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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
WAYNE CAMPBELL	2016-2022

\* Deceased

# PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE OFFICERS 2023-2024

PRESIDENT/MASTER	MATTHEW ESPENSHADE
VICE-PRESIDENT/OVERSEER	RICHARD MANGEL
LECTURER	JENNIFER NAUSS
STEWARD	ANDREW KIEFFER
ASSISTANT STEWARD	ROBERT KLECKNER III
LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD	CHERYL MILLER
CHAPLAIN	JODI KEITH-KENSINGER
TREASURER	HENRY SEIDEL
SECRETARY	DEBRA CAMPBELL
GATEKEEPER	KENNETH MERRITT
CERES	RACHEL BROBST
POMONA	JENNIFER BEAMON
FLORA	ISABELLA BOONE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	BARBARA SCHROEDER – 2019-2023 RUTH VONADA – 2020 - 2024 CLAY SNYDER – 2021 – 2025 ANTHONY FISHOVITZ – 2022 – 2026

## **STANDING COMMITTEES 2023 STATE SESSION**

### **Agriculture & Environmental Issues**

James Huber, Chair – Lancaster County  
John Courtney – Mercer County  
Carol Ann Gregg – Mercer County  
Stanley Reyburn – Chester County  
Doug Sattazahn – Berks County

### **Government Issues**

Lynn Dietrich, Chair – Cumberland County  
C. Arthur Zug – Juniata County  
George Gregg – Mercer County  
Carole Huber – Lancaster County

### **Good of the Order**

Jane Birk, Chair – Bucks County  
Robert Beamon – Berks County  
Leonard Heim – Lehigh County  
Matthew Irons – Warren County  
Robert Pardoe – Northumberland County  
MaryJane Kent, Greene County

### **Family Issues**

Donald Steeley, Chair – Bucks County  
Denise Clare – Berks County  
Pamela Courtney – Mercer County  
Ben Hagen – Centre County  
Joyce Merritt, York County  
Tammy Schaeffer – Berks County

### **Credentials**

Karen Mohn, Berks County  
Steve Mohn, Berks County

### **Sixth Degree**

Sara Shank, Lancaster County  
Sandy Witmer, Lancaster County

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE 151<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL SESSION SCHEDULE

### Tuesday, October 17, 2023

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Convention Registration (*Hotel Lobby*)

### Wednesday, October 18, 2023

8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Lancaster Agriculture Tour by advance reservation (*Meet in Hotel Lobby*)

1:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting (*Maple Grove*)

1:00 p.m. Exhibit Room Set-up by Committees (*Daniel Boone*)

4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Convention Registration (*Hotel Lobby*)

7:00 p.m. State Officers Rehearsal (*Expo Center*)

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Exhibit Entries Accepted (*Daniel Boone*)

8:30 p.m. Host Reception – Open to everybody (*Mordecai Lincoln*)

### Thursday, October 19, 2023

Committee Meetings at their discretion

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Convention Registration (*Hotel Lobby*)

8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Exhibit Entries Accepted (*Daniel Boone*)

9:00 a.m. OFFICIAL OPENING (*Expo Center*)

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Hospitality Room Open (*Mordecai-Lincoln*)

12:00 p.m. Recess – Lunch buffet by advance reservation (*Atrium*)

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Convention Registration (*Hotel Lobby*)

1:00 p.m. Judging of Exhibits (closed to public) (*Daniel Boone*)

1:45 p.m. Session Reconvenes (*Expo Center*)

- Suggestions for Executive Committee Member
- Two-minute comments for candidates
- Continue work on Resolutions

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open (*Mordecai-Lincoln*)

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Convention Registration (*Hotel Lobby*)

5:00 p.m. Dinner Recess

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Exhibit Room Open (*Daniel Boone*)

7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Quilts of Valor Presentation (*Expo Center*)

7:30 p.m. Speaker - Jeff Winton, Rural Minds (*Expo Center*)

### Friday, October 20, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Convention Registration (*Hotel Lobby*)

9:00 a.m. SESSION OPENS (*Expo Center*)

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Exhibit Room Open (*Daniel Boone*)

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Hospitality Room Open (*Mordecai Lincoln*)

11:30 a.m. Additional suggestions for Executive Committee member and Election (*Expo Center*)

12:00 p.m. Recess – Lunch buffet by advance reservation (*Atrium*)

Past Officers Luncheon- Meeting by invitation/advance reservation (*Bistro*)

2:00 p.m. Session Reconvenes (*Expo Center*)

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open (*Mordecai Lincoln*)

4:30 p.m. Installation of Officer; Session Closes; Auction for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place baked goods to benefit the Youth Dept. (*Expo Center*)

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Convention Registration (*Hotel Lobby*)

5:00 p.m. Dinner Recess

7:00 p.m. State Officers Rehearsal for Sixth Degree (*Twin Valley School*)

8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Open (*Mordecai Lincoln*)

8:00 p.m. Youth party (*Expo Center*) (Drill practice to follow)

## Saturday, October 21, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Convention registration ( <i>Hotel Lobby</i> )
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Junior/Youth Breakfast by advance reservation ( <i>Expo Center</i> )
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Registration for Junior Jamboree ( <i>Expo Center</i> )
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Exhibit room open ( <i>Daniel Boone</i> )
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Junior Grange Meeting/Degree ( <i>Expo Center</i> )
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Degree & Pageant Rehearsals ( <i>Twin Valley School</i> )
10:30 a.m.	Youth Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song Contests ( <i>Mordecai Lincoln</i> )
11:00 a.m.	Junior Jamboree begins – depart hotel
11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Convention registration ( <i>Twin Valley School</i> )
12:30 p.m.	Opening by State Officers & Fifth Degree conferral by Susquehanna Pomona ( <i>Twin Valley School</i> )
1:30 p.m.	Sixth Degree Conferral with recognition of members who received this degree 50 or more years ago ( <i>Twin Valley School</i> )
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Reception ( <i>Twin Valley School</i> )
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Historical Pageant – Youth Drill Demonstration ( <i>Twin Valley School</i> )
6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.	Exhibit Room open ( <i>Daniel Boone</i> )
6:30 p.m.	Doors open for banquet (assigned seating) ( <i>Expo Lobby</i> )
7:00 p.m.	Anniversary Celebration Banquet by advance reservation; Speaker – Dr. Gary Moore <b>“Searching for the Wizard of Oz in the Grange”</b> ( <i>Expo Center</i> )
Evening	Committees tear down displays and get contest entries ready for pick up by Granges ( <i>Daniel Boone</i> )

## Sunday, October 22, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Pick up contest entries from exhibit room ( <i>Daniel Boone</i> )
8:30 a.m.	Breakfast by advance reservation ( <i>Expo Center</i> )
9:30 a.m.	Leadership workshop by Dr. Gary Moore (banquet speaker) impersonating Oliver Hudson Kelley <b>“Why the Grange was Needed Then, Why it is Needed Now”</b> ( <i>Expo Center</i> )
10:00 a.m.	Juniors return from Junior Jamboree ( <i>this time is only an estimate</i> )
10:30 a.m.	Church Service ( <i>Expo Center</i> )
11:30 a.m.	Closing Friendship Circle ( <i>Expo Center</i> )



**MINUTES OF THE 151<sup>ST</sup>  
ANNUAL PA STATE GRANGE SESSION**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023**

1. The 151<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania State Grange Annual Session officially opened in the Sixth Degree on Thursday October 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, Morgantown, PA with Master Matt Espenshade presiding. The opening drill was under the direction of Kelly VanOrd.
2. Roll call found all officers present except for Cheryl Miller, Lady Assistant Steward, Ashley Furman served pro-tem. Sister Doris Evans served as pianist for the session.
3. Master Espenshade lowered to the Fourth Degree.
4. Honored guests recognized were National Grange President, Betsy Huber, and Past Pennsylvania State Grange President. President Huber gave a report of things going on at National Grange. They are busy getting ready for the National Grange Convention that will be in Niagara Falls, NY.

The National Grange is pleased to have received three grants.

A grant was received for US Aging and the Association of Consulting Pharmacist; we were able to deliver in the Grange name over 3,500 vaccinations at the Big E, Eastern States Exhibition in Massachusetts.

They were able to buy a lot of equipment they will be able to use for the National Grange going forward like branded tents and camera equipment.

Second, the FCC awarded National Grange a grant to support the Affordable Connectivity Program, which is helping lower income people or people receiving any kind of Federal benefit to get financial assistance for their internet. We have been working for 20 years for accessibility. The benefit is a \$30.00 benefit per month plus \$100.00 toward the purchase of a device. President Huber has items with her to help advertise for promoting this benefit.

Third is from PCORI, (Patient Centered Outcome Research Institute) this is a grant to help put out a program for seniors in rural America to help them prepare for surgery and help them prepare their homes for post-surgery. National Grange is asking you to put on a program and spread the word of this program. There are training videos and promotional videos. There will be a kickoff at the National Grange convention in Niagara Falls, and after the first of the year Granges will be receiving a flash drive in the mail containing the program.

5. Other honored guests recognized were Past Pennsylvania State Grange Presidents Elizabeth Downey, Wayne Campbell and Past First Lady and Past National Priestess Annalist, Fae Snyder.
6. Brother Doug Bonsall thanked everyone and the Granges who have supported the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and your flexibility with this year being a much different kind of schedule, starting a day earlier and on Saturday there will be a lot of special activities. Included are plans to celebrate members with 50 years of service plus.

Brother Bonsall recognized the seven members of the History Committee and then recognized those that served on special committees or at a particular event for this anniversary.



7. Master Espenshade announced the meeting will be recorded for minute taking purposes only.
8. Master Espenshade also reminded that cell phones should be put on silent and if any go off there will be a \$10.00 fine and the money will go to the Disaster Fund.

Master Espenshade announced that Cheryl Miller, Lady Assistant Steward has resigned due to health reasons. Therefore, we will have an election for the office of Lady Assistant Steward at this session. If you would consider running for this office, please see Marty Dinsmore; however, you will also need to have your name suggested from the floor.

9. Master Espenshade appointed Cassidy Schaeffer as Session Parliamentarian.
10. Sister Jodi Keith-Kensinger, Chaplain, led us in devotions titled "Listen". How many times do you really stop and listen, in our busy lives and hustle and bustle we often miss the soft voice of the Good Lord above talking to us.

Proverbs 3:5-6 says, Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and lean not your own understanding. In all your ways give to him, and he will make your paths straight.

I encourage all of you today to listen to the stillness of God's voice, it's there, you must stop and listen.

11. Appointment of Sixth Degree Committee, Sister Sara Shank, Lancaster County and Sandy Witmer, Lancaster County.
12. Appointment of Session Committee—Credentials—Sister Karen Mohn and Steve Mohn, Berks County. Sister Mohn gave a partial report of the Credential's Committee as follows:

85 Delegates representing 53 Subordinate Granges and  
35 Delegates representing 20 Pomona Granges are represented at this time.

With a total of 120 Delegates present at this time, Master Espenshade confirmed that we do have a quorum and can proceed with our work. The quorum was changed in 2022 to 20% of the Subordinate Granges.

13. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the schedule of the 151<sup>st</sup> PA State Grange Session; motion carried.**
14. Report of the Salary Committee was presented by Brother Michael Martin. Serving on the committee were, Christie Straub, Chair, Gene Zvarick, Michael Martin, and Henry Seidel, ex officio.  
  
**A motion was made by Nettie Kauffman, Berks County and seconded by JV Lamb, Lawerance County to approve the Salay Committee report; motion carried.**
15. Sister Marty Dinsmore reported on the Suggestions Committee. She stated that there will be two officer positions up for election. Those are one Executive Committee position and the office of Lady Assistant Steward. She would be willing to suggest anyone who wishes to run for the offices.
16. Master Espenshade presented his Annual Master's Address discussing the purchase of the new Pennsylvania State Grange Office, his hopes for the future of the Grange, and thanking many individuals for their help in the last year. It was accepted and the full report will appear in the ***Journal of Proceedings***.

17. Sister Jenn Nauss announced that instead of a regular Auction for the Foundation, it will be a silent auction. The items have been donated by the State Officers and some of the staff of the State Grange. The tables were displayed on the right side of the room with the bidding sheets for you to put your name and your bid. You will have a chance to make a last best bid before the bidding closes between the degrees and the pageant at the school. The winners will be announced at the Banquet on Saturday evening. .
18. Brother Philip Vonada introduced his Junior Grange Committee, Jen Beamon, Ashley Furman, Miranda Irons, James Knoerdel, Tina Reich, and Christie Straub, Gayle Reyburn and Braden Thomson, 2023-2024 PAJG Ambassadors. He did not read his report as it is printed in your Session book but gave a few highlights. Please make sure your Grange is sending in an updated Junior Membership list. If you don't have a formal Junior Grange, you can have a one-plus member and they should be filed as well on your first quarter report. The report was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

Junior Grange started a new sponsorship program for Junior Camp. The Meal sponsor was Mount Nebo Grange #1872, Allegheny County. Camper sponsors were Elizabethtown Grange #2076 in Lancaster County, Perry Valley Grange #1804, Perry County, Straub Insurance and Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County. Campfire sponsors were Kimberton Grange #1304, Chester County and Valley Grange #1360 in York County.

Also, a huge thank you to the Sattazahn Fund that sponsors \$15.00 for any camper that attends camp. It really helps keep the cost of camp down and makes it more affordable for the campers. They are raffling off the beautiful set of corn hole boards in the back of the room. The tickets are \$5.00 each.

Brother Vonada introduced 2023-2024 Junior Grange Ambassadors Gale Reyburn, Chester County and Braden Thomson, Warren County.

Gayle Reyburn is a member of Russellville Junior Grange #550 in Chester County. She is a Freshman at Oxford Area High School where she plays clarinet in the marching and concert bands. Outside of school Gayle keeps herself busy with competitive gymnastics, basketball, and 4-H.

A topic Gayle would like to focus on while she is Junior Ambassador is more hands-on classes during school. She thinks these kinds of classes would be helpful, beneficial, and make school more enjoyable. These classes could include car maintenance, learning to drive and bringing back Home Economic classes. These classes are important life skills you will need in your life.

Braden Thomson is a member of Watson Grange in Warren County. He is a seventh generation Grange member. He is here with my Great Grandparents, Bob and Jean Hollabaugh. Braden is a sophomore at Warren Area High School, and he shoots trap for the school. He lettered in trap his freshman year of High School. He goes to Vo-tech for welding in hopes of pursuing his dream of becoming a pipeline welder and traveling the country. Braden enjoys hunting and nature.

A topic that Braden would like to focus on while he is a Junior Ambassador is to control vaping at his school. He said it is a very big issue at his school and he would like to try to help solve this issue.

Gayle will be going to National Grange to compete for the National Junior Ambassador position.

19. Brother Henry Seidel, State Grange Treasurer, presented the 2024 – 2025 Budget for information only; the budget will be voted on at Saturday's session. The Budget can be voted on after 10:34 a.m., October 20, 2023, this will allow it to lay over the required 24 hours.

20. Sister Barbara Schroeder, Chair of the Executive Committee stated the Executive Committee report is in the Session book. Her report was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*. Sister Schroeder reported that the Executive Committee met yesterday and one of the issues discussed was upgrading the State Grange website. If anyone has a Grange member etc. that would have that expertise to update our website, please contact Matt or someone from the Executive Committee.
21. Brother Richard Mangel gave the Foundation Report. In 1994 the State Grange voted to create the Foundation. His report was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*. We need to get the word out to have more students apply for the Scholarship and Santee Loan.
22. Brother Norman Houser, Membership Director and Sister Bernadette Comfort, Public Relations Director presented their report.

Brother Houser was born and raised in the Grange. He talked about how important it is to grow membership. Encourages everyone to invite people to join their Grange. All you need to do is ask. If you want us to visit your Grange, please ask us.

Sister Comfort spoke about the great value of Agricultural in Pennsylvania. The goal is to get the word out about how important Agricultural is, but how important the State Grange and also your local Granges are in the community. If you have topics that you think are important, please contact us. We ask that you post on social media, give us information on your events, and send pictures. Would like to have emails updated to reach more of the members.

Brother Norman Houser and Sister Bernadette Comfort's report was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

23. Sister Carrie Nace, Legislative Director presented her report. She welcomes everyone to talk to her about her report or any issues you may have. Sister Nace represents the Pennsylvania State Grange on the Broadband Authority on the Education and Outreach Sub Committee.

Sister Nace recognized those members that join in on the Legislative Zoom Meeting. Sister Nace does a monthly Legislative Zoom Meeting, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday. If you give her your name and email address, she will add you to the list.

She presented the 2023 Resolutions Archive list.

- a. Electronic Deer License, the Game Commission began electronic deer license applications in 2023.
- b. Gambling edits/deletions the current policy opposes gambling at off-track facilities. Since this Grange policy was adopted in 2005, PA passed legislation for off track mini-casinos and tavern gambling. The Gaming Law also contains a compulsive gambling section.

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the Resolutions Archive List for 2023 as presented; motion carried.**

24. Brother Doug Bonsall explained all the items around the back of the room. Many displays from local and Pomona Granges have been submitted. There are historic artifacts on display from over the past 150 years. The pennants on the wall have also been submitted by Granges.
25. Master Espenshade presented the following resolutions because Our State Grange Bylaws state in paragraph 1.14.2 any proposal to amend these By-Laws shall be submitted in writing, including the recommended language for the change, and reported upon by the Committee on By-Laws one full day before being brought to the floor for a vote of the delegates.

**RESOLVED:** that Article XV of the Pennsylvania State Grange By-Laws be amended to read as follows:  
1.15.1 All officers and Department Chairs of the Pennsylvania State Grange shall, within 30 days of their election or appointment, submit valid clearances or apply for clearances for working with minors as required by applicable state law. **Valid clearances must be submitted within 90 days of election or appointment.**

The By-Law change can be voted on after 11:15 a.m.

26. Brother Don Steeley, Chair of the Family Issues Committee, presented their resolutions.

27. Brother Don Steeley, Chair of the Family Issues Committee, presented their Policy Statement.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy statement of the Family Issues Committee; motion carried. The work of the committee in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.**

28. Brother Lynn Dietrich, Chair of the Government Issues Committee, presented their resolutions.

29. Door Prizes were distributed by the Host Committee.

30. Master Espenshade called the Grange at ease for Lunch at 12:00; Session will reconvene at 1:45 pm.

31. Master Espenshade called the Grange back to order.

32. Master Espenshade stated that all candidates will be limited to two minutes to address the Delegate body. Master Espenshade then asked for suggestions for State Officers. Those suggested were:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Names Suggested</u>	<u>County</u>
a. Executive Committee	Barbara Schroeder	Berks County
b. Lady Assistant Steward	Marty Dinsmore	Greene County
	Patricia Beck	Venango County
	Sarah Edris	Berks County
	Desira Rickenbach	Berks County
	Susan Snyder	York County

33. Brother Beamon reported the Good of the Order Committee changed Resolution #21, 24 and 25 recommendations from Reject to Adopt.

34. Brother Doug Bonsall from the History Committee reported that there have been 226 "Acts of Service" that have been reported. Brother Bonsall spoke regarding the keeping of Grange records. Exemplification of the Fifth Degree on Saturday will be done by Susquehanna County Pomona Grange and a few other volunteer recruits. We will also have the Sixth Degree exemplified in full form. There are three counties that have stepped forward to do the drills.

Some Grange history has been microfilmed and are being kept at the State Archives; however, they no longer have room for our Grange records. Granges have been encouraged to keep their records in the local communities if possible. The State Archives has recently built a new building and hopefully they will again accept Grange records.

35. Brother Lynn Dietrich, Chair of the Government Issues Committee, continued presenting their resolutions.

**A motion was made to Amend Resolution #16 to replace batteries with “and other emerging new battery types; motion carried.**

Resolution #16 – “Protective Measures to Prevent Lithium Battery Fires” now reads

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange urges elected officials and state government entities to develop and implement an education campaign for consumers, businesses, and those in the waste industry regarding safety standards and best management practices for storage and proper disposal of lithium and other emerging new battery types.

**A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution #16 as amended; motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to reject Resolution #20 “Statute of Limitations”; motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to remove #6 in regards to Resolution #20 “Statute of Limitations” from the Policy Statement; motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to table the Government Issues Policy Statement by sending it back to the committee; motion carried.**

36. Sister Nauss, State Lecturer gave a short report for the Lecturer’s Department. All the Lecturer’s Reports and scrapbooks will be on the tables along the wall of the Session room.

She announced that she will be holding two Regional Leadership Conferences this year, one at Scrubgrass Grange in Venango County on February 24, 2024 - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the other one at Eagle Grange #1, Montgomery County on March 9, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Registration information is in the front of your Session Book.

Sister Nauss announced the Granges that have earned the “Distinguished Grange Award”, they are--  
Pennsylvania State Grange  
Eagle Grange #1, Lycoming County  
Russellville Grange #91, Chester County  
Valley Grange #1360, York County  
Harvey’s Aleppo Grange #1444, Greene County

37. Brother Lynn Dietrich, Chair of the Government Issues presented the updated Policy Statement.

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the updated Policy Statement of the Government Issues Committee; motion carried. The work of the committee in its entirety as amended was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.**

38. Brother James Huber of the Agriculture Committee presented their resolutions.

**A motion was made and seconded to reject the committee’s recommendation of Resolution #3 “Foreign Farmland Ownership in Pennsylvania”, and return it as submitted; motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to return Resolution #3 back on the floor; motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to change Berks County Grange to the Pennsylvania State Grange; motion carried.**

The first Resolve of Resolution #3 will now read –

**Resolved:** that Pennsylvania State Grange supports passage of a legislative resolution directing the Pennsylvania Legislative & Finance Committee to research the Pennsylvania farmland acreage to see how much of it is owned by foreign interest.

**Resolution # 4, a motion was made and seconded to strike the words “Berks County Pomona Grange and” from the Resolve; motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to strike all the committee amendments to Resolution #4.; motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to bring Resolution #4 as submitted, to the floor; motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to change the word “that” on the 4<sup>th</sup> bullet to “Amend”; motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to change 1<sup>st</sup> bullet add ownership after the word foreign, add U.S. before farmland. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet add U.S. before farmland. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet add U.S. after any; motion carried.**

Resolution #4 “Amend Agricultural Foreign Disclosure Act – Foreign Farmland Ownership” now reads--

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange supports amending the Agriculture Foreign Disclosure Act to:

- \* Declare that enhanced regulation of foreign ownership of U.S. farmland is a matter of national military and food security.
- \* Prohibit foreign ownership of U.S. farmland within 50 miles of any U.S. military base or installation.
- \* Ban ownership of or more than ten percent of shares in any U.S. food production, processing, or distribution by a foreign entity with attempted purchases vetted by U.S.D.A. working in conjunction with the U.S. Commerce Department and U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
- \* Amend the 2023 Farm Bill to provide a dedicated funding source from the Department of Homeland Security necessary to make the Agriculture Foreign Disclosure Act law operational and enforceable.

**A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution #4 “Amend Agricultural Foreign Disclosure Act – Foreign Farmland Ownership” as amended; motion carried.**

39. Sister Tina Keen, Director of Deaf and Community Service thanked Matt for allowing her to serve as the Deaf and Community Service Director. She would like to thank her committee – Janet Fishovitz, Cindy Shaffer, Judy Hetzell, Judith Shupp and Carole Huber. 75,816.2 hours of volunteer service were reported across the state last year, although that is a great number, I know there could be a lot more. Our focus for next year will be “Domestic Violence Survivors”. I will leave you with the words, “whatever you attempt to do, strive to do it well”. **The report was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.**

40. Brother James Huber of the Agriculture Committee continued presenting their resolutions.

**A motion was made and seconded to print a copy of the amended Resolution #5 “Maintaining Section 702 of the Clean Streams Law of 1937” and present on Friday; motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to send Resolution #6 Recycling of Clothing and other Textiles back to committee and present on Friday; motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to strike the first Resolve in Resolution #7 “Proposed French Creek National Wildlife Refuge”; motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution #7 as amended; motion carried.**

Brother Huber read the Policy Statement for information only.

41. Door Prizes were distributed by the Host Committee.

42. The Grange was closed at 5:00 pm.

43. The evening program started with the presentation of Quilts of Valor. Four quilts were awarded; however, only two were in attendance and were presented to the following: Ruth Frankfort, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County and Francis Sharon, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County were present to receive their quilts. The other two were not present but will be awarded their quilt later, Mary Sattazahn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County and William Bush, Stony Point Grange #1694, Mercer County. A very impressive program honoring these veterans for their service to their country and their fellow man. We thank you for your service.

Sister Janet Fishovitz announced winners of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grange tabletop displays, there were 44 displays. The winners are as follows—

Class 2 – Subordinate & Pomona Granges

1<sup>st</sup> Eagle Grange #1, Lycoming County

2<sup>nd</sup> Valley Grange #1360, York County

3<sup>rd</sup> – Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

Honorable Mention – Perry County Pomona Grange #69

Class 1 – Junior

1<sup>st</sup> – Beaver County Junior Grange

2<sup>nd</sup> – Centre County Junior Grange

3<sup>rd</sup> – Russellville Junior Grange #550, Chester County

Best of Show – Eagle Grange #1

44. Jeff Winton, founder of “Rural Minds”, a nonprofit organization with a mission to serve as the informed voice for mental health in rural America and to provide mental health information and resources was the evening program.

When his nephew, Brooks Winton, died by suicide in 2012, Jeff’s late mother, Elaine who helped raise Brooks, courageously ignored the guidance of local community members and urged Jeff to speak at the funeral about Brooks’ struggle. An outpouring of support and hearing from other farm families about portion of his energies to connecting rural Americans to much-needed mental health services.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023

45. The second day of the 151<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania State Grange Annual Session officially opened in the Fourth Degree on Friday, October 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Holiday Inn, Morgantown, PA with Master Matt Espenshade presiding.
46. Roll call found all officers present except for Cheryl Miller, Lady Assistant Steward, Ashley Furman served pro-tem. Sister Doris Evans served as pianist for the session.
47. Honored guest recognized was Berks County Commissioner Christian Leinbach. Commission Leinbach presented Master Espenshade with a citation honoring the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Grange.
48. Sister Jodi Keith-Kensinger's devotions were titled "Joy". Sister Kensinger led us in singing the song "Joy, Joy Down in My Heart".

Sister Kensinger continued her message with the song "You are my Sunshine, my only sunshine. You make me happy whenever skies are gray. You'll never know dear; how much I love you. Please don't take my sunshine away".

49. Sister Karen Mohn, of the Credentials Committee, reported—

99 Delegates representing 61 Subordinate Granges  
36 Delegates representing 21 Pomona Granges  
31 Juniors  
113 Guest  
Total in attendance 279

50. Brother James Huber, Chair of the Agriculture & Environmental Issues Committee, continued presenting the resolutions that were sent back to committee.

**A motion was made and seconded to bring Resolution #6 back on the floor; motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to strike the words "and other resources" on Resolution #6 "Disposal of Used Clothing"; motion failed.**

**A motion was made and seconded to change the title of Resolution #6 to "Recycling of clothing and Other Textiles"; motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to accept all the work of the Agricultural & Environmental Issues Committee; motion carried. The work of the committee in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.**

51. Sister Nauss had the officers show their silent auction items for everyone to see.
52. Linda Willis and Jeff Gillis from Gunn Mowery were introduced. They have a display in the hallway and are willing to talk to anyone regarding property etc. They currently insure 25 Grange Halls in the State. Their contact information is in the Session Packet.



53. Master Espenshade reported that he talked to Chip Narvel, National Grange Steward. His wife Barbara is home and recuperating. National Steward Narvel sends their best wishes to the Pennsylvania State Grange Session. Master Espenshade asks that we keep Chip and Barbara Narvel in our thoughts and prayers as well.

