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Journal of Proceedings



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This 2022 Kansas State Grange Journal is dedicated to the memory of the following.



Marlene L. (Steffey) Douglass Bush
January 10, 1934 - May 29, 2022

Marlene was active in the Cola Hill Grange in her early years, Pleasant View Grange #1459 and Pleasant View Junior Grange #71 and New Century Grange.

She was a 65-year plus member of the Grange. She held the office of Lady Assistant Steward, Lecturer and Community Service Chairman of the Kansas State Grange and served on the National Grange Lecturer Advisory Committee for three years.

Juanita “Nita” Joan (Divine) Anstaett
March 25, 1926 - January 8, 2022

Nita was active in the Carbondale Grange #754 for 66 years. She served on many committees and attended State Grange.



Geraldine Joy (Fisher) Urich
July 18, 1932 – August 30, 2022

Gerry will always be remembered as the editor of all resolutions during the Kansas State Grange Annual Convention. Not one resolution was delivered on the floor to the delegates until Gerry Urich and Bonnie Aaron had reviewed it, spell checked it, and verified it.

Geraldine Urich join Grange in 1961 following her marriage to Laurence Urich. She was a 61-year member. Laurence and Geraldine Urich were members of the Carbondale Grange #754. Geraldine served as Chaplain for many years.

Laurence and Geraldine were the Community Service Directors of the Kansas State Grange from 1984 – 1987. They were honored as King and Queen in 1999.

Geraldine Urich was awarded the Granger of the Year in 2016. She received her 60-year seal for continuous membership in 2021.

Betty Jo (Manley) Stiles
October 12, 1949 – October 3, 2022

Betty was a Silver Star member of the Pleasant View Grange and was delighted to provide childcare at the State Grange convention for 20 years. She was named the 2016 Granger of the year.



Well done, good and faithful servants.

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REGULAR MEETING DATES AND DIRECTIONS TO KS GRANGE HALLS

#68 Gardner Grange: Meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Gardner Grange Hall located on the Johnson County Fairgrounds. The address of the hall is: 136 E Washington, Gardner, KS 66030.

#227 Morning Grange: Meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Morning Grange Hall located at 23910 W 191st St, Spring Hill, KS 66083.

#350 Cadmus Grange: Meets the first Saturday of each month at 6:30 pm located at 21981 Highway 7, Fontana, KS 66026. Annual picnic is the third weekend in July.

#1431 Indian Creek Grange: Location: 4545 NW Topeka Blvd, Topeka, KS 66617.

#1459 Pleasant View Grange: Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Ozawkie United Methodist Church in Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. located at 106 Goldenrod in Ozawkie, KS 66070.

#1493 Otter Creek Grange: Meets at the Damashek home, 618 Sanders St, Burlington, KS 66839.

#1810 Bayneville Grange: Meets the 4th Sunday of each month at the Augusta Senior Citizens and Friendship Center at 5:00 pm located at 640 Osage St, Augusta, KS.

#1883 Neosho Valley Grange: Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the LeRoy Library, 729 Main St, LeRoy, KS 66857 except for July (Grange Night Out), August (Watermelon Feed in the park) and September (Annual Picnic). In addition, they have a special meeting around the holidays.

#1995 Richland Grange: Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Grange Hall located at 14027 Hwy 7, Farlinville, KS, at 7 p.m. Hall is located seven miles north of Mound City on Hwy 7 on the east side of the road.

#2007 New Century Grange: Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at 796 N 600 Rd, Lawrence, KS 66047

POMONA GRANGES

Johnson County Pomona Grange #18: Meets on the 5th Thursday in a month. They will rotate the location of their meetings.

Linn County Pomona Grange #39: Meets quarterly at either Cadmus or Richland Granges. The Pomona President will call each meeting.

Flint Hills Pomona Grange #49: Meets quarterly, location to be determined.



Kansas State Grange
151st Annual Convention
October 14 – 16, 2022
Program

Friday, October 14, 2022

Noon – 12:45 p.m. – Registration

Noon – 3:00 p.m. – Contest entries accepted until 3:00 p.m., except between 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. during Opening and Roll Call.

1:00 p.m. – Opening in the Sixth Degree

1:15 p.m. – Lowering to the Fourth Degree

Roll Call of Officers, Department Chairs/Directors & Delegates

Credential Committee (partial report)

Entertain Motion for Adoption for the Order of Business

Grange at ease

1:30 p.m. – Welcome to Lawrence

Response by Chairman of the Board of Directors, Bob Schif

Letter/video by National Master Betsy Huber

1:45 p.m. – President's Address by Roger Bostwick

Reconvene session

President's Address committee assignments by Overseer

Treasurer's Report by Jamie Durand, Treasurer

Communications

Election of one Board of Directors Member (3-year term) and Lecturer

Recess

Officers Practice immediately following recess

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Committee Meetings

6:00 p.m. – Pizza Party

8:00 p.m. – Session Reconvenes

Fifth Degree Obligation

Sixth Degree Conferral

Lowering to the Fourth Degree

Closing in the Fourth Degree of the First Day

Kansas State Grange 151st Annual Convention Program

Saturday, October 15, 2022

8:00 a.m. – Breakfast (on your own)

