennsylvania. 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, Grace Wadsworth and Jacob Mengel, and Outstanding Young Patrons, Denae Zvarick and Andrew Kieffer, represented the Pennsylvania State Grange at the Farm Show's PA Preferred Reception on Friday evening. The youth and young adults 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**

As part of the new initiative by the State Grange Office, the Youth and Young Adults held their first planning meeting at the Farm Show in between activities.

### **MID-ATLANTIC LEADERS CONFERENCE (Formerly Eastern Regional Youth Conference)**

The Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference (MALC) was held in Westminster, Maryland, hosted by the Maryland State Grange, March 16-18, 2018. Several Youth and Young Adults from Pennsylvania were able to attend and had a great time! The conference was merged with the Mid-Atlantic Lecturers Conference this year to reflect the Leaders Conferences already being held in other regions around the country. There were workshops for all interests as well as games and community service projects. Pennsylvania had several youth participating in contests this weekend. Here are the results: Grange Jeopardy – Philip Vonada – 1<sup>st</sup>

place, Derek Snyder – 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Andrew Kieffer – 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Public Speaking – Derek Snyder (1<sup>st</sup> place) and Gail Switzer (2<sup>nd</sup> place) each competed in their age category for Prepared Speech. Many other youth in attendance competed in the Impromptu category. All of the Pennsylvania Youth and Young Adults participated in a Drill demonstration, written by Denae Zvarick and coached by Denae and Andrew Kieffer. Pennsylvania will be hosting the MALC in 2019 and I hope to see many more youth, young adults, young couples, and Grangers of all ages at this great leadership weekend. Remember, you don't have to be competing in a contest to attend.

### **YOUNG ADULTS WEEKEND**

2018 saw our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 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 6-8 April in Williamsport, PA, at a local hotel. We continued with a two-night schedule so that participants could travel and arrive on Friday night and be ready to start with a full day on Saturday. Those able to arrive early enough could watch Philip Vonada as the Baker in the Community Theater League production of *Into the Woods!* The weekend schedule included several games, crafts, workshops and community service projects. This coming year, the committee has selected Lancaster for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Adults weekend. Look for more information on this event and many more across the state in the coming year.

### **ROYALTY TRIP**

This year the Royalty Trip to Harrisburg was held on 12 June. The Youth Ambassadors and Young Patrons met at the Governor's Mansion 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 Senate 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.

### **PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE YOUTH CAMP**

The Youth and Young Adults held "Carnival – Fun for All Grangers" from June 29 through July 1 at Camp Sylvan Hills. We continued our incentive for first-time youth campers to attend at half-price. This continues to be a great promotion with six new first-time campers attending. We had a total of 31 campers with a total of 36 in attendance for at least a portion of the weekend. The entire weekend was planned around a carnival or country fair theme. Just prior to lunch the annual Spoons tournament was held with Hannah Leibensperger back in the Champion's circle. The campers enjoyed some sun Saturday afternoon with a volleyball tournament. During the Coronation Ceremony we announced the new Youth Ambassadors for the 2018-2019 year: Mikayla Davis from Berks County and Isaac Mengel, also from Berks County. Both of these Youth are eager to come speak during Grange meetings or participate in events. Plan to add them to your calendar. To close Saturday evening, the new Youth Ambassadors conducted vespers before heading to the cabins. Sunday morning the campers enjoyed a church service conducted by Andrew Kieffer. The last workshop for the weekend was a community service project conducted by Grace Wadsworth. Campers decorated bags to be used as "Homeless Kits" filled with toothbrushes, toothpaste, sunscreen, and other useful items. A total of 67 kits were made and delivered by Grace to Safe Harbor, a men's and women's shelter in West Chester, PA. In addition, over 100 coloring kits were assembled for hospitals and shelters in the area. 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 also hosted a Zumba workshop on Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon took us in to State College where approximately 36 individuals spent the afternoon playing laser tag. We conducted the Outstanding Young Patron contest during Family Festival. Congratulations to Jodi Keith



Kensinger for being chosen for this honor. As with the Youth Ambassadors, Jodi is also available to attend Grange events and present programs when asked/invited. Please take advantage of these Grange Youth and 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 Cranberry Township, 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 2018 State Grange Youth Officer Team:

Master – Jodi Keith Kensinger, Huntingdon Co  
Overseer – Evy Zaleski, Lancaster Co  
Lecturer – Isabella Boone, Centre Co  
Steward – Robert Kleckner, Berks Co  
Asst Steward – Isaac Mengel, Berks Co  
LAS – Mikayla Davis, Berks Co  
Secretary – Grace Wadsworth, Chester Co  
Treasurer – Lexus Johnson, Beaver Co  
Chaplain – Hannah Leibensperger, Berks Co  
Gatekeeper – Owen Stemko, Berks Co  
Ceres – Denae Zvarick, Montgomery Co  
Pomona – Anna Benzio, Beaver Co  
Flora – Cassidy Cheddar, Lancaster Co  
Exec Comm – Philip Vonada, Centre Co  
Exec Comm – Jennifer Nauss, York-Adams Co  
Exec Comm – Lindsay Schroeder, Berks Co

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!

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 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 – Grace Wadsworth and Jacob Mengel (July 2017 – July 2018)  
Mikayla Davis and Isaac Mengel (July 2018 – present)  
Young Patrons – Denae Zvarick and Andrew Kieffer (July 2017 – July 2018)  
Jodi Keith Kensinger (July 2018 – 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 adult 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  
Pennsylvania State Grange Youth and Young Adults Director

## **2018 YOUTH DEPARTMENT CONTEST WINNERS**

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

1. Tammy Schaeffer – Berks County
2. Jane Adams – Berks County
3. Barbara Schroeder – Berks County

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

1. Tammy Schaeffer – Berks County
2. Mary Ann Haagen – Centre County
3. Dina Zug – Juniata County

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

1. Jane Adams – Berks County
2. Nancy Sattazahn – Berks County
3. Ben Haagen – Centre County

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

1. Heather Druckenmiller – York-Adams County
2. Nancy Sattazahn – Berks County
3. Ashley Kolpak – Chester County

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

1. Jodi Keith Kensinger – Huntingdon County
2. Ashley Kolpak – Chester County

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

1. Cindy Keith – Huntingdon County
2. Karen Mohn – Berks County
3. Marty Dinsmore – Greene County

### **SCRAPBOOK PAGE – Other – Junior**

1. Chase Koscinszko – Lawrence County
2. Lila Samsel – Berks County
3. Tabby Samsel – Berks County

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

1. Ashley Kolpak – Chester County
2. Jodi Keith Kensinger – Huntingdon County
3. Ashley Mohn – Berks County

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

1. Cindy Keith – Huntingdon County
2. Barbara Schroeder – Berks County
3. Derek Schroeder – Berks County

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

1. Alexis Servin – Berks County
2. Tabby Samsel – Berks County
3. Lila Samsel – Berks County

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

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

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

1. Karen Mohn – Berks County

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

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

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

1. Derek Schroeder – Berks County
2. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County
3. Jane Adams – Berks County

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

1. Lindsay Schroeder – Berks County
2. Ashley Mohn – Berks County
3. Ashley Kolpak – Chester County

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

1. Jane Adams – Berks County
2. Derek Schroeder – Berks County
3. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County

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

1. Lindsay Schroeder – Berks County
2. Jen Beamon – Berks County
3. Robert Beamon – Berks County

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

1. Deborah Kolpak – Chester County
2. Derek Schroeder – Berks County
3. Marlene Broman – Butler County

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

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

**DESIGN A BUTTON - Adults (35+)**

- 1. Karen Mohn – Berks County
- 2. Barbara Schroeder – Berks County
- 3. Linda Warren – Chester County