54. Sister Jane Birk, Chair of the Good of the Order Committee, presented resolutions.

**A motion was made and seconded to change By-Laws 4.6.2 by replacing “There must be to” with “care should be taken to achieve” on Resolution #24 – Junior Jamboree Volunteers; motion failed.**

**A motion was made and seconded to refer to the committee to re-write and bring back this afternoon; motion carried.**

55. Sister Nauss introduced— Jen Danko and Lindsay Schroeder, Co-Youth and Young Adult Directors—

Jen thanked the Granges and individuals who sent in appeal funds to the Youth and Young Adults Department this past year. Your support made it possible to continue our programming. We truly appreciate your kindness and generosity in supporting the youth. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts

They personally thanked Ellen Wadsworth for all her energy that she has put into the youth department for the past six years. They were blessed with her support and commitment to the young people of our organization. They believe that the transition has been smooth, and it is no doubt because of her. Thank you, Ellen!

Youth Camp was held on June 28-30 in a “Backyard BBQ” type of style. They had a Cornhole Tournament and delicious meals. Our community service project for the weekend was various tasks around Sylvan Hills. With a recent storm and a new building there were some items that needed attention and our youth were able to jump right in to help with guidance. Also, campers were asked to bring items to donate to make BBQ kits and these items were donated to local churches in the Howard area who are feeding members in their local community. This year the new ambassadors selected were Shae Smith and Elisabeth Reich.

Shae Smith, Youth Ambassador, Elizabethtown Grange #2076, Lancaster County. Shae has only been coming to State Session for a few years, but I look forward to it. I attended Junior Grange Camp and the Eastern Regional in North Carolina. Shae also attended AG Progress Days and was able to attend the celebration at the Capital for Grange Day to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Grange. She will be attending National Grange this year and is very excited.

Elisabeth Reich, Youth Ambassador, Valley Grange #1360, York County. Elisabeth is a student at West Virginia University majoring in Agricultural Education. She spends most of her days in Morgantown, West Virginia. She talks about the Grange in West Virginia, which is another state that could use the good Grange spirit. Elisabeth is looking forward to attending the Farm Show and events throughout the rest of this year.

Jen stated that the next event was Centre County Fairgrounds for Family Festival. They also had the Chili Cook-off and Cornhole Tournaments. On Saturday evening new Outstanding Young Patrons, Desira Rickenbach from Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County and Ashlen Smith, Elizabethtown Grange #2076, Lancaster County were selected.

Lindsay reported that Pennsylvania was represented at the Eastern Regional with Jen, Ken, Bryce and Riley Danko, Shae Smith, Wayne and Debbie Campbell, Phil Vonada and Gail Switzer. Being in the “pickle

area”, it was only right that the weekend started by learning how to make homemade lime pickles. Saturday was the Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song competitions. We are so proud of our winners of the evening: Shae Smith received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Grange baseball and Bryce Danko received 3<sup>rd</sup> place. They will represent Pennsylvania at the National Session. Bryce also won 1<sup>st</sup> in the Impromptu category as well as the Ambassador prepared speech.

Once again, sponsors were requested for our Youth Officer Team members. This year we had six new youth join the Drill Team. This year’s sponsors of the Pennsylvania State Grange Officer team were:

Matt and Charlene Espenshade  
Debbie and Wayne Campbell  
Barbara & Derek Schroeder  
Virginia Straub  
Philip Vonada

The only way this program is successful is with your continued support, so we thank you.

We look forward to traveling across the Commonwealth to spread the energy of the Youth and Young Adults Department. Sister Danko and Schroeder’s report in its entirety will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

56. Sister Jane Birk, Chair of the Good of the Order Committee, continued presenting resolutions.

The committee recommended Resolutions #21 and #24 be referred to the Executive Committee and other parties.

57. Door Prizes were distributed by the Host Committee.

58. Marty Dinsmore, Chair of the Suggestions Committee, read the original list of those that were suggested on Thursday, October 17, 2023. She asked if there were any other suggestions for Executive Committee or Lady Assistant Steward. The following was suggested from the floor—

JV Lamb, Lawrence County for Executive Committee  
Mary Beth Southworth, Schuylkill County for Lady Assistant Steward

59. Overseer Dick Mangel appointed the tellers for the election. He also stated the write-in names need to be input with their exact surnames and will not be on the ballot.

60. Master Espenshade called a recess until 2:00 p.m. after all Delegates had voted.

61. Master Espenshade called the Grange back to order. Brother Andrew Kieffer, Steward, reported on the election results. The results were read by the Tellers for each office.

Sister Barbara Schroeder received the majority of the votes for the office of Executive Committee. Master Espenshade asked if she would accept the office and she accepted.

There was no majority for the office of Lady Assistant Steward. There will be another ballot for that office. The two members that received the highest number of votes were introduced but were not given another chance to speak. The two highest were Sister Susan Snyder and Sister Sarah Edris.

At this time, Brother Kieffer directed the Delegates on the voting process. A re-election was conducted for the office of Lady Assistant Steward.

62. Sister Isabella Boone introduced the past officers that attended the Past Officer Luncheon.

Past officers in attendance will be listed in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

63. Brother Henry Seidel presented the 2024-2025 Budget, the only change was the Secretary's salary.

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2024-2025 budget as amended; motion carried.**

64. Sister Jane Birk, Chair of the Good of the Order Committee, continued presenting resolutions.

**A motion was made and seconded to replace "submit" with "make available " on Resolution #28 "Equal Access to proposed Grange State Budget"; motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to add to the end of State Grange Session "electronically via email when possible"; motion failed.**

**A motion was made and seconded to strike "submit" and replace with "make available"; motion carried.**

The Resolved now reads:

**Resolved:** that Pennsylvania State Grange make available the proposed yearly budget to all Subordinate and Pomona Secretaries one month prior to State Grange Session.

**A motion was made and seconded to reject Resolution 31 "Reinstating Lifetime Membership"; motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to accept all the work of the Good of the Order Committee; motion carried. The work of the committee in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.**

65. Brother Andrew Kieffer, Steward reported on the election results. The result was read by the Teller for the Lady Assistant Steward.

Sister Susan Snyder received the majority of the votes for the office of Lady Assistant Steward. Master Espenshade asked if she would accept the office and she accepted

66. Sister Cindy Schlegel, Co-Director of the Family Activities Committee, gave a partial report. She reported that they had 128 entries. Sister Schlegel announced all the winners for the Quilt raffle. The Quilt winner will be announced at the Anniversary Banquet. The report was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

67. Door Prizes were distributed by the Host Committee.

68. Travis Daniels from American Income Life Insurance Company addressed the meeting stating he was glad to be here again. He stated that they have been supporting the Grange for many years. They provide every member of the Grange with a \$3,000 accidental death and dismemberment policy. He also stated some of the other things they provide.

69. All officers were asked if they would accept the office which they were elected to. All elected officers accepted. The Installation of Officers took place with—
- a. Installing Officer—Anna May Nauss, York County
  - b. President—Brad Nauss, York County
  - c. Chaplain—Fae Snyder, York County
  - d. Marshall —Fae Snyder, York County
  - e. Emblem Bearer—Lou Ann Boose, York County
  - f. Regalia Bearer—Jenn Nauss, York County
  - g. Pianist – Doug Bonsall, Perry County
70. Brother Richard Mangel and Janet Fishovitz, Co-Directors for the 152<sup>nd</sup> State Grange Session invited everyone to the 2025 session at the Pittsburgh Marriott North Hotel, Cranberry Township, PA.
71. Worthy Master Espenshade closed Session in the Fourth Degree at 5:05 p.m. The cake auction followed; the proceeds will go to the Youth Department.
72. The Youth practiced for the Youth Drill Demonstration that they will be presenting during the pageant. Then they played games and enjoyed delicious pizza.

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023**

73. Junior/Youth Breakfast was held in the Expo Center at 8:00 a.m. Desira Rickenbach, Outstanding Young Patron spoke about her experiences so far and all the events that she has been able to attend. Desira is a member of Virginville Grange #1832 in Berks County. Ashlan Smith, Outstanding Young Patron spoke about her journey. She is excited that she has been given this opportunity to attend so many Grange events. Ashlan is a member of Elizabethtown Grange #2076 in Lancaster County.
74. Jen Danko and Lindsay Schroeder, Youth and Young Adults Co-Directors, thanked the Granges and individuals who sent in appeal funds for the Youth and Young Adults Department this past year. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your kindness and generosity in supporting the youth.

They personally thanked Ellen Wadsworth for all her energy that she has put into the youth department for the past six years. They have been blessed by her support and commitment to the young people of our organization.

They asked all the youth that will be representing Pennsylvania at National Grange to be part of the National Grange Youth Team to stand. The members that are part of the National Grange Youth Team this year is Sadie Johnson – Lecturer; Harvey Reyburn – Gatekeeper; Ashlan Smith – Secretary and Shae Smith – Ceres. Gayle Reyburn will also be representing Pennsylvania competing for the National Junior Grange Ambassador and Bryce Danko who will be competing for the National Grange Horizon Leadership Team.

The Youth team will be doing a drill demonstration during the Pageant this afternoon; they will be wearing their vest and green shirts. Thank you to the supporters who assisted in buying the vests for the Youth.

Our youth and young adult members are very special; they are the future and the present of our Order 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. Look around at the individuals involved at all levels of the Grange in Pennsylvania.

75. Junior Director Philip Vonada announced the following awards—

**Junior Grange Shooting Stars**

Riley Beamon, Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County  
Heidi Eisenhower, Marion Junior Grange, #1853 Berks County  
Julie Eisenhower, Marion Junior Grange #1853, Berks County  
Nolan Fayewicz, Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County  
Catie Furman, Centre Junior Grange #552, Centre County  
Lincoln Furman, Centre Junior Grange #552, Centre County  
Nettie Hartley, Moosup Valley Junior Grange, Rhode Island  
Michaela Martin, Valley Grange #1360, York County  
Sarah Riegel, Marion Junior Grange #1853, Berks County  
Travis Riegel, Marion Junior Grange #1853, Berks County  
Emma Seidel, Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County  
Sawyer Straub, Stony Point Grange #1694, Mercer County  
Madelyn Vonada, Centre Junior Grange #552, Centre County  
Madelyn Warham, Watson Junior Grange #382, Warren County

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

**Junior Grange Superstars**

Savannah Beamon, Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County  
Sadie Freyer, Centre Junior Grange #552, Centre County  
William Keen, Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County  
Elsa Kehs, Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County  
Foster Kehs, Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County  
Gretchen Reich, Valley Grange #1360, York County  
Gayle Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County  
Molly Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County  
Ruby Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County  
Sarah Scharf, Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County  
Ellie Schroeder, Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County  
Jacob Schroeder, Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County  
Braden Thomson, Watson Junior Grange #382, Warren County

Junior Director invited everyone to attend the Junior Grange meeting at 9:00 a.m.

76. Following the breakfast, a Junior Grange meeting was held with the following Juniors as officers for the 2023 Junior Grange State Session—

**2023 Junior Grange Officers**

Master – Emma Seidel, Virginville Jr. Grange #436 – Berks County  
Overseer – Travis Riegel, Marion Junior Grange #1853, Berks County  
Lecturer – Julie Eisenhower, Marion Junior Grange #1853, Berks County  
Steward – Justin Dusko, Virginville Jr. Grange #436 – Berks County  
Assistant Steward – Jacob Schroeder, Virginville Jr. Grange #436 – Berks County  
Lady Assistant Steward – Chloe Shealer, Ontelaunee Junior Grange #442, Berks County  
Chaplain – Lillian Dusko, Virginville Jr. Grange #436 – Berks County  
Treasurer – Carissa Schaeffer, Virginville Jr. Grange #436 – Berks County  
Secretary – Alexis Servin, Marion Junior Grange #1853, Berks County  
Gatekeeper – Bryce Davis, Ontelaunee Junior Grange #442, Berks County

Ceres – Savannah Beamon, Hamburg Grange #2103 – Berks County  
Pomona – Heidi Eisenhower, Marion Junior Grange #1853, Berks County  
Flora – Sarah Riegel, Marion Junior Grange #1853, Berks County  
Leader – Derek Schroeder, Virginville Grange #1832 – Berks County  
Assistant Leader – Andrew Kieffer, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County  
Marching Candidates – Riley Beamon, Sophia Garbrick, Carter Shealer, Otto Schaeffer

The Juniors marched into the song, “Celebration” by Kool and the Gang. After a very impressive Opening Drill by the Juniors, they opened the meeting.

Honored guest were—

National Grange President Betsy Huber – President Huber stated that she was happy to be here, and the Juniors did a fantastic job. She really likes seeing all the Juniors here and looking forward to seeing a lot of Pennsylvania Grangers at the National Grange Convention in a few weeks in Niagara Falls.

National Grange Junior Ambassador Nettie Hartley—National Grange Junior Ambassador Nettie Hartley stated that it was an honor and a privilege to be here to watch the Juniors do your Junior meeting. In Rhode Island our Junior members are not able to have a Grange meeting at their session. It is so inspiring to see you at Junior Grange Camp and then here. You should be very proud of yourselves; you did a great job.

Pennsylvania State Grange Master Matt Espenshade—Congratulations to all of you for your work so far. It's great to look around and see so many smiling faces. Junior Grange brings us many friends; cherish the opportunities and friends that you make in the Junior Grange.

Philip Vonada, State Jr. Grange Director introduced Junior Ambassadors Gayle Reyburn and Braden Thomson.

Junior Ambassador Gayle Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County congratulated the Juniors for their meeting and opening drill, they have done an amazing job. She is excited for the rest of this weekend.

Junior Ambassador Braden Thomson, Watson Junior Grange #382, Warren County. He stated that everyone did a great job this morning. He is looking forward to all the activities for this weekend.

Junior Director Philip Vonada said a quote from Dr. Seuss –ideas are our future – **Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better.** It's **not.**” — Dr. Seuss. So, you can change the future and that starts today.

76. Youth Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song Contest were held in the Mordecai Lincoln room at the hotel at 10:30 a.m.
77. The Fifth Degree conferral by Susquehanna Pomona was exemplified at the Twin Valley School at 12:30 p.m.
78. Master Matthew Espenshade opened in the Sixth Degree at the Twin Valley School at 1:30 p.m. for the exemplification of the Sixth Degree. The opening drill was under the direction of Kelly VanOrd. Master Espenshade turned the chair over to Sister Anna May Nauss for the conferral of the Sixth Degree. At the close of the meeting, **a motion was made and seconded to allow the Executive Committee to approve Saturday's session minutes; motion carried.**

79. The Degree of Flora was exemplified on 53 candidates. Soloist was Philip Vonada, Penns Valley Grange #158, Centre County. Marching candidates were Michael and Brittany Covey, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County and Joanne and Lenny Heim, Trexlertown Grange #1755, Lehigh County.

There was a special recognition of those members who received the Sixth Degree 50 or more years ago. Following this recognition was a reception.

80. The Historical Pageant was held at 4:00 p.m. in celebration of the 150 years of the Pennsylvania State Grange. The pageant was a documentary of the last 150 years and was a very interesting presentation of the Pennsylvania State Grange history that many did not know or had forgotten. It was a wonderful celebration of the past 150 years of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

The Youth Drill Team did a very impressive Drill Demonstration, those on the drill team were—

- a. Bryce Danko, Oliver Grange #1069, Perry County
- b. Alen Espenshade, Elizabethtown Grange #2076, Lancaster County
- c. Evan Espenshade, Elizabethtown Grange #2076, Lawrence County
- d. Sadie Johnson, Hookstown Grange #1980, Beaver County
- e. Abbigail Kehs, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
- f. Isaac Mengel, Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County
- g. Elizabeth Reich, Valley Grange #1360, York County
- h. Jackson Reich, Valley Grange #1360, York County
- i. Harvey Reyburn, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
- j. Kay Reyburn, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
- k. Merle Reyburn, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
- l. Desira Rickenbach, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- m. Aslan Smith, Elizabethtown Grange #2076, Lancaster County
- n. Logan Smith, Elizabethtown Grange #2076, Lancaster County
- o. Shae Smith, Elizabethtown Grange #2076, Lancaster County
- p. Cadence Temple, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
- q. Grace Temple, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County

Former Pennsylvania State Grange Presidents and their spouses were honored. Those in attendance were First Lady Fae Snyder, President/Master William Steel, President/Master Betsy Huber, First Lady Debra Campbell, President/Master Wayne Campbell, First Lady Charlene Shupp Espenshade and current President Matthew Espenshade.

81. There were 285 members and guests, and 2 children present at the 151<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Celebration Banquet which was held in the Expo Center. Overseer, Richard Mangel introduced Douglas Bonsall, Chair of the History Committee who gave the welcoming remarks. Sister Jodi Keith-Kensinger, Chaplin gave the Invocation.

Keynote Speaker was Dr. Gary Moore who gave a very interesting program on “Searching for the Wizard of Oz in the Grange”.

82. Master Matt Espenshade presented the “Granger of the Year Award”. The 2023 Granger of the year was awarded to Wayne Campbell, Oliver Grange #1069, Perry County. Wayne was born and raised in Perry County. He was raised on the family farm. He has been a Grange member all of his life joining the Grange as a Junior Granger and is a fifth generation Grange member.

Wayne served as Pennsylvania State Grange President from 2017-2022. Under his leadership, the Grange became the leading voice for expanded rural broadband access and common-sense solar utilization guidelines. Wayne serves on the Penn State Council of Farm Organization. From all of us, congratulations and thank you for your service to agriculture and rural communities.

Carrie Nace, Legislative Director read remarks from Congressman GT Thompson, Chairman of House Agriculture Committee; Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding; Senator Elder Vogel and Representative Eddie Day Pashinskli congratulating Wayne on this award and recognizing him as a real leader in Pennsylvania Agriculture, his exceptional dedication and contributions and serve as an inspiration to all who aspire to make a difference in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Wayne is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Newport PA where he serves as Church Council President.

83. Brother Dick Mangel and Janet Fishovitz, Chairs of the 2024 Host Committee invited everyone to the 152<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary State Grange Celebration. The Convention will be held at the Pittsburgh Marriott North hotel in Cranberry Township, PA, Butler County on October 18 — 20, 2024.
84. Sister Cindy Schlegel announced the winners of the Quilt and other prizes. The winner of the quilt was Christine Mallick, Roseville Grange #1290, Jefferson County.

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023**

85. A Sunday Breakfast was held in the Expo Center. Following the breakfast, Gary Moore led a Leadership Workshop on “Why the Grange was Needed Then, Why it is Needed Now”.
86. The Sunday morning Worship Service for the 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange opened with Gathering Music by Pianist, Doris Evans. State Chaplain Jodi Keith-Kensinger greeted everyone and gave a few announcements.

Opening song hymn was “Because He Lives”. The Graces, Ceres, Pomona & Flora 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.

Pastor Luella Newcomer, shared a message on “Power of Words, change your words, change your world”.

There were approximately 119 in attendance and the offering was \$550.00. The offerings were shared and \$280.00 was given to Pastor Newcomer and \$280.00 was given to the D&CS Committee which they donated to Coatesville VA.

87. The 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange ended with a “Friendship Circle”.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Debra Campbell  
Pennsylvania State Grange Secretary



## MASTER'S ADDRESS

Brothers and Sisters of the Pennsylvania State Grange, distinguished guests, and fellow advocates of our cherished agricultural heritage:

Today, we gather to celebrate 150 years of our great Order within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In preparing for this address, I was reading previous State Master addresses and commentary, and was struck by the theme in one, where he called on all Grangers to reflect on *The Great Inheritance* with which we have all been entrusted.

"*The Great Inheritance*" is a theme that resonates deeply with the legacy we carry as members of the Pennsylvania State Grange. As we reflect upon our past, embrace the challenges of the present, and look toward the future, we are reminded of the remarkable framework of values, knowledge, and traditions that have been handed down to us.

Our inheritance is not merely one of material possessions, but instead a rich tapestry woven with the threads of resilience, community, and the unbreakable bond between the land and those who tend it. It is a legacy forged by those who toiled tirelessly in the fields, weathered storms both literal and metaphorical, and stood united to protect and preserve the heart of rural life.

In the pages of history, we find the indomitable spirit of the Pennsylvania State Grange, an organization that has stood as a beacon of hope and progress for more than a century. From the inception of our Grange, we have advocated for the welfare of our farmers, fought for fair policies, and nurtured the growth of our agricultural community. Our Founders, visionaries in their own right, understood the power of unity and the strength of shared purpose.

As the standard-bearers of this legacy, it is our duty to carry it forward with a renewed sense of purpose and determination. The challenges we face today are undoubtedly different from those of our predecessors, but the essence of our mission remains unchanged. We must adapt to an evolving landscape, advocate tirelessly for our farmers, embrace innovation, and stand as guardians of the rural way of life.

Our vision is rooted in the fertile soil of collaboration, and our spirit fueled by the winds of change. As we move forward, let us embrace the three pillars that guide our path: UNITY, PROGRESS and FRATERNITY.

First, let us continue to cultivate *Unity*. Just as the strongest trees are deeply rooted and interconnected, so too must our membership be bound and grounded by a common purpose. By welcoming new members into our fold, we expand our reach and infuse fresh perspectives into our endeavors.

Together we must reach into our communities to grow our current Granges as well as look for opportunities to plant Granges in new communities. We do this by sharing our personal stories as well as offering the opportunity of membership to those around us. During this, my first year as State Master, it was my honor to finalize the work begun by Lizzie Bailey and my predecessor Wayne Campbell and authorize the charter of Grassroots Grange #2112 of Indiana County, and recharter Howard Grange #297 in Centre County. We extend to each of them a warm welcome and offer our hand in friendship, and pledge our support whenever needed.

Heading into the New Year, we must keep membership at the forefront of every Grange to maintain our strength and relevance at the community level.

I would like to welcome our new membership director Norman Houser who joined the state office team this spring. He has been scheduling visits to attend meetings to see how he can better assist Grangers with their local challenges and turn them into opportunities. Please take him up on his offer to assist your Grange.

Our Granges do amazing things. As I travelled across Pennsylvania, I have enjoyed seeing the impact our Granges make in their communities. From the fair booths and displays, community nights to fundraisers and legislative events, each Grange is making their mark. I would like to encourage Grangers to share their events with the State Office so they can be featured in Pennsylvania Grange News, the bi-weekly e-newsletter, social media and possibly on the Pennsylvania Granger page in Lancaster Farming newspaper.

Second focus, let us be stewards of *Progress*. Innovation is the key to survival in an ever-changing world. By embracing technology, sustainable practices, and forward-thinking policies, we can ensure that our agricultural legacy not only endures but flourishes.

At this Session, we will debate the policies that were submitted. However, the hard work of these policies does not end with this Session, but rather begins, as we must work with our local, state and national elected officials to bring these policies to fruition.

I encourage you to attend the monthly legislative updates via Zoom that our Legislative Director Carrie Nace hosts in order to gain a better understanding of what is happening in our state and national capitols. Contact your elected officials to share the Grange stance on key issues. Remember that many things we take for granted today, such as equitable mail delivery, started as a policy idea in a Grange Hall. But having an idea isn't enough; it took Grangers advocating for that idea to bring it to life. We have done it before, and together, we can do it again today.

Let us remain unwavering advocates. Our voices are our greatest tools, and our advocacy can shape policies that define the future of Pennsylvania agriculture and beyond. From advocating for a Farm Bill that resonates with our farmers to championing the cause of reliable broadband access for all, we have the power to drive the change that transcends generations.

Lastly, let us remember what makes the Grange unique. Influenced and guided by the spirit of *Fraternity*, the Grange is truly an extended family. During our times together, we refer to each other as Brothers and Sisters. You and I have watched young Grangers grow up and take their place in leadership positions. We all have a great Grange story of how this Order has made a positive impact in our lives and the lives of others. I look at my own sons, who unlike me, have never known life without the Grange. I have seen the positive impact this organization has had on their lives and the lives of other Youth and Juniors. I do not know of another organization that a person could join at age 5 and still be an active member at age 95. An organization where you can find mentors, friends and in some cases an extended family in a time of crisis. The line in our meeting agenda where we ask if we have a fellow member sick or in distress is not something found in any other organization I attend. It's a reminder to care for one another in our Granges and in our community.

Before I close, I have a long list of individuals to acknowledge. First and foremost, I am grateful to my predecessor Wayne Campbell for his wise counsel, and for his continued advocacy for Grange issues, and the beautification of our state office in Mifflintown. Please join me in thanking Chairman Doug Bonsall, the History Committee, and those serving on various aspects of the anniversary committee for making this 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary a celebration for us all. I would like to thank the state directors and committee chairs that have accepted the call to help further the interests of the Pennsylvania State Grange. I could write an entire speech extolling Phil, Lindsay and Jen, Tina, Evelyn and Cindy, and their committees for all of their hard work. They dedicate countless hours to make each of our departments a success. Thank you to Brittany and Debbie for their tireless work and attention to detail which keeps the office running smoothly. Thank you to Bernadette Comfort, Agnes O'Toole, Angela Leopold and the entire Novak Strategic Advisors team for your insight and expanding the scope and reach of our efforts. Finally, to my family, thank you for all of your support, understanding, and love. To all of you here today, my Brothers and Sisters, thank you for your dedication and service to your local subordinates and the Pennsylvania State Grange. We have many challenges ahead, and we will face them and build a stronger Grange for tomorrow.

As we gather in unity today, much as our forebearers have done for the past 150 years, let us remember that "The Great Inheritance" is not just a theme, but a call to action. It is a call to honor the labors of those who came before us, to chart a path that addresses the challenges of our time, and to ensure that our legacy is one of progress, resilience, and unwavering commitment to the land and country we love.

Let us embrace "The Great Inheritance" in which we have been entrusted and shape a future that honors our past while boldly embracing the opportunities of tomorrow.

Thank you and may the legacy of the Pennsylvania State Grange continue to shine brightly for generations to come.

Fraternally,  
Matthew D. Espenshade  
Master, Pennsylvania State Grange

## **REPORT OF OVERSEER**

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

As the year of 2022 – 2023 comes to an end it has been a different year for me as Overseer.

At the close of the 2022 State Session, we began a new year with a new Worthy Master, Matt Espenshade. I wish Matt the best in his first year in office. We also had a reorganizing meeting of the Executive Committee where we welcomed our new member Tony Fishovitz and elected the officers for the 2022 – 2023 year. Over the year the Executive Committee has had several zoom meetings as well as several in-person meetings to conduct the business of the Grange.

In Matt's first year he had to deal with changing committee chairs as well as finding a new membership director. I want to welcome all the new committee chairs and co-chairs for the Youth and Young Adults, Deaf & Community Service, and Family Activities as well as having Philip back as our Junior Director. I look forward to working with or helping the different committees over the next year whenever I can. I would like to also welcome our new Membership Director, Norman Houser, he has a big job in front of him in working to build membership. I want to challenge all our Granges/members to work with Norman to help build your Grange. But remember he cannot do it for you, but he is willing to help you, so use him.

Like most other Grange years, it has been a challenge for our Master and Executive Committee as they work together to keep Granges going. We have had to close several this past year, but we continue to work to keep our Granges open and start some new ones. I have personally been involved with helping start a new Grange in Indiana County, Grassroots Grange #2112.

I want to thank Debbie Campbell, State Grange Secretary and Brittany Covey, Office Secretary for all the work they do to help Matt keep the State Grange office moving forward. Thanks to Brittany for all the work she does with the PGN to help get it out on time. It takes a lot of work.

Butler County is like all other Grange Counties, we must deal with problems within our Granges. As Pomona Master I try to work with each of my Granges as well as the Pomona Grange. We continue to do community service projects, attend the Big Butler Fair, the Butler Farm Show and support our local 4-H groups. We just gave a 4-H scholarship away at the Butler Farm Show. Just trying to keep the Grange name in front of the public.