9:15 a.m. – Opening in the Fourth Degree

Roll Call of Officers, Directors, and Delegates

Reading and Adopting First Day Minutes

Credential Committee Report

Grange Law and Good of the Order Committee (partial report)

Budget presented

Convention Committee Reports

11:45 a.m. – Recess for Lunch

Noon – Awards Luncheon

Junior Report by Jamee Funk, Junior Director

Youth Report by Molly Newman, Youth & Young Adults Director

Lecturer's Report by Amy Kramer, Lecturer

1:30 p.m. – Reconvene session

Committee reports (continued)

Officers Reports are due to Secretary and President

Unfinished Business

Report and Discussion of the National Grange Building

Our 150th Celebration report by Julie Durand

Closing in the Fourth Degree of the Second Day

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Committee Meetings

7:00 p.m. – Annual Banquet

Welcome by Amy Kramer, Lecturer

Invocation by Sheri Dingus, Chaplain

Evening of Excellence Talent Show Emcee by Amy Kramer, Lecturer

Introduction of Brey Scholarship Recipient by Jamie Klenklen, Secretary

Presentation of Community Service Awards by Randee Farmer, Director

Grange Achievement and Service to Agriculture Awards by Roger Bostwick, President

Motto: “In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.”

Kansas State Grange 151st Annual Convention Program

Sunday, October 16, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Breakfast (on your own)

9:00 a.m. – Devotions and Memorial Service by Sheri Dingus, Chaplain

9:30 a.m. – Opening in the Fourth Degree

Roll Call of Officers, Directors, and Delegates

Reading and Adopting Second Day Minutes

Budge Presentation

Grange Law and Good of the Order Committee (final report)

Convention Committee Reports

Grange Activities Committee Report

Recess for Installation

Installation of Board of Director member and Lecturer

Reconvene Session

Unfinished business

Motion for Executive Committee to approve third day's minutes

Closing of the 151st Annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange
Friendship Circle

Have a safe trip home and a prosperous Grange Year!

Thank you to our wonderful host committee!



Gardner Grange #68,
Our Host Committee

Lois Barber, Melissa (Bright)
Anderson, Linda Rothwell,
Paige Ficken, Alice Ficken,
Sandy Finnicum, Buddy
Dingus and Cassandra
Rogers.

Kansas State Grange 151st Annual Convention
National Representatives

National Vice President to attend Kansas State Session



Christine E. (Chris) Hamp, a fourth-generation Granger, was raised on a dairy farm homesteaded in the 1880s by her great-grandfather in Monroe, Washington. Chris joined Tualco Junior Grange #341 at the age of 5 and then Tualco Grange #284. Currently, Chris serves as Secretary at Five Mile Prairie Grange #905 in Spokane County where she is an affiliate member.

Of note, Chris was named the Washington State Outstanding Junior Granger in 1981, the Washington State Grange Young Granger in 1986, National Youth Ambassador in 1986 and President of the National Youth Officer Team in 1996. Chris also served as the Washington State Grange Lady Assistant Steward from 1990-1995, as a Washington State Grange Special Deputy from 1999-2011, as Pomona of the National Grange from 2011-2013, as the National Grange Lady Assistant Steward from 2013-2016 and as the National Grange Lecturer from 2016-2021. Chris now serves as Vice President of the National Grange.

Chris earned a Master of Public Administration degree from the George Washington University in Washing, DC; a bachelor degree in Public Policy & Administration from Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington; and an associate degree of technical arts in Fire Command Administration from Edmonds Community College in Edmonds, Washington.

While Chris earned her first million picking raspberries she is currently employed by Spokane County Fire District 9 as the Division Chief of Administrative Services. She also serves the Fire District as a volunteer Lieutenant firefighter/EMT and is a Certified Fire Investigator.

Chris and her husband, Duane Hamp, a past President of the Washington State Grange, live outside Spokane, Washington with their dog Lucy, the third member of the Hamp Gang.

Welcome Chris and Duane!!!

Kansas State Grange 151st Annual Convention
2022 Committee Assignments

Ag – Vince Newman, Seth Bell, Lorrie Bell, Keaton Holmes, Austin Farmer, Mike Farmer (H)

Audit – Sheri Dingus, Janice Gatlin

Citizenship & Public Affairs – Baylee Holmes, Melanie Bostwick, Nancy White

Credentials – Jamie Klenklen, James Durand, LaVerne Smith, Sheree Damashek

Education and Health – Audrey Trowbridge, Julie Durand, Jana Flory, Ashlee Schif, Paula Raaf

Energy, Conservation, & Natural Resources – Alice Ficken, Kristee Strawder, Buddy
Dingus

Finance – Bob Schif, Debbie Douglass Metsker, Marcella Troth

Grange Activities – Mande Shaver, Mandy Bostwick, Molly Newman

Grange Law and Good of the Order – Nathan Strawder, Penny Buek (H), Marianne Harra, Peggy
Querry

Labor and Judiciary – Lance Harra, Jeremy Douglass, Lois Barber, Pat Circle, Cassandra Rogers

Taxation & Transportation – Sandy Finnicum, Ray Troth, James Raaf, Amanda Harra

Note: the first person listed is the chair.