**CREATE A COMMERCIAL - Individual**

- 1. Ashley Mohn – Berks County

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

- 1. Jodi Keith Kensinger – Huntingdon County
- 2. Philip Vonada – Centre County

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

- 1. Lurae Benzio – Beaver County
- 2. Ginny Straub – Mercer County
- 3. Ruth Vonada – Centre County

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

- 1. Isaac Mengel – Berks County
- 2. Mikayla Davis – Berks County
- 3. Owen Stemko – Berks County

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

- 1. Philip Vonada – Centre County
- 2. Denae Zvarick – Montgomery County
- 3. Jodi Keith Kensinger – Huntingdon County

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

- 1. Lurae Benzio – Beaver County
- 2. Stacy Bruker – Perry County
- 3. Henry Seidel – Berks 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 146<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session reports the following:

Subordinate Grange delegates	118
Pomona Grange delegates	<u>46</u>
Total number of delegates	164
Total number of Subordinate Granges Represented	64
Total number of Pomona Granges Represented	27
Total number of Junior Grange Members (31) and 4 Chaperones	35
<b>Grand total of 231 registered</b>	

We want to thank the registration committee for their work.

Fraternally submitted,  
Mary Jane Kent, Chair, Green County  
Marty Dinsmore, Green County

## **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 then was to administer the two Grange scholarship funds established by delegate action. The Foundation has been amended twice since then to broaden its scope.

The annual meeting of the Foundation was held on February 17, 2018 at the Pennsylvania State Grange Office in Lemoyne, PA via ZOOM. Board members who were present at the meeting included: Wayne Campbell, Pennsylvania State Grange President/Master, JV Lamb, Pennsylvania State Grange Overseer, Henry Seidel, Pennsylvania State Grange Treasurer, Richard Mangel, Dr. James Diamond and Barbara Gross Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee Members. Debra Campbell, Pennsylvania State Grange Secretary, served as recording secretary at the meeting. During the meeting JV Lamb 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, 2018 is \$1,281.94. In 2018, we had no applications for this scholarship. 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 Pennsylvania State Grange Junior and Youth Camps. The balance of this fund as of June 30, 2018 is \$12,740.00.

The Pennsylvania State 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 funds 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, 2018 is \$80,846.43 which includes the \$1,281.94 of the Sign Language Training Programs Scholarship Fund. The winners of this year's scholarships were –

Hannah Leibensperger, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County – \$500.00  
Ian Seaton, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County – \$500.00  
Mitchel Grove, Red Lion Grange #1781, York County – \$500.00

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.

Traditionally an auction is held each year at our State Grange Session. However, you can also contribute by sending a check to the Pennsylvania State Grange Office, marked "PA Grange Foundation Donation." Any amount is welcome!

We encourage all Granges and members to consider donating to the fund now, or leaving a bequest in your will to the PA Grange Foundation. Thank you for your support of this extremely important and worthwhile endeavor that enhances the educational opportunities for our members.

Fraternally submitted,  
JV Lamb, Chairperson

## REPORT OF THE HISTORY COMMITTEE

**As one-year ends and another begins, this is a fitting time to review the accomplishments of the past and look forward to plans for the future. The State Grange History Committee has plenty of both!**

During the past year, the following significant milestones were reached in the microfilming (for permanent preservation) and digitizing (for easy access) of important Grange documents and information:

- Negotiated a professional services contract with IMR Digital to provide microfilming/digitizing work: Phase 1 (microfilm/digitize newsletters); Phase 2 (digitize *Journals of Proceedings* from existing microfilm & microfilm/digitize charter applications); Phase 3 (microfilm/digitize Executive Committee minutes, officer registers/directories and history publications written for the State Grange's 75<sup>th</sup>, 100<sup>th</sup> and 125<sup>th</sup> anniversaries)
- Confirmed that the IMR contract may be extended to active local Granges which may wish to microfilm and/or digitize their own records
- Purchased a duplicate set of already microfilmed *Journals of Proceedings* from 1873 through 2004 from the PA State Archives, Historical & Museum Commission so these may be digitized
- Completed posting to website in PDF format of all existing newsletters published by the State Grange from 1905-present; by year-end all files should be available for public access on the State Grange website <http://www.pagrange.org/history-committee.html>
- Edited/posted Charter Ledgers of all 2,110 Subordinate and 73 Pomona Granges organized in the state from 1871-present; available by Grange number, by county, by active Grange and by inactive Granges
- Wrote/posted historical summaries of significant events and accomplishments during the terms of the first 18 State Masters (Mauger through Wismer).

An on-going project throughout the year was the continued sorting, organizing and boxing of records and other paraphernalia from local Granges which had accumulated in the conference room at the State Office. Samples of each with historical significance have been set aside while more recent regalia, manuals, implements, etc. are available free of charge to any Grange that has need for these items.

A major concern of the History Committee is sharing historical information to educate both members and the general public about the significant role the Grange has played in rural communities for the past 150 years. To make Grange history come alive for audiences, a 36-slide PowerPoint program highlighting the history of the National and Pennsylvania State Granges was developed. The presentation with speaker notes is posted on the website for viewing; the original slide file may be obtained upon request to the History Committee.

Special contact was made this past summer with Eagle Grange #1 near Williamsport. This small Grange is looking forward to its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary observance in just over two years and the History Committee is interested in helping Eagle #1 mount a significant event that will help to rejuvenate this pioneer in the Grange movement. We're still in the brainstorming stage but look for more information in the next year as to how the rest of Pennsylvania can help celebrate where the Grange spark took root in this state. Visit the Grange history page on the website for some history about Eagle Grange #1.

At this year's Family Festival in July, the History Committee was given 90 minutes to share its message with those in attendance. The Grange PowerPoint was presented, followed by an interactive game based on the

history of the Grange. Many positive comments were given, including several persons who expressed surprise at how interesting the subject of Grange history could be. One was heard to say "I came to the workshop not expecting to stay very long because I always thought history was boring. Before I knew it, the entire hour and a half had gone by and I loved every minute of learning more about the Grange story." That kind of enthusiastic response is a great reward for all of us who are striving to preserve and interpret Grange history.

Another enthusiastic response was given to the financial appeal issued in the summer of 2017. As reported in last year's annual report, 29 Granges and 3 individuals had generously contributed \$4,680 to this appeal as of 9/15/2017. Since then the following additional contributions were received:

Allegheny County  
Mt. Nebo Grange #1872

Beaver County  
Beaver Pomona Grange #66  
Big Knob Grange #2008  
William A. Steel

Bucks County  
Bucks Pomona Grange #22  
Middletown Grange #684

Centre County  
Progress Grange #96

Crawford County  
Crawford Pomona Grange #26  
Vernon Grange #936

Dauphin County  
Community Grange #2048

Erie County  
Edinboro Grange #947

Forest County  
Forest Grange #853

Lawrence County  
Lawrence Pomona Grange #65  
Westfield Grange #1514

Lebanon County  
Kimmerlings Grange #1529

Lycoming County  
Lycoming Pomona Grange #28

Venango County  
Venango Pomona Grange #57

Warren County  
Watson Grange #1068

Washington County  
Washington Pomona Grange #16  
Chestnut Ridge Grange #1133  
North Strabane Grange #1434

York County  
York-Adams Pomona Grange #40

#### Pennsylvania State Grange Past Officers

The total contributions since the issuance of the first appeal were nearly \$6,900. Combined with existing funds, just over \$9,000 was available this year to finance the work of the History Committee. Phase 1

microfilming/digitizing expended about half of that amount and Phase 2 work is expected to deplete remaining funds after final payment is made.