Finally, I just want to thank our State Master Matt Espenshade and the Executive Committee, Barb Schroeder, Ruth Vonada, Clay Snyder, and Tony Fishovitz for all their hard work this past year.

Fraternally submitted,

Richard Mangel  
State Grange Overseer

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

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

Thank you to the History Committee for working so hard over the last several years to organize not only this session but also the various events and ceremonies leading up to the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and 151<sup>st</sup> State Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange. It is not easy work planning a celebration that encompasses several years, multiple events and a global pandemic.

The Executive Committee has done the work that you trust us to every year. We voted upon things that needed action between regular meetings, prepared the budget, and worked on Grange policy. Unfortunately, we also had to do the hard things, revoking charters, or closing Granges. This report is always a challenge to me. If I include numbers and statistics, the information may not be useful to our membership. A month-by-month summary of what the Executive Committee has done doesn't feel like a good use of this space (or your time). Instead, I will try to impart some advice from the Executive Committee.

As most of you know, membership numbers continue to decline, which is a challenge for all community service organizations and groups that rely upon volunteers. We want to benefit our local communities, but sometimes we cannot do it alone. We encourage Granges that have limited membership numbers (and those who don't) to band together with another group in your community to provide services both large and small. This other group does not have to be a Grange. If you have a Lion's Club, Moose, or Rotary, they are great options for partnerships. Working with a local Legion or VFW can provide additional assistance to Veterans that you would be unable to do so on your own. While it would be amazing to have all people join your Grange, a partnership could make a larger impact than gaining a few members here and there.

We would like to see each Grange take a hard look at themselves. In the last several years, we have had Granges that have Grange halls that are not doing anything to benefit their group and at the same time they cannot afford to upkeep the building. Is a building that is crumbling around you a benefit anymore? The Grange of the future should not be defined by buildings but the people in them.

You also need to look at your current membership. We all need members that are involved in every event and members that pay dues and are hardly seen. Unfortunately, you may have two or more subgroups in your Grange that do not get along. Is there something that can be done to bridge the gap? Is there something the State Grange can help negotiate? Are any rifts getting in the way of your work for your community? Are these rifts preventing you from incorporating new members? We would like to see Granges get ahead of these issues and understand you may need help with this.

Please reach out to any officer of the State Grange if your local Grange is struggling in any way. We are all more than willing to help, but we don't know there is an issue if you don't tell us. Most of the time when we find out about an issue and then it's usually too late to make a significant difference or undo the harm that has already occurred.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for their support during these last 4 years as a member of the Executive Committee. I do not know what will happen at the election this year, but I do know it has been an honor to serve our State Grange in this capacity. Thank you to everyone who showed support over the last year or so with my ongoing health issues. I'm happy to say that I am doing well after my illness and am looking forward to whatever comes next.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Schroeder, Chair, Berks County

PA State Grange Executive Committee  
Matthew Espenshade, PA State Grange President, Lancaster County  
Richard Mangel, PA State Grange Vice-President, Butler County  
Ruth Vonada, Centre County  
Clay Snyder, Venango County  
Anthony Fishovitz, Beaver County

## **REPORT OF THE LECTURER**

Worthy President, Distinguished Guests, Delegates, and Fellow Grangers,

It has been my honor to serve the Pennsylvania State Grange as Lecturer/Program Director this past year. My committee and I have striven to diligently carry out the work of the Lecturer's Department. It has been a pleasure to meet new Grange friends, continue to work with long-time Grange friends, and support Lecturers across the state.

This past year was a busy one, with many Grange events and activities. In January, I volunteered at the State Grange's booth at the PA Farm Show and worked with Valley Grange #1360 at the PA Dairymen's Association milkshake booth.

As usual, the summer seemed to go by in the blink of an eye! On June 13, I participated in the anniversary events at the PA State Capitol. It was a nice honor to have a resolution presented in the House of Representatives and to participate in a press conference with several politicians who are supporters of the Grange.

In late June and early July, I was delighted to serve as a counselor at the PA State Junior Grange Camp. I led the Literary Program and Vespers workshops for the campers. Shortly after camp concluded, Family Festival was held. I again coordinated a Paint and Sip workshop led by Jackie Gianico, a painting instructor from State College. Jackie led the group in painting a sunset beach scene, while we enjoyed "mocktails" (non-alcoholic beverages). Everyone had a great time and left with a nice painting as a memento.

I was disappointed that we did not have any talent entries this year. I know that our Grangers have many talents and I urge you to enter the talent contest to share those talents. Please encourage your fellow members to share their gifts too! Also at Family Festival, I planned a Birthday Bash for the Grange's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

I was not able to attend the Eastern Regional Leaders' Conference in North Carolina in August as I was in Washington celebrating the wedding of dear friends, who had served as National Grange Youth Ambassadors the year that I served as National Grange Outstanding Young Patron.

I remained actively involved in local Grange meetings, events, activities, and fundraisers. I continue to work professionally as a Speech-Language Pathologist in an elementary school.

In addition to my duties as Lecturer/Program Director, I am proud to serve on the History/Anniversary Committee and have been hard at work helping to plan for this year's annual session. I have specifically worked on the Anniversary Pageant, the Historical Booklet, preparing for the Celebration Banquet, and more. I hope members will enjoy and appreciate the special highlights that will make this a session to remember.

2024 will be a busy year for the Lecturer's Department. We will be holding a series of Regional Leadership Conferences in late winter/early spring. More details will be made available by the State Session. We will also be part of the planning team for the 2024 Eastern Regional Leaders' Conference the last weekend of July. These State and National Grange regional conferences are a valuable way to gain leadership skills and network with Grangers from across the state and region. Please mark your calendars, plan to attend, and encourage your fellow members to attend.

Words cannot adequately convey my appreciation for all the support I have received this past year. It has been my honor to serve the Grange in this role.

Thank you to Brittany Covey in the State Grange office for all her help. Thank you, also, to State Secretary Debbie Campbell for all her help and support. I appreciate the support of my fellow department chairs and state officers. I appreciate all my Grange mentors for their support and always lending an ear or offering advice or help.

"Thank you" does not seem sufficient to share my gratitude for the Lecturer's Committee for all of their hard work throughout the past year! I could not do it without you!

Fraternally submitted,

Jenn Nauss, York County  
State Grange Lecturer

Sara Benzio, Beaver County  
Ashley Mohn, Berks County  
Tammy Schaeffer, Berks County

## **2023 LECTURER CONTEST WINNERS**

### **Lecturer's Reports**

#### **Subordinate:**

##### **Up to 50 Members**

- 1 – Amy Burke, Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County
- 2 – Kathryn Geist, Sanatoga Grange #25, Montgomery County
- 3 – Mary Jane Kent, Harveys-Aleppo Grange #1444, Greene County
- 4 – Jacqueline Clabaugh, Hartslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County

##### **51-99 Members**

- 1 – Drew Fegley, Hookstown Grange #1980, Beaver County
- 2 – Tina Keen, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
- 3 – Philip Vonada, Penns Valley Grange #158, Centre County
- 4 – Kari Thompson, Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County

##### **100+ Members**

- 1 – Lorrie Wesner, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County

**Pomona:**

- 1 – Laura McMillin, Lawrence County Pomona Grange #65
- 2 – Judy Stevenson, Venango County Pomona Grange #57
- 3 – Georgette Mummert, Huntingdon County Pomona Grange #6
- 4 – Mary Jane Kent, Greene County Pomona Grange #63

**Lecturer's Scrapbooks**

**Subordinate:**

**Up to 50 Members**

- 1 – Douglas Bonsall, Eagle Grange #1, Lycoming County
- 2 – Cheryl Miller, Marion Grange #223, Centre County
- 3 – Chester Tau, Hayfield Grange #800, Crawford County
- 4 – Judy Stevenson, Wesley Grange #1675, Venango County

**51-99 Members**

- 1 – Tammy Jurkowski, Progress Grange #96, Centre County
- 2 – Linda Roan, Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County

**100+ Members**

- 1 – Melissa Clark, Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County

**Pomona:**

- 1 – Douglas Bonsall, Perry County Pomona Grange #69
- 2 – Cheryl Miller, Centre County Pomona Grange #13
- 3 – Arvilla Allen, Crawford County Pomona Grange #26
- 4 – Elaine Hoppes, Lehigh-Northampton Pomona Grange #68

**Creative Connections Reports/Scrapbooks**

**Division A – Granges that held Open Houses**

**Subordinate:**

**Up to 50 Members**

- 1 – Gene Zvarick, Keystone Grange #2, Montgomery County
- 2 – Chester Tau, Hayfield Grange #800, Crawford County
- 3 – Krista Pontius, Perry Valley Grange #1804, Perry County

**51-99 Members**

- 1 – Meg Lomax, Plumsteadville Grange #1738, Bucks County
- 2 – Drew Fegley, Hookstown Grange #1980, Beaver County
- 3 – Linda Roan, Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County
- 4 – Kari Thompson, Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County

**100+ Members**

- 1 – Lorrie Wesner, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County
- 2 – Megan Stang, Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County

**Pomona**

- 1 – Judy Stevenson, Venango County Pomona Grange #57
- 2 – Arvilla Allen, Crawford County Pomona Grange #26

## **Division B – Granges that held a designated activity to “tell their Grange’s story”**

### **Subordinate:**

#### **Up to 50 Members**

- 1 – Robert Warden, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
- 2 – Judy Stevenson, Wesley Grange #1675, Venango County
- 3 – Tom Troutman, Sanatoga Grange #25, Montgomery County
- 4 – Jayne Jacobson, Mahoning Valley Grange #1649, Lawrence County

#### **51-99 Members**

None

#### **100+ Members**

None

### **Pomona**

- 1 – Cheryl Miller, Centre County Pomona Grange #13
- 2 – Elaine Hoppes, Lehigh-Northampton Pomona Grange #68
- 3 – Janet Fishovitz, Beaver County Pomona Grange #66

### **My Favorite Anything**

#### ***Subordinate***

#### **Wood:**

- 1 – Maryann Swartz, Elizabethtown Area Grange #2076, Lancaster County
- 2 – Deborah Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 3 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 4 – Jodi Keith Kensinger, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County

#### **Plastic:**

- 1 – Deborah Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 2 – Tina Keen, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
- 3 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 4 – Missy Clark, Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County

#### **Material/Yarn:**

- 1 – Ava Jenkins, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
- 2 – Deborah Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 3 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 4 – Kay Reyburn, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

#### **Miscellaneous:**

- 1 – Kay Reyburn, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
- 2 – Donald Kauffman, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County
- 3 – Charlie McKee, Walker Grange #786, Juniata County
- 4 – Deborah Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

#### ***Junior***

#### **Wood:**

No entries



**Plastic:**

1 – Sarah Scharf, Russellville Junior Grange #550, Chester County

**Material/Yarn:**

1 – Sarah Scharf, Russellville Junior Grange #550, Chester County

2 – Molly Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange #550, Chester County

**Miscellaneous:**

1 – Molly Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange #550, Chester County

**BEST OF SHOW: Kay Reyburn, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County – Subordinate Miscellaneous**

**Pen in Hand**

**Class 1 – Poetry**

1 – Miranda Irons, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County

2 – Sara Newman, Hartslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County

3 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

**Class 2 – Short Story**

1 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

2 – Sara Newman, Hartslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County

3 – Mary McMillin, Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County

4 – Jackie Clabaugh, Hartslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County

**Class 3 – Grange of the Future**

1 – Tim Schaeffer, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County

2 – Ken Schlegel, Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County

3 – Deborah Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

**Art**

**Nature/Animals:**

1 – Ava Jenkins, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County

2 – Deborah Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

3 – Jennifer Beamon, Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County

4 – Jodi Keith Kensinger, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County

**People:**

1 – Deborah Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

2 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

3 – Chase Kosciuszko, Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County

**Still Life:**

1 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

2 – Deborah Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

3 – Chase Kosciuszko, Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County

4 – Jodi Keith Kensinger, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County

**BEST OF SHOW: Ava Jenkins, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County – Nature/Animals**

## **Photography**

### **Class 1 – Bridges**

- 1 – Jane Reppert, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 2 – Cyndi Wetzal, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 3 – Judy Stevenson, Wesley Grange #1675, Venango County
- 4 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

### **Class 2 – Wildlife**

- 1 – Jane Reppert, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 2 – Andrew Nauss, Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 3 – Ginny Mangel, Unionville Grange #1971, Butler County
- 4 – Madeline Seidel, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

### **Class 3 – Landscape**

- 1 – Jane Adams, Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County
- 2 – Andrew Nauss, Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 3 – Rick Koenig, Central Grange #1650, Lehigh County
- 4 – Bradley Nauss, Valley Grange #1360, York County

### **Class 4 – People**

- 1 – Bradley Nauss, Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 2 – Madeline Seidel, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 3 – Gail Switzer, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County / Goshen Grange #121, Chester County
- 4 – Jane Reppert, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

### **Class 5 – Celebrations**

- 1 – Judy Stevenson, Wesley Grange #1675, Venango County
- 2 – Jane Reppert, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 3 – Cyndi Wetzal, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 4 – Gail Switzer, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County / Goshen Grange #121, Chester County

**BEST OF SHOW:** Jane Reppert, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County (Wildlife)

## **Design a Program**

- 1 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County – “Beds for Kids – Sleep Well Program”
- 2 – Gail Switzer, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County / Goshen Grange #121, Chester County – “Just About January”
- 3 – Gail Switzer, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County / Goshen Grange #121, Chester County – “The Scoop on September”

## **Lecturer’s Grant – Received a grant of \$100**

- Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County – “Polar Express Event” – Submitted by Kari Thompson

## 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 151st Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

Today, we are reviewing financial information for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. 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 was performed under the direction of Zachary Smith.

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, Subordinate Grange Trust Funds (for both Active and Closed Granges), Subordinate Grange Improvement Loans, Lifetime Membership, Property Account, Emergency Fund and a portion of the general assets of the PA State Grange. I also manage the assets of the PA State Grange Foundation.

### **Scholarship Funds:**

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, one grant was awarded from the Leonard Rhone Scholarship Fund. This \$300 grant is 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 two (2) loans of \$2,000.00 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, 2023, there were thirty (30) students involved in the program. Four (4) students completed the repayment of their loans during the year.

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

### **Subordinate Grange/Pomona Grange Trusts:**

These are funds received by Subordinate and Pomona Granges from the sale of Grange real estate. The National Grange Digest requires that these funds be held in trust and invested by the State Grange with no less than 90% of the interest being returned to the Subordinate or Pomona Grange every six (6) months, as long as the Subordinate or Pomona Grange remains active. The PA State Grange returns 97%. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, there were ninety-seven (97) Granges with invested funds. Thirty (30) of those Granges are closed. Eight (8) had their assets transferred to the State Grange after having been closed for seven (7) years. There was one (1) new Active Granges in the fund and one (1) Grange was permitted to utilize all their trust assets for facility improvements. One (1) moved from Active to Closed. One (1) Closed Grange added money to their assets.

**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. There was one new loan approved during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. There were six (6) Granges with loans in the program and two (2) Granges completed the repayment of their loan. Granges interested in utilizing this program must submit an application to the State Grange Office for approval by the State Grange Master and State Grange Executive Committee.

**Lifetime Members:**

As of June 30, 2023, there have been a total of 1,604 members who have become lifetime members since the program's inception in 1984. No new lifetime members were added during the Grange fiscal year due to the delegate body's decision to discontinue offering new lifetime memberships after December 31, 2019. During the fiscal year, all the interest earned, plus \$12,000 in principle, was transferred to the PA State Grange

In closing, I thank you for your trust and confidence. The Executive Committee and I continue to look for ways to improve the return on investment for all assets of the PA State Grange, the Active & Closed Grange Trust Funds and the Grant and Scholarship Funds. I will continue to work to keep the best interests of the Grange and its membership in mind when considering future investment options.

Fraternally submitted,  
Henry L. Seidel, Treasurer



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October 4, 2023

Matthew Espenshade, President  
Pennsylvania State Grange  
26 CJEMS Lane  
Mifflintown, PA 17059-8334

Dear Mr. Espenshade,

I am writing this letter to explain the delay in finalizing the June 30, 2023 review of the Pennsylvania State Grange financial statements.

As of today, we are working through the process of implementing FASB 842, a new accounting pronouncement related to the accounting methodology of lease arrangements. Once the process is complete, we will move towards the completion of the June 30, 2023 review.

Thank you for your assistance and your patience in this matter. Please let me know if any additional details would be helpful.

Sincerely,

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

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**2024-2025 Proposed Budget**

		2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	Description
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget	
36	Miscellaneous and Royalties	1,000	4,749	1,000	1,000	Royalties & Miscellaneous
37	<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>282,195</b>	<b>346,160</b>	<b>193,315</b>	<b>300,456</b>	
38	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>513,582</b>	<b>556,076</b>	<b>455,845</b>	<b>518,156</b>	
	<b>***EXPENDITURES</b>					
39	Payroll - President	65,734	46,175	73,870	49,224	Gross Payroll — President - \$47,229.48 Part-time Secretary-\$26,873.60 (32 hrs. per wk) @ \$15.67; 2024-25 @ \$16.14 (32 hrs. per wk)
40	Payroll - Office Secretary		21,917		26,874	Employer tax
41	Taxes/Expense	12,500	7,243	9,603	9,891	Stipend - Health Ins., life ins, IRA
42	Stipend - Health Ins., life ins, IRA	0	2,239	3,600	3,600	Workman's Compensation Insurance
43	Insurance, Workman's Ins.	690	701	700	700	
44	<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE</b>	<b>78,924</b>	<b>78,275</b>	<b>87,773</b>	<b>90,289</b>	
45	<b>GRANGE HEADQUARTERS</b>					
46	Insurance	8,000	6,464	8,000	6,700	Headquarters Insurance - Building; Liability; Cyber etc.
47	Major Repairs and Maintenance	20,000	20,000	10,000	10,000	Major Repairs over \$500.00 - \$4,000 spent on repairs - \$16,000 transfer to acct.
48	Minor Repairs and Maintenance	1,000	1,152	1,000	2,000	Minor Repairs under \$500.00; items needed for Millfintown Ofc.
49	Internet & Telephone	972	1,114	1,080	1,250	Internet and Telephone Bundle
50	Sewage	1,117	684	700	700	Sewage Bill for Office
51	Electric	1,200	1,519	1,400	1,700	Electric Bill for Office
52	Lawn - Landscaping Care	1,680	585	1,680	1,000	Mowing grass; upkeep on landscaping
53	Snow Removal	500	115	300	250	Snow removal upon request
54	Local Real Estate Taxes	2,175	3,321	3,300	3,300	Property Taxes for Headquarters Office
55	<b>TOTAL HEADQUARTERS</b>	<b>36,644</b>	<b>34,954</b>	<b>27,460</b>	<b>26,900</b>	
56	<b>STATE SESSION</b>					
57	Rooms/Off./Comm., etc.	19,000	24,156	22,000	22,000	Cost of rooms less Officer/comm. member req. cont.; Legislative; PR; Ofc. Sec.; Asst. Ofc. Sec., Nationals Rep.
58	Pre-session Meetings	300	0	300	300	Committee discussion of resolutions as required
59	Session-Labor	300	102	300	300	Pay for Office Help at Session
60	Reports/Printing	200	463	200	250	Printing cost; Folders for Booklet etc.
61	Sixth Degree Expenses	50	0	50	50	Any expenses affiliated with Sixth Degree
62	Flowers/Awards	50	38	50	50	As needed
63	Hosting Nat'l Rep.	500	862	500	500	Travel Expenses
64	Misc. / Equipment	500	276	250	250	All other expenses
65	<b>TOTAL STATE SESSION</b>	<b>20,900</b>	<b>25,897</b>	<b>23,650</b>	<b>23,700</b>	
66	<b>PROMOTIONS</b>					
67	Farm Show	3,500	3,559	2,500	3,500	Includes all expenses affiliated w/ events including give-aways
68	Ag Progress Days	1,500	884	1,300	1,300	Includes all expenses affiliated w/ events including give-aways
69	Family Festival	9,500	10,125	9,500	12,000	Includes all expenses affiliated with Family Festival

## 2024-2025 Proposed Budget

	2022-2023		2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025		Description
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
70	250	0	250	0	250	250	250	250	Seminars and other events
<b>71</b>	<b>14,750</b>	<b>14,568</b>	<b>13,550</b>	<b>17,050</b>					
<b>72 DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES</b>									
73	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	Deaf and Community Service Expenses
74	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	Junior Grange Expenses
75	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	Youth Expenses
76	800	384	800	800	800	800	800	800	Family Activities Expenses
77	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	Lecturer Expenses
78	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	Historical Committee Expenses
79	2,000	1,257	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	Ex Comm Expenses -- Mileage and meals
80	300	677	300	300	300	300	0	0	Mileage for all other Officers; Committee Chairs and Committee members
81	500	405	500	500	500	500	500	500	State Grange buys seals in bulk and sells to Granges since National Grange charges shipping. Rather than showing as inventory, we just treat it as expense and income.
82	100	0	100	100	100	100	100	100	Any expenses incurred by a Special Committee (i.e. Salary Committee, etc.)
83	750	194	750	750	750	750	750	750	Quilt Blocks and Signs for Heritage Quilt trail
<b>84</b>	<b>9,350</b>	<b>7,817</b>	<b>9,350</b>	<b>9,050</b>					
<b>85 HONORARIUMS</b>									
86	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,350	1,350	
87	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,350	1,350	
88	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,350	1,350	
89	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	2,000	2,000	
90	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	2,000	2,000	
91	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,120	4,120	Salary Committee and Delegate Approved
92	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	4,120	4,120	Salary Committee and Delegate Approved
<b>93</b>	<b>14,300</b>	<b>14,300</b>	<b>14,300</b>	<b>16,290</b>					
<b>94 OFFICE EXPENSES</b>									
95	950	1,555	950	950	950	950	1,500	1,500	Newspaper Subs/Organization Dues/Memberships to other Organizations
96	300	0	300	300	300	300	0	0	Mailing/Postage -- Outside Printing
97	2,200	2,676	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	1,500	1,500	Cookbook postage goes in and out of this account. In-house Postage
98	2,250	2,529	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250	All office, Cleaning supplies
99	1,500	1,856	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	Postage Machine Rental
100	100	0	100	100	100	100	100	100	Misc Equipment Repairs
101	250	0	250	250	250	250	0	0	Website maintenance, hosting and email - 2020-2022
102	5,000	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	9,480	9,480	IT services/Membership Database Services (BlueTek)
103	1,500	1,992	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	250	250	Software, cables etc. Computer purchases are listed as an asset
104	50	0	50	50	50	50	50	50	Bank and Credit Card Fees
105	3,000	3,425	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	3,500	3,500	Copier lease (Leaf), Maint Agrmt, per copy (Quality Digital Ofc. Solutions)
106	2,000	1,737	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	In-House Copies
<b>107</b>	<b>19,100</b>	<b>20,569</b>	<b>19,400</b>	<b>22,630</b>					



**2024-2025 Proposed Budget**

		2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	Description
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget	
<b>108</b>	<b>PA GRANGE NEWS</b>					
<b>109</b>	Printing/Mailing List Expense	28,000	27,545	31,000	28,000	Printing PGN, Postage and Maintenance on mailing list
<b>110</b>	PGN Expenses - Bonus	1,000	0	0	0	Brittany - Lizzie - \$500 Bonus
<b>111</b>	<b>TOTAL PGN</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>27,545</b>	<b>31,000</b>	<b>28,000</b>	
<b>112</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>					
<b>113</b>	Advocates (Deputies)	500	0	500	500	Mileage
<b>114</b>	President General Expenses	9,420	3,212	7,500	7,500	President travel and Meals. Expenses that pertain directly to the President
<b>115</b>	President Housing	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	Housing for a President who lives out of town
<b>116</b>	Membership General	2,500	2,205	2,500	3,000	Regular Expenses for the office of Membership Director and Mileage
<b>117</b>	Membership Restricted	3,000	2,300	3,000	3,000	Benefits to Membership that are above and beyond the basics
<b>118</b>	Publicity	1,000	2,415	1,000	1,500	Any advertising, publicity, events to adv Grange. Signs (not quilt block signs)
<b>119</b>	Legislative Activities	3,000	2,024	2,000	2,000	Any activity relating to Legislative matters
<b>120</b>	Local Grange Fund Transfer	50,000	167,689	50,000	50,000	Transfer to Active & Clsd. Custodial Accts. - Pass thru acct. See line 35
<b>121</b>	Local Grange Fund Exp	5,000	6,507	5,000	5,000	Expenses of Local Grange Property and Assets
<b>122</b>	Vision Plan Expense	3,800	3,157	3,800	3,800	Vision Insurance
<b>123</b>	<b>TOTAL ADMIN</b>	<b>88,220</b>	<b>189,509</b>	<b>85,300</b>	<b>86,300</b>	
<b>124</b>	<b>CONTRACT SERVICES</b>					
<b>125</b>	Payroll Services	1,450	1,788	1,100	1,800	Paytime
<b>126</b>	Legal Counsel	3,500	0	3,500	2,000	As needed
<b>127</b>	Lobbyist (Legislative Consultant)	26,000	27,560	26,000	27,500	Novak Strategic Advisors - Carrie Nace
<b>128</b>	Membership Director	33,500	14,833	33,500	15,450	Split Membership/PR Position - \$12,833 Mem/PR Cons. - \$2,000 PR
<b>129</b>	Public Relations Consultant	0	9,540	0	18,500	Novak Strategic Advisors - Bernadette Comfort
<b>130</b>	Accounting/Audit	12,000	13,703	10,000	13,000	Hamilton & Musser
<b>131</b>	<b>TOTAL CONTRACTS</b>	<b>76,450</b>	<b>67,424</b>	<b>74,100</b>	<b>78,250</b>	
<b>132</b>	<b>COOKBOOKS</b>					
<b>133</b>	Printing/Purchase	0	0	0	0	Cost of Printing Cookbooks
<b>134</b>	Postage/Supplies	400	0	400	400	Postage Expense (post meter and ACS) and shipping boxes
<b>135</b>	<b>TOTAL COOKBOOK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>	
<b>136</b>	<b>RESALABLE/PROMOTIONAL ITEMS</b>					
<b>137</b>	Apple Butter Cost	100	0	0	0	Cost of item is recorded here as items sell.
<b>138</b>	<b>TOTAL RESALE EXP.</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>139</b>	<b>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES</b>					
<b>140</b>	Assessment Fee	6,000	5,260	5,400	5,260	Annual Assessment Fee - National Grange
<b>141</b>	National Grange Dues -- Individual	62,000	56,224	58,000	56,000	4,145 Individual Members and 132 Youth
<b>142</b>	Associate and Affiliate Members	546	448	500	500	14 Associate; 18 Affiliate Members
<b>143</b>	Golden Sheaf Members	0	0	0	0	238 Golden Sheaf (Exempt from National Dues)
<b>144</b>	Family Plans	1,820	2,128	1,820	1,820	76 Family Plans; 248 Members
<b>145</b>	Lifetime Members	11,088	10,248	10,600	10,250	732 Lifetime Members