Kansas State Grange 151st Annual Convention

2022 RESOLUTIONS LIST

2022-1 – not adopted.

Degree Work

WHEREAS the first five (5) degrees are very inspirational when done properly; and
WHEREAS it has been a long time since any of our members have seen them done in full form;
and

WHEREAS many of our members have never had the opportunity to see the degree work;
therefore be it

RESOLVED that the first 5 degrees be conferred every other year during the Kansas State
Grange Annual Convention in odd numbered years.

Submitted by Gardner Grange #68

Grange Law and Good of the Order Session Committee
State Grange issue

2022-2 – not adopted.

Health Care

WHEREAS caregivers can become very tired; and

WHEREAS most assisted living facilities do not provide short-term care so that caregivers may
have a weekend or a week's vacation from time to time; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the National Grange encourage assisted living facilities to offer weekend care
or week to week care.

Submitted by Gardner Grange #68

Education and Health Session Committee
National Grange issue

2022-3 – rewritten, see Resolution 2022-5.

National Grange Board Members by Region (By-Law)

WHEREAS, it is with the advice of the Executive Committee that the National Grange President
make every effort to organize six active Subordinate Granges in every state so that a State
Grange may be chartered; and

WHEREAS, the National Grange Executive Committee shall set the date and location of the
annual session; and

WHEREAS, there are four (4) seats on the National Grange Executive Committee currently. The
addition of one (1) seat would give equal representation to each of the regions to guide in the
chartering of Granges within the region and location of the Annual Session; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that five (5) National Grange Executive Committee seats be established by region
that match the five (5) hosting regions: Northeast, Eastern, Midwest, Great Plains, and Western;
and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange By-Laws 4.10.1.C.2 Designation of Officers be changed
to read as follows:

“The Executive Committee of the National Grange shall consist of the following members: the Master/President and Overseer/Vice President of the National Grange, and the five elected members whose terms of office shall be two years. Two members will be elected in odd numbered years and three members will be elected in even numbered years during the Annual Session of the National Grange.”

Submitted by Pleasant View Grange #1459

Grange Law and Good of the Order Session Committee
Resolution 2021-1 – Withdrawn, now revised.
National Grange issue

2022-4 Agriculture Committee Resolution – Adopted
Support Right to Repair

WHEREAS there are OEMs (Original Equipment Manufacturers) that require unlock codes or procedures to be provided or performed by an OEM representative; and
WHEREAS these parts can be purchased or installed by any licensed mechanic or owner of such equipment, but the OEM has limited their ability to function correctly; and
WHEREAS the OEM charges a fee to unlock; therefore be it
RESOLVED the Grange supports individual owners or operators the right to repair or operate without proprietary software, equipment, or special licensing.

Submitted by Session Ag Committee

National Grange issue

Resolution 2022-5 – Adopted.

National Grange Board Members by Region (By-Law)

WHEREAS it is with the advice of the Executive Committee that the National Grange President to make every effort to organize six active Subordinate Granges in every state so that a State Grange may be chartered; and

WHEREAS The National Grange Executive Committee shall set the date and location of the annual meeting; and

WHEREAS there are four seats on the executive committee and the addition of one seat would give equal representation to each of the regions to guide in the charting of Granges within the region and location of the Annual Meeting; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the five National Executive Committee seats be established for the five hosting regions (Northeast, Eastern, Midwest, Great Plains and Western); and be it further

RESOLVED that the Grange Law and Good of the Order Session Committee Resolution Grange Law and Good of the Order Session Committee Resolution therefore be it resolved that Bylaws 4.10.1 C.2 Designation of Officers be changed to read as follows:

The Executive Committee of the National Grange shall consist of the following members: The Master and Overseer of the National Grange, and the **five** elected members whose terms of office shall be two years, **two to be elected with the regular election year and three in the non-election year (regions specified below)** at the Annual Session of the National Grange.

Starting in 2023, elect Great Plains and Midwest Region Executive committee members; starting in 2024, elect Eastern, Western, and Northeast Region Executive Committee Members.

Submitted by Grange Law and Good of the Order Committee Resolution

National Grange issue

Resolution 2022-6 – not adopted.