The microfilming/digitizing/posting work is a one-time effort/expense and the good news is that the final phase of this work is in sight. The State Grange Executive Committee in July 2018 approved a second appeal so that Phase 3 work can be undertaken. Granges and individuals are invited and encouraged to contribute so this work can be completed.

Conversations begun quite some time ago resulted earlier this year in the adoption by the State Grange Executive Committee of amendments to the governing documents of the PA Grange Foundation. Among the changes was the addition of language that would specifically include the historical preservation work of the State Grange History Committee as part of the Grange Foundation. These amendments will be submitted to the IRS with the Foundation's annual financial report and, upon approval, will recognize contributions for historical work as being tax deductible. The hope is this change may encourage more individual contributions to the work of the History Committee.

Recently we've been very pleased to learn that the National Grange is following the lead of Pennsylvania and has been in talks with IMR about the preservation of Grange records in other states and at the national level. Our work is being recognized for its quality results and we are pleased that other Granges might decide to follow Pennsylvania's efforts.

Plans for the coming year include:

- Complete Phase 2 records preservation work, including the posting of all *Journals of Proceedings* to the State Grange website
- Finish the remaining summaries of the terms for State Masters Ringler through Campbell
- Begin Phase 3 records preservation, pending availability of funds
- Maintain the Charter Ledgers to reflect current status of all Granges
- Work with Granges which may want to preserve their records through the IMR microfilming/digitizing contract
- Continuing brainstorming ways to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of Eagle Grange #1 in 2021 and of the State Grange in 2023
- Get started on video interviews to record the recollections of Grange leaders

We are very pleased to announce that Steve & Karen Mohn from Berks County will be joining the History Committee for the coming year to work on the video interviewing project.

**Sincere thanks are extended to all who have encouraged and supported the work of the History Committee so the Grange story is neither lost nor forgotten.**

Fraternally submitted,

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



**146TH 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 19, 2018**, in the Marriott – Cranberry Township.

The meeting was **Called to Order** by President Janet Fishovitz.

Session guests were John and Susan Plank. John is the Assistant Steward of the **National Grange**. Janet Pratt offered **grace** prior to the luncheon

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

Copies of the **Minutes** of the 2017 meeting were provided at each table. The motion to approve the minutes was made by J.V. Lamb, seconded by Deb Campbell; motion carried.

The 2018 **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Kelly VanOrd and also provided to all in attendance and was accepted as submitted on a motion by Martha Ebersole, second by Richard Mangel; motion carried.

Report of the 2017 **Audit** Committee – Virginia Mangel and Tony Fishovitz reported that they found the accounts correct and in order. The 2018 Audit Committee of Martha Ebersole and Nettie Kauffman were appointed 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 Fishovitz thanked Susan Tau, Jean Hollabaugh and Kelly VanOrd for their commitment to this annual endeavor. The resale table was located in the meeting room this year so that the members of the committee did not miss the session and other activities. Susan Tau reported that this is her last year to handle the Grange Resale/Jewelry Table.

**Old business:**

Mary Jane Kent made the motion, seconded by J.V. Lamb, 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
PA State Grange History Committee	\$200.00

Motion by Deb Campbell, second by Barb Gross to make an additional contribution to the National Grange Building Fund in the amount of \$200.00; motion carried.

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	Tammy Schaffer
Vice President	Mary Jane Kent
Secretary	Anna May Nauss (re-elected)
Treasurer	Kelly VanOrd (re-elected)

The balance in the bank account is \$2005.33; balance in checking is \$908.38.

Today's "Pass the Hat" collection was \$534, plus donations of \$260 were received in the mail prior to today. There was discussion regarding a new chair for the Resale/Jewelry Table. The jewelry and supplies are ordered through Monroe. After the meeting, Kelly VanOrd and Miranda Irons have agreed to chair the Resale/Jewelry Table.

**Necrology** Report of those who have passed since our 2017 report:

October 2017	Rev. James H. Gold, Past State Grange Chaplain
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The meeting was **adjourned** with a motion by Virginia Mangel and second by Richard Mangel.

Those in attendance at the luncheon were:

Jean Hollabaugh	Warren County	Chaplain
Robert Hollabaugh	Warren County	Gatekeeper
Kelly VanOrd	Warren County	Lady Assistant Steward, Junior Director, Deaf and Community Service Director
Susan Tau	Crawford County	Lecturer
Barbara Gross	Venango County	Executive Committee
Nettie Martsolf	Butler County	Flora
Albert Martsolf	Butler County	Guest
Sara Shank	Lebanon County	Pomona
Scott Shank	Lebanon County	Guest
Pat Rudy	Allegheny County	Chaplain
Janet Pratt	Venango County	Junior Director, Community Service Director, Lady Asst. Steward, Executive Comm.
Michael Pratt	Venango County	Junior Director, Community Service Director, Assistant Steward
Becky Michalka	Washington County	Women's Activities Director
Fae Snyder	York County	First Lady
Sandy Witmer	Lancaster County	Secretary
Dennis Witmer	Lancaster County	Guest
Tammy Schaeffer	Berks County	Ceres
Tim Schaeffer	Berks County	Guest
Steve Mohn	Berks County	Assistant Steward
Michael Martin	York County	Guest
Anna May Nauss	York County	Flora, Treasurer, Youth Director
Brad Nauss	York County	Guest
Vince Phillips	York County	Guest
Mary Jane Kent	Greene County	Lecturer
Marty Dinsmore	Greene County	Flora
Lorena Baughman	Blair County	Lecturer
Grace Mitchell	Washington County	Guest
Leonard Heim	Lehigh County	Steward
Joanne Heim	Lehigh County	Guest

Betsy Huber	Chester County	Pomona, Overseer, Master
J.V. Lamb	Lawrence County	Executive Committee, Overseer
Gene Zvarick	Montgomery County	Gatekeeper
Denae Zvarick	Montgomery County	Guest
Wayne Campbell	Perry County	Overseer, Master
Debbie Campbell	Perry County	Secretary, Pomona, Junior Director
Bryce Danko	Perry County	Guest
Richard Mangel	Butler County	Gatekeeper, Overseer, Executive Committee
Ginny Mangel	Butler County	Family Activities Director, Flora
Janet Fishovitz	Beaver County	Flora
Tony Fishovitz	Beaver County	Guest
Jeff Wetzel	Berks County	Junior Grange Director, Natl. Grange Youth Director
Cindy Wetzel	Berks County	Guest
Linda Zahn	Beaver County	Lady Assistant Steward, Lecturer's Committee
John Plank	State of Indiana	Natl. Grange Assistant Steward
Susan Plank	State of Indiana	Guest
Ashley Furman	Centre County	Pomona
Patty Bird	Centre County	Guest
Martha Sherman	Erie County	Guest
Martha Ebersole	Perry County	Lady Assistant Steward, Youth Director, Gatekeeper, Family Activities Director
Ruth Britcher	Perry County	Guest
Nettie Kauffman	Berks County	Youth Director, Pomona, Executive Committee
Irvin Kauffman	Berks County	Guest

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

Respectfully submitted  
*Anna May Nauss*

12/06/18 – Minutes were e-mailed to the Pennsylvania State Grange State Office for inclusion in the Journal of Proceedings of the 2018 State Session.