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	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	Description
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget	
146	1,400	0	1,400	1,400	Sales tax expense (what is paid after the liability account is balanced)
147	82,854	74,308	77,720	75,230	
<b>147 CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS</b>					
148	1,000	242	600	600	Exp. Related to regional training meeting held by President/Membership Dir.
149	1,000	0	500	2,000	Expenses incurred with Committee Planning Meetings
150	1,000	1,000	1,000	2,500	Delegates Expenses for National Grange
151	1,500	1,250	1,500	1,500	Youth, Juniors and Talent Travel
152	4,500	2,492	3,600	6,600	
<b>153 GRANGE DISASTERS</b>					
	1,000	0	500	500	Local Disaster Relief for Grange Halls Grange members
154	476,492	557,660	468,353	481,189	Total Expenses
155	37,090	(1,584)	\$ (12,508)	\$ 36,967	
		\$ 77,772.43			State Grange Checking Account Current Bal. as of 8/11/2023
		\$ 17,810.00			State Grange Savings Account Current Bal. of 08/11/2023
		\$ 100,000.00			State Grange Trust Fund
		\$ 16,000.00			State Grange Major Repair Fund

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

SCHEDULES OF GRANGE FUNDS  
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2023

ACTIVE GRANGES	June 30, 2022 Balance	Interest Earned	Interest Paid Grange	Interest State Grange	Additions/ Withdrawals	June 30, 2023 Ending Balance
Atlantic - #344	11,755.00	211.58	205.24	6.34	0.00	11,755.00
Baileyville - #1991	36,742.34	661.36	641.52	19.84	0.00	36,742.34
Big Creek - #1559 (Little Gap - #1882)	19,700.00	354.60	343.98	10.62	0.00	19,700.00
Brandywine - #60	87,102.91	1,567.86	1,520.84	47.02	0.00	87,102.91
California - #941 (Northumberland - #218)	54,740.30	985.32	955.78	29.54	0.00	54,740.30
Carmichaels - #1389	54,975.00	956.54	927.85	28.69	(5,500.00)	49,475.00
Clearfield Pomona - #33	19,885.00	357.92	347.20	10.72	0.00	19,885.00
Cochranon - #2030	38,790.00	698.22	677.28	20.94	0.00	38,790.00
Dawson - #419	87,465.85	1,574.38	1,527.16	47.22	0.00	87,465.85
DE State Grange	0.00	534.36	518.32	16.04	(5,240.00)	(5,240.00)
Eagle - #1	35,746.99	643.44	624.14	19.30	0.00	35,746.99
East Lynn - #1263	264,611.66	4,763.00	4,620.12	142.88	0.00	264,611.66
Edinboro - #947	47,813.45	860.64	834.84	25.80	0.00	47,813.45
Elk Creek - #997	34,000.00	612.00	593.64	18.36	0.00	34,000.00
Fulton - #66	78,879.98	1,419.84	1,377.26	42.58	0.00	78,879.98
Gibson - #798 (Harford - #418)	17,600.00	316.80	307.30	9.50	0.00	17,600.00
Goshen - #121	59,798.50	1,076.38	1,044.09	32.29	0.00	59,798.50
Harmony - #1692	110,354.00	1,986.38	1,926.80	59.58	0.00	110,354.00
Hartslog Valley - #375	32,080.00	577.44	560.12	17.32	0.00	32,080.00
Hayfield - #800	10,890.00	199.65	193.67	5.98	0.00	10,890.00
Hillcrest - #1674	18,090.00	312.05	302.69	9.36	(1,810.00)	16,280.00
Honeybrook - #1688	66,811.92	1,202.62	1,166.56	36.06	0.00	66,811.92
Jefferson - #1384	51,296.64	863.34	837.44	25.90	(5,000.00)	46,296.64
Kennett - #19	47,150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(47,150.00)	0.00
Kimberton - #1304	115,162.56	2,072.92	2,010.74	62.18	0.00	115,162.56
Kimmerlings - #1529	58,469.42	1,052.44	1,020.88	31.56	0.00	58,469.42
Laurel Point - #915	37,699.21	678.58	658.24	20.34	0.00	37,699.21
Liberty - #1780	39,823.72	686.48	665.88	20.60	(2,660.00)	37,163.72
London - #1492	42,190.00	753.09	730.49	22.60	(4,220.00)	37,970.00
London Grove - #63	44,970.00	809.46	785.19	24.27	0.00	44,970.00
Long Branch Comm. - #2072	22,913.00	412.44	400.08	12.36	0.00	22,913.00
Mahoning Valley - #1649 (Wilmington - #1477)	59,427.87	1,069.70	1,037.62	32.08	0.00	59,427.87
Marion - #223	13,840.00	249.12	241.66	7.46	0.00	13,840.00
Marion - #1853	29,590.00	532.62	516.66	15.96	(1,600.00)	27,990.00
Menallen - #1091	79,425.00	1,429.64	1,386.76	42.88	0.00	79,425.00
Mt. Nebo - #1872	153,725.00	2,767.04	2,684.04	83.00	(15,370.00)	138,355.00

ACTIVE GRANGES	June 30, 2021 Balance	Interest Earned	Interest Paid State Grange	Additions/ Withdrawals	June 30, 2022 Ending Balance
Perry Valley - #1804	96,500.00	1,769.18	53.07	0.00	96,500.00
Plainfield - #1727	34,878.00	627.80	18.82	0.00	34,878.00
Pleasant Hill - #1505	36,383.50	654.90	19.64	0.00	36,383.50
Pleasant Valley - #1643	38,717.53	696.92	20.90	0.00	38,717.53
Red Lion - #1781	320,004.63	5,760.08	172.80	0.00	320,004.63
Richland - #1413 (Sandy Creek - #2021)	17,460.00	306.42	9.19	(1,746.00)	15,714.00
Ridgeview - #1948	33,082.50	595.48	17.86	0.00	33,082.50
Rundells - #871	7,043.16	126.78	3.80	0.00	7,043.16
Russellville - #91 (Fernwood - #1329)	3,000.00	54.00	1.62	0.00	3,000.00
Sanatoga - #25	31,500.00	567.00	17.00	0.00	31,500.00
Scotch Valley - #510	44,305.57	598.13	17.94	0.00	44,305.57
Seipstown - #1657	148,170.00	2,533.68	76.00	(14,820.00)	133,350.00
Shavers Creek - #353 (Donation - #330)	4,005.00	71.49	2.15	(400.00)	3,605.00
Shenango Township - #2057	74,126.55	1,334.28	40.02	0.00	74,126.55
Sinking Valley - #484	10,210.00	183.78	5.50	0.00	10,210.00
South Buffalo - #1908	14,390.00	259.02	7.76	(1,440.00)	12,950.00
Spring Church - #1803	6,300.00	113.40	3.40	0.00	6,300.00
Star - #993	99,822.80	1,796.82	53.90	0.00	99,822.80
Stony Point Grange - #1694	22,463.84	389.34	11.67	(2,000.00)	20,463.84
Union City - #89 (Corry - #55)	11,313.41	203.64	6.10	0.00	11,313.41
Unionville - #1971 (S. Rock - #1441)	5,055.00	90.99	2.72	0.00	5,055.00
Valley - #1360 (Washington - #1949)	18,990.00	341.82	10.24	0.00	18,990.00
Vernon - #936	26,018.93	468.34	14.04	0.00	26,018.93
Walker - #786 (Milford #773)	0.00	1,492.91	44.78	128,586.00	128,586.00
Walker - #2007	31,535.02	567.64	17.02	0.00	31,535.02
Wesley - #1675 (Sugar Creek - #1131)	2,920.62	52.58	1.56	0.00	2,920.62
Wills - #1690	29,929.72	538.74	16.16	0.00	29,929.72
York Run - #1699	38,352.63	690.34	20.70	0.00	38,352.63
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE GRANGES</b>	<b>3,266,363.76</b>	<b>59,958.06</b>	<b>1,798.15</b>	<b>163,912.66</b>	<b>3,430,276.42</b>
PA State Grange Assets in Trust Fund	100,000.00	2,025.00	2,025.00	0.00	100,000.00
Rhone Grant Assets in Trust Fund	19,000.00	342.00		0.00	19,000.00
2026 SE State Session Asses in Trust Fund	0.00	23.63		15,752.77	15,752.77
<b>Grand Total for Trust Fund</b>	<b>3,385,363.76</b>	<b>61,983.06</b>	<b>3,823.15</b>	<b>179,665.43</b>	<b>3,565,029.19</b>

Notes: (1) - New Vernon & Walker #786 are new to the list. Walker's initial deposit was \$145,281 from the sale of Milford, who consolidated with Walker, less withdrawals of \$16,695.

(2) - East New Castle consolidated with Liberty and Little Gap consolidated with Big Creek

(3) - Community #2048 was moved from Active to Closed

(4) - Rhone Grant Assets should have been included on the 2020-2021 listing.

(5) - Interest earned on 2026 SE State Session Assets will be added to the Principal balance

New Vernon - #608	75,297.69	1,379.36	1,337.98	41.38	(7,400.00)	67,897.69
Oliver - #1069 (Community - #1767)	0.00	956.56	927.87	28.69	93,164.06	93,164.06
Ontelaunee - #1617 (Centerport - #1600)	19,275.00	173.47	168.27	5.20	(19,275.00)	0.00
Perry Valley - #1804	86,850.00	1,592.25	1,544.49	47.76	(8,685.00)	78,165.00
Plainfield - #1727	34,878.00	627.80	608.98	18.82	0.00	34,878.00
Pleasant Hill - #1505	36,383.50	654.90	635.26	19.64	0.00	36,383.50
Pleasant Valley - #1643	38,717.53	696.92	676.02	20.90	0.00	38,717.53
Red Lion - #1781	320,004.63	5,760.08	5,587.28	172.80	0.00	320,004.63
Richland - #1413 (Sandy Creek - #2021)	15,714.00	282.86	274.38	8.48	12,790.85	28,504.85
Ridgeview - #1948	33,082.50	595.48	577.62	17.86	0.00	33,082.50
Rundells - #871	7,043.16	126.78	122.98	3.80	0.00	7,043.16
Russellville - #91 (Fernwood - #1329)	3,000.00	54.00	52.38	1.62	0.00	3,000.00
Sanatoga - #25	31,500.00	567.00	550.00	17.00	0.00	31,500.00
Scotch Valley - #510	44,305.57	782.50	759.03	23.47	(2,500.00)	41,805.57
Seipstown - #1657	133,350.00	2,280.28	2,211.88	68.40	(13,335.00)	120,015.00
Shavers Creek - #353 (Donation - #330)	3,605.00	64.88	62.94	1.94	0.00	3,605.00
Shenango Township - #2057	74,126.55	1,334.28	1,294.26	40.02	0.00	74,126.55
Sinking Valley - #484	10,210.00	183.78	178.28	5.50	0.00	10,210.00
South Buffalo - #1908	12,950.00	233.10	226.12	6.98	0.00	12,950.00
Spring Church - #1803	6,300.00	113.40	110.00	3.40	0.00	6,300.00
Star - #993	99,822.80	1,796.82	1,742.92	53.90	0.00	99,822.80
Stony Point Grange - #1694	20,463.84	368.34	357.30	11.04	(2,000.00)	18,463.84
Union City - #89 (Corry - #55)	11,313.41	203.64	197.54	6.10	0.00	11,313.41
Unionville - #1971 (S. Rock - #1441)	5,055.00	90.98	88.26	2.72	0.00	5,055.00
Valley - #1360 (Washington - #1949)	18,990.00	341.82	331.58	10.24	0.00	18,990.00
Vernon - #936	26,018.93	468.34	454.30	14.04	0.00	26,018.93
Walker - #786 (Milford #773)	128,586.00	2,314.54	2,245.12	69.42	0.00	128,586.00
Walker - #2007	31,535.02	567.64	550.62	17.02	0.00	31,535.02
Wesley - #1675 (Sugar Creek - #1131)	2,920.62	52.58	51.02	1.56	0.00	2,920.62
Wills - #1690	29,929.72	538.74	522.58	16.16	0.00	29,929.72
York Run - #1699	38,352.63	690.34	669.64	20.70	0.00	38,352.63
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE GRANGES</b>	<b>3,383,096.42</b>	<b>61,142.71</b>	<b>59,308.98</b>	<b>1,833.73</b>	<b>(35,790.09)</b>	<b>3,347,306.33</b>
PA State Grange Assets in Trust Fund	100,000.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00	100,000.00
Rhone Grant Assets in Trust Fund	19,000.00		342.00		0.00	19,000.00
2026 SE State Session Asses in Trust Fund	15,776.40		285.04		285.04	16,061.44
<b>Grand Total for Trust Fund</b>	<b>3,517,872.82</b>	<b>62,942.71</b>	<b>59,936.02</b>	<b>3,633.73</b>	<b>(35,505.05)</b>	<b>3,482,367.77</b>

Notes: (1) - Oliver is new to the list and started with an initial deposit of \$106,283.59 from the sale of Community # 1767, less a withdrawal of \$13,119.53.

(2) - Kennett consolidated with a Grange in DE and an extra \$5,240 was forwarded that is being requested to be returned.

(3) - Interest earned on 2026 SE State Session Assets continues to be added to the Principal balance

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE**

**SCHEDULES OF GRANGE FUNDS  
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2023**

CLOSED GRANGES	Date Closed	June 30, 2022		Interest		Interest Paid State Grange	Additions/Withdrawals	June 30, 2023 Ending Balance
		Balance	Interest Earned	Paid Grange	State Grange			
Boot Jack - #1680	August 2017	64,226.59			513.82			64,226.59
Briar Creek - #146	December 2017	36,303.61			290.42			36,303.61
Buffalo - #1523	March 2020	91,257.82			730.06			91,257.82
Buffalo Valley # 520	December 2016	35,468.12			237.26			35,468.12
Carter Camp - #1563	August 2015	21,207.87			169.66		(21,207.87)	0.00
Community - #2048	March 2022	17,906.28			144.02			17,906.28
Decatur - #1920	July 2017	2,329.03			0.00			2,329.03
Eldred - #1604	January 2021	21,266.05			0.00		40,139.14	61,405.19
Elkland - #976	June 2020	15,809.35			126.48			15,809.35
Eureka - #816	November 2016	34,843.44			278.74			34,843.44
Friendship - #1232	August 2018	14,922.58			119.38			14,922.58
Green Grove - #1955	August 2015	29,036.64			0.00		(29,036.64)	0.00
Mountain - #567	July 2015	638.60			0.00		(638.60)	0.00
Mountain - #1307	January 2018	20,197.42			161.58			20,197.42
North Woodbury - #1923	December 2017	24,489.95			195.92			24,489.95
Odin - #1254	December 2019	16,633.33			133.06			16,633.33
Penn - #534	June 2019	25,573.20			0.00			25,573.20
Penn State Grange	June 2022	353.92			2.13		(3,555.36)	353.92
Reynoldsville - #1825	December 2015	3,555.36			28.44			0.00
Roaring Creek Valley - # 2041	December 2018	41,231.18			0.00			41,231.18
Rostraver - #919	June 2018	59,915.00			479.32			59,915.00
Rural Valley - #1750	November 2020	4,630.00			37.04			4,630.00
Shannondale - #1865	August 2015	43,830.99			350.64		(43,830.99)	0.00
Shartlesville - #1512	August 2021	260,753.54			2,086.02			260,753.54
Valley - #52	July 2015	29,471.50			0.00		(29,471.50)	0.00
Valley - #1184	May 2016	57,490.16			459.92			57,490.16
Valley - #1420	March 2016	11,284.66			90.28		(11,284.66)	0.00
Wappasening - #188	August 2015	1,878.87			0.00		(1,878.87)	0.00
West Valley - #1760	June 2018	9,693.93			77.56			9,693.93
White Deer - #122	June 2018	31,304.32			180.12			31,304.32
<b>TOTAL CLOSED GRANGES</b>		<u>1,027,503.31</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,891.87</u>		<u>(100,765.35)</u>	<u>926,737.96</u>

Notes: (1) - Carter Camp # 1563, Green Grove #1955, Mountain #567, Reynoldsville #1852, Shannondale #1865, Valley #52, Valley #1420 and

## REPORT OF SECRETARY

Worthy State Master, Officers, Delegates, and Members of the Pennsylvania State Grange, I bring you greetings from the office of Secretary and wishes for a very successful and enjoyable 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange here in Morgantown, 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 and 20, 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, 30, 35, 40, 45 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 – 13	35 years – 9	65 years – 13
10 years – 14	40 years – 11	70 years – 6
15 years – 8	45 years – 9	75 years – 4
20 years – 5	50 years – 20	80 years – 2
25 years – 18	55 years – 12	85 years – 1
30 years – 6	60 years – 20	

The total number of certificates recognized this year were 171, which is a decrease from last year. I really appreciate the secretaries who recognize your members and would really encourage you to continue. I would like to ask those secretaries who do not recognize their members to please consider doing so. Your members really appreciate the acknowledgment for their years of service they have given to the Grange.

I would like to give special recognition to the 75, 80 and 85-year members recognized this year. They are:

75 years	— Caroline Beddow, Chestnut Ridge Grange No. 1133, Washington County
	— Beatrice Kauffman, Ontelaunee Grange No. 1617, Berks County
	— Lester Miller, Virginville Grange No. 1832, Berks County
	— Phyllis M. Hockenberger, Walker Grange No. 786, Juniata County
80 years	— Hope Kniss, Fleetwood Grange No. 1839, Berks County
	— Gladys Kieffer, Virginville Grange No. 1832, Berks County
85 years	— Robert Buckley, Hookstown Grange No. 1980, Beaver County

CONGRATULATIONS to all 75, 80 and 85-year recipients for being members of this organization for so many years!

Listed below is the list of statistics for the State Grange for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023—

Number of Subordinate Granges – 156  
Number of Subordinate Grange Members – 5,035  
Number of Associate Members – 14  
Number of Lifetime Members – 732  
Number of Junior Granges – 15  
Number of Junior Grange Members – 213

New Subordinate Grange Charters issued – name, number, & county

<u>Grange Name &amp; Number</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date Re-Organized</u>
Howard Grange #297	Centre	03-31-2023
Grassroots Grange #2112	Indiana	06-30-2023

Subordinate Grange Closed – name, number, & county

<u>Grange Name &amp; Number</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date Closed</u>
Dayton Grange #1819	Armstrong	12-31-2022
Columbia Gillett Grange #83	Bradford County	12-31-2022
Pleasant Valley Grange #1074	Wayne County	12-31-2022
Twin East Hanover Grange #2089	Lebanon	03-31-2023

Subordinate Grange Consolidations – there were no Subordinate Granges consolidated this fiscal year.

New Junior Grange Charters issued – there were no Junior Granges chartered this fiscal year.

In November, Wayne and I attended the National Grange Convention in Sparks, Nevada as the Pennsylvania State Grange Delegates. It is always interesting to go over all the resolutions for every state as well as the wonderful fellowship from across the nation.

In January, Wayne and I worked in the State Grange booth at the PA Farm Show. It is rewarding to talk to people about the Grange and our history. We also worked at the Farm Show Information Booth in support of our Junior Grangers.

Wayne and I were again thrilled to be able to attend Youth and Junior Grange Camp! We both love spending time with our young people and all the enthusiasm they have about the future of the Grange. A special thank you to Jen, Lindsay and Philip for giving us the opportunity to join them for Youth and Junior Camp!

Following camp, we attended Family Festival, at the Centre County Fairgrounds. Wayne and I, along with our daughter Jennifer, son-in-law Ken, our grandchildren Bryce and Riley, and many Grange volunteers, prepared breakfast for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, as well as lunch for Friday. My family and I have been cooking for Family Festival for 18 years (I remember the number of years because our first year of cooking, our grandchildren, Bryce and Riley were just babies). If you have never attended Family Festival, please consider joining us. It is a great weekend of fun, fellowship, relaxation, and delicious food (not that I'm partial or anything)! I know you will not be disappointed!

We are still co-chairs of the Perry County Pomona Grange Fair food stand. With lots of work and assistance from other organizations and fellow Grangers, the week was a huge success. A special shout out to my daughter, Jennifer, Son-In-Law Ken, grandchildren Bryce and Riley and great friend of the family Lindsie for stepping up and closing the food stand most of the week and working in there whenever they were available! Thank you also to those Grangers who stepped up and helped during the week as well as the youth organizations that also helped us in the stand.

I would like to thank Brittany Covey, State Grange Office Secretary, for all her assistance this past year. She continues to be a great asset to the Pennsylvania State Grange. Brittany goes above and beyond in everything she does and/or is responsible for. She has lots of great ideas and does well implementing them. The PGN has been very impressive, kudos to Brit and a special thank you!

I would also like to thank the History/Host Committee for all their hard work in the extensive planning of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Grange at the 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Session in Morgantown, Berks County.

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

Fraternally Submitted,  
Debra Campbell, State Grange Secretary



## **REPORT OF GATEKEEPER**

Worthy State Master, fellow officers, delegates, members, and guest of the Pennsylvania State Grange, I bring you greetings from the Office of Gatekeeper and the Borough of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania and wishes for a very successful and enjoyable 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange here in Morgantown, Pennsylvania.

As I am completing my first year as State Gatekeeper, the year started off with a day of volunteering at the Milkshake Booth for Valley Grange #1360 at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show in Harrisburg. I, along with my wife Joyce, both ended up getting Covid. Imagine, working through the Pandemic, working with those that died from the virus and never coming down with it until the Pandemic was declared over.

In April, I had cataract surgery on both eyes with new lenses implanted. Finally, I was able to order new glasses in June, and see a much prettier view of Pennsylvania countryside.

I have attended, either in person or via zoom, Valley Grange #1360 meetings. Helped with the serving of the Redland Valley Brethren in Christ Church's appreciation dinner at Valley Grange. I was able to attend part of Pennsylvania State Grange Family Festival held at the Centre County Grange Fairgrounds. It was an enjoyable time spent with fellow Grangers and was able to browse through the craft show that was also going on at the same time.

I, along with my wife's help, set up Valley Granges #1360 Grange display at the York State Fair in York, Pennsylvania, where we placed second.

Joyce and I spent a day at the Centre County Grange Fair in August and enjoyed the few minutes that we rested with Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee member Ruth Vonada and National Grange Communications Director Philip Vonada (who guided us via phone to their tent and to some good food booths). Always saw photos of the tent encampment and saw in person the few tents that are erected during Family Festival, but to see all the tents spread over the area was a sight to see.

Lastly, my wife and I attended the Perry County Fair, where we stopped at the Perry County Pomona Booth, had a delicious meal and I was able to get one of the super delicious hoagies that they serve, to bring home. We also looked at the Grange Displays, where you can always gather ideas to incorporate in a future displays.

I hope you have a great time here in Morgantown, Pennsylvania while attending the 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

To Another 150 years,  
Fraternally,  
Kenneth Merritt  
State Grange Gatekeeper

## **REPORT OF CERES**

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

After State Session in the fall, I started my first year as State Grange Ceres. I had the pleasure of going to the PA Farm Show, with my local Grange, to help man the milkshake stand with Valley Grange. I made new Grange friends as we laughed and worked through the day. At the end of the shift, we toured around the exhibits and rested at the State Grange booth where I was able to visit with Past State Master, Wayne Campbell.

Winter was long for me, but I kept myself busy with regular meetings at my local Grange, Jefferson #1384. I assisted with the selection of the Santee Student Loan recipient, Jesse Garbrick. My family was also preparing ourselves for changes that would come in the spring. My oldest daughter, Victoria, would be graduating high school and at the end of the summer would be going off to college.

Summer came and I was thrilled to be able to visit Family Festival. I enjoyed the talent show and watching the night games. I assisted Amanda Brozana-Rios with her presentation regarding the Affordable Connectivity Program. National Worthy Master, Betsy Huber, and I sent members back to their home Granges with a variety of flyers, stickers, yard signs, banners, and other information.

Jefferson Grange geared up for our main fund-raising event, the 40th Annual Schuylkill County Fair. Our own Vice President, Connor Czarick worked hard throughout the year on remodeling our stand as he worked on his Eagle Scout project. The results were beyond expectations, and it gave him a sense of ownership in not only his work but in the Grange itself. Many members worked every day and/or all day throughout the week to ensure that the stand ran smoothly. We provided an affordable option to the entire family with our famous fresh cut fries, funnel cakes, fruit cups, loaded baked potatoes and unique Grange Grillers. I had the pleasure of reacquainting myself with the PA Agriculture Secretary, Russell Redding and got some time with PA State Representative Tim Twardzik. We were blessed to have a chance to talk membership with some of the kids from 4H, that we work closely with from time to time, about membership opportunities in the Junior and Youth departments of the Grange. We were blessed with great weather and hungry customers. All proceeds from the fair will help open more opportunities to enrich our community around us.

Fall is approaching and I had already said my "see you later" to my daughter, Torie, as she went to Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC. (Roll Humps!) I'll be starting my fall canning and looking forward to seeing some friends and hopefully new faces at the PA State Grange Session. For now, I am grateful for the opportunities serving in the office of State Grange Ceres has given me and I'm honored to be able to give another year.

Fraternally,  
Rachel Brobst  
State Grange Ceres

## **REPORT OF POMONA**

Worthy Master, National Representative, State Officers, and Members of the Pennsylvania State Grange, In my fifth year as State Grange Pomona, I was able to attend and enjoy several events. State Junior Camp and Family Festival were some of the highlights of the summer. My daughter Savannah joined me at State Junior Camp this year again and together we loved every moment of "Junior Grange Camp Shore is Fun". At Family Festival we were able to sit back and relax with friends and family, apart from the wicked storms that passed overhead. I also provided a vesper service Thursday evening along with help from my children. I enjoyed watching the Juniors participate in the talent show and my kids winning first place for the vocal category. My kids are looking forward to the Junior Jam at State Session and I am looking forward to attending and seeing friends from all over the state at the 2023 State Session in Morgantown, PA.

Fraternally,  
Jennifer Beamon  
State Grange Pomona

## REPORT OF FLORA

Worthy Master, National Master, National Representatives, State Officers, and Members of the Pennsylvania State Grange, I would first like to take a moment to introduce myself to those who might not know me. My name is Isabella Boone, or Izzy for short, and I am from Baileyville Grange #1991 in Centre County. I live in Warriors Mark which is right on the Centre and Huntingdon County line about 30 minutes away from State College and Penn State University. I graduated from State College Area High School in 2021 during a global pandemic which made for a very interesting senior year. I am currently 20 years old and was 19 years old when I was installed as Flora at the 150th State Session last year.

Ever since I graduated from the Junior Grange, I have been an active member at all levels from Subordinate to State. In 2019, I was selected as one of the PA State Grange Youth Ambassadors and I held that title until 2021 because of that lovely thing known as Covid-19. After handing over the ambassador title, I served on the Family Activities Committee alongside my grandmother, Melanie Melius. I am so thankful for all her endless support for everything that I have done in Grange, and I can confidently say that without her, I would not have been able to do any of this. I learned so much from watching her over the many years she was involved in Family Activities, and I am so glad we get to continue our Grange adventure together.

Now I do have a few more thanks to give if you all would indulge me for a moment. My first thank you goes to Ginny Mangel, who is practically family to me along with her husband Dick. Ginny was the one who first came to me about running for Flora and she was insistent that I take over for her. I've helped her for years with the 6th degree and because of this, she thought I would be up to the task. Ginny and Dick have encouraged me so much over the years, no matter what I was trying to accomplish, and I am so glad she convinced me to do this. I love you both so much.

Next, I would like to thank Wayne and Debbie Campbell. I don't know how much I can say about Wayne and Debbie that hasn't already been said. Both have been there for me in Grange and outside of Grange whenever I need help. I sometimes call Wayne and Debbie an extra set of grandparents which I think kind of sums up how much they mean to me. They have done so much for me over the years and words can't express how grateful I am. I love you both from the bottom of my heart.

Another thank you goes to Ellen Wadsworth who I was able to become close with when I served as Youth Ambassador. Being Ambassador was sometimes difficult, not only because of the pandemic throwing a wrench in things, but also because of not always believing in myself or what I was able to do. Ellen was a mentor for me and was always willing to take the time to make sure I was ok, confident, and ready to face whatever came my way. For this I am so appreciative of you and your ability to lift everyone around you. I love you, Ellen. My last thank you goes to all of you who granted me this opportunity to represent our organization. I am ready to put in the work and I hope that I can make this organization proud.