Organization of State Granges

WHEREAS the National Grange Digest of Laws section 4.3.3 (A) reads “Six or more active Subordinate Granges working in a State or U.S. territory, or the District of Columbia may apply to the Secretary of the National Grange for authority to organize a State Grange;” and WHEREAS there are states with more than six active Subordinate Granges who have yet to form a State Grange; and

WHEREAS the dissemination of information from the National Grange is meant to run through State Granges instead of directly to Subordinate Granges; and

WHEREAS the formation of a State Grange is vital to growing the Grange and having a united place for information so all Subordinate Granges in a state or territory are working under the same guidelines; and

WHEREAS the lack of a State Grange also impacts a state’s ability to have a true voice and vote in the working of the National Grange; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the National Grange Digest of Laws section 4.3.3 (A) be amended to read: “Six or more active Subordinate Granges working in a State or U.S. territory or the District of Columbia *must* apply to the Secretary of the National Grange for authority to organize a State Grange and complete the process of organization, *or the charters of all Subordinate Granges in the State or U.S. territory will be pulled one year after the charter date of the sixth Subordinate Grange.*”

Submitted by Grange Law and Good of the Order Session Committee Resolution
National Grange issue

Resolution 2022-7 – Adopted.

Developmental Committee Resolution

National Grange Headquarters Location

WHEREAS the National Grange would benefit from moving to a more centrally located area with lower cost of operations; and

WHEREAS multiple national agriculture-based organizations that are headquartered in the Kansas City area such as, National Ag in the Classroom, Agriculture Future of America, National Agriculture Association, National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility, National Agricultural Biosecurity Center, USDA, National Farmers Monument, multiple livestock breed associations, etc. and,

WHEREAS the National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame is located in the Kansas City area that also recognizes National Grange founder William Saunders, which gives it National Grange significance; and

WHEREAS Kansas City is in close proximity to a centralized international airport, and multiple interstates; therefore be it

RESOLVED the National Grange will invest in building space to relocate the National Grange Headquarters to the Kansas City metropolitan area.

Resolution 2022-8 – Adopted.

Developmental Committee Resolution

National Grange Building Rentals

WHEREAS the National Grange is not a property management entity and does not have the financial resources to maintain the property long term; and,

RESOLVED the National Grange should not purchase property for the purpose of long-term commercial rental activities such as subleasing space.

2021 RESOLUTION

2021 Resolution – Carry-over.

2021-3 – Adopted and assigned to a special committee, Nathan Strawder, Chair.

Officer Duties and Committees

WHEREAS the National Digest states that the duties of all officers of the various Granges of the divisions of the Order shall be as provided in the National Digest, Grange Laws of the Order and the By-Laws of the various Granges of the divisions of the Order in which they are members; and,

WHEREAS the National Digest identifies the types of committees applicable to all Granges of the divisions of the Order, including an overview of each type; and,

WHEREAS all Granges of the divisions of the Order may prescribe additional duties for each officer and may establish reoccurring committees; and,

WHEREAS it is possible that revisions to the National Digest may occur with impact to, but without revision of, the Bylaws of the State Grange; and,

WHEREAS it is possible that the various committees of the State Grange and various duties of each State officer may no longer be practiced, or applicable, as prescribed in the Bylaws of the State Grange; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that a special committee be established with the purpose of reviewing the Bylaws of the State Grange to ensure that Articles VIII and XII are in compliance with the National Digest; and be it further

RESOLVED that the special committee further review these Articles and provide recommendations for revision to the Delegate Body at the next annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange.

Committee Resolution – Grange Law and Good of the Order

State Issue

Kansas State Grange 151st Annual Convention

SESSION MINUTES

First Day's Minutes – Friday, October 14, 2022

The 151st session of the Kansas State Grange was called to order by President Roger Bostwick at 1:08 p.m. at the Hampton Inn Gardner Convention Center in Gardner. The Grange opened in the Sixth Degree and then was lowered to the Fourth Degree after opening. Opening song was the "Welcome Song" page 53. The flag was presented, and we sung the "Star Spangled Banner". Audrey Trowbridge substituted for Vince Newman as Assistant Steward.

In a report to Ceres Mandy Bostwick, Chaplain Sheri Dingus requested that the charter be draped in memory of Nita Anstaett, Marlene Bush, Geraldine Urich, and Betty Stiles. The charter was draped. Chaplain Sheri Dingus then led the Grange in the Lord's Prayer.

Roll call of officers, directors and delegates found 17 officers, 3 directors, 4 standing committee chairs present. There were 5 Pomona delegates and 22 community delegates, and 2 youth delegates present for a total of 29 delegates. Please note that one Junior Grange member was present, Kimber Newman, and she answered roll call. "Thank you", Kimber.

The Assistants escorted our National Representatives Christine and Duane Hamp from the great state of Washington. They each said a few words and are honored to be here.

A partial Credentials Committee Report was given. Secretary Jamie Klenklen announced that there are 29 voting delegates present therefore 15 votes will be a majority.

President Roger Bostwick asked for a motion to adopt the Order of Business. Mandy Bostwick moved to adopt the Order of Business. Sheri Dingus seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Grange was then declared at recess.