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

#### **TESTIMONY/ADVOCACY**

Following are some of the highlights of Pennsylvania State Grange lobbying and advocacy for the 2017-18 legislative session just now ending November 30, 2018. This report does not contain new issues added after September 6, 2018.

## SUCCESES

### Broadband was the Top Issue

- Broadband access was the top legislative priority for Pennsylvania State Grange. In January 2018, we held a program at the Farm Show which attracted a crowd and considerable media attention. It brought leading 'players' into the same room, Governor's Office, Public Utilities Commission, General Assembly, PA Telephone Association and the PA Association of Campground Owners (*who gave real-world examples of hardship caused by lack of Internet – a campground without access cannot receive online registrations or verify credit cards.*)
- **Legislation:**
  - Preserving landline telephone access in rural PA - support
  - Governor's PennDOT initiative to "wire" highways in PA - support
  - Building a firewall to protect Broadband access funding from being raided - support
  - Promoting installation standards for smaller scale wireless facilities - support
  - Inventory of state properties to see where there can be a cellular add-on in rural areas (such as fire towers) - support
  - Creation of a legislative commission focusing on Broadband – support
  - Oversight of a special Dept. of Education fund intended to expand Broadband access
  - PA resolution urging FCC approval of PA request for Broadband funds

NOTE: The above three bills are part of a bipartisan package of Broadband bills sponsored by Rep. Kristin Phillips-Hill and Rep. Pam Snyder (D-Fayette/Greene/Washington)

  - Working to get legislators to join the newly formed PA House Rural Broadband Caucus
- Testimony on Broadband to Legislative Committees:
  - Center for Rural Pennsylvania
  - House Majority Policy Committee
  - House Consumer Affairs Committee
  - Joint hearing of the House and Senate Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committees at Penn State's AG Progress Days
- **Granger Participation in the Legislative Process**
  - A Grange Day on the Hill in June including Grangers from the Northern Tier, Lehigh Valley and South-Central PA to lobby on universal access to Broadband and other issues
  - Got the word out to local Granges about at least ten legislative events where they could press the case for Broadband (and other issues) directly to lawmakers
  - Got the word out to local Granges about at least ten of Governor Wolf's Cabinet in Your Community programs where Cabinet-level officials would visit communities informally – more direct opportunities to talk about Broadband (and other issues)

**Although a good track record, this is just the start of our efforts to make sure there is universal access to Broadband in Pennsylvania. The Broadband issue is to this century as Rural Electrification was to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Not succeeding means that rural Pennsylvanians will be second-class citizens without the advantages going to others in today's ever more technology-oriented world.**

### OTHER SUCCESES

PA State Grange works hard to push for **adequate funding for the PA Department of Agriculture, Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences, and University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine** in the State Budget. For the current fiscal year which started July 1, 2018, agriculture did really well. Of course, next year is a new year where we will fight for this funding again.

The second success for the Pennsylvania State Grange was our active lobbying for legislation making it much **more difficult for school districts and local government to seize protected farmland under eminent domain.**

Success number three for the Pennsylvania State Grange and the Agricultural Community was a law which **exempted high-tunnel buildings from expensive storm water management plan requirements.**

The Pennsylvania State Grange also helped to get **increased funding for a program that distributes farmers' surplus crops to food banks** (hunger issue). This is called the PA Agriculture Surplus Program.

**Reauthorization of CHIP** (Children's Health Insurance Program).

## **DISAPPOINTMENTS**

**There were some specific disappointments in this legislative session where ideas proposed by Pennsylvania State Grange did not succeed.**

- Equity loan on the Farm Show Complex where the state borrowed \$200 million from investors with a three-decade payback obligation to PA taxpayers - opposed
- The General Assembly taking money out of dedicated funds to help balance the State Budget - opposed
- Not enough action on reducing liability for farmers who use Agri-tourism as a way to make ends meet and reducing liability for property owners who allow others to use their property recreationally for free – support limiting legal liability
- Securing a Property Tax exclusion for historic Grange Halls - support
- Lack of legislative action protecting the royalty rights of property owners with Marcellus Shale natural gas leases – support royalty rights

## **OTHER ISSUES ON WHICH THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE WORKED**

**Following is a partial list of additional issues and areas where the Pennsylvania State Grange worked this legislative session.**

Please know that the Pennsylvania State Grange is your advocacy resource. Specific positions and advocacy areas pursued by the Pennsylvania State Grange come from our members. Some of our advocacy was testimony, some letters of support or opposition, and many, many personal meetings.

- Agricultural career resources legislation including PDA – support
- Ag job resource inventory – not support until PDA is included
- (Dairy) PA Milk Marketing Board testimony – support for premium
- Reducing power of Delaware River Basin Commission bill – support
- Removing Delaware River Basin Commission authority over installation of on lot septic systems already regulated by DEP - support
- Distracted driving penalties - support
- Drones and public safety – support curbs
- Farm Bill (federal) Crop Insurance - support
- Farm Bill (federal) Broadband expansion- support
- Farm Bill (federal) Nutrition combined with ag programs - support
- Farm Bill (federal) Funding for Foundation for Food and Agricultural Research (FFAR) - support
- Grandparents temporary custodial rights (opioid issue) - support
- (Health Insurance) Ending surprise billing - support
- (Health) Telemedicine – support
- (Health) Medicaid presumptive eligibility for urgent home care services
- (Health, Federal) Independent Board for Medicare - oppose
- Hospice Care drug disposal (suggestion to include Cancer Drug Bank)

- Pension plan run by the state for small business with automatic employee enrollment and payroll deduction unless there is an opt-out - oppose
- Prescription drug price transparency - support
- Rural museum grant legislation - support
- Sunday hunting ban removal bills - oppose
- Urban agriculture – support

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE RESOLUTIONS adopted by the GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

- Recognizing the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Grange
- Recognizing the Women of the Grange
- Resolutions and citations commending the youth of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

**REGULATORY WORK**

- Abuse of power by the Delaware River Basin Commission (pre-empting PA law)- oppose
- Whole milk in schools (federal) submitted comments - support
- (Agricultural Permits) Exempting certain Department of Environmental Protection public hearing requirements for agricultural permits such as biosolid application – oppose
- Grange is a Pollinator issue committee member
- Grange is DEP Agriculture Advisory Committee member
- Grange is Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund Board member
- Grange is PA Dog Law Committee member
- Active with Governor’s Rural Development Council (observer participant)
- Active with PA Long-Term Care Council (observer participant)

Please contact me with your questions or issues on which you feel the Grange should focus.

**COMMUNICATIONS OUTREACH**

**Media work for the Pennsylvania State Grange is done by the Public Relations staff but when content is legislative, regulatory, public policy, it is handled by the Legislative Director. A partial list follows:**

- Lancaster Farming Grange Page (partial)
- Media release on Milk Marketing Board testimony (several)
- Media release on Broadband (several)
- Media release on Milk Consumption
- Media release on Federal USDA Budget Trump Administration proposal
- Media release on farmland preservation (restricting eminent domain)
- Media release on state-run Pension Plan
- Media release on Biosolid Permits (DEP mandatory public hearings)
- Media release on State Budget funding for Agriculture programs (several)
- Media release on Wolf Administration Broadband Initiative
- Media release on small wireless facilities standardization
- Media release on Farm Show equity loan

**GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

Part of the Legislative Director’s responsibilities is to identify possible funding resources for local Grange projects or to governments, schools, etc. that Grange members are a part of. Some of these are:

- Kids’ Garden grants
- Pollinator grants
- Education grants

In addition, the Legislative Director discovered several grant programs relating to rural health and opioid treatment and referred them to state agencies.