The last thing I want to say is to our Youth and Juniors. I am so proud of everything that you guys do. I was able to attend youth camp and junior camp this year and I got to see firsthand just how incredible you all are. It can sometimes feel like you are overlooked because of your age, and I understand. Sometimes it feels like everyone still views me as a little kid because that's what everyone is used to from growing up in the Grange. But I hope that I can be the proof that says, "We are here, and we are worthy". I can't wait to see what all you guys do next.

To conclude, I am so thrilled to be your State Grange Flora for the next few years and I can't wait to see where this chapter takes me. I hope everyone enjoys their time at this historic session and I am so excited to see everyone in Morgantown!

Fraternally,  
Isabella Boone  
State Grange Flora

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

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

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Pennsylvania State Grange as the Deaf and Community Service Director. It has truly been a pleasure to serve in this position this past year. I would also like to thank my committee – Carole Huber, Cindy Shaffer, Janet Fishovitz, Judy Hetzell, and Judy Shupp. Their insight, assistance, guidance, and support over this past year has been essential in our success.

This year we introduced an area of focus – our Veterans. We threaded this focus throughout our activities at Junior Grange Camp, Family Festival, and State Session. We also encouraged Granges to consider how they could serve the Veterans in their area.

Judy Hetzell and I were able to spend a morning at Junior Grange Camp, working with the Juniors to paint ornaments that were donated to the Coatesville VA to be distributed to residents. Our future is good with Juniors like these!

Family Festival found us all staying busy with activities. Three nights of “Hot Potato/Tomato/Cow” raised \$87 for our Veterans; in addition, we received a \$50 donation. We collected four bags of new shirts plus a box full of hygiene products that were donated to the Coatesville VA. The wonderful assortment of silent auction baskets that were donated raised an additional \$451.50 for our Veterans.

The Bike/Walk-a-Thon was a huge success! Twenty-two participants raised \$1,031 for canteen cards for our veterans; with additional funds, we donated \$1,050 to bless those who have served. Dani Kehs and Gail Switzer were recognized for laps completed, Maddy Vonada was recognized for raising the most money, and Abby Kehs was recognized with a Sportsmanship Award.

Representatives from Susquehanna Service Dogs presented a workshop at Family Festival on Saturday. Susan Lechtanski, Ann Poorbaugh, SSD Kelp and SSD Curie demonstrated how service dogs can assist those who are deaf. Due to the support of Granges across the state, we were able to donate \$250 to Susquehanna Service Dogs. In addition, \$277 was collected as the church offering; with additional funds, another \$300 was donated to support this wonderful organization.

Thank you to everyone who took time to color or create Christmas cards, wreaths and ornaments at Family Festival. Many of our Veterans at the VA will keep these on their doors for weeks after Christmas as a decoration. We should never discount how much the “little things” mean to someone!

Reports are heading to my home as I write this. I've been excited to read all the wonderful things your Granges are doing! To receive funding from the National Grange, 25% of our Granges must complete and submit this report. Please be certain your Grange is submitting this much-needed report!

We are honored to be able to help sponsor Jeff Winton, Founder and Chairman of Rural Minds, at State Session. I sincerely hope many will be able to attend and hear his message. Rural mental health awareness is essential.

We will be collecting items at State Session to support our Veterans at the Coatesville VA. You can donate items or funds through Saturday evening. Please support our Veterans as you are able.

Thank you to all the Granges who answered our appeal letter. To continue our good work, we need the support of our Granges. If your Grange needs support in a project, please reach out. We are happy to provide advice and assistance.

Again, thank you all for your support during my first year as Director. It is truly an honor. I'd also like to thank Matt for his confidence in me, Debbie and Brittany for answering about a million questions, my committee for everything, and my family for their support. Keep up the good deeds! "Whatever you attempt to do, strive to do it well."

Fraternally,  
Tina Keen, Director

*Committee members:*

Carole Huber, Lancaster County  
Cindy Shaffer, Cumberland County  
Janet Fishovitz, Beaver County  
Judy Hetzell, Allegheny County  
Judy Shupp, Wyoming County

## **2023 STATE SESSION WINNERS:**

### **Community Service Reports**

#### **Granges with 25 or few Members**

- 1 – Harveys-Aleppo Grange #1444, Greene County
- 2 – Unionville Grange #1971, Butler County
- 3 – Atlantic Grange #344, Crawford County

#### **Granges with 26-60 Members**

- 1 – Eagle Grange #1, Lycoming County
- 2 – Hayfield Grange #800, Crawford County
- 3 – Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

#### **Granges with 61 or more Members**

- 1 – Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County
- 2 – Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 3 – Penns Valley Grange #158, Centre County

#### **Pomona Granges**

- 1 – Perry County Pomona #69
- 2 – Beaver County Pomona #66
- 3 – Centre County Pomona #13

### **Project of the Year**

#### **Junior Granges**

- 1 – Russellville Junior Grange #550, Chester County

### **Subordinate/Pomona Granges**

- 1 – Marion Grange #223, Centre County
- 2 – Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 3 – Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

### **Deaf Awareness Poster**

- 1 – Gail Switzer, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County & Goshen Grange #121, Chester County
- 2 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

### **Sign-A-Song**

- 1 – Jodi Keith Kensinger, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
- Exhibition: Philip Vonada, Penns Valley Grange #158, Centre County & Eagle Grange #1, Lycoming County
- Exhibition: Tina Keen, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

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

Worthy State Master, Worthy National Master and State Officers, Brothers and Sisters of the Grange.

Evelyn and I are the new Chairpersons/Directors for the Family Activities Committee. We were appointed to this position at the end of February.

We would like to thank everyone who helped to sell quilt raffle tickets and cookbooks at the Farm Show in January.

Our committee consists of myself, Cindy Schlegel, Evelyn Cottrell, Christine Bomba, Michael Covey and Kelly Van Ord. We are still looking for a couple more people to help us. We are all available to answer any questions you may have regarding the Family Activities contests.

We started last fall with printing contest sheets to have ready for State Session. These sheets included the size & color of the quilt block for 2023 as well as all our other contests so that Granges could start working on their projects. 2023 Quilt Raffle tickets were ordered in November by Melanie, who also put them in packets to get reading for the mailing that would go out the beginning of the new year. Thank you so much for doing this, Melanie!

At State Session we had our committee meeting to discuss new contests for 2024 & 2025. In March Evelyn and I met up at the State Grange office along with Christine and Mike to stuff envelopes with packets for Subordinate and Pomona Granges along with Quilt Raffle tickets. Thank you also to Debbie and Brittany for helping us out that day!

Due to prior commitments and work obligations, we were unable to attend Family Fest this year. From what I've heard everyone had a great time and enjoyed the great food, fun and fellowship with fellow Grangers. A big "Thank you" to Wayne, Debbie and all the kitchen helpers for preparing great meals again this year. Evelyn was able to attend Ag Progress Days in August. She sold Quilt Raffle tickets, cookbooks and talked to people about the Grange and what we do.

Even with the change in leadership the Family Activities Committee has had a good year. We hope to continue to bring fun and fellowship to the State Grange for the upcoming year and far into the future.

Thank you all for your support and hope to see you all at State Session in October.

Fraternally,  
Cindy Schlegel & Evelyn Cottrell

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES – 2023 WINNERS

### Quilt Blocks—

#### Class 1 – Triangles & Rectangles

- 1 – Jane Reppert, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 2 – Alice Hartman, Kimberton Grange #1304, Chester County
- 3 – Ginny Mangel, Unionville Grange #1971, Butler County

#### Class 2 – Hand Quilted– Individual

- 1 – Ginny Mangel, Unionville Grange #1971, Butler County
- 2 – Marybeth Southworth, Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County

#### Class 3 – Hand Quilted – Group

- 1 – Marybeth Southworth, Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County

#### Class 4 – Baby/Crib, Hand Quilted

- 1 – Marybeth Southworth, Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County

#### Class 5 – Baby/Crib, Machine Quilted

- 1 – Barbara Warden –Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
- 2– Barbara Gross – Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County

#### Class 6 – Wall Hanging, Hand Quilted

- 1 – Marybeth Southworth, Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County
- 2 – Sandra Hill, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

#### Class 7 – Wall Hanging, Machine Quilted`

- 1 – Marybeth Southworth, Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County
- 2 – Barbara Warden, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
- 3 – Gretchen Kralj, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County

#### Class 8 – Machine Quilted – Judging Top Only

- 1 – Barbara Gross, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
- 2 – Barbara Warden, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
- 3 – Ginny Mangel, Unionville Grange #1971, Butler County

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

- 1 – No Entries

#### Class 10 – Baking/Cooking – Carrot Cake

- 1 – Marcie Schlegel, Pioneer Grange #1755 Berks County
- 2 – Chase Kosciuszko, Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County
- 3 – Susan Tau, Hayfield Grange #800, Crawford County

#### Class 11 – Baking/Cooking – Gingerbread Cookies

- 1 – Gloria Hahn, Mahoning Valley Grange #1649, Lawrence County
- 2 – Laura Sharpnack, Chestnut Ridge Grange #1133, Washington County
- 3 – Miranda Irons, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County

Class 12 – Baking/Cooking – Chocolate Fudge

- 1 – Linda Cehily, Jefferson Grange #1373, Butler County
- 2 – Jean Hollabaugh, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County
- 3 – Terry Murray, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

Class 13 A – Afghans – Full Size, Crochet

- 1 – Debra Kieffer, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
- 2 – Gloria Hahn, Mahoning Valley Grange #1649, Lawrence County
- 3 – Nettie Martsof, Jefferson Grange #1373, Butler County

Class 13 B – Afghans – Full Size, Knitted

- 1 – Nettie Martsof, Jefferson Grange #1373, Butler County
- 2 – Sharon Heck, Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County

Class 14 A – Afghans – Baby, Crochet

- 1 – Jane Reppert, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 2 – Amelia Mitchell, Long Branch Community Grange #2072, Washington County
- 3 – Gloria Hahn, Mahoning Valley Grange #1649, Lawrence County

Class 14 B – Afghans – Baby, Knitted

- 1 – Nettie Martsof, Jefferson Grange #1373, Butler County
- 2 – Sharon Heck, Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County
- 3 – Shirley Garren, Frankfort Springs Grange #1989, Beaver County

Class 15 A – Embroidery – Under 12”

- 1 – Nettie Martsof, Jefferson Grange #1373, Butler County
- 2 – Marybeth Southworth, Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County

Class 15 B – Embroidery – Over 12”

- 1 – Jeanette McDonald, Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County
- 2 – Gladys Kieffer, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 3 – Ruth Vonada, Penns Valley Grange #158, Centre County

Class 16 A – Cross Stitch – Under 12”

- 1 – No Entries

Class 16 B – Cross Stitch – Over 12”

- 1 – Ellen Schaller, Harmony Grange #1693, Lehigh-Northampton County
- 2 – Diane Lomison, Logan Grange #109, Centre County

Class 16 C – Counted Cross Stitch – Under 12”

- 1 – Jill Cavaleiro, Jefferson Grange #1373, Butler County
- 2 – Louise Nogle, California Grange #941, North Central County
- 3 – Tina Keen, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

Class 16 D – Counted Cross Stitch – 12 1/16” & Over

- 1 – Ruth Vonada, Penns Valley Grange #158, Centre County

Class 17 – Plastic Canvas

- 1 – Tina Keen, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
- 2 – Mary McMillin, Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County
- 3 – Jane Reppert, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County



Class 18 – Cotton Thread – Doilies/Centerpieces

- 1 – Tina Keen, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
- 2 – Carol Harris, Gouglersville Grange #1743, Berks County
- 3 – Diane Waxler, Hookstown #1980, Beaver County

Class 19 – Tin Punching – Large

- 1 – Jerry Chambers, Chestnut Ridge Grange #1133, Washington County
- 2 – Sandra Hill, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 3 – Jill Cavalero, Jefferson Grange #1373, Butler County

Class 20 – Tin Punching – Small

- 1 – Walt Chesney, Hartslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County
- 2 – Macie Maine, Lawrence Co. Junior Grange #1496, Lawrence County

Class 21 – Belts – Women’s

- 1 – Ginny Mangel, Unionville Grange #1971, Butler County
- 2 – Cindy Wetzal, Virginville Grange #1832, Berk County

Class 22 – Belts – Men’s

- 1 – Braden Thomson, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County

Class 23 – Stenciling – Wood

- 1 – Jerry Chambers, Chestnut Ridge Grange #1133, Washington County
- 2 – Darlene Shinsky, Pleasant Hill Grange #1505, Lawrence County
- 3 – Tina Keen, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

Class 24 – Stenciling – Slate

- 1 – Debra Kieffer, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
- 2 – Tina Keen, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
- 3 – Darlene Shinsky, Pleasant Hill Grange #1505, Lawrence County

Class 25 – Stenciling – Fabrick

- 1 – Tina Keen, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
- 2 – Jackie Clabaugh, Hartslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County
- 3 – Jill Cavalero, Jefferson Grange #1373, Butler County

Class 26 – Stenciling - Glass

- 1 – Jackie Clabaugh, Hartslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County
- 2 – Jill Cavalero, Jefferson Grange #1373, Butler County
- 3 – Tina Keen, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

**REPORT OF THE JUNIOR GRANGE COMMITTEE**

Worthy State President, Worthy National Grange President, Worthy National Grange Steward, State Officers, Delegates, guests, and friends,

This has been a year of growth, discovery, and excitement in the PA State Junior Grange. I am incredibly proud of each of our Juniors who have worked hard this year on behalf of our Order and congratulate the former Juniors who have successfully graduated to the Subordinate Grange.

I encourage ALL Granges to be reporting your Junior Grange members, including any 1+ members (children of Junior age who are not part of a chartered Junior Grange). Information on the 1+ program can be found on the National and State Junior Grange websites. The 1+ program is designed to help grow the Junior Grange **and** to help grow the future of the Subordinate Grange by involving children in your programming.

I also implore ALL Granges to have multiple members of your Grange on the State Grange Volunteer Registry, by completing your Clearances and reporting them to [volunteer@pagrange.org](mailto:volunteer@pagrange.org) and to the State Junior Director. This is to ensure the safety of all our under-18 participants, and also helps protect the Grange at all levels.

I want to thank every Grange and all the individuals who either contributed to the Junior Appeal or made other donations this year. Your support means the world to us and helps us accomplish so many things! I especially want to thank the following sponsors from our Appeal:

Meal Sponsor

- Mt. Nebo Grange #1872 (Allegheny County)

Camper Sponsors

- Elizabethtown Grange #2076 (Lancaster County)
- Perry Valley Grange #1804 (Perry County)
- Straub Insurance (Mercer County)
- Virginville Grange #1832 (Berks County)

Campfire Sponsors

- Kimberton Grange #1304 (Montgomery County)
- Valley Grange #200 (York County)

**National Grange**

We kicked off the year not long after last year's State Grange Session in York. Junior Ambassador Danni Wilcox (accompanied by her parents Sabrina & Ken) attended the 156th Annual National Grange Session in Sparks, Nevada in November 2022. Although Danni couldn't compete for the title of National Junior Ambassador, she made us VERY proud as a representative of our Junior Grange.

During the Evening of Honors, Pennsylvania State Junior Grange was recognized for our report, and Gail Switzer (Marion Grange, Berks County) was recognized as Junior Mentor of the Year for her work with Junior Grangers in Pennsylvania & beyond. Congratulations, Gail!

**Farm Show**

Pennsylvania's 107th Farm Show was held January 6-14, 2023. Junior Ambassadors Danni Wilcox and Tyler Davis participated in the festivities, including the return of the PA Preferred Reception on Friday evening. We had no sooner finished informing them that they may meet a few dignitaries when we ran into Governor Tom Wolf just inside the reception doors.

On Saturday, the Junior & Youth Teams took part in the opening ceremonies. They got to meet and greet with Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding, Senator GT Thompson, Representative Bob Casey, and other dignitaries and commodity representatives from around the state.

We then spent some time volunteering in the Pennsylvania State Grange Farm Show booth, and assisted Valley Grange at the milkshake stand - we had a lot of fun (and tried to make as few messes as possible).

On Monday, the Juniors & Youth teamed up to oversee the information booths around the Farm Show. I want to especially thank Lizzie & Cliff Bailey, Thelma Brodzina, Debbie & Wayne Campbell, and Ruth Vonada for taking part in this little fundraiser for our department.

### **Junior Online Gatherings**

We continued Junior Online Gatherings throughout the winter, with one in February and one in April. This was a great way to continue connecting Juniors across the state, and we will probably continue them this winter again. Each JOG includes a craft, an educational lesson, a game, and other fun with our Juniors. If you haven't tuned into one, check them out soon!

### **Royalty Trip/Capitol Days**

Our annual royalty trip/capitol days were held on June 12 & 13. On Tuesday, we took part in the 150th Anniversary press conference at the Capitol Building, followed by the teams throwing the ceremonial first pitch at the Harrisburg Senators Game. We then had some more fun at Chocolate World that evening.

On Wednesday, our Junior Ambassadors had the great opportunity to meet and speak with their Senators and Representatives (or their staffers) to speak about issues that are important to them. Tyler & Danni were both well-spoken and well-informed about their issues, as well as issues the Grange is working on. They are truly great representatives for our Juniors! Later, the Junior Ambassadors, along with Youth Ambassador Logen Smith, were introduced in the House of Representatives, which was a great honor!

Finally, it was time for some well-deserved fun at HersheyPark! Many thanks to Legislative Director Carrie Nace and the team at Novak for their great work in helping to organize the trip and arranging our meetings at the Capitol.

### **Junior Grange Camp**

State Junior Grange Camp was held from July 2-8 at Camp Sylvan Hills in Howard with 49 campers and 38 counselors, helpers, and staff in attendance! This year's theme was Junior Grange Camp "Shore" is Fun! And a ton of fun was, indeed, had, including a trip to Bald Eagle State Park to learn from their staff, visitors who came to lead workshops, including Centre County Dairy Princess Remington Weaver, and lots of water game fun. We even survived a mini-typhoon one night!

Thank you to National Junior Grange Ambassador Nettie Hartley and her father Walter (Rhode Island State Grange President) for joining us for the week. Thank you to all of the State Grange Officers who spent time with us during the week; to every counselor, helper, and workshop leader who truly made the week a success; to Ruth Vonada, Thelma Brodzina, Ginny Straub, and Wayne and Debbie Campbell (and the numerous guests who joined the team throughout the week) for keeping us all fed as amazing cooks, and Tammy Schaeffer for keeping us healthy; to Lindsay Schroeder for all of her amazing photography, and Rebecca Anzuetto Estrada for compiling the camp newsletter. And - of course - thank you to the whole Junior Committee for your incredible work!

I also want to thank the Granges who sponsored campers, for ensuring that Juniors and their families have the ability to attend camp. ***Did you know*** that the fees paid by campers, helpers, counselors, and staff don't cover the true cost of camp? It is thanks to Granges who donate to the PAJG appeal that we are able to put on our camp every year, at a low and reasonable cost to families. We are already planning the 2024 camp, **JURASSIC JOURNEY**, which will be held June 30th-July 6th, 2024. **SAVE THE DATE!**

Some of you may have also seen via Facebook that I am investigating new locations for our camp. As the cost of camp keeps rising each year, and as we are nearing capacity at Sylvan Hills, I am simply looking for a potential new location to hold this camp each year. If you have any recommendations, please reach out!

On Friday night at camp, we announced several prizes, and I just want to take a moment to list them here:

Grange Knowledge Test High Scores

Groups 1 & 2 (age 5-10)  
Savannah Beamon and Gabriel Anzueto  
Groups 3 & 4 (age 11-14)  
Ruby Reyburn and Emma Seidel

Superlatives

Clownfish - Elsa Kehs  
Turtles - Sawyer Straub  
Starfish - Sarah Riegel  
Sharks - Gayle Reyburn

Helper of the Year - Ally Spencer

Counselor of the Year - Riley Danko

Thank you to Tyler Davis and Danni Wilcox who had an incredible year as PA Junior Ambassadors. From Harrisburg to Reno and all over the state, they made Pennsylvania's Juniors proud.

And congratulations to our new Ambassadors:

**Gayle Reyburn**, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County

**Braden Thomson**, Watson Junior Grange, Warren County

If you would like the Junior Ambassadors at your meeting or event, please contact me to make the arrangements! Danni and Tyler are already doing an awesome job, visiting events and representing the best of PA's Juniors.

**Family Festival**

Just a few days later, Juniors took part in Family Festival in Centre Hall. Craft and activity tables were set up for the Juniors to enjoy all weekend, where a ton of awesome projects and kindness rocks were created. Braden helped lead water games on Friday afternoon, Juniors participated in the Saturday bike-a-thon, and there was a TON of fun to be had! We also started preparing for camp already with our Saturday morning workshop, where Gayle and Braden helped create dinosaur fossils and footprints out of salt dough.

The Junior Department sponsored the popcorn bar during Friday evening's movie night, which was tasty and fun!

On Saturday night, several Juniors participated in the talent contest:

Instrumental Age 5-9

1st Place: Molly Reyburn  
2nd Place: Elsa Kehs

Vocal Age 5-9

1st Place: Savannah Beamon &  
Riley Beamon  
2nd Place: Elsa Kehs

Instrumental Age 10-14

1st Place: Gayle Reyburn  
2nd Place: Ruby Reyburn

Congratulations all! We'd love to see **even more Juniors** in next year's talent contest! Please remember to pre-register for this event so I can be sure to have judges!

**Thank Yous**

I want to thank everyone who invited me or the Ambassadors to any event or function. We had a fantastic time representing Juniors across the State at camps, meetings, and other events. It was a ton of fun, and **please** continue to invite us!

Thank you to Ken & Sabrinna Wilcox, Deb and Chet Shaffer, and Mike and Suzanne Davis for being amazing chaperones to events on all over the state (and country!). Your commitment to ensuring the Ambassadors made it to as many events as possible is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Cassy Kehs, who stepped off the Junior Committee this year – I am so grateful for your insight and thoughts as a “recent Junior” as we worked to plan our events.

Thank you to Jen and Lindsay for being great partners in planning as Youth Department Co-Directors, Jenn and Gail for being my sounding boards, my mom and sister and cousins for constantly listening to my crazy ideas, and to the Junior Committee for being simply the best.

It has been my honor to continue leading this department, and I thank our President, Matt Espenshade, for asking me to stay on. The work is sometimes hard, but it always leads to *fun* results, and I look forward to another year of working on behalf of our Junior members. We are working hard to train the future leaders of our Order, and any support or encouragement that local Grange members can give is always appreciated.

Let’s keep growing the Junior Grange here in PA! If you are interested in learning more about what it takes to charter a Junior Grange, or about the 1+ program, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip J Vonada, PA Junior Grange Director

*and the Junior Committee*

Jen Beamon, Ashley Furman, Miranda Irons, James Knoerdel, Tina Reich, and Christie Straub  
Gayle Reyburn and Braden Thomson, 2023-2024 PAJG Ambassadors

## **2023 JUNIOR GRANGE CONTEST WINNERS**

### **Recycled Can – Practical/Useful**

*Age 5-9*

- 1 – Sawyer Straub – Stony Point Grange #1694, Mercer County
- 2 – Molly Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Sarah Scharf – Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County
- 2 – Emilee Book – Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
- 3 – Justin Dusko – Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County

*Junior at Heart*

- 1 – Ashley Kolpak – Chester Valley Grange, Chester County

### **Recycled Can – Decorative**

*Age 5-9*

- 1 – Michaela Martin – Valley Grange, #1360, York County
- 2 – Daxter Irons – Watson Junior Grange #382, Warren County
- 3 – MaKenna McGuire – Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
- 4 – Brantley Zimmerman – Centre Junior Grange #552, Centre County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Addison McGuire – Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
- 2 – Sadie Freyer – Centre Junior Grange #552, Centre County
- 3 – Carisa Schaeffer – Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County
- 4 – Nolan Fayewicz – Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County

*Junior at Heart*

1 – Ashley Kolpak – Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

**Baking – Muffins: Sweet**

*Age 5-9*

1 – MaKenna McGuire – Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

2 – Kenzi Irons – Watson Junior Grange #382, Warren County

3 – Jesse Maine – Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

4 – Sawyer Straub – Stony Point Grange #1694, Mercer County

*Age 10-14*

1 – Stella Assid - Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

2 – Addison McGuire - Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

**Baking – Muffins: Savory**

*Age 5-9*

1 – Macie Maine - Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

2 – Sawyer Straub – Stony Point Grange #1694, Mercer County

3 – MaKenna McGuire - Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

*Age 10-14*

1 – Addison McGuire - Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

2 – Ruby Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County

**Design a T-Shirt – “Be Kind”**

*Age 5-9*

1 – Elsa Kehs – Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County

2 – Brayden Covey – Pioneer Junior Grange #452, Berks County

3 – Foster Kehs – Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County

4 – Molly Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County

*Age 10-14*

1 – Ruby Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County

2 – Sarah Scharf – Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County

3 – Gabriel Anzueto Estrada – Centre Junior Grange #552, Centre County

4 – Kayleigh Covey – Pioneer Junior Grange #452, Berks County

**Creative Writing – “All About My Hero”**

*Age 5-9*

1 – Savannah Beamon – Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County

**Building Blocks – Practical/Useful**

*Age 5-9*

1 – Sawyer Straub – Stony Point Grange #1694, Mercer County

2 – Macie Maine - Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

3 – William Keen – Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County

*Age 10-14*

1 – Lincoln Furman – Centre Junior Grange #552, Centre County

2 – Jacob Schroeder – Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County

3 – Sarah Scharf – Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County

4 – Nolan Fayewicz – Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County

### **Building Blocks – Animals**

#### *Age 5-9*

- 1 – Sawyer Straub – Stony Point Grange #1694, Mercer County
- 2 – William Keen – Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County
- 3 – Brianna Keen – Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County

#### *Age 10-14*

- 1 – Sarah Scharf - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County
- 2 – Emilee Book - Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

### **Mini Pumpkin Decorating – Painted**

#### *Age 5-9*

- 1 – Jesse Maine - Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
- 2 – Molly Reyburn - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County
- 3 – Elsa Kehs - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County
- 4 – Macie Maine - Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

#### *Age 10-14*

- 1 – Addison McGuire - Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
- 2 – Sarah Scharf - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County
- 3 – Stella Assid - Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
- 4 – Carisa Schaeffer - Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County

#### *Junior at Heart*

- 1 – Lindsay Schroeder - Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County
- 2 – Ashley Kolpak - Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

### **Mini Pumpkin Decorating – Be Creative**

#### *Age 5-9*

- 1 – Sawyer Straub - Stony Point Grange #1694, Mercer County
- 2 – Michaela Martin - Valley Grange #1360, York County

#### *Junior at Heart*

- 1 – Ashley Kolpak - Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 2 – Lindsay Schroeder - Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County

### **Pumpkin Decorating – Virtual Contest**

#### *Age 10-14*

- 1 – Gabriel Anzueto Estrada - Centre Junior Grange #552, Centre County
- 2 – Christopher Anzueto Estrada - Centre Junior Grange #552, Centre County

#### *Junior at Heart*

- 1 – Ashley Kolpak - Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

### **Scrapbook Page – “Holiday Fun”**

#### *Age 5-9*

- 1 – MaKenna McGuire - Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

#### *Age 10-14*

- 1 – Addison McGuire - Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

**Art: Image – Buildings**

*Age 5-9*

- 1 – Savannah Beamon - Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County
- 2 – Molly Reyburn - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County
- 3 – Riley Beamon - Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County
- 4 – Brayden Covey - Pioneer Junior Grange #452, Berks County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Justin Dusko - Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County
- 2 – Natalee Zug - Walker Junior Grange #416, Juniata County
- 3 – Ellie Schroeder - Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County
- 4 – Lillian Dusko - Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County