Roger Bostwick asked the Assistants to escort Dr. Todd Winters, Mayor of the City of Gardner, and a member of Gardner Grange #68 to his station to address the Grange. The mayor congratulated the Grange on our 151st session and welcomed us. He noted this was the first time to hold our meeting in Gardner. He encouraged us to look at things around the city. Executive Committee Chair Bob Schif responded. He thanked the mayor and noted that we are enjoying our very first session in Gardner. Lois Barber added her welcome as well. Lois Barber and Roger Bostwick are graduates from Gardner High School. Lois Barber noted that construction in the past few years has changed the area.

Alice Ficken filled the President's station while Roger Bostwick gave his address to the Grange. Roger Bostwick is also a Lay Leader for the Ozawkie United Methodist Church. Roger Bostwick thanked the many Kansas Grangers for helping host the 155th National Grange Session in Wichita in 2021. Other topics included selling the National Grange building and decisions that need to be made. The sale has not happened yet. Two resolutions were submitted to the National Grange last year. One was withdrawn and the other was rejected. The State Executive Committee

and the Developmental Committee are working to extend an invitation to move the Headquarters to the Midwest. The 2022 Grange month theme “Raised Right Here” was celebrated in April. National Grange programs have changed their deadlines so be sure to check the programs for details. Then he memorialized our two past officers and two past directors that went on to the Great Grange Above this past year. Roger Bostwick encouraged everyone to get out and vote in November. Remember to make your hometown great with our theme “Raised Right Here”.

No resolutions were immediately assigned from the President’s Address. Grange was called back to Order.

Treasurer James Durand gave his report at 1:55 p.m. on Friday, October 14th. It must layover for 24 hours, so can next be reviewed at 1:56 p.m. Saturday, October 15th. The new CD is #291.

Committee assignments were reviewed by Roger Bostwick. The corrected version will be printed.

Jamie Klenklen announced that she has Fifth-Degree tickets for \$1.00, and Sixth-Degree tickets for \$5.00. The degree work is this evening. Mande Shaver announced that she needs names and addresses for cards.

A recess was declared at 2:05 p.m. and the Bible was closed.

Communications – Greetings was received from our National Grange President Betsy Huber. She spoke about the important programs in the Grange. She hopes we plan to attend the 156th National Grange Convention in Sparks, Nevada.

Lecturer Amy Kramer announced in lieu of a hospitality room, we have ballots that are available to vote for your favorite cookie (1-5) or snack mix (6 – 11). Balloting closes at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 15th. They are open and ready for business.

The Grange was called back to Order at 2:30 p.m. and the Bible was opened.

Roger Bostwick read the process for Election of Officers according to Article 8 Section 2 of the Constitution. Vice President Alice Ficken filled the station of the President during the election of that office. Throughout the election process, Ceres Mandy Bostwick shared excerpts from the Patron’s Practical Pamphlet Volume 1 and 2, a gift from her grandparents. National Grange Vice President Chris Hamp read “The Value of One Granger”. It will be printed in the Journal. The following officers were elected for 2022 – 2024, a two-year term.

President – Roger Bostwick

Vice President – Alice Ficken.

Executive Committee Member – Bob Schif

Lecturer – Mandy Bostwick

Steward – Colby Funk

Assistant Steward – Keaton Holmes

Lady Assistant Steward – Molly Newman

Chaplain – Sheri Dingus

Treasurer – Jamie Durand
Secretary – Jamie Klenklen
Gatekeeper – Aaron Schif
Ceres – Ashlee Schif
Pomona – Audrey Trowbridge
Flora – Mande Shaver

This concluded the election of officers at 4:18 p.m.

Molly Newman announced the Youth Department has a silent auction for their baskets. We will host the Great Plains Conference in four short years. Let the bidding begin.

A recess was declared at 4:20 p.m. Following this, officers practiced for the 6th Degree and committees met.

At 6:00 p.m. Pizza Hut pizza was served. Chaplain Sheri Dingus returned thanks.

At 8:00 p.m. the State Grange held degree work. The State Officers marched in prior to conferring the Sixth Degree. Roger Bostwick gave the obligation for the Fifth Degree to three candidates. They were Cassandra Rogers, Lorna Ficken, and Paige Ficken, all of Gardner Grange #68.

The closing song was “*It’s Good Thing to be a Granger*” #14. The First Day of the 151st Kansas State Grange Convention was closed at 8:54 p.m.

Fraternally submitted,
Jamie Klenklen, Secretary
Kansas State Grange



Our newest Sixth Degree members,
(left to right) Paige Ficken, Lorna
Ficken and Cassandra Rogers, all of
Gardner Grange #68.

Welcome!

Second Day's Minutes – Saturday, October 15, 2022



The Second Day of the 151st session of the Kansas State Grange was called to order by President Roger Bostwick at 9:15 a.m. in Gardner. Grangers wore their favorite sport or Grange t-shirt. Opening Song was #19 *This Old Grange*.

Roll call found 17 officers, 5 directors and 5 standing committee chairs present. There were 5 Pomona delegates, 24 community delegates and 2 youth delegates present for a total of 31 delegates present.