## **ASSOCIATION**

Working with other Pennsylvania State Grange staff, the Legislative Director facilitates Resolution Review sessions, ran a Resolutions Workshop at Grange Fair (Centre County), gave legislative update talks to several local Granges, researched existing policy resolutions to identify those that should be archived, drafted Resolution language, numerous reports to Grange President on various issues/legislation, preparing backup to Pennsylvania State Grange regarding lobbying reports to the state, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

**Vince Phillips**  
**Legislative Director**  
**Pennsylvania State Grange**  
**717-346-1063; FAX 717-232-7005**  
[legislation@pagrange.org](mailto:legislation@pagrange.org)

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

The past year has been a very busy time, as we continued to work on areas of concern to enable us to move forward. Nothing has saddened me more than when I went into a community with the purpose of closing and selling an old abandoned Grange Hall. I cried when I had to claim the charters from Shannondale and Reynoldsville Grange halls. As I walked around these Grange halls, collecting record books and regalia, I kept asking myself, "How did we get to this point." I don't think it is just one thing but a combination of things that over time had come into play.

The demographics of our rural communities has changed, less than 2% of the population today is farming whereas it used to be 40 to 50%. Grange was well branded in farming and people thought you had to be a farmer to be a member of the Grange. (Some people still think this!) Member benefits had changed over the years in the loss of things such as Service Corporation, health insurance, and banking services, all had been beneficial to the members. Grange lacked the means to incorporate changes into the organization to keep it vibrant and relevant for new younger members. People looked elsewhere for things to fit their needs as new organizations were forming, and more events happening in your local communities.

The 151-year-old history of our organization started in agriculture, evolved into legislative work and provided community service work across our nation, with a firm belief in promoting family values. We can draw upon our roots, adjust our presentation, and move the Grange forward in our communities. I have said it many, many, times as I talk to all of you, what the Grange stands for, most importantly family values, never goes out of style!

We have worked hard on strengthening our benefits of membership with health insurance services, banking partnership, discount programs on services, travel, entertainment etc. There is a huge value in our membership and you can easily use these benefits to save money that in essence is equal and above the cost of the yearly membership dues. New brochures have been designed for you to use when promoting the Grange.

The Pennsylvania State Grange Website continues to evolve as we have updated the layout, added pages to include the History Committee, a Marketplace Page, a secured Member Benefits page, and Membership page. In an effort to communicate more information, we have included more content on the front page to announce news, legislative issues and initiatives, events in your communities. The many avenues available to us through the internet via Social Media such as Facebook, sending weekly email blasts which has been a

wonderful tool to share announcements, links, resources, and more. An informed Granger is a powerful Granger who can represent and grow this organization to new heights!

It has been important to embrace the internet as a sales tool for our cookbooks. We have an inventory of cookbooks to sale. We have recently started selling cookbooks on Amazon and are now working on a structured plan to sell our inventory by using Amazon, our own website store, and media through some different approaches to expanding the knowledge on Grange and how fabulous our family recipes are and they should be a staple in every household.

Events throughout the year we have been at to represent the Grange.

The PA State Farm Show January

Cornucopia February

Capital Day June

Youth/Junior Camps June/July

Family Festival - July

Ag Progress Days - August

Grange Visits/Workshops/Speaking Engagements- We are experiencing a great Grange resurgence in membership as we have traveled in and out of each region to promote the Grange across Pennsylvania. Topics have included the Grange's purpose, legislative work, membership and marketing. Younger members are joining and they are wasting no time in involving themselves by sharing new ideas and organizing events, and fundraising. I was grateful to be asked to speak at events and attend Grange celebrations throughout the year. It is a pleasure to visit everyone in their communities, work on membership and be part of a team in generating new ideas that will work for your Grange to be successful.

Pleasant Valley, Mercer Co. - Grange Membership Growth

Brokenstraw, Warren Co.- Reorganized.

Ginger Hill, Washington Co.- Reorganized

Hickory, Clearfield Co. - Reorganized

Plainfield, Cumberland Co. - Reorganized

It is exciting to share that we have taken in 261 new members this past year. We are happy to see growth, but as Grange Doers, we can do so much more! We are just scratching the surface of our potential and the best is yet to come! We are laying groundwork that requires us all to be active in recruiting members. Hand in hand together, promoting our Granges enthusiastically in our communities will garner new members.

Moving forward into this upcoming year the goals before us will be to:

- Open New Granges
- Reorganize/Revitalize existing Granges
- Speaking engagements and visit more Granges in each region.
- Development of additional membership marketing & communication resources on website.
- Equip each region with additional marketing resources
- Resource and support training sessions via Zoom Conferencing to grow your Grange.
- Utilizing more social media such as Snapchat/Twitter/Instagram/blogs/Facebook etc.
- Improve Marketing of Subordinate Grange Events
- Locate advocates and helpers in each region to assist in growth of Grange.



I look forward to working with each and every one of you as we take on the mission, "Growing the Grange!" Continue to invite us to your events, book us as speakers, call and/or email us with your questions, and most importantly ask for help. We are here for you to work with you in the common goal of being successful!

Yours in Grange service,

Lizzie Bailey  
PR/Membership  
Pennsylvania State Grange

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

The highpoint of the PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail this year was the placing on an 8' x 8' Quilt Block on the big red barn at the Ag Progress Day's farm at Rock Springs. Of course, the block was blue and white with a little gray and featured the Penn State Mascot Lion. A special thank YOU to Lizzie Bailey for her persistence in pursuing this project with Dean Rousch, College of Agriculture, and to Farm Manager, Jesse Darlington for mounting it and Secretary of Agriculture, Russell Redding for promoting the Quilt Blocks.

As the PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail completes its ninth 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 21 blocks. Most of the blocks painted were 2' x 2' blocks but there were also three 4' x 4' blocks painted.

Paint Your Own Quilt Block workshops are presented by Barbara and Glenn Gross as requested throughout the year. Granges as well as Quilt Guilds will ask for a program presentation with some following up with a daylong workshop where they paint their own block.

At the request of the PA Association of County Fairs a workshop was presented to 30 representatives from all over PA. The participants were given an overview of the PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail and 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. At least 50 Fairgrounds in PA display at least one wooden Quilt Block painted by Grangers. There are also fairgrounds that have multiple quilt blocks creating their own mini trail – Venango Co. Fairgrounds has 36 blocks on display – one 8' x 8', one 4' x 4' and thirty-four 2' x 2' blocks

Work is ongoing on our PA Grange website to keep it 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. 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 20, 2018. There were 14 candidates representing eight counties at the 146<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,  
Martha Ebersole, Perry County  
Donna Kunkle, Berks County

### SIXTH DEGREE CANDIDATES

6th Degree Member #	Name	Grange Name	County
PA-1104	Isabella Boone	Baileyville #1991	Centre
PA-1105	Drew Fegley	Hookstown #1980	Beaver
PA-1106	Jill Cavaleiro	Jefferson #1373	Butler
PA-1107	Morgan M. Tau	Hayfield #800	Crawford
PA-1108	Susan McLane – Shroger	East Franklin #1709	Greene
PA-1109	Elizabeth Hawkins	Big Knob #2008	Beaver
PA-1110	Jack W. Bauer	Chestnut Ridge #1133	Washington
PA-1111	Owen Stenko	Virginville #1832	Berks
PA-1112	Karlee Field	Cochranton #2030	Crawford
PA-1113	Michael Vogan	Log Cabin Unity #2110	Mercer
PA-1114	Diane Perseghetti-Vogan	Log Cabin Unity #2110	Mercer
PA-1115	Pennelope Tolbert	Big Knob #2008	Beaver
PA-1116	Ronald Davis Jr.	Harveys-Aleppo #1444	Greene
PA-1117	Rebecca Davis	Harveys-Aleppo #1444	Greene

### AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES APPROVED RESOLUTIONS

#### **Resolution #1 — Food Stamps to be Used for Nutritional Food Items only**

##### **North Jackson Grange #1740; Lebanon County Pomona Grange #59**

RESOLVED, that the Grange encourage the USDA that **Food Stamps** can only be used to Purchase Nutritional Foods.