**Art: Image – Nature**

*Age 5-9*

- 1 – Savannah Beamon - Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County
- 2 – Catie Furman - Centre Junior Grange #552, Centre County
- 3 – Molly Reyburn - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County
- 4 – Carisa Schaeffer - Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Natalee Zug - Walker Junior Grange #416, Juniata County
- 2 – Lillian Dusko - Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County
- 3 – Madelyn Vonada - Centre Junior Grange #552, Centre County
- 4 – Addison McGuire - Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

**Art: Image – My Family**

*Age 5-9*

- 1 – Savannah Beamon - Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County
- 2 – Kenzi Irons - Watson Junior Grange #382, Warren County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Karlie Supplee - Walker Junior Grange #416, Juniata County
- 2 – Riley Koszewski - Watson Junior Grange #382, Warren County
- 3 – Natalee Zug - Walker Junior Grange #416, Juniata County

**Art: Image – Abstract**

*Age 5-9*

- 1 – MaKenna McGuire - Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
- 2 – Savannah Beamon - Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County
- 3 – Sawyer Straub - Stony Point Grange #1694, Mercer County
- 4 – William Keen - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Sarah Scharf - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County
- 2 – Gabriel Anzueto Estrada - Centre Junior Grange #552, Centre County
- 3 – Madelyn Vonada - Centre Junior Grange #552, Centre County
- 4 – Lillian Dusko - Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County



**Art: 3D – Buildings**

*Age 5-9*

- 1 – Michaela Martin - Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 2 – Aubrey Check - Watson Junior Grange #382, Warren County
- 3 – William Keen - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Sarah Scharf - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County

**Art: 3D – Nature**

*Age 5-9*

- 1 – MaKenna McGuire - Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
- 2 – Carlee Book - Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
- 3 – William Keen - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County
- 4 – Molly Reyburn - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Nolan Fayewicz - Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County
- 2 – Ellie Schroeder - Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County
- 3 – Sarah Scharf - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County
- 4 – Addison McGuire - Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

**Art: 3D – Abstract**

*Age 5-9*

- 1 – Michaela Martin - Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 2 – Foster Kehs - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County
- 3 – William Keen - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County
- 4 – Brianna Keen - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Emilee Book - Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
- 2 – Addison McGuire - Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
- 3 – Sarah Scharf - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County
- 4 – Ruby Reyburn - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County

**Photography: My Hometown**

*Age 5-9*

- 1 – MaKenna McGuire - Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
- 2 – Michaela Martin - Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 3 – Sawyer Straub - Stony Point Grange #1694, Mercer County
- 4 – Molly Reyburn - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County

**Photography: Flowers**

*Age 5-9*

- 1 – Sawyer Straub - Stony Point Grange #1694, Mercer County
- 2 – Michaela Martin - Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 3 – Molly Reyburn - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County

**Photography: "The Cutest Thing!"**

*Age 5-9*

- 1 – Michaela Martin - Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 2 – Sawyer Straub - Stony Point Grange #1694, Mercer County
- 3 – Molly Reyburn - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Nolan Fayewicz - Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County
- 2 – Addison McGuire - Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
- 3 – Carisa Schaeffer - Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County
- 4 – Ruby Reyburn - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County

**Photography: My Favorite Season**

*Age 5-9*

- 1 – Michaela Martin - Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 2 – Sawyer Straub - Stony Point Grange #1694, Mercer County
- 3 – Molly Reyburn - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Ruby Reyburn - Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County

**Junior Grange Shooting Stars**

Riley Beamon, Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County  
Heidi Eisenhower, Marion Junior Grange, #1853 Berks County  
Julie Eisenhower, Marion Junior Grange #1853, Berks County  
Nolan Fayewicz, Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County  
Catie Furman, Centre Junior Grange #552, Centre County  
Lincoln Furman, Centre Junior Grange #552, Centre County  
Nettie Hartley, Moosup Valley Junior Grange, Rhode Island  
Michaela Martin, Valley Grange #1360, York County  
Sarah Riegel, Marion Junior Grange #1853, Berks County  
Travis Riegel, Marion Junior Grange #1853, Berks County  
Emma Seidel, Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County  
Sawyer Straub, Stony Point Grange #1694, Mercer County  
Madelyn Vonada, Centre Junior Grange #552, Centre County  
Madelyn Warham, Watson Junior Grange #382, Warren County

**Junior Grange Superstars**

Savannah Beamon, Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County  
Sadie Freyer, Centre Junior Grange #552, Centre County  
William Keen, Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County  
Elsa Kehs, Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County  
Foster Kehs, Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County  
Gretchen Reich, Valley Grange #1360, York County  
Gayle Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County  
Molly Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County  
Ruby Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County  
Sarah Scharf, Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County  
Ellie Schroeder, Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County  
Jacob Schroeder, Virginville Junior Grange #436, Berks County  
Braden Thomson, Watson Junior Grange #382, Warren County

**Junior Supporter of the Year** – Andrew Kieffer, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County

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

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

First, thank you to all the Granges and individuals who sent in appeal funds to the Youth and Young Adults Department this past year. Your support made it possible to continue our programming this year. We truly appreciate your kindness and generosity in supporting the youth. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Before we move any further, we would like to personally thank Ellen Wadsworth and all her energy that she has put into the youth department for the past six years. We have been blessed with her support and commitment to the young people of our organization. We believe that the transition has been smooth, and it is no doubt because of her. Thank you, Ellen! We love you!

### **2022 NATIONAL GRANGE SESSION**

We had several PA youth and young adults participating in various capacities at the National Grange Session in Sparks, Nevada. Congratulations to Gail Switzer for being named National Grange Outstanding Young Patron; Lindsay Schroeder as Communications Fellows under the leadership of Philip Vonada; and Bryce Danko for being selected to the National Youth Team as the Steward. You all make Pennsylvania proud!!

### **FARM SHOW 2023**

Our Youth and Young Patron attended the PA Preferred Reception on Friday evening. Saturday morning, the ambassador team participated in the Farm Show Opening Ceremony where Young Patron, Glenn Wilkins gave Opening Ceremony Reflection. Youth Ambassadors, Bryce Danko and Logen Smith, as well as Glenn Wilkins volunteered for several hours in both the State Grange booth and the Valley Grange milkshake stand. Later in the week, Bryce was a speaker on the panel discussion for "Workforce Development in Ag Industries" sponsored by the PA State Grange. He spoke on behalf of his experience through FFA and the Grange.

### **ROYALTY TRIP 2023**

This year's Royalty Trip was held June 13-14 in Harrisburg. Unfortunately, with Glenn's recent move to Texas and Bryce attending the PA State FFA Convention, they were unable to join us. However, with amazing planning by our Legislative Liaison, Ms. Carrie Nace, the Youth Ambassador, Logen Smith, along with the Junior Royalty were able to spend time in the Capitol. The royalty met with fellow Grangers and as the PA State Grange was recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and the PA House of Representatives. Next, the team headed to City Island for the throwing of the 1<sup>st</sup> pitch prior to the start of the Harrisburg Senators game. This was a lovely afternoon spent with baseball and a picnic lunch with some of our Grange family. Later that evening, we toured Hershey's Chocolate World and ate dinner at Fuddruggers; then headed back to the hotel to work on planning activities for camp and Family Festival. The next day Logen was joined with his sister, Shae, as he met with his local legislators. He focused on his concerns of the lack of support to attend a trade school following high school graduation. This is something that Logen was very passionate about and the legislators felt his concerns. The rest of the afternoon and evening was spent in the "Happiest Place on Earth" -- Hershey Park. It was a fantastic trip with our royalty teams!

### **PA STATE GRANGE YOUTH CAMP 2023**

Youth Camp was held on June 28-30 in a "Backyard BBQ" type of style. We were thrilled to have an increase in campers this year. We had 29 campers, two committee members, and three outstanding cooks. We focused the weekend on the theme through very competitive cornhole tournament and delicious meals. This year we had two couples "Sponsor a Meal" for camp: Richard & Nancy Poorbaugh and Wayne & Debbie Campbell. We appreciate your monetary donation towards our camp meals! A camp favorite was Saturday dinner, smoked pulled pork sandwiches (Ken, Jen's husband, smoked the meat for eight (8) hours), baked beans, and macaroni and cheese. It is important to note the winners of the cornhole tournament were Mikayla Orr and Alexa Davis ~ WOW, were these girls impressive! Our community service project for the

weekend was various tasks around Sylvan Hills. With a recent storm, and a new building there were some items that needed attention and our youth were able to jump right in to help with guidance from the newly elected camp manager. Also, the attendees were asked to bring items to donate to make BBQ kits – things that you would use at a BBQ. The items were donated to local churches in the Howard area who are feeding members in their local community. They were very appreciative of the generosity of our youth and their families. In addition, the youth also participated in the National Grange workshops: Grange Baseball and Parliamentary Procedure. Thank you to Gail, Bryce, and Riley for your assistance with these activities. The campers spent the afternoon on Saturday working on String Art. Please stop by the exhibit room to see some of the work that they have done. A special shout-out to Wayne Campbell for cutting pieces of wood for us and sanding them so they would be ready to use. To close the weekend, the new Youth Ambassadors were selected, Elisabeth Reich and Shae Smith. We have a GREAT group of youth!!

### **FAMILY FESTIVAL**

A few days later, we were back with our Grange family at Family Festival with our two contests the Youth and Young Adults Department – the **Chili Cook-off and Cornhole Tournament**. We had a great turnout and awesome participation in both events! The Chili winners were 1<sup>st</sup> – Chili (Derek Schroeder); 2<sup>nd</sup> – Beef Chili (Doris Koenig); 3<sup>rd</sup> Chicken Tortilla (Jodi Keith Kensinger). The winning Cornhole Teams were 1<sup>st</sup> Gail and Lindsay (Isaac Mengel and Derek Schroeder); 2<sup>nd</sup> The Breakfast Club (Robert Beamon and Wayne Campbell); and 3<sup>rd</sup> The Twins (Bryce and Riley Danko). We are looking forward to hosting these contests again next year so start practicing! Also happening during the weekend was the Grange Knowledge Test – high test scores went to Gail Switzer in the Youth category and Derek Schroeder in the Senior Youth category. Congratulations to all of our participants! During Saturday evening's program, the new Outstanding Young Patrons were announced. Desira Rickenbach from Berks County and Ashlan Smith from Lancaster County will be representing the Young Patrons for the next year. We are very excited for what the future holds for our 2023-2024 Youth Team.

### **EASTERN REGIONALS: Mt. Olive, North Carolina**

Pennsylvania was represented at the Eastern Regional with Jen, Ken, Bryce, and Riley Danko, Shae Smith, Wayne and Debbie Campbell, Phil Vonada, and Gail Switzer. We were a small, but mighty crew. Being in the "pickle area," it is only right that the weekend started by learning how to make homemade pickles. The evening ended with a competitive round of Grange baseball. Saturday morning, we toured a local Grange farm, Holly Grove Farm. This farm makes their own all-natural goat cheese. We tasted the varieties and were intrigued at how interesting the flavors came together with a cream cheese like consistency. The remainder part of the day, we participated in workshops from the National Youth team as well as a North Carolina member of the National Grange Ag Committee on the information of cannabis. The evening was filled with being a captive audience for the public speaking and sign-a-song competitions. We are so proud of our winners of the evening: Shae Smith – 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Grange baseball and Bryce Danko – 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Grange baseball. These two will represent Pennsylvania at the National Session. Bryce also won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Impromptu category as well as the Ambassador prepared speech. They have certainly made Pennsylvania proud. Please save the date for July 26-28, 2024, as Pennsylvania will be hosting next year. The location is TBD.

### **AG PROGRESS DAYS**

This three-day event was represented by our Youth on various days. Jen and Shae attended on Tuesday, Ashlan and Desira went on Thursday. The days were filled with sharing information on the Grange, selling quilt raffle tickets, as well as cookbooks. They then had the opportunity to explore the grounds with some interesting booths. While walking, they were able to talk to younger people in the area about their sash and their experiences in the Grange. It was a great event to spread the news of our organization!

### **STATE GRANGE SESSION**

The Youth Officer Team will again be sporting their new vests this year at the State Session in Morgantown, PA. With the celebrations of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Youth Team will be conducting a drill demonstration

on Saturday afternoon. We are fortunate to have been given this time to show our organization the talent and dedication the youth of PA represent.

The Youth Officer Team for 2023 is:

Bryce Danko (Perry County)	Kay Reyburn (Chester County)
Alan Espenshade (Lancaster County)	Merle Reyburn (Chester County)
Evan Espenshade (Lancaster County)	Desira Rickenbach (Berks County)
Sadie Johnson (Beaver County)	Ashlan Smith (Lancaster County)
Abigail Kehs (Chester County)	Logen Smith (Lancaster County)
Isaac Mengel (Berks County)	Shae Smith (Lancaster County)
Elisabeth Reich (York County)	Cadence Tempel (Berks County)
Jackson Reich (York County)	Grace Tempel (Berks County)
Harvey Reyburn (Chester County)	Evelyn Zaleski (Lancaster County)

Congratulations to all these fantastic youth and young adults!!

### **YOUTH OFFICER TEAM SPONSOR**

Once again, we asked for sponsors for our Youth Officer Team member and once again, YOU came through with strong support. The Youth Officer Team selected for the PA State Grange Session in October 2023 will be presented with an official Youth Team vest, including the Grange logo and their name embroidered on the front. Only new Youth Officer Team members will receive a vest this year. The returning officers will continue to use the vest that they were presented with in previous years. The Youth and Young Adults Committee has selected black vests for the Youth Team and gray vests for sponsors.

To sponsor a member of the Youth Team and receive a gray vest, we requested a donation of at least \$100 to the PA Grange Youth Department. To sponsor a member of the Youth Team without a supporter vest, we requested a donation of at least \$60. The Youth Team will be wearing their vest while participating in any Grange activity to show their pride in this great organization.

This year's sponsors of the PA State Grange Youth Officer Team include:

Wayne and Debbie Campbell, Perry County	Virginia Straub, Mercer County
Matt and Charlene Espenshade, Lancaster County	Philip Vonada, Centre County
Derek and Barbara Schroeder, Berks County	

Thank you for demonstrating your commitment to the Youth of Pennsylvania!

### **APPRECIATION**

Thank you to our families and the awesome Youth Committee! We had an amazing six months with increasing numbers of participants, largely due to your hard work and great ideas! The Youth Committee includes:

Robert Beamon, Berks County  
Maggie Cornie, Beaver County  
Gail Switzer, Berks County  
2022-2023 Youth Ambassadors – Logen Smith (Lancaster County) and Bryce Danko (Perry )  
2023-2024 Youth Ambassadors – Elisabeth Reich and Shae Smith (Lancaster County)  
2022-2023 Young Patron – Glenn Wilkins (York County)  
2023-2024 Young Patron – Desira Rickenbach (Berks County) and Ashlan Smith (Berks County)

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 and the PRESENT of our Order 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. Look around at the individuals involved at all levels of the Grange in Pennsylvania. We would like you to reach out to us if you are interested in having any members of our ambassador team come to your Grange for a program, or community event. We look forward to traveling across the Commonwealth to spread the energy of the Youth Department!

Fraternally,

Jennifer Danko  
Lindsay Schroeder  
PA State Grange Youth and Young Adults Co-Directors

## **2023 YOUTH DEPARTMENT CONTEST WINNERS**

### **START WITH A CAKE MIX - Chocolate Variation**

- 1 – No report was received.
- 2 – Mary McMillin, Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County
- 3 – Philip Vonada, Penns Valley Grange #158, Centre County
- 4 – Tammy Schaeffer, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County

### **START WITH A CAKE MIX - White/Yellow Variation**

- 1 – Kelly Van Ord, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County
- 2 – Tammy Schaeffer, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
- 3 – Jessica Reyburn, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

### **START WITH A CAKE MIX - Spice/Fruit/Nut Variation**

- 1 – Tina Keen, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
- 2 – Mary McMillin, Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County
- 3 – Philip Vonada, Penns Valley Grange #158, Centre County

### **CUPCAKE DECORATING – 5-13**

- 1 – Ruby Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange #550, Chester County
- 2 – Cyrus Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange #550, Chester County
- 3 – William Keen, Russellville Junior Grange #550, Chester County

### **CUPCAKE DECORATING – 14+**

- 1 – Jessica Reyburn, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
- 2 – Mary McMillin, Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County
- 3 – Tina Keen, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

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

- 1 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 2 – Gail Switzer, Goshen Grange #14, Chester County

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

- 1 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 2 – Gail Switzer, Goshen Grange #14, Chester County

**BUILDING BLOCK CREATION – Young Adult (14-21)**

1 – Chase Kosciuszko, Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County

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

1 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

2 – Desira Rickenbach, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

3 – Lindsay Schroeder, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

**String Art – Ages 14-21**

1 – Kay Reyburn, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

Merle Reyburn, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

Harvey Reyburn, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

**String Art – Ages 22-35**

1 – Robert Beamon, Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County

**RECYCLED CRAFT – Plastic – Young Adult (22-35)**

1 – Lindsay Schroeder, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

2 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

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

1 – Kay Reyburn, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

2 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

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

1 – Lindsay Schroeder, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

2 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

**GRANGE DISPLAY - Youth (14-21)**

1 – No Entries

**GRANGE DISPLAY – Young Adult (22-35)**

1 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

**CREATE A GRANGE FLYER – Young Adult (14-21)**

1 – Riley Danko, Oliver Grange #1069, Perry County

**CREATE A GRANGE FLYER – Young Adult (22-35)**

1 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

2 – Gail Switzer, Goshen Grange #14, Chester County

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

1 – Shae Smith, Elizabethtown Grange #2076, Lancaster County

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

1 – No Entries

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

1 – Tina Keen, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

2 – Lurae Benzio, Fairview Grange #1351, Beaver County

3 – Mary McMillin, Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County

4 – Jackie Clabaugh, Hartslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County

**PUBLIC SPEAKING - Grange Commercial – Young Adult (22-35)**

1 – No Entries

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

- 1 – Elisabeth Reich, valley Grange #1360, York County
- 2 – Bryce Danko, Oliver Grange #1069, Perry County
- 3 – Harvey Reyburn, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

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

- 1 – Philip Vonada, Penns Valley Grange #158, Centre County
- 2 – Gail Switzer, Goshen Grange #14, Chester County

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

- 1 – Tina Keen, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
- 2 – Tina Reich, Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 3 – Laura McMillin, Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County

**PUBLIC SPEAKING - DIY – Young Adult (22-35)**

- 1 – Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntington County
- 2 – Sara Newman, Hartslog Valley Grange #375, Huntington 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 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session reports the following:

Delegates representing 61 Subordinate Grange	99
Delegates representing 21 Pomona Grange	<u>36</u>
Total number of Delegates	135
Total Guests	113
Total number of Junior Grange Members	<u>31</u>
	144
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>279</b>

We want to thank the registration committee for their work.

Fraternally submitted,  
Karen Mohn, Chair, Berks County  
Steve Mohn, Berks 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 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, 2023, is \$1,281.94. In 2023 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, 2023, is \$6,966.78

The Pennsylvania Grange Scholarship Fund provides for grants to be given to Grange members in their Junior or Senior years at any institution of higher learning, for any course of study. The State Grange Executive committee administers the 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, 2023, is \$94,911.63 which includes the \$1,281.94 of the Sign Language Training Programs Scholarship Fund.

We did not have anyone apply for a Grange Scholarship in 2023

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 scholarships we are able to award.

A contribution can be made by sending a check to the Pennsylvania State Grange office, made out to "Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania Grange Foundation. Thank you for your support of this extremely important and worthwhile endeavor that enhances the educational opportunities for our members.

Fraternally submitted,

Richard Mangel, Chairman  
Pennsylvania State Grange Foundation.



## REPORT OF THE HISTORY COMMITTEE 150TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

### Executive Summary

**The major focus of the committee's work during the past year was the continued planning, promotion and fund raising for the PA State Grange's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration activities being held throughout the year and climaxing at the 151<sup>st</sup> annual state session in Morgantown, Berks County, October 19-22, 2023.**

What a long and significant history is our legacy! The Pennsylvania State Grange was birthed on September 18, 1873, when representatives of 22 of the 25 local Granges then organized in the state met in Reading, Berks County, to form a state organization under the auspices of the National Grange which had been founded in 1867. Remembering its birthplace, major State Grange historical milestones were similarly celebrated in Reading for the 75<sup>th</sup>, 100<sup>th</sup> and 125<sup>th</sup> anniversaries.

Looking ahead toward the State Grange's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, in 2019 then State President Wayne Campbell appointed the standing History Committee to be responsible for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Planning began in earnest almost immediately. A resolution brought to the delegate body at the 2020 state session in

Erie was adopted that removed the 2023 session from the usual hosting rotation among the six Grange regions of the state and formally accepted the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a responsibility of all Pennsylvania Granges. Subsequently, the delegate body in 2021 reaffirmed this decision.

These actions laid the groundwork for a sesquicentennial celebration that began with an Open House at Eagle Grange #1 and kick-off luncheon/program at Lewisburg's Country Cupboard on September 18, 2021, on the exact day of our 148<sup>th</sup> anniversary and continued throughout the past two years in local Granges across the state. The following is a summary of what has happened and the planned finale taking place at this year's session.

**Acts of Service** – This initiative was planned to bring the anniversary into our local Granges, increasing outreach into the communities each serves. Every Grange was challenged to do at least one service project between 2021 and 2023 and with strong encouragement to undertake new projects. The initial goal was to have 150 Acts of Service reported; we are thrilled to report that as of September 2023, approximately 200 service projects have been documented. Each act is being shared on the State Grange Facebook page to communicate this significant achievement to Grange members and the public alike.

**Degree Exemplifications** – The Grange's traditional ritual is an important part of its history but fewer and fewer Granges are regularly conferring the degrees as was common practice in the past. For this reason, including exemplification of the first six degrees was planned as a part of the anniversary observances. In 2021 York County exemplified the First and Second Degrees at the state session in Valley Forge and last year at the York session the Third Degree was exemplified by the State Youth Department and the Fourth Degree by Centre County. Climaxing the effort, this year the Fifth Degree will be presented by Susquehanna County and drill teams from Beaver, Centre and Chester Counties (with some help from other counties) will participate in a full Pennsylvania-style exemplification of the Sixth Degree.

**Program Resources for Local Grange Use** – Several program resources were created and made available to local Granges for use in their meetings and special events to share the history of the Grange. Unfortunately, a 36-slide PowerPoint program created by the History Committee was not widely utilized. It appears that more Granges utilized some or all of the candle lighting ceremonies highlighting Grange precepts suggested for use in meetings each month between November 2022 and October 2023.

**Fund Raising** – Four separate projects were undertaken to raise the approximately \$46,000 determined as necessary to fund the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. We appreciate the generous response from many Granges and individuals but must admit some disappointment that only about half of our community and Pomona Granges have fulfilled their responsibility to support the anniversary.

- **Light the Cake** – In amounts from \$1-\$150, candles to light the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday cake were sold. As of September 2023, \$7,645 in candle purchases had been made by 47 Granges and 76 individuals/families. A complete list of all candle purchases is printed in the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative booklet.
- **Sponsorships** – Granges, individuals and firms desiring to support the anniversary financially in a larger way had the opportunity to be designated a Sponsor by contributing at one of six levels from \$250-\$5,000. Each sponsorship level is designated by a precious gem, the color which relates to one of the levels of the Grange. As of September 2023, the total amount of sponsorships received was \$36,037 from 29 Granges/Grange groups, 7 businesses and 13 individuals/families. A complete list of all sponsors is printed in the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative booklet.
- **Commemorative Memorabilia** – Limited edition keepsake items, each featuring the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo, were designed and sold during each of the past three years. In 2021, the item was an insulated tall tumbler; in 2022, a 10-ounce squat tumbler and in 2023, a handcrafted wooden item that can be used as an ornament, a wall hanging or a coaster. A limited number of the 2023 may still be available at the registration tables.

- **Commemorative Booklet\* Ads** - Full, three-fourth, half, quarter and eighth page ads were sold and are featured in this 76-page limited edition publication covering the last 25 years (1998-2023) of State Grange history in both narrative and plenty of color pictures. This generated \$3,500 in ad revenue.
- \* Five hundred copies of the 2023 commemorative booklet are being printed. Each person paying the 2023 state session registration fee will receive a complimentary copy of the commemorative booklet; additional copies may be available at the registration tables for a nominal donation while supply lasts.

**State Session 2023** – The session is beginning a day earlier than usual; business sessions are concentrated on Thursday, Oct. 19 and Friday, Oct. 20 to free up Saturday, Oct. 21 for special anniversary events. Among the highlights planned and coordinated by the History/Anniversary Committee are:

- **Pre-session Lancaster County agriculture tour** – all day Wednesday, Oct. 18
  - **Welcoming Host Reception** open to everyone – Wednesday evening
  - **Registration/Hospitality** – during the convention at times/locations designated in the schedule and staffed by volunteers from throughout the state
  - **Pennants & Tabletop Displays** – Look for these items displayed at the Expo Center meeting space in the hotel to recognize and share the story of many local Granges
  - **Door Prizes** – donated by Granges and individuals and awarded during the convention
  - **Special presentations** - Quilts of Valor & Jeff Winton of “Rural Minds” – Thursday evening
  - **Exemplification of the Fifth and Sixth Degrees, recognition of Sixth Degree members for 50 or more years, anniversary reception and anniversary audiovisual pageant\*\*** – all these events Saturday afternoon held in Twin Valley High School
- \*\*The anniversary pageant will be an audiovisual tour through Grange history with an emphasis on the past 25 years. The living past State Grange Presidents or their surviving spouses will be spotlighted, and the State Youth Department will be presenting a live drill.
- **Celebration Banquet** “Searching for the Wizard of Oz in the Grange” by keynote speaker Dr. Gary Moore of North Carolina – Saturday evening
  - **Workshop** with Dr. Gary Moore (impersonating Oliver Hudson Kelley) addressing “Why the Grange Was Needed Then; Why It Is Needed Now” – Sunday morning

**Volunteers** – The standing History/Anniversary (general) Committee has been assisted with planning and implementing the celebration by other individuals who coordinated specific events, projects or duties. Special thanks to: *Rebecca Beckert, Jane Birk, Debbie Campbell, Penny Carpenetti, Tony & Janet Fishovitz, Joanne Heim, Robert Hollabaugh, Nettie Kauffman, Carlene Kleckner, Virginia Mangel, Cheryl Miller, Krista Pontius, Ann Riegel, Tammy Schaeffer, Jill Scott, Cindy Shaffer, Kelly Van Ord, Philip Vonada, Ellen Wadsworth and Nancy Walker.*

**Confused about 150/151?** - In case you are one of many Granger’s wondering why the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary is being celebrated in 2023 when this will be the 151<sup>st</sup> State Grange session, you are not alone. The explanation is one of those quirks of history! The organizational gathering of the PA State Grange in September 1873 adjourned with the decision to hold the first annual session in January 1874 at Harrisburg. The second annual session met the following January (1875) in Williamsport. For reasons not documented but likely due to winter travel difficulties, the third annual session meeting in Lancaster was moved to December 1875. With two “annual” sessions taking place within the same calendar year (1875), we celebrate the completion of 150 years of Grange history in Pennsylvania in 2023 at the 151<sup>st</sup> convention.

**Reminder** – Grange officer regalia (Junior, Subordinate & Pomona), song books, manuals and implements from closed Granges, all in reasonably good condition, are available free of charge to any active Grange that can use them. Please contact the History Committee or the State Office to inquire if your Grange is in need of such items.