The First Day minutes were read and approved.

Bob Schif, Finance Committee Chairman, presented the 2022 – 2023 Budget. Roger announced it is 9:48 a.m. and we will vote on the Budget tomorrow.

Lance Harra, Chair, gave the Labor and Judiciary Convention Committee report. The report was adopted. The committee was Lance Harra, Lois Barber, and Cassandra Rogers.

Aaron Schif, Chair, gave the Agriculture Convention Committee report. They reviewed the Ag policies with no recommendations for changes. The Committee did write a resolution #2022-4, titled "Support the Right to Repair". The resolution was favorably adopted. The entire report was also favorably adopted. The committee was Aaron Schif, Keaton Holmes, and Mike Farmer.

Julie Durand gave the Grange Historical Committee report. She encouraged us to plan to attend our 150th Celebration at Liberty Hall in Lawrence on July 29, 2023. More details to come.

Announcements:

Molly Newman announced the blue history books that Julie Durand spoke about, are available if anyone wants one. Bidding sheets will be out for the Youth baskets. Bidding closes tonight after the banquet.

Amy Kramer asked everyone to vote by 11 a.m. for their favorite cookie or snack.

Alice Ficken has the transcript from the meeting at the Mahaffie House and is willing to share it.

Randee Farmer has several items for the Silent Auction. Duane Hamp shared how the lava rocks are cut and cored then used as vases or pen holders. All different shapes and sizes. There are several quilted table runners, so check this out.

Kevin Klenklen asked the Developmental Committee to meet.

Audrey Trowbridge asked the Education and Health Committee to meet.

Sandy Finnicum asked the Taxation and Transportation Committee to meet.

A recess was declared at 10:17 a.m. We returned at 11:09 a.m.

Audrey Trowbridge, Chair, gave the Education and Health Convention Committee report. The committee reported adversely on resolution 2022-2, Health Care. It was not adopted. The entire report was adopted. The committee was Audrey Trowbridge, Julie Durand, Jana Flory, and Ashlee Schif.

Alice Ficken, Chair, gave the Energy, Conservation, and Natural Resources Convention Committee report. The report was adopted. The committee were Alice Ficken, Kristee Strawder, and Buddy Dingus

Alice Ficken reported on the 150th Celebration Committee meeting. Save the Date on July 29, 2023, at Liberty Hall in Lawrence. Watch for more information to come.

Baylee Holmes, Chair, gave the Citizenship and Public Affairs Convention Committee report. The report was adopted. The committee was Baylee Holmes, Melanie Bostwick, and Nancy White.

Jamie Klenklen announced there are extra copies of old Journals available on the back table. It was discussed to have future copies available electronically. Alice Ficken said they have a binding machine to help with next year's Journal. Electronic versions of the 2018 – 2021 Journal of Proceedings will be available on the Kansas State Grange website.

Announcements:

A Grange Crawl was suggested for December 10th. It starts in Ozawkie for a Green Pancake Feed with the Green Guy (the Grinch). Then on to Gardner Grange for their Winter Festival. Mike Farmer announced that their Peanut Brittle will be there. Hope everyone can attend.

National Grange Vice President Christine Hamp read "A Toast to Kelley". It was very interesting. A copy appears in the Journal.

Nathan Strawder announced the newly chartered Flint Hills Pomona Grange #49. This includes Bayneville, Neosho Valley and Otter Creek Granges. A Quilt Day is planned for March 4th from

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Coffey County Library in Burlington and lunch will be provided. The Quilt block for next year is a Nine Patch pattern.

A recess was declared at 11:39 a.m. for lunch. We enjoyed sandwiches from Goodcents Deli. Jamee Funk gave her Junior Director report. Molly Newman gave her Youth and Young Adults report. Amy Kramer gave her Lecturer’s report. We served approximately 58 meals for lunch. We reconvened at 1:36 p.m.

Nathan Strawder, Chair, presented the Grange Law and Good of the Order Convention Committee report. Resolution 2022-5 as rewritten was adopted. The committee reported adversely to Resolution 2022-1 on Degree Work. The logistics make it impossible. It would take an entire day to do the first four degrees. The committee recommended the degrees be done at a community Grange Hall and prior to State Grange. The adverse report was adopted, and Resolution 2022-1 was not adopted. The committee reported adversely to Resolution 2022-6 Organization of State Granges. The report was adopted, and Resolution 2022-6 was not adopted. The committee reported on Internal Policies on page 126 in Journal, be amended as in the report. They struck “the phone tree will be initiated immediately” and added notification will be sent to members of the Kansas State Grange. The policy was adopted. The entire Grange Law and Good of the Order Committee’s report was adopted. The committee was Nathan Strawder, Penny Buek, Marianne Harra, and Peggy Query.