#### **Resolution #2 — Environmental and Endangered Species Laws**

##### **Pleasant Valley Grange #1643; Mercer County Pomona Grange #2;**

RESOLVED, that the grange recognize the unique role agriculture and the livestock industries play in land and environmental management and advocate for greater flexibility in environmental laws interpretation to allow for historic land uses varying environments and situations across the country.

### **Resolution #3 — Cell Cultured Protein Products**

#### **Pleasant Valley Grange #1643; Mercer County Pomona Grange #25**

RESOLVED, the USDA be named the primary regulator, including cell cultured protein products, to insure they are held to the same rigorous food safety and labeling standards.

### **Resolution #4 — Cell Cultured Protein Product Identification**

#### **Agriculture & Environmental Committee**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange support legislation that opposes any effort to label cell cultured protein products as “meat or poultry.”

### **Resolution #5 — Resolution on High Tunnel Structures**

#### **Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee**

RESOLVED that Pennsylvania State Grange opposes any Regulation by municipalities to restrict construction of temporary tunnel structures and to exempt them from storm water management consistent with Act 15-2018.

### **Resolution #7 — Expediting Agriculture DEP Permitting**

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

RESOLVED that any farm operation needing a permit to improve or build on their operation apply to N.R.C.S.; (National Resources Conservation Service) and be it further  
RESOLVED that the N.R.C.S. and the local soil conservation prepare and document needed requirements and improvements in preparation of submitting to DEP; and be it further  
RESOLVED, that during the process the N.R.C.S. have the opportunity to contact DEP with any technical questions and also secure an appointment in the schedule of DEP in a timely manner.

### **Resolution #8 — Eminent Domain and Farmland Preservation**

#### **Agriculture & Environmental Issues Committee**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange advocate prohibition of natural gas pipeline, power line and commercial construction encroachment and granting of rights of way for construction on preserved farmland in Pennsylvania.

## **REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE POLICY STATEMENT**

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

The members of the 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 represents our members.

The Grange has advocated to support the N.R.C.S. (Natural Resources Conservation Service) in their role as educators and facilitators and to aid in the permitting process of agricultural construction projects. The Grange supports the State of Pennsylvania in recognizing the economic effect on not only PA producers but supporting businesses from lengthy permitting delays with the introduction of the Permit Reform Initiative for D.E.P. (Department of Environmental Protection) This will modernize the permitting process and reduce backlogs. The new online **Permit Application Consultation Tool – PACT** – allows the status of applications to be monitored and questions answered was implemented in January 2018

The Grange continues to support 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. The Pennsylvania State Grange will continue to support the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act of 1967 to help obtain truth in labeling of products that are not true milk products.

The Grange advocates for a consistent source of high quality, safe and nutritious foods. The Agricultural Committee is currently focused on foods that can be purchased with Food Stamps. This effort is to discourage the purchase of drinks and snack foods having little or no nutritional value. With the introduction of cell cultured protein foods Grange is asking for the same quality and inspection standards for these products as with naturally produced meats and poultry products. The Grange is also advocating that cell cultured protein products be identified as other than meat or poultry.

The Grange recognizes Eminent Domain as a means for land acquisition that will benefit the public interest. Grange will continue to support legislation to limit Eminent Domain land acquisitions involving Agricultural land that is in either a government controlled or privately controlled land preservation agreement.

Farmers have encountered interruptions of normal farming practices by environmental and endangered species laws. The Grange recognizes the unique balance that agriculture and the environment hold and will advocate for the historic uses and local environments of the land in question be considered when interpretations of these laws are made.

PA State Grange AG & Environmental Committee

Jodi Keith  
Dustin Kunkle  
John Courtney  
Stanley Reyburn  
James Huber, Chair

## **GOVERNMENTAL ISSUES**

### **Resolution #9 — Tax Preparers Held Accountable**

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

RESOLVED, that tax preparers should be vigilant of their obligation to comply with privacy standards of Gamm-Leach-Blilley Act of 1999, privacy rules of the Federal Trade Commission, relevant provisions of Pennsylvania privacy laws and regulations by accounting trade associations.

### **Resolution #10 — Ballot Questions**

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

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange advocate that amendments to the Pennsylvania Constitution be clearly written; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania prepare an explanation of the amendment reviewed by a citizen's task force formed for this purpose only which shall include rural and urban voters reflecting an income and educational cross section of the voters; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all state agencies include a copy of this explanation in newsletters, flyers, issuance of licenses and other communications to the public in the three months before the proposed amendment appears on the ballot.

### **Resolution #15 — Need for Open Primary Elections**

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

RESOLVED, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania replace Closed Primary Elections with Open Primary Elections, thus allowing all registered voters to exercise their right to vote in the selection of political candidates.

**Resolution #16 -- Loud Fireworks****Goshen Grange #121, Chester County**

RESOLVED, that Pennsylvania State Grange urge that the Pennsylvania Legislative Budget & Finance Committee study policy options regarding use and restrictions of loud fireworks; and be it further RESOLVED; That this study should include the impact of loud fireworks on vulnerable populations and inventory public policies proposed or adopted by other states.

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**Resolution #17 — Daytime Running Lights****Goshen Grange #121, Chester County**

RESOLVED that the Pennsylvania State Grange lobby for auto manufacturers to be required to produce or program all new vehicles with daytime running lights that would include both headlights and taillights.

**Resolution #19 — Use of Social Security Numbers for identification****Berks County Pomona #43**

RESOLVED, that all stores, doctor offices, hospitals, companies, etc. be required to no longer use Social Security numbers as identification; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all stores, doctor offices, hospitals, companies, etc. use different numbers or another means of identification for customers and patients.

**Resolution #20 – Need for Revision of State Pension Funds****Berks County Pomona #43**

RESOLVED, our state lawmakers could save taxpayers' dollars by overhauling the pension system by having any lawmaker convicted of a felony forfeit any and all of their pension earned.

**Resolution #21 – Taxpayer Funds Used to Pay for Sexual Harassment Cases****Berks County Pomona #43**

RESOLVED, any state or national legislator, governmental administrative/executive should be held accountable for his/her own actions and not use tax money to settle any harassment case, but should come from the individuals own personal funds if found guilty.

**Resolution #22 — Drones****PA State Grange Executive Committee (Adopted 09/08/2018)**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange advocate curbs on drone use over public events in Pennsylvania through action in Pennsylvania or at the Federal level, or both.

**Resolution #23 — Pensions****Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee (Adopted 03/20/2018)**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange oppose the creation of a state-run pension plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Pennsylvania State Government devote more resources to educate citizens about the need to prepare for financial self-sufficiency after retirement and to educate them as to the private sectors that might be available.

## **Resolution 24 — Landline Telephone Service**

### **Governmental Committee**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange support continuance of the Pennsylvania Universal Service Fund and urges the Pennsylvania General Assembly to support continued landline telephone service to rural areas until there is universal access to Broadband.