**Future Direction** – Filled with pleasant memories of a wonderful observance for the State Grange’s 150-year story, the work of the History Committee will return to more usual duties preserving history for future generations. We strongly encourage:

- active local Granges to consider preservation of their important records through safe storage in climate-controlled conditions, microfilming and/or digitization.
- closing Granges to donate their records to local historical societies or libraries for future reference; when this is not a viable option, the State Grange has some limited space in the Mifflintown headquarters for storage of these items.
- The new State Archives Building (PA Historical & Museum Commission) in Harrisburg has been completed and the moving of stored documents has been underway since May 2023. The new building on North Sixth Street is expected to open to the public by the end of October 2023. With greatly increased storage capacity at the Archives, the State Grange History Committee will inquire about and actively pursue the Archives’ resumption of accepting Grange records for permanent storage/preservation.

**Important as our Grange history is, today we are faced with the challenge of building and maintaining an organization that remains relevant to 21<sup>st</sup> century society. Don’t be afraid to take some risks - try innovative and “out of the box” things in your Grange that will move our beloved organization forward. This is the only way the Grange can survive and thrive, creating a history that will provide many more years of service to America’s rural communities and their residents.**

Fraternally submitted,

Douglas A. Bonsall, Chair, Perry County  
Steve, Karen & Ashley Mohn, Berks County  
Anna May Nauss, Treasurer & Jennifer Nauss, York County  
Susan Tau, Secretary, Crawford County

## **151<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE PAST STATE OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS ANNUAL MEETING**

The Past Officers and Past Department Heads of the Pennsylvania State Grange held their annual meeting on Friday, October 20, 2023, in the Bistro at the Holiday Inn at Morgantown, PA.

The meeting was called to Order by President Janet Fishovitz. Janet thanked everyone for attending the luncheon.

Jodi Keith Kensinger, State Grange Chaplain, offered grace prior to the luncheon.

The sixty-seven people in attendance enjoyed a buffet lunch and fellowship. A complete list of the attendees accompanies these minutes.

Russell Redding, Secretary of the PA Department of Agriculture offered comments and congratulated the Pennsylvania State Grange on 150 years. He cited the Grange’s involvement in rural electric, farmland

preservation and the Farm Show. He thanked the Grange for their tireless work. Russell Redding then presented Master Matt Espenshade with a Proclamation signed by Governor Shapiro.

Copies of the Minutes of the 2022 meeting were provided at each table. There was a motion by Richard Mangel and a second by Michael Pratt to approve the minutes; motion carried.

The 2023 Treasurer’s Report was presented by Kelly VanOrd and provided to all in attendance and was accepted as submitted on a motion by Michael Pratt, second by JV Lamb; motion carried. The balance in the checking account as of September 30, 2023, is \$380.93; the balance in the savings account as of September 30, 2023, is \$2,050.70. Kelly shared that Northwest Savings Bank is now charging a statement fee and she will transfer to non-paper statement.

Report of the 2022 Audit Committee – Sara Shank and Michael Pratt reported that they found the accounts correct and in order.

Report of the Grange Resale/Jewelry Table – Kelly VanOrd reported that we realized a net profit of \$142.35 from the 2022 State Session. We make 20% profit on this merchandise. The resale table was in the meeting room so that the members of the committee did not miss the session and other activities. Kelly has three orders to send to Monroe. Kelly questioned if we want to continue the resale table. Susan Tau commented that there is a lot of work involved with ordering the items, selling at the session, and then packing the remaining items and sending them back to Monroe. Kelly shared that sales seem to be going well this year. The decision was to continue with the resale table. A big thank you was expressed to Bob and Jean Hollabaugh for staffing the resale table. We will discuss it again in 2024.

**Old business:**

Jodi Keith Kensinger made the motion, seconded by Nettie Kauffman, to make our annual standing contributions to the various departments of the State Grange as follows:

PA State Grange Junior Department	\$125.00
PA State Grange Youth Department	\$125.00
PA State Grange Deaf & Community Service Department	\$125.00
PA State Grange History Committee	\$125.00

Due to the balances in our accounts, the amount of contribution was decreased to \$125.00, and the PA State Grange Foundation was removed this year.

**New business:**

The following officers were elected:

President	Michael Pratt
Vice President	Douglas Bonsall
Secretary	Anna May Naus (re-elected)
Treasurer	Kelly VanOrd (re-elected)

Today’s “Pass the Hat” collection was \$721.

The 2023 Audit Committee of Art Zug and Mary Jane Kent were appointed with the books to be audited at the close of this luncheon.

Necrology Report of those who have passed since our 2022 report:

Wayne Oakley, PA State Grange Executive Committee Member

Janet Fishovitz asked all past state officers to be diligent about notifying the State Office of the passing of past state officers.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Virginia Mangel and second by Denise Clare.

Those in attendance at the luncheon were:

Michael Adams	Berks County	Steward, Junior Committee
Pat Beck	Venango County	Deaf & Community Service Director
Ken Beck	Venango County	Guest
Patty Bird	Centre County	Guest
Doug Bonsall	Perry County	Youth Director, Lecturer, Chaplain, History Committee
Isabella Boone	Centre County	Flora
Lou Ann Boose	York County	Guest
Thelma Brodzina	Centre County	Guest
Wayne Campbell	Perry County	Overseer, Master
Debbie Campbell	Perry County	Pomona, Secretary, Junior Director
Denise Clare	Berks County	Lecturer
Brittany Covey	Berks County	Guest – Office Secretary
Mike Covey	Berks County	Guest
Marty Dinsmore	Greene County	Flora
Beth Downey	Lycoming County	Executive Committee, Master, Junior Committee
Bernie Downey	Lycoming County	Guest
Charlene Espenshade	Lancaster County	National Grange Youth Development Director
Matt Espenshade	Lancaster County	Master
Tony Fishovitz	Beaver County	Executive Committee
Janet Fishovitz	Beaver County	Flora, Junior Committee, Family Activities Committee
Ashley Furman	Centre County	Pomona
Barbara Gross	Venango County	Executive Committee
Glenn Gross	Venango County	Guest
Leonard Heim	Lehigh County	Steward
Joanne Heim	Lehigh County	Pomona, Youth Committee, Family Activities Committee
Robert Hollabaugh	Warren County	Gatekeeper, Drill Captain
Jean Hollabaugh	Warren County	Chaplain, Youth Committee
Norman Houser	Centre County	Membership Director
Nettie Kauffman	Berks County	Youth Director, Pomona, Executive Committee
Irvin Kauffman	Berks County	Guest
John Keith	Huntington County	Assistant Steward
Jodi Keith-Kensinger	Huntingdon County	Pomona, Flora
Mary Jane Kent	Greene County	Lecturer
Robert Kleckner	Berks County	Assistant Steward
Doris Koenig	Lehigh County	Lady Assistant Steward
JV Lamb	Lawrence County	Overseer, Executive Committee
Virginia Mangel	Butler County	Family Activities Director, Flora, Youth Committee
Richard Mangel	Butler County	Gatekeeper, Overseer, Executive Committee
Joyce Merritt	York County	Guest
Ken Merritt	York County	Gatekeeper
Melanie Meluis	Centre County	Family Activities Director
Grace Mitchell	Washington County	Guest
Steve Mohn	Berks County	Assistant Steward; History Committee
Carrie Nace	York County	Legislative Consultant

Anna May Nauss	York County	Flora, Treasurer, Youth/Young Adults Director, Community Service Director, History Committee
Brad Nauss	York County	Guest
Jenn Nauss	York County	Chaplain, Lecturer, History Committee
Janet Pratt	Venango County	Lady Assistant Steward, Junior Director, Community Service Director
Michael Pratt	Venango County	Assistant Steward, Junior Director, Community Service Director
Kathy Rogalski	Montgomery County	Guest
Tammy Schaeffer	Berks County	Ceres, Lecturer's Committee
Tim Schaeffer	Berks County	Guest
Sharon Schlegel	Berks County	Youth Director
Ken Schlegel	Berks County	Youth Director, Steward
Henry Seidel	Berks County	Assistant Steward, Treasurer
Sara Shank	Lebanon County	Pomona
Fae Snyder	York County	First Lady, Priestess Annalist of the Assembly of Demeter
Jim (Bud) Snyder	York County	Assistant Steward
Susan Snyder	York County	Guest
Chester Tau	Crawford County	Steward, Overseer
Susan Tau	Crawford County	Lecturer, Youth and Young Adults Committee, Lecturer, Deaf and Committee Service, History Committee
Braden Thompson	Warren County	Guest
Kelly VanOrd	Warren County	Lady Assistant Steward, Junior Committee Junior Director, Deaf and Community Service Director, Junior Committee
Ruth Vonada	Centre County	Deaf and Community Service Director Executive Committee
Art Zug	Juniata County	Assistant Steward
Dina Zug	Juniata County	Youth Director, Secretary, Junior Committee
Gene Zvarick	Montgomery County	Gatekeeper

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

Respectfully submitted.

*Anna May Nauss*

11/03/2023 – Minutes were e-mailed to the Pennsylvania State Grange State Office for inclusion in the Journal of Proceedings of the 2023 State Session.

### **SALARY COMMITTEE**

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

The By-Laws of the PA State Grange indicate three members appointed by the President/Master and Vice-President/Overseer shall review the salaries of the President/Master, Secretary and Treasurer and recommend to the delegate body each odd numbered year such adjustments which may be appropriate. They shall consult with the Treasurer and Executive Committee. (Adopted 2016 State Session)

Salaries, and only salaries, are set for the following elected Officers of the Pennsylvania State Grange for November 1, 2024 thru October 31, 2025 and November 1, 2025 thru October 31, 2026.

Beginning November 1, 2024	
President/Master	\$49,224
Treasurer	\$ 4,120
Secretary	\$ 4,120

Beginning November 1, 2025	
President/Master	\$50,180
Treasurer	\$ 4,120
Secretary	\$ 4,120

All other benefits/compensations provided to the President/Master are set by the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christie Straub, Chair, (Mercer County)  
Gene Zvarick (Montgomery County)  
Michael Martin (York County)  
Henry Seidel, State Grange Treasurer, ex officio (Berks County)

### REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANT

Following are some of the highlights of Pennsylvania State Grange lobbying and advocacy from November 2022 through mid-September 2023 following the State Session in October 2022. This report does not contain new issues added after September 20, 2023.

#### LEGISLATION ON WHICH THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE LOBBIES

##### AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

- Advocates for increased state funding of Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences, Penn State Extension, and the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Status: State law.  
**NOTE: PSU did not receive an increase in funding in the 2023-24 state budget**

##### AGRICULTURE DEPT. BUDGET

- Lobbies for strengthened PDA general government operations budget line.  
**NOTE: PDA received an increase in the 2023-24 State Budget.**

##### AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY

- Supports enhancing grants to Very Small Meat Processors even if they do not yet have received Federal credentials. **NOTE: Both Federal and state**

##### BROADBAND

- Supports the work of the PA Broadband Development Authority (HB 129 granting authority) **NOTE: Pennsylvania State Grange was selected to sit on the Education and Advocacy Subcommittee.**
- Supports SB 566 Inventory of state properties to see where there can be a cellular add-on in rural areas (such as fire towers).
- Broadband access continues to be a top legislative priority for Pennsylvania State Grange in 2023 although the PA State Grange wants unserved areas to be provided with Broadband FIRST.



**NOTES on Broadband:**

**Although progress has been made, the Pennsylvania State Grange will continue to advocate funding for of universal Broadband. (SB 377 and SB 480)**

**The Pennsylvania State Grange will also continue to work on the SR 47 Broadband Advisory Committee as the only rural membership organization appointed to that group. Creating the Broadband Authority was their key initial recommendation to the General Assembly.**

**CONSUMER PROTECTIONS**

- At Farm Show, PA State Grange offered a public program on Scams and combatting consumer fraud. **NOTE: A state Rep. contacted PA State Grange which assisted her is setting up a similar program for her constituents.**
- (Consumer protection) What is 'Meat'? – **NOTE: no activity because of the PA Cattlemen Association non-engagement on this issue**
- (Consumer protection) What is 'Milk'? See below.

**DAIRY**

- Testified for continuance of PA Milk Marketing Board (PMMB) over-order premium.
- (Consumer protection) What is 'Milk'? Working with PA Senate sponsor on future introduction of bill
- Supporting Rep. GT Thompson's Whole Milk in Schools Federal bill and SB 297, SR 48, and HB 997 to do so in PA.
- Supports Tax credit for Dairy producers based on Massachusetts law. Working with Senate sponsor on future introduction of bill.
- Pennsylvania State Grange was represented on the PA Dairy Future Commission by member Dina Zug who chaired the Markets subcommittee in their 2020 far-reaching report. **NOTE: The Grange continues to support these recommendations.**
- Supports HB 995 and SB 781 which would create Keystone Dairy Opportunity Zones to attract regional investment in dairy processing facilities when re-introduced.
- Supports HB 102 and SB 153 on milk hauling during an emergency. **NOTE: This was vetoed by former Governor Wolf. So far, the Shapiro Administration has not expressed a position in the last legislative session.**

**ABUSE OF POWER; ATTACK ON STATE SOVEREINTY**

- Opposes the unilateral decision to have PA join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) without legislative approval. Besides the Grange position opposing cap and trade schemes, the Pennsylvania State Grange also stresses that the PA Constitution explicitly says no to PA surrendering the power to tax to an outside entity. RGGI would have the power to tax coal energy producers out of existence.
- The Pennsylvania State Grange opposes actions by regional entities such as the Delaware River Basin Commission when it makes decisions contrary to PA state law.

**DOG LAW**

- Supports modernization of and funding for the PA Dog Law (SB 746). **NOTE: SB 746 passed the Senate.**

**ENVIRONMENT & FARMLAND PRESERVATION**

- Supports continued funding for conservation programs, Growing Greener III, and dedicating funding for farmers to adopt conservation best practices.
- Supports increased Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program funding.
- Supports SB 283 to offer a Crop Insurance premium deduction to farmers using cover crops to reduce runoff.

## FAIRS

- Supports continued state support disbursements to County Fairs, particularly to continue payments for operations such as Fair liability insurance policies. **NOTE: Funding remained constant in the 2023-24 State Budget.**

## FEDERAL

- Engaged in several state and Federal listening sessions and hearings as to what should be in the Federal Farm Bill.
- Issued formal comments to the US Fish & Wildlife Service opposing the creation of the French Creek Wildlife Refuge.
- Urged USDA to allow whole milk as part of the Nutrition Guidelines.
- Supports Rep. GT Thompson's bill to force USDA to allow whole milk to be served in school meal programs.
- Monitored activity of Family Business Coalition which opposes a Federal Death Tax.
- Re-enforced National Grange legislative positions.

## HEALTH

- Supports SB 739, HB 1512, and HB 849 (Telemedicine and mental health care) that would regulate Telemedicine as an important resource to rural PA given the shortage of health care providers and closure of rural hospitals. It also requires insurance coverage.
- Opposes HB 1277 and HB 1437 to establish the False Claims Act in PA.  
**NOTE: Because the bill punishes those who make an unintentional mistake in a contract with the state and corrects, it, rural hospitals and managed care companies having Medicaid contracts would be unfairly fined.**
- Supports prescription drug price transparency. **NOTE: There is interest, but no legislative/advancement shown on this issue.**

## HEARING

- Supports legislation, HR 181 and HB 1609 to mandate insurer hearing aid coverage.

## HUNGER

- Supports legislation when introduced to limit liability for milk being donated to hunger programs.
- Supports expansion of State distribution of farm commodities to food banks.

## HUNTING

- Opposes SB 67 to eliminate all restrictions on hunting during deer season on Sundays.

## MARCELLUS SHALE ROYALTIES

- Supports royalty transparency legislation when introduced.

## MEDIA LEGISLATION

- Opposes HB 88 to give municipalities the option of posting legal notices online instead of placing ads in newspapers **NOTE: The Grange works with PA newspapers association on this bill.**

## PROPERTY TAXES

- Supports legislation when re-introduced to exempt "historic agricultural buildings" like Grange Halls from local property taxes.

## MANDATORY STATE RETIREMENT PLAN

- Opposes HB 577 and SB 728 which would impose a state retirement plan on businesses **NOTE: It would be mandatory for businesses to participate if they don't already have a plan for their employees. Employees would be automatically enrolled with premiums coming out of their paychecks although they could opt-out, but the onus is on them to do so.**

## RIGHT TO FARM/ AGRI-TOURISM

- Supports legislation when re-introduced which curtails unreasonable municipal restrictions on agritourism and rules adding to agritourism administrative requirements.

## RIGHT TO REPAIR

- Monitors SB 744 Right to Repair legislation.

## SEPTIC SYSTEMS

- Supports legislation when re-introduced to exempt DEP regulation of PA septic systems from oversight by Delaware River Basin Commission. Septic systems are regulated by the state and the Commission has no right to meddle. **NOTE: DEP estimates that approximately one-quarter of PA homes have septic systems.**

## SOLAR

- Solar has been one of Grange's top priorities since the 2021 State Session.
- Organized 2023 Farm Show Panel on Solar.
- Drafted Supports Legislation when prohibiting Solar on Class 1 and Class 2 farmland **NOTE: Grange has been asked to sit on a solar advisory committee.**
- Sponsoring Senator had PA State Grange stand by him as he introduced SB 798 detailing restrictions on these solar energy factories on farmland.
- Grange members testified at a regional rural energy conference.
- Supports solar facility bonding to pay for decommissioning (SB 211 and HB 925).

## STATE BUDGET

- Supports increased PDA general government operations budget. **NOTE: Enacted in FY 2023-24 State Budget.**
- Supports increased funding for Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences and Penn State Extension. **NOTE: 2022-23 state budget did not increase funding.**
- Supports increased FY 2022-23 funding for University of PA School of Veterinary Medicine.

## STATE BUDGET BORROWING

- Opposes legislation when introduced which would attempt to raid Special Funds.

## TAXES

- Supports legislation exempting PA farmers from paying MS4 fees/tax (HB 207) and legislation providing state funding for MS4 (HB 224).
- As part of Family Business Coalition, PA State Grange supports an end to Death (Inheritance) Taxes.

## TRANSPORTATION

- Supports SB 37 to ban driver use of hand-held electronic devices while car is in motion.
- Supports allowing farm vehicles to deliver consumer food without a CDL (SB 95).
- Supports use of multi-purpose farm vehicles for farm transit (HB 245).

## GRANGE LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS by the GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- Both House and Senate Resolutions commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the PA State Grange and upcoming Proclamations (SR 164 and HR 148).

## **LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY WITH MEMBERS**

- 2023 Grange Royalty visit to Harrisburg.
- 2023 Grange Family Days legislative/resolutions workshop.
- Monthly Legislative Zoom Meetings on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month.
- Visits to individual Granges in Berks County to speak on legislative issues.
- Federal 2023 Legislative Fly-In.
- Alerted Grange constituents to legislator district events in Bucks, Monroe, Dauphin, York, Franklin, Beaver, Lycoming, Bradford, Clarion, Lancaster, Allegheny, Union, and Chester Counties.

## **REGULATORY WORK**

- (Agricultural Permits) Opposes certain proposed Department of Environmental Protection Office of Environmental Protection public hearing requirements for agricultural permits such as biosolid application and nutrient management.
- Supports permit transparency legislation such as SB 350, HB 734, and HB 532.
- Supports mandatory DEP OK of permits if not decided by 45 days if engineer-certified (SB 705).
- Support streamlining permit appeals (SB 198).
- Supports SR 76 opposing (pre-Supreme Court ruling) WOTUS re-definition.
- Registered concerns re PDA hayride rules over-reach.
- Seeking formal Grange membership on Center for Rural PA Board (SB 277).
- Grange is a member of:
  - PSU Pollinator Issue Committee
  - DEP Agriculture Advisory Committee
  - Rural Energy Coalition
- Former member, Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund Board, Dog Law Committee member, and PA Dairy Future Commission member (in state law).
- Grange is a Broadband Authority subcommittee member and member of SR 47 Broadband Task Force.
- Active with Governor's Rural Development Council (observer participant).
- Active with PA Long-Term Care Council (observer participant).

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND 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 of public policy media follows:

- Articles for Pennsylvania State Grange Magazine.
- Monthly Lancaster Farming Grange Page.
- Media release on Broadband (several).
- Media on testimony on Over Order Premium.
- Follow up media on Grange Farm Show Solar program and Solar policy position.
- Various opinion editorials on numerous topics such as Dairy, Broadband, Solar, and natural gas Media on State Budget funding for Agriculture programs.

## **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES IDENTIFIED**

- Grants for libraries, education, organic ag, and ag research.
- Agriculture youth grants (Kids' Garden).

## **ASSOCIATION WORK**

The Legislative Consultant:

- Works with Grange History Committee, Grange leadership, and legislators to develop proper recognition of PA State Grange's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Reports to Grange President and leadership on issues and legislation
- Drafted Resolution language and/or researched issues of importance to Grange Members on topics such as solar, Chinese-owned farmland near military installations, Social Security benefits, lithium battery dangers, etc.
- Provides legislative briefings for members
- Convenes monthly Legislative Zoom Meetings
- Serves as resource for 2023 Resolutions Committees' meeting
- Prepares administrative backup for state-required Lobbying Expenditure Quarterly Reports and calculation of state-mandated Sales Tax for direct lobbying expenditures – as requested.
- Researches current Resolutions to determine which should be archived
- Speeches to Granges
- Prepares testimony to legislative committees on topics of importance to the Grange
- Updated 2023 Legislative Priorities flyer

Respectfully submitted,

**Carrie Nace, Pennsylvania State Grange Legislative Consultant**

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

State Grange Officers, Delegates, and Members of the Pennsylvania State Grange:

The past year has been filled with excitement. It has been amazing to visit and see your Granges in action – from fairs to meals; from speakers to celebrating those within your community. You have been making a difference. Listening to the stories of what your Grange is doing has been a driving force as we share your successes with other Granges across the state.

What we have excelled at is adaptation. I've had the opportunity to attend Grange meetings in a library, in a community center, in a fire hall, in a park, and in a mall – all are places I would have never imagined having a meeting in, but it is working thanks to your dedication and willingness to adapt.

While we share a common bond as Grangers, it is amazing how each of you fill the needs in your community differently. You have supported local charities, hosted meals, had speakers visit, and honored and recognized those in your communities. You have helped with food banks, clothing drives, and donated books and supplies to your school districts.

You are making a difference and the community around you recognizes your contributions. This is because you are willing to adapt to your community's needs. Rather than closing the door and turning your backs, you've embraced the community, faced the issues head-on and found new solutions to move forward and make the difference. You are making the Grange's presence known through local events, regional fairs, the Pennsylvania Farm Show, and Ag Progress Days.

The hard work and dedication have been fruitful. This past year saw the reorganization of Howard Grange #297 in Centre County and the organization of Grassroots Grange #2112 in Indiana County.

We continue to release membership information and celebrate your successes in newspapers and magazines such as the Pennsylvania Grange News and Lancaster Farming, are publishing a bi-weekly newsletter to share

the Grange in action and are making our presence known on social media. Keep sending your Grange's events in so we can share with others the impact you are making within the community and to promote your Grange's activities.

We encourage you to continue to adapt to the ever-changing needs of those around you. Continue to be the leaders in your community.

Norman M Houser  
Membership Director

Bernadette S. Comfort  
Public Relations

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

The PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail continues to be active throughout the year. Classes where we paint the quilt blocks were held in six different locations in Pennsylvania including a class at the Grange Family Festival. In September two Paint Your Own Quilt Block Classes were held in New York State. A power point program was presented at Roseville Grange, Jefferson Co., prior to their painting an 8' x 8' block for the front of their Grange Hall.

The highlight of the year was the hanging of the patriotic Quilt Block (4' x 4') on the PA State Grange Office in Mifflintown. The quilt block was painted by Grangers at the 2021 Family Fest. A big thank you goes out to Wayne and Bryce Campbell for attacking this project.

The classes are designed in a Train the Trainer format and we are delighted that a friend of the Grange who attended the Class at the 2022 Family Festival went home and taught two classes in her school's adult education program. We would be delighted if Grangers across the state would also start teaching classes in their areas. We will be glad to work with folks and help them set up and teach the classes. If you are interested or know anyone who is, please contact us.

The Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail photos can be found as part of the pagrange.org website. Remember the PA State Grange will provide every Grange sponsored Quilt Block with a PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail sign at no cost. If you have or know of a Grange sponsored Quilt Block without signage, please contact us to receive one. To register your Quilt Block with the PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail and have it listed on the website, fill out the on-line form and send a photo of your mounted block to the State Grange Office.

If you need assistance, directions or have questions concerning the Quilt Blocks, please call. Help is only a phone call or email away.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Gross, Chair (Venango County)  
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## **REPORT FOR THE OFFICE SECRETARY AND MANAGING EDITOR OF THE PENNSYLVANIA GRANGE NEWS**

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

For the past 4 years, I have thoroughly enjoyed my position in the office as Office Secretary and Managing Editor of the Pennsylvania Grange News. With that title I am responsible for all the day-to-day operations of the office, which includes, but are not limited to, weekly cleaning of the office, processing all the bills and

balancing all bank accounts, handling all reports from committees as well as handling any other issues that may arise. I process the dues reports and make the changes to the Database from the reports that local Granges submit. I also print off all the brochures and literature for all events throughout the year including, but not limited to, the Farm Show, Ag Progress Days, and State Session. This year started out with the Farm Show in Harrisburg. After the show I usually have a bunch of online cookbook orders to fill. I receive a lot of online orders for cookbooks and pins during the year, especially around fair season and Christmas. Sometimes, my entire day is spent boxing up and completing cookbook orders from online. I coordinate with the local Granges on picking up cases of cookbooks as well as apple butter. At the end of the fiscal year I send all the different departments financial records to Hamilton & Musser, P.C. in Mechanicsburg so they can start the yearly review process. In the summer, after all the camps and Family Festival, I order name badges for the new royalty team.

Since November 2022, I have taken on the responsibility of Managing Editor of the Pennsylvania Grange News. I am solely responsible for inputting all the articles from the department chairs and officers. I create the layout and design of the Pennsylvania Grange News. I look for different events from the local Granges to place in the "Grange's In Action" section. If a Grange submits the events themselves, it makes this part easier, however, sometimes I have to go searching. This is your chance to let others know what your Grange is doing and to possibly give them a new idea.

Getting ready for State Session can be overwhelming. My planning for Session begins in July. I start printing sections of the Delegate Books in the summer along with the voter cards for the delegates. By the beginning of September, one table at the office is covered in literature and items to go to Session. I am "on-call" all weekend at State Session in case anyone needs something printed or copied. At State Session, once all the nominations for the officer positions that need to be voted on are in, I start printing the ballots. If there is a re-vote, then I may have to leave lunch early so I can print the new ballots for the re-vote when Session reconvenes.

Once Session is over, I give myself a day to "relax" before I go full blast into the Farm Show. I am the coordinator of the booth volunteers and make sure those volunteers get parking passes in a timely manner. I print off 1,000 of each of the brochures for the entire week, and make sure that we have all the cookbook cases set up and ready to transport to the Farm Show Complex. I write specific directions so that the booth volunteers can take cookbook payments, quilt raffle ticket payments, and set up and close the booth in case I am not there at that time.

After the Farm Show, it is department mailing time. Most departments have yearly mailings that go out regarding the different contests and reports that they have due either before or at State Session. I print all of those packets and stuff the envelopes with that information. Each department packet usually takes about 2-3 days to print, collate and get "post office ready".

In the Spring, after the department mailings go out and before all of the end of year reports need to be sent out, I make sure we have brochure packets printed and ready to be sent out to any Grange that requests them for their different functions and events.