Jamie Durand, Treasurer, read the following vouchers

2022-6 Chris Hamp	Travel expense	\$1,070.92
2022-7 Lois Barber	Convention expense	\$ 410.08
2022-8 Sheri Dingus	Chaplain expense	\$ 185.50
2002-9 Julie Durand	Historical Committee copies	\$ 30.00
2002-10 Bob Schif	Pizza Party	\$ 40.83
2022-11 Lois Barber	Zarda BBQ	\$2,006.56
2022-12 Jamie Klenklen	Secretary expense	\$ 25.15
2022-13 Amy Kramer	Lecturer expense	\$ 269.99
2022-14 Goodcents Deli	lunch expense	\$ 311.76
2022-15 Lecturer	prize money	\$ 150.00
2022-16 Junior	prize money	\$ 80.00
2022-17 Community Service	prize money	\$ 150.00
	These 12 vouchers total	\$4,730.79

Alice Ficken moved to pay our bills. Molly Newman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jamie Durand gave his Treasurer’s report. Lois Barber moved to combine the sub-account of Family Activities into the Lecturer account. Mandy Bostwick seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Treasurer’s report was adopted.

Mike Farmer thanked Lois Barber and Gardner Grange for hosting the 151st Annual State Grange Convention.

Sheri Dingus, Chair, presented the Audit report. There was no discussion. The Audit report was adopted. The committee was Sheri Dingus and Janice Gatlin.

Mandee Shaver will be taking more names to send cards to today.

National Representatives Christine Hamp, National Grange Vice President and Duane Hamp, Past President of the Washington State Grange, were presented to the podium. They brought greetings from the National Grange. Christine spoke about her background and the four “C’s” in Grange are Civility, Compromise, Collaboration, and Common Sense. Christine invited us to attend the Grange Revival to be held on July 18 – 23, 2023 at the Log Cabin Resort & Campground in Curtis, Michigan. Christine told about upcoming National Grange projects and took the time to answer any questions. Duane Hamp thanked us for the hospitality.

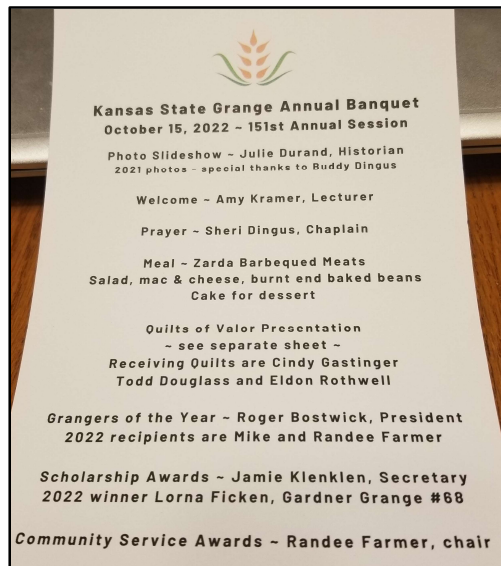
A recess was declared at 2:51 p.m. We reconvened at 3:22 p.m.

Kevin Klenklen, Chair of the Developmental Committee, read the committee resolution 2022-7. Resolution 2022-7 was adopted. Kevin Klenklen read the next committee resolution 2022-8. Nathan Strawder spoke against this resolution. A standing vote was taken. 14 in favor and 8 were opposed. The resolution was adopted. The Developmental Committee report in its entirety was adopted. The committee was Kevin Klenklen, Molly Newman, Michael Farmer, and Bob Schif.

Closing Song was #136 *Home on the Range*. The Bible was closed, and the flag was retired. The Second Day of the 150th Kansas State Grange Convention was closed at 3:40 p.m.

Fraternally submitted,
Jamie Klenklen, Secretary, Kansas State Grange

Annual Banquet Program on October 15, 2022



We served approximately 89 meals for the Annual Banquet.

This was our dessert after a delicious BBQ Buffet:





Congratulations Roger Bostwick!

A reception was held to honor Roger Bostwick for being elected the High Priest of Demeter of the Assembly of Demeter during their Annual Business meeting on November 11, 2021, during the National Grange Convention in Wichita, Kansas.

Pictured are Roger Bostwick and his wife, Melanie Bostwick, First Lady of the Kansas State Grange. Roger Bostwick is our delegate to the National Grange Convention.

The Assembly of Demeter is composed of all members of the Order who have received the Seventh Degree and who are Fourth Degree members in good standing. The High Priest of Demeter is the highest-ranking officer in the Assembly of Demeter.

The Assembly of Demeter shall oversee the ritual and regalia of the Seventh Degree and the unwritten work of all Degrees of the Order.



Pictured above is Eldon Rothwell (seated) receiving his Quilt of Valor. Surrounding him is a group of Gardner Grange #68 members to show their love and support. Thank you for your service, Eldon Rothwell. It is truly appreciated.



Christine Hamp (on right), our National Grange Representative, presented Lois Barber the Community Service Director's pin from the National Grange.

Michael and Randee Farmer were honored as the "Grangers of the Year". They received their Golden Sheaf pins for over 50 years of membership in the Grange.