### **GOVERNMENT ISSUES COMMITTEE POLICY STATEMENT**

Worthy Master Wayne Campbell, Honored Guests, officers, and most importantly the delegates of the Pennsylvania State Grange who are given the important work of creating the policy of the Pennsylvania State Grange:

The Government Issues Committee wishes to thank Master Campbell for his efforts in promoting the policies of the Pennsylvania State Grange on local, state, and national issues. The committee wishes to thank Vince Phillips for his help in providing information to the committee, making suggestions to the delegate body, and also making our policies known to lawmakers and government decision makers. We would also like to thank Grangers, both Subordinate and Pomona, who wrote resolutions to be considered to become policy of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

There are a few issues the committee wishes to reemphasize to the delegate body.

The committee feels that Resolution 24, Landline Telephone Service, is a very important issue for rural Pennsylvania. Currently there are areas where cell phone service is not accessible. Until universal access to Broadband is a reality, a landline system is very important.

There was much discussion on the issue of open primary elections within the committee, and they voted to let the delegate body set the policy.

Immigration is a very serious unresolved issue. Agriculture, the service sector, and the construction industry rely on a constant and reliable workforce. The agricultural workforce is also a food security and economic security issue. We should support legislative proposals to replace the H2A Program to allow for a year round immigration workforce.

We urge education for elderly veterans concerning local tax rebates, discounts, and other exemptions to which they are entitled.

Repairing personal property is an American tradition and in the eyes of some people is a Constitutional right. As manufacturers are reluctant to release pertinent information necessary to diagnose problems, this requires a certified dealer to complete the repair. The Pennsylvania State Grange encourages legislation supporting the right to repair.

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve on the committee.

C. Arthur Zug, Juniata County  
Carol Ann Gregg, Mercer County  
Carole Huber, Lancaster County  
Lynn A. Dietrich, Berks County  
Lizzie Bailey, Cumberland County  
Martha Sherman, Erie County

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

### **Resolution #27 — Annual Session**

#### **Beaver County Pomona Grange #66**

RESOLVED, that sessions requiring delegate action may be held on Sunday, and be it further RESOLVED, that Sunday business should not be scheduled and should only be conducted in unusual circumstances where additional delegate action on Sunday would complete the business of session.

### **Resolution #31 — Loans to Local Granges**

#### **Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange By-laws be amended to add the following:

“Article XIII — Financial Matters

1.13.1 Loans to Community/Subordinate and Pomona Granges for Grange Hall/Building and grounds improvements and upkeep will be considered by the Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee upon request.

1.13.2 Loan requests must include a written copy of all estimates.

1.13.3 Loans must not exceed 70% of appraised value of property.

1.13.4 Loans not to exceed \$50,000 to any Community/Subordinate or Pomona Grange.”

And be it further.

RESOLVED, that present Article XIII “Amendments” and its sub-articles be renumbered as Article XIV.

### **Resolution #32 — Pennsylvania State Grange Employees**

#### **Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee**

RESOLVED, that Article 1.7.1.2 of the Pennsylvania State Grange By-Laws read: “The Pennsylvania State Grange President/Master in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee be responsible for the employing and terminating of all employees along with setting appropriate salaries/wages.

### **Resolution #33 — Maintaining the Office of the Pennsylvania State Grange**

#### **Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee**

RESOLVED, that Article 1.7.1.3 of the Pennsylvania State Grange By-Laws read: “The Pennsylvania State Grange President/Master in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee be responsible for maintaining the Pennsylvania State Grange Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, that current Article 1.7.1.3 be renumbered as 1.7.1.4, current Article 1.7.1.4 be renumbered as 1.7.1.5. and current Article 1.7.1.5 be renumbered as 1.7.1.6.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER POLICY STATEMENT

Worthy President, National Grange Representatives, State Officers, Delegates and Guests,

Thank you once again for allowing us to serve the Pennsylvania State Grange on the Good of the Order committee.

Last year, in our policy statement, we stated that we need to trust in our elected officials and appointed committees to make the specific decisions. We come to you this year with many resolutions regarding details of the schedule for session, especially the All Granger Banquet. The schedule of session is one of those specific decisions that should be left to the committee in conjunction with the State Grange Office. As many of our members know, there are a lot of factors that go into the planning and organizing

of a State Session. There are financial and space factors for every location. It would be impossible to make every aspect of the schedule work for every one of the Grangers who attend. Additionally, we like the idea of a tour of some aspect of the hosting region and speakers who will further inform our members on issues facing the Grange. We do not feel that this needs to occur during the business time of Session. A pre-session day would work nicely for this event. Using that plan, anyone who wants to partake can simply come one day earlier, but those who do not want to or perhaps cannot come into town one day earlier would not miss important business.

We encourage all Grangers to do what they can to support the preservation of our history and rituals. Be involved with or attend presentations of the Degrees. We continue to support the preservation of the Degrees through the production of a video that would be available to all Grangers. Please financially support the history committee which is working hard to make sure our history does not fade away.

We would ask that all Subordinate and Pomona Granges that plan on submitting a resolution to State Session do a few things to make the process easier on the State Office and the committees. Please submit your resolutions throughout the year instead of waiting until soon before the due date. Please submit them in both electronic form and hard copy form. This will allow easier compilation of all of the resolutions by the State Grange Office. Finally, we would ask that you include the name of the Grange who originally wrote the resolution. For example, if your Pomona Grange has a resolution that started in a Subordinate Grange, please include that Grange's name with the resolution. This will allow the committees to contact the originating Grange with any questions prior to session. This will help the State Grange Office and committees with their work before the start of session.

We ask again that all Subordinate and Pomona Granges do everything they can to encourage their membership to come to State Session as both delegates and guests. State Session has always been a very important part of the Grange and being involved with Session allows everyone to understand the work of the Grange and how it affects the members and the Nation.

Thank you delegates for your time and devotion to our Order. We look forward to seeing you all next year in State College.

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

## **FAMILY ISSUES**

### **Resolution #34 — Freedom to Raise Children**

#### **Pleasant Valley Grange #1643; Mercer County Pomona Grange #25**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange advocate for keeping the freedom to raise children and develop their responsibility, independence, and resourcefulness without legislated and mandated guidelines for supervision, control and parental behavior.



**Resolution #35 — Service Animal Fraud  
Plumsteadville Grange #1738, Bucks County**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange support legislation to more strongly regulate service/support animals to reduce the opportunity for fraudulently claiming pets to be service/support animals.

**Resolution #36 — Child Abuse Clearances  
PA State Grange Executive Committee**

RESOLVED, that the National Grange establish a policy for all officers, staff members, and volunteers at all levels of the Grange who come in contact with children to provide Child Abuse Clearances, State Police Background Checks, and National Criminal Background Checks in compliance with their respective state's requirements.

## **FAMILY ISSUES POLICY STATEMENT**

The members of the Family Issues Committee would like to extend our thanks to the Southwest Region – Armstrong, Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Washington, and Westmoreland counties for hosting this year's 146<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session. We would also like to thank Master Wayne Campbell and the Officers and Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange for their dedicated service to our organization.

When completing our assigned task of reviewing resolutions that affect our quality of life, the Family Issues Committee focuses on problems and concerns in education, health, consumer issues, and laws and regulations governing our standards of life and death. This year, the focus in our policy statement is on school safety, Child Abuse Clearances, and the continuing opioid and heroin crisis.