As you can see there is a lot that goes into everyday operations of the Office Secretary and Managing Editor that many Grangers do not realize. I can only hope that if you called the state office needing literature for your events, or any other assistance, I fulfilled your order or was able to resolve your issue in a timely and efficient manner.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brittany Covey (Berks County)  
PA State Grange Office Secretary  
Managing Editor of the Pennsylvania Grange News

## 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 15, 2023. There were 53 candidates representing seven counties at the 151<sup>st</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,  
Karen Mohn, Berks County

### SIXTH DEGREE CANDIDATES

<b>Sixth Degree Member #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Grange Name</b>	<b>County</b>
PA-1174	Sarah E. Edris	Bernville Grange #1887	Berks County
PA-1175	Samantha Patton	Big Knob Grange #2008	Beaver County
PA-1176	Louise Nogle	California Grange #941	Montour County
PA-1177	Gail Summers	California Grange #941	Montour County
PA-1178	Alan Espenshade	Elizabethtown Grange #2076	Lancaster County
PA-1179	Tyler David Schaeffer	Elizabethtown Grange #2076	Lancaster County
PA-1180	Logen Smith	Elizabethtown Grange #2076	Lancaster County
PA-1181	Maryann Swartz	Elizabethtown Grange #2076	Lancaster County
PA-1182	Matthew T. Swartz	Elizabethtown Grange #2076	Lancaster County
PA-1183	Patricia Aiken	Fairdale Grange #1157	Susquehanna County
PA-1184	Marilyn C. Burton	Fairdale Grange #1157	Susquehanna County
PA-1185	Bonnie Miller	Fairdale Grange #1157	Susquehanna County
PA-1186	William B. Miller	Fairdale Grange #1157	Susquehanna County
PA-1187	Elyse Knoerdel	Fairview Grange #1351	Beaver County
PA-1188	Travis Daniels	Forest Grange #853	Forest County
PA-1189	James Knoerdel	Frankfort Springs Grange #1989	Beaver County
PA-1190	William J. Nilon Jr.	Frankfort Springs Gange #1989	Beaver County
PA-1191	Andy Stowell	Hartslog Valley Grange #375	Huntingdon County
PA-1192	Sara Newman	Hartslog Valley Grange #375	Huntingdon County
PA-1193	Emily Tau	Hayfield Grange #800	Crawford County
PA-1194	Jesica Hudack	Hookstown Grange #1980	Beaver County
PA-1195	Mercede Johnson	Hookstown Grange #1980	Beaver County
PA-1196	Eden Schrier	Hookstown Grange #1980	Beaver County
PA-1197	Linda Hanley	Howard Grange #297	Centre County
PA-1198	Michael Kelley	Howard Grange #297	Centre County
PA-1199	Rick Koleno	Howard Grange #297	Centre County
PA-1200	Sandra Koleno	Howard Grange #297	Centre County
PA-1201	Lana Sutton	Howard Grange #297	Centre County
PA-1202	Jacob Weaver	Howard Grange #297	Centre County
PA-1203	David Graham Unger	London Grove Grange #63	Chester County
PA-1204	Bryce Danko	Oliver Grange #1069	Perry County



PA-1205	Susan K. Gabel	Oliver Grange #1069	Perry County
PA-1206	Marga Row	Ontelaunee Grange #1617	Berks County
PA-1207	Renee Hetrick	Perry Valley Grange #1804	Perry County
PA-1208	Krista Pontius	Perry Valley Grange #1804	Perry County
PA-1209	Ava Jenkins	Pioneer Grange #1777	Berks County
PA-1210	Cadence Tempel	Pioneer Grange #1777	Berks County
PA-1211	Grace Tempel	Pioneer Grange #1777	Berks County
PA-1212	Mackenzie Stine	Port Matilda Grange #1284	Centre County
PA-1213	Harvey Reyburn	Russellville Grange #91	Chester County
PA-1214	Merle Reyburn	Russellville Grange #91	Chester County
PA-1215	Delia Vey	Sanatoga Grange #25	Bucks County
PA-1216	Judy Eagle	Shavers Creek Grange #353	Huntingdon County
PA-1217	Karen Ewing	Shavers Creek Grange #353	Huntingdon County
PA-1218	Michael Ewing	Shavers Creek Grange #353	Huntingdon County
PA-1219	Candy Feagley	Shavers Creek Grange #353	Huntingdon County
PA-1220	Jennifer Goshorn	Shavers Creek Grange #353	Huntingdon County
PA-1221	Mackenzie Huntsman	Shavers Creek Grange #353	Huntingdon County
PA-1222	Erika Howard	Sinking Valley Grange #484	Blair County
PA-1223	Lisa A. Hartline	Virginville Grange #1832	Berks County
PA-1224	Noel Wurst	Virginville Grange #1832	Berks County
PA-1225	Mackenzie Wolfe	Virginville Grange #1832	Berks County
PA-1226	Jackson Reich	Valley Grange #1360	York County

The Fifth Degree was exemplified by Susquehanna County Pomona Grange #7. There were 23 candidates representing 11 Counties that took the Fifth Degree.

### FIFTH DEGREE CANDIDATES

<b>Fifth Degree Member #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Grange Name</b>	<b>County</b>
PA-2023-01	Sara Newman	Hartslog Valley Grange #375	Huntingdon
PA-2023-02	Erika Howard	Sinking Valley Grange #484	Blair
PA-2023-03	Andy Stowell	Hartslog Valley Grange #375	Huntingdon
PA-2023-04	Tyer David Schaeffer	Elizabethtown Grange #2076	Lancaster
PA-2023-05	Jackson Reich	Valley Grange #1360	York
PA-2023-06	Marga Row	Ontelaunee Grange #1617	Berks
PA-2023-07	Samantha Patton	Big Knob Grange #2008	Beaver
PA-2023-08	Merle Reyburn	Russellville Grange #91	Chester
PA-2023-09	Harvey Reyburn	Russellville Grange #91	Chester
PA-2023-10	Patricia Aiken	Fairdale Grange #1157	Susquehanna
PA-2023-11	Marilyn Burton	Fairdale Grange #1157	Susquehanna
PA-2023-12	Nace Wurst	Virginville Grange #1832	Berks
PA-2023-13	Elyse Knoerdel	Fairview Grange #1351	Beaver
PA-2023-14	Bryce Danko	Oliver Grange #1069	Perry
PA-2023-15	Delia Vey	Sanatoga Grange #25	Montgomery
PA-2023-16	Carolyn Nippert	Sanatoga Grange #25	Montgomery
PA-2023-17	Travis Daniels	Forest Grange #853	Forest

PA-2023-18	Ava Jenkins	Pioneer Grange #1777	Berks
PA-2023-19	Grace Temple	Pioneer Grange #1777	Berks
PA-2023-20	Mackenzie Wolfe	Virginville Grange #1832	Berks
PA-2023-21	Alan Espenshade	Elizabethtown Grange #2076	Lancaster
PA-2023-22	Matthew Swartz	Elizabethtown Grange #2076	Lancaster
PA-2023-23	Maryann Swartz	Elizabethtown Grange #2076	Lancaster

## **AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES APPROVED RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution #3 — Foreign Farmland Ownership in Pennsylvania**

**Ontelaunee Grange No. 1617,**

**Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

**RESOLVED:** that Pennsylvania State Grange supports passage of a legislative Resolution directing the PA Legislative & Finance Committee to research the PA farmland acreage to see how much of it is owned by foreign interests; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that this report will include information on the proximity the foreign-owned farmland is to both state and Federal military bases or technological structures in Pennsylvania.

Information sources:

- <https://www.politico.com/news/2021/07/19/china-buying-us-farms-foreign-purchase-499893>
- <https://newhouse.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/newhouse-demands-answers-chinese-owned-farmland-near-us-military>

### **Resolution #4 — Amend Agricultural Foreign Disclosure Act – Foreign Farmland Ownership**

**Ontelaunee Grange No. 1617**

**Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange supports amending the Agriculture Foreign Disclosure Act to:

- Declare that enhanced regulation of foreign ownership of U.S. farmland is a matter of national military and food security.
- Prohibit foreign ownership of U.S. farmland within 50 miles of any U.S. military base or installation.
- Ban ownership of or more than ten percent of shares in any U.S. food production, processing, or distribution by a foreign entity with attempted purchases vetted by USDA working in conjunction with the US Commerce Department and US Department of Homeland Security.
- Amend the 2023 Farm Bill to provide a dedicated funding source from the Department of Homeland Security necessary to make the Agriculture Foreign Disclosure Act law operational and enforceable.

Information sources:

- <https://www.csis.org/analysis/foreign-purchases-us-agricultural-land-facts-figures-and-assessment-real-threats>.
- <https://newhouse.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/newhouse-demands-answers-chinese-owned-farmland-near-us-military>

### **Resolution #5 — Maintaining Section 702 of The Clean Streams Law of 1937**

**Lancaster County Pomona Grange #71**

**RESOLVED:** the Pennsylvania State Grange encourages pastureland owners with livestock to consider federal, state and conservation group-based cost-sharing programs to make voluntary fencing of streams and waterways a more economically viable option for their business.

**RESOLVED:** the Pennsylvania State Grange encourages Federal and State agencies and conservation groups to research benefits of managed grazing of riparian areas, both for the environment and the economics of farming, and for pastureland owners with livestock to access funding sources for managed grazing of riparian areas.

**Resolution #6 —Recycling of Clothing and other Textiles**

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

**RESOLVED:** the Pennsylvania State Grange opposes legislation permitting local municipalities or other agencies to require landowners to erect and maintain stream and waterway exclusionary fences; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** the Pennsylvania State Grange encourages pastureland owners with livestock to consider federal, state and conservation group-based cost-sharing programs to make voluntary fencing of streams and waterways a more economically viable option for their business.

**RESOLVED:** the Pennsylvania State Grange encourages Federal and State agencies and conservation groups to research benefits of managed grazing of riparian areas, both for the environment and the economics of farming, and for pastureland owners with livestock to access funding sources for managed grazing of riparian areas.

**Resolution #6 —Recycling of Clothing and other Textiles**

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

**RESOLVED:** that Pennsylvania State Grange advocate for recycling of textiles and other resources through a recycling program when possible to reduce landfill disposal.

**Resolution #7 — Proposed French Creek National Wildlife Refuge**

**Hayfield Grange # 800, Crawford County**

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange strongly oppose the establishment of the French Creek Wildlife Refuge by the United State Fish & Wildlife Service and communicate opposition to elected officials.

**Resolution #9 Safe, Practical, Clean Energy Solutions**

**Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County**

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange and National Grange continue to support its current policies on clean energy but also include:

1. Supporting regulations that ensure the safety and viability of farmlands, rural areas and the people, animals and wildlife that live in or transit the area.
2. Support studies and recommendations that can help assure that animals and wildlife are not compromised in any way and are protected from long term exposure.
3. Support bonding to protect landowners and the corrections to the land that may need to be made at the end of the lease.
4. Support environmentally safe options that avoid hazardous materials that are not recyclable.
5. Support regulations that ensure the safety of consumers and utility workers when adding stored energy into the power grid.

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

Worthy President, State Officers, Delegates, 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 will continue to review resolutions and issues presented to our committee with an open discussion and will present them in a way that we feel best represents the interests of our members.

1. The Pennsylvania State Grange has an immediate concern for preserving one of our most precious resources, Class I and II farmland. Alternate uses for these acres have always been a threat and will continue. Grange is advocating for incentives from local governments or conservation groups to relocate Solar Farms to alternative areas where food production will not be lost.
2. The Pennsylvania State Grange advocates for the researching of alternative locations in the same geographic area before permits are granted to alternative energy production facilities.
3. The Pennsylvania State Grange supports regulations to insure safe, viable and clean energy solutions protecting livestock, wildlife, consumers, and utility personnel.
4. The Pennsylvania State Grange advocates the energy contractor be bonding to protect landowners from clean-up, disposal and bankruptcy issues that may occur.
5. The Pennsylvania State Grange supports research that deals with spent or obsolete solar generating materials to find recycling opportunities.
6. The Pennsylvania State Grange continues to support current legislation efforts included in THE PRIME ACT that allows and enables meats to be processed and purchased directly from farmers, ranchers, and small-scale butcher shops. A special thank you to the members in congress who sponsored this initiative.
7. The Pennsylvania State Grange continues to oppose mandatory requirements to exclude cattle by means of fencing from streams and waterways. However, the Pennsylvania State Grange encourages pastureland owners to voluntarily take action to improve water quality and maintain a stewardship role in the environment through cost share funding options with government and/or conservation groups.
8. The Pennsylvania State Grange advocates for the recycling or repurposing of materials such as textiles avoiding landfill disposal.
9. The Pennsylvania State Grange opposes the large-scale acquisition of land to create a national wildlife refuge in the French Creek Watershed. This initiative would have a negative impact on community, local businesses, limit agricultural independence and growth.
10. The Pennsylvania State Grange is concerned with foreign ownership of U.S. farmland, ownership of large-scale U.S. food processing and are advocating for a 10% foreign ownership cap. The Grange sees a potential disruption in the food chain and security risk implications of the proximity to military, technological and energy related facilities and will advocate for the amending of the Agricultural Foreign Disclosure Act to secure funding from the US Homeland Security to enable the USDA to facilitate this action.

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Carol Ann Gregg, Mercer, County

John Courtney, Mercer County

Stanley Reyburn, Chester County

Doug Sattazahn, Berks County

James Huber, Lancaster County, Chair

## GOVERNMENTAL ISSUES APPROVED RESOLUTIONS

### **Resolution #10 — Cannabis Regulations — Remove from Schedule One Drug**

**Oliver Grange #1069**

**Perry County Pomona Grange #69**

**RESOLVED:** the National Grange work to advance legislation that would remove Cannabis from schedule one drug and regulations be delegated back to the state.

### **Resolution #11 — Cannabis -Schedule One Drug – VA Benefits**

**Oliver Grange #1069**

**Perry County Pomona Grange #69**

**RESOLVED:** the National Grange work to advance legislation that would prevent a veteran from losing any of their benefits if they are participating in a state approved marijuana program.

### **Resolution #12 — Federal Government — Banking**

**Oliver Grange #1069**

**Perry County Pomona Grange #69**

**RESOLVED:** the National Grange support legislation that would prevent the Federal Government from seizing the assets of a company operating and authorized legal business according to state laws.

### **Resolution #14 —Tax Incentives for Vehicle Purchases**

**Valley Grange #1360, York County**

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange and National Grange oppose government-subsidized tax credits that solely target the purchase of electrically powered vehicles.

### **Resolution #15 — Employee Severance Rights**

**Plumsteadville Grange #1738, Bucks County**

**RESOLVED:** that the PA Wage Payment and Collection Law also be amended to include a **definition of implied contract which states:**

*‘implied termination agreement’ is defined as a reasonable expectation that an employee has, absent a written contract, that the employer will meet obligations of accrued sick leave and accrued vacation time as communicated by an employer manual, printed materials relative to employment, and unwritten verbal statements made by the employer to a prospective, current, separated, or terminated employee when the separation or termination is not because of wrongful, illegal, or intentional acts that pose a harm to the employer.*

### **Resolution #16 — Protective Measures to Prevent Lithium Battery Fires**

**Valley Grange #1360, York County**

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange urges elected officials and state government entities to develop and implement an education campaign for consumers, businesses and those in the waste industry regarding safety standards and best management practices for storage and proper disposal of lithium and other emerging new battery types.

### **Resolution #18A — Electric Vehicle Transition**

**Submitted by Government Committee**

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange supports legislation which

- Opposing government-subsidized tax credits that solely target the purchase of electrically powered vehicles
- Initiating and enforcing a “road tax” on battery electric vehicles as determined by the yearly mileage as reported at the time of annual inspection

- Supporting the implementation of a statewide system to allow for taxpayers to make regular periodic payments on a battery electric vehicle “road tax” in lieu of an annual fee if they choose to so without paying additional fees because of the frequency of billing and collection

**Resolution #19 — Inheritance Tax**

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

**RESOLVED:** that Pennsylvania’s Inheritance Tax be abolished.

**GOVERNMENT ISSUES COMMITTEE POLICY STATEMENT**

Worthy President, State Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters:

The members of the Government policies committee are again honored to serve the members of the Pennsylvania State Grange. We will continue to review resolutions and issues presented to our committee with an open discussion and will present them in a way that we feel best represents the interests of our members.

The Pennsylvania State Grange committee reviewed proposed resolutions and acted in the affirmative on the following:

1. The National Grange will work to advance legislation that would remove Cannabis from schedule one drug and regulations be delegated back to the state.
2. The National Grange will work to advance legislation that would prevent a veteran from losing any of their benefits if they are participating in a state approved marijuana program.
3. The National Grange will work to support legislation that would prevent the Federal Government from seizing the assets of a company operating an authorized legal business according to state laws.
4. The Pennsylvania State Grange will support the enactment of an amendment to the PA Wage Payment and Collection Law that includes employee-accrued sick leave and vacation days in the definition of “wage”.
5. The Pennsylvania State Grange will advocate that Pennsylvania’s Inheritance Tax be abolished.
6. Pennsylvania State Grange will support legislation such as H.B 1614 which will help families with vulnerable and non-verbal members with disabilities remove the statute of limitations barrier for reporting crimes that come to light after the current statute of limitations would prevent legal action.
7. The Pennsylvania State Grange and National Grange will oppose government-subsidized tax credits that solely target the purchase of electrically powered vehicles.
8. The Pennsylvania State Grange urge elected officials and state government entities to develop and implement an education campaign for consumers, businesses and those in the waste industry regarding safety standards and best management practices for storage and proper disposal of lithium batteries.

9. The Pennsylvania State Grange will support legislation which will initiate and enforce a “road tax” on battery electric vehicles as determined by the yearly mileage as reported at the time of annual inspection and support the implementation of a statewide system to allow for taxpayers to make regular periodic payments on a battery electric vehicle “road tax” in lieu of an annual fee if they choose to so without paying additional fees because of the frequency of billing and collection.

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

C. Arthur Zug, Juniata County  
Lynn A. Dietrich, Cumberland County  
George Gregg, Mercer County  
Carole Huber, Lancaster County

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

### **Resolution #21 — Junior Jamboree Volunteers**

**Russellville Grange #91, Chester County**

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange Volunteer Policy be amended to include:

Section 4.3.5 The names of all adult volunteers, including parents, attending Junior Jamboree will be made available upon request to the parents/guardians of any Junior Granger attending Junior Jamboree by October 1.

### **Resolution #22 — Documentation of Sixth and Seventh Degree**

**Ontelaunee Grange #1617**

**Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

**RESOLVED:** that the National Grange document the names of those members receiving the Sixth and Seventh Degrees at a National Session in the Journal of Proceedings and make this information accessible to all members of the Grange.

### **Resolution #24 — Junior Jamboree Volunteers**

**Russellville Grange #91, Chester County**

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange Volunteer Policy be amended to include:

#### 4.6 Junior Jamboree Volunteers

4.6.1 Volunteers for Junior Jamboree must include care should, at a minimum, four adult volunteers. Per Section 4.3.4, these volunteers will all have clearances on file in the registry.

4.6.2 There must be a minimum of two male and two female volunteers attending Junior Jamboree.

### **Resolution #25 – Clearances for State Officers**

**RESOLVED:** that Article XV of the Pennsylvania State Grange By-Laws be amended to read as follows:

1.15.1 All officers and Department Chairs of the Pennsylvania State Grange shall, within 30 days of their election or appointment, submit valid clearances or apply for clearances for working with minors as required by applicable state law. **Valid clearances must be submitted within 90 days of election or appointment.**

### **Resolution #28 — Equal Access to proposed Grange State Budget**

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

**RESOLVED:** that Pennsylvania State Grange make available the proposed yearly budget to all Subordinate and Pomona Secretaries one month prior to State Grange Session.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER POLICY STATEMENT

Worthy President, National Representatives, Officers, Delegates and Guests:

Thank you for allowing us to serve on the Good of the Order committee. We would like to thank those who put forward well-written and thoughtful resolutions to all the Grange committees, and the respective Committees for their recommendations.

As we conclude our Grange's 150th anniversary celebrations commemorating past achievements, let us also look forward to the work yet before us to keep our legendary Order relevant going into the future. We are truly a grass-roots organization, relying on Resolutions submitted by our community and Pomona Granges, when adopted by the delegate body, to form our Grange's internal and external policies.

As we enter the 4th half-century in Grange life, let us take care in submitting mindful resolutions that truly serve the Good of the Order. Such resolutions uphold our principles of Faith, Hope, Charity, and Fidelity, while giving individual Granges the freedom to implement those principles as best works for their communities.

We thank all Granges for their Perseverance in finding ways to be of service to our communities in new and exciting ways. Be sure to share your upcoming events and successes with our fellow Grangers through submissions for inclusion in the PGN magazine and the periodical e-mails from the PA State Grange.

In closing, let us in all we do as an organization remember our Motto:

**In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Charity**

Respectfully submitted,

Jane D. Birk, Chair, Bucks County  
Leonard Heim, Lehigh County  
Robert Pardoe, Northumberland County  
Robert Beamon, Berks County  
Matthew Irons, Warren County  
Mary Jane Kent, Greene County

## FAMILY ISSUES

### **Resolution #32 — Affordable Childcare in Rural America**

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

**RESOLVED:** the Pennsylvania State Grange and the National Grange support the inclusion of funding in the Farm Bill to build a program to provide farm and rural families access to affordable childcare in their communities.

### **Resolution #33 — Dog Paw Pilot Program to Pennsylvania**

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

**RESOLVED:** the Pennsylvania State Grange work with the Pennsylvania Rural Letter Carriers Association to advocate for the Dog Paw Program to be piloted in Pennsylvania.

### **Resolution #35 — Continued Availability of Paper Coupons**

#### **Plumsteadville Grange # 1738, Bucks County**

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange support legislation to require retailers and manufacturers to offer paper alternatives to "digital only" offers.



## FAMILY ISSUES POLICY STATEMENT

Worthy Master, National Representatives, Delegates and Guests:

The members of the Family Issues committee would like to extend our thanks to the Hosting Committee for holding this historic 150th Anniversary session of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

When completing our task of reviewing the resolutions assigned to this committee, we focused on issues concerning education, health, consumer issues and other issues that affect our quality of life.

Of the resolutions reviewed this year we recommended:

1. PA State Grange and National Grange support inclusion of funding in the Farm Bill to provide affordable childcare for rural and farm families.
2. To work with the PA Rural Letter Carriers Association to advocate the implementation of the Dog Paw program.
3. To support legislation to require a paper alternative to “digital only” coupons and offers.
4. To support the continued implementation of rural Broadband as this affects the quality of life in many places.

It appears there has been some relief in the cost of prescription drugs. It has also been brought to our attention about the use of prescription drugs for uses not originally labeled for that purpose, leaving a shortage of the drugs for their original purpose. The Committee recommends continued vigilance in the regulation of drug companies for lowering drug prices and the correct labeling of drugs for their original use.

The issue of mental illness has always been a problem in rural communities, however the stigma of this has pushed this issue to the background. It is good that the National Grange is partnering with Rural Minds, a non-profit organization confronting the mental health challenges facing rural Americans to develop a rural suicide and awareness and prevention program. The goal for this national program is to create a grass roots, person-to-person approach that provides people who live in rural communities with mental health and suicide prevention information.

Respectively Submitted:

Don Steeley, Chair - Bucks County  
Pamela Courtney - Mercer County  
Denise Clare - Berks County  
Ben Haggen - Centre County  
Joyce Merrit - York County  
Tammy Schaeffer - Berks County

## COMPLETE RESOLUTION INDEX

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5	Maintaining Section 702 of the Clean Streams Law of 1937	Agriculture & Envir. Issues	Adopt as Amended
6	Recycling of Clothing and other Textiles	Agriculture & Envir. Issues	Adopt as Amended
7	Proposed French Creek National Wildlife Refuge	Agriculture & Envir. Issues	Adopt as Amended
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10	Cannabis Regulations – Remove from Schedule One Drug	Governmental Issues	Adopt
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12	Cannabis – Federal Government – Banking	Governmental Issues	Adopt
13	Electric Vehicle “Road Tax”	Governmental Issues	Other Action
14	Tax Incentives for Vehicle Purchases	Governmental Issues	Adopt
15	Employee Severance Rights	Governmental Issues	Adopt
16	Protective Measures to Prevent Lithium Battery Fires	Governmental Issues	Adopt as Amended
17	Electric Vehicle Fees	Governmental Issues	Other Action
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18A	Electric Vehicle Transition	Governmental Issues	Adopt
19	Inheritance Tax	Governmental Issues	Adopt
20	Statute of Limitations	Governmental Issues	Reject
21	Junior Jamboree Volunteers	Good of the Order	Adopt
22	Documentation of Sixth and Seventh Degree	Good of the Order	Adopt as Amended
23	Listing of Sixth & Seventh Degree Candidates in National Journal of Proceedings	Good of the Order	Other Action
24	Junior Jamboree Volunteers	Good of the Order	Adopt
25	Clearances for State Officers	Good of the Order	Adopt
26	Reinstate Deputy Program	Good of the Order	Other Action
27	Grange Officer Titles	Good of the Order	Reject
28	Equal Access to proposed Grange State Budget	Good of the Order	Adopt as Amended
29	Officers to Stay in Stations during Session	Good of the Order	Reject
30	Different Themes for Exhibits at Fairs	Good of the Order	Reject
31	Reinstating Lifetime Membership	Good of the Order	Reject
32	Affordable Childcare in Rural America	Family Issues	Adopt
33	Dog Paw Pilot Program to Pennsylvania	Family Issues	Adopt
34	Archery in Schools	Family Issues	Other Action
35	Continued Availability of Paper Coupons	Family Issues	Adopt

## 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
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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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<u>Location</u>	<u>Opening Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Opening Date</u>		
97	Lewistown	October 28, 1969	125	Reading	October 27, 1997
98	Meadville	October 27, 1970	126	Meadville	October 24, 1998
99	Somerset	October 26, 1971	127	Allentown	October 23, 1999
100	Williamsport	October 23, 1972	128	Carlisle	October 21, 2000
101	Reading	October 22, 1973	129	Altoona	October 20, 2001
102	Washington	October 28, 1974	130	Washington	October 25, 2002
103	Lancaster	October 27, 1975	131	Exton	October 25, 2003
104	Sharon	October 25, 1976	132	Harrisburg	October 23, 2004
105	Danville	October 24, 1977	133	West Middlesex	October 22, 2005
106	Butler	October 23, 1978	134	Reading	October 21, 2006
107	Williamsport	October 22, 1979	135	Williamsport	October 6, 2007
108	Lewistown	October 27, 1980	136	Lancaster	October 17, 2008
109	Altoona	October 26, 1981	137	Johnstown	October 17, 2009
110	Harrisburg	October 25, 1982	138	West Middlesex	October 16, 2010
111	Clearfield	October 24, 1983	139	Harrisburg	October 15, 2011
112	Gettysburg	October 22, 1984	140	Butler	October 20, 2012
113	Warren	October 27, 1985	141	State College	October 19, 2013
114	Reading	October 26, 1986	142	Reading	October 18, 2014
115	Butler	October 26, 1987	143	Warren	October 17, 2015
116	Allentown	October 24, 1988	144	Shippensburg	October 21, 2016
117	Uniontown	October 22, 1989	145	Scranton	October 20, 2017
118	West Chester	October 21, 1990	146	Cranberry Township	October 19, 2018
119	Altoona	October 28, 1991	147	State College	October 25, 2019
120	Williamsport	October 26, 1992	148	Erie	October 16, 2020
121	Clarion	October 24, 1993	149	King of Prussia	October 15, 2021
122	Carlisle	October 23, 1994	150	York	October 14, 2022
123	West Middlesex	October 23, 1995	151	Morgantown	October 18, 2023
124	Warren	October 28, 1996			