Our Grangers of the Year were born into the Grange. In fact, they are both 5th generation members. Therefore, the Grange tradition that if you are a Granger, your spouse must join the Grange, did not apply to them. They both have a long family history in the Grange as well as a bright future in the Grange.

They are being recognized for their Grange work throughout the years. They are royalty as both were Jr. Prince (68-69) and Jr. Princess (69-70).

Both have been Youth Prince (1974) and Princess (1976). They were Young Couple of the Year in 1991. Randee Farmer is currently serving as the State Grange Community Service Director. Mike and Randee are past State Officers. Most recently, both served on the Kansas Host Committee to prepare for the National Grange Convention in Wichita in 2021. The Ingwersen Families, and the Schif Families were recognized during the 2021 National Grange Convention in Wichita, Kansas, for both families having 7 generations of Grangers, in the National Grange Legacy Families program.

Randee's father, Randall Schif was a past State Master (84 – 87). Mike's mother, Lola Mae (Ingwersen) Farmer, was a past State Master (93 – 95). Their children and grandchildren are currently members of the Bayneville Grange. Their daughter, Jamee (Farmer) Funk, is currently serving as the State Grange Junior Director. Their son-in-law, Colby Funk, is currently holds the office of State Grange Steward. Grange is, was and will be part of their family.

Their dedication, love, and devotion to the Grange goes beyond the call of duty. This year we will honor Michael and Randee Farmer as our Kansas State Grange Grangers of the Year 2022 - 2023.



Third Day's Minutes – October 16, 2022

The Memorial Program began the day. See the Chaplain's report for details. Also attending were Callie Ballenger, Angie & Pete Watson, Todd & Darlene Douglass. Randee Farmer made a special presentation. Todd Douglass was escorted to the front. His military service record was read. He was presented with a Quilt of Valor. He was a member of the Cola Hill Jr. Grange and Neosho Valley Grange. Todd thanked us for this honor and this very special quilt.

Molly Newman announced the winners of the Silent Auction baskets and items.

Lois Barber thanked Stacy Ann Jacobson, Sales Leader at the Hampton Inn Gardner Conference Center in Gardner, for everything she has done for us.

The Third Day of the 151st session of the Kansas State Grange was called to order by President Roger Bostwick at 9:41 a.m. in Gardner. Opening Song was #99 *Beautiful Garden of Prayer*.

Roll call found 17 officers, 3 directors, and 5 standing committee chairs present. There were 5 Pomona delegates, 24 community delegates and 2 youth delegates for a total of 31 delegates.



Duane Hamp filled the station of President while Roger Bostwick was escorted to the podium. By the way, they traded sashes. Roger Bostwick was introduced as the National Grange High Priest of Demeter. A cake was served in his honor at the Annual Banquet last night. He said a few words and feels honored to serve in this role.

Bob Schif, Chair of the Finance Convention Committee gave their report. The 2022 – 2023 Budget was presented for final review. The report was adopted.

Sandy Finnicum, Chair of the Taxation & Transportation Convention Committee gave their report. The report was adopted. The committee was Sandy Finnicum and Ray Troth.

A recess was declared for the purpose of setting up for Installation. An auction for the National Grange Foundation Youth fund was held. Duane Hamp was our auctioneer. A t-shirt, KC chips, salsa and queso was auctioned. Sandy Finnicum won the bid with a \$90.00 donation. Thank you, Sandy. We reconvened at 10:39 a.m.

Roger Bostwick thanked our retiring officers Amy Kramer, Vince Newman, Penny Buek, Ashlee Schif, and Mandy Bostwick for a job well done. Roger Bostwick installed our five new officers. Mandy Bostwick as Lecturer, Keaton Holmes as Assistant Steward, Aaron Schif as Gatekeeper, Ashlee Schif as Ceres, and Audrey Trowbridge as Pomona.

We reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Mandee Shaver, Chair of the Grange Activities Convention Committee gave their report. The report was adopted. The committee was Mandee Shaver, Mandy Bostwick, and Molly Newman.



National Grange Vice President / Overseer Christine Hamp and her husband, Duane Hamp, were our National Representatives from the State of Washington. We sure enjoyed their visit and hope they come back again.

A gift was presented to our National Representatives Christine and Duane Hamp from Washington State Grange. Sister Christine thanked us for everything. We enjoyed their visit.

Marianne Harra announced that the Grange Pup Stand will celebrate 75 years next year in September 2023.

Amy Kramer presented a floral card to LaVerne Smith and a sunflower card to Donna Bates as our Grange “Grandmas”.

Kevin Klenklen complimented this hotel and meeting area for this year’s convention. He hopes we can do this again next year.

Mandy Bostwick moved to allow the Executive Committee to approve the Third Day’s minutes. Sheri Dingus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Closing Song was #113 *God be with You*. The Second Day of the 151st Kansas State Grange Convention was closed at 11:20 a.m. with a Friendship Circle. Fraternally submitted, Jamie Klenklen, Secretary, Kansas State Grange



Closing with a Friendship Circle

Executive Committee