On March 23, 2018, an omnibus funding bill was signed into federal law. This bill included the Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing School Violence Act, or the STOP School Violence Act as it is commonly called. Specific features of the act include funding for:

- The development of school threat assessment and intervention teams that may include coordination with law enforcement agencies and school personnel
- Specialized training for school officials responding to mental health crises
- The development and operation of anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence, including mobile telephone applications, hotlines and Internet websites
- Improved coordination between school officials and local law enforcement
- Training for local law enforcement to prevent student violence
- Placement and use of metal detectors, locks and other deterrent measures on school campuses
- The purchase and installation of [emergency communication](#) technology
- Any other measure that improves training, threat assessments and reporting, violence prevention and security at schools

Additionally, On June 22, 2018, Governor Tom Wolf signed [Act 44 of 2018](#) into law, creating a School Safety and Security Committee within the Pennsylvania Commission for Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). The Committee is tasked with developing the criteria that school entities are to use when performing school safety and security assessments, issuing a survey to school entities to measure school safety and security preparedness, and administering grants. Planning for emergencies is something every local education agency must consider, regardless of its size or location. While it's very difficult to plan for every issue that could occur, preparation is key to saving lives if and when a disaster strikes. The Pennsylvania Department of Education's Office for Safe Schools partners with [PEMA](#), the [Pennsylvania State Police](#), and other agencies and security organizations to offer best practice planning, programs, and training throughout Pennsylvania. The Department of Education offers grants to purchase equipment, develop programs, and

hire school police officers and school resource officers. Local educational agencies should familiarize themselves with all of these available resources, institute training programs for their staff, hold regularly scheduled safety drills to educate their students and staff in responding to emergency situations, and apply for appropriate grants to upgrade their equipment and programs.

Another issue of concern for this committee is the importance of volunteers in any organization, who have contact with children, obtaining the proper clearances. There is an existing Pennsylvania law, Act 153 of 2014, that specifically addresses the requirements for child abuse clearances and criminal background checks for both employees (such as those employed by schools, churches, youth organizations, etc.) and volunteers who work with children. It is important for all these entities to establish policy requiring their employees and volunteers to follow this law. A resolution requiring the National Grange and the Pennsylvania State Grange to establish policy regarding these clearances will be presented to the delegate body at this State Grange Session.

According to the Center for Disease Control, opioids—prescription and illicit—are currently the main cause of drug overdose deaths. Out of 63,632 drug overdose deaths in the United States, 42,249 (66.4%) were opioid involved. In 2016, Pennsylvania was one of the four states, along with the District of Columbia, with the highest rates of death due to drug overdoses.

What can we, as Grangers, do to combat this problem? First and foremost, we need to increase our awareness of the issue and educate ourselves regarding the subject. Check out [www.ddap.pa.gov](http://www.ddap.pa.gov) and [www.drugabuse.gov](http://www.drugabuse.gov) for more information. Go to your medicine cabinets and check the prescription drugs on hand. If there are opioids among them, keep them under lock and key to both prevent all persons from accessing them out of curiosity and to keep them from being stolen. If these drugs are no longer being taken, get rid of them! Keeping unused opioids or other common drugs of abuse in a medicine cabinet is no longer safe or responsible. As of late 2017, there are 681 take-back boxes placed across all 67 counties in Pennsylvania. Check the [www.ddap.pa.gov](http://www.ddap.pa.gov) website to find out exactly where these take-back boxes are located and use them! The goal is to reduce the amount of prescription drugs available for potential misuse and/or abuse.

Secondly, Naloxone Hydrochloride (Naloxone) is a medication indicated for reversal of opioid overdose. Pursuant to Act 139 of 2014, Dr. Rachel L. Levine, Secretary of Health for the state of Pennsylvania has issued a standing order which may be used as a prescription or third-party prescription to obtain Naloxone from a pharmacy in the event they are unable to obtain Naloxone or a prescription for Naloxone from their regular health care providers or another source. This standing order is intended to ensure that residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, who are at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose, or who are family members, friends or other persons who are in a position to assist a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose, are able to obtain Naloxone. If you have opioids in your household, you may want to also have Naloxone in your home as well. Insurance companies vary in how they cover Naloxone and other drugs used to treat an opioid overdose. Prior to having a Naloxone prescription filled with a pharmacy, consumers are encouraged to check with their insurance carriers to find out whether Naloxone is a covered benefit under their policy, and, if so, what form of Naloxone is covered, and any cost-sharing amounts that may apply under their policy. Through the 'Good Samaritan' provision of Act 139, friends, loved ones and bystanders are encouraged to call 911 for emergency medical services in the event an overdose is witnessed and to stay with the individual until help arrives. The provision offers certain criminal and civil protections to the caller so that they cannot get in trouble for being present, witnessing and reporting an overdose.

And finally, treatment for drug abuse and addiction is available. Contact the county drug and alcohol office where you live or call 1-800-662-4357. While it may be uncomfortable to talk to someone about their substance abuse problem, it is more likely for an individual to seek help for their problem within days following an overdose if someone talks to them right after the overdose event about going to treatment.

Every Granger can do something to combat this problem. Let's make sure we do.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Courtney, Mercer County  
Ben Haagen, Centre County  
Tammy Schaeffer, Berks County  
Donald Steeley, Bucks County  
Ron Sweeney, Blair County  
Barbara Warden, Chair, Venango County

## COMPLETE RESOLUTION INDEX

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3	Cell Cultured Protein Products	Agriculture & Envir Issues	Adopt as Amended
4	Cell Cultured Protein Products Identification	Agriculture & Envir Issues	Adopt as Amended
5	Resolution on High Tunnel Structures	Agriculture & Envir Issues	Adopt
6	Misuse of the term "Milk"	Agriculture & Envir Issues	Present Policy
7	Expediting Agriculture DEP Permitting	Agriculture & Envir Issues	Adopt
8	Eminent Domain and Farmland Preservation	Agriculture & Envir Issues	Adopt
9	Tax Preparers Held Accountable	Governmental Issues	Adopt
10	Ballot Questions	Governmental Issues	Adopt
11	PA State Public School Testing Window	Governmental Issues	Reject
12	Bigger Truck Trailers	Governmental Issues	Reject
13	Start of Pennsylvania School Year	Governmental Issues	Reject
14	Right to Repair	Governmental Issues	Reject
15	Need for Open Primary Elections	Governmental Issues	Adopt as Amended
16	Loud Fireworks	Governmental Issues	Adopt as Amended
17	Daytime Running Lights	Governmental Issues	Adopt
18	Handheld Cell Phones	Governmental Issues	Reject
19	Use of Social Security Numbers for Identification	Governmental Issues	Adopt
20	Need for Revision of State Pension Funds	Governmental Issues	Adopt as Amended
21	Taxpayer Funds Used to Pay for Sexual Harassment Cases	Governmental Issues	Adopt as Amended
22	Drones	Governmental Issues	Adopt
23	Pensions	Governmental Issues	Adopt
24	Landline Telephone Service	Governmental Issues	Reject
25	All Grangers Banquet	Good of the Order	Reject
26	State Grange Banquets & Recognition	Good of the Order	Reject
27	Annual Session	Good of the Order	Adopt as Amended
28	PA State Grange Internal E-Mail Address	Good of the Order	Reject
29	PA State Grange Schedule	Good of the Order	Reject
30	Length of State Grange Session	Good of the Order	Reject
31	Loans to Local Granges	Good of the Order	Adopt
32	PA State Grange Employees	Good of the Order	Adopt
33	Maintaining the Office of the PA State Grange	Good of the Order	Adopt
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35	Service Animal Fraud	Family Issues	Adopt
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## 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

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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	146	Cranberry Township	October 19, 2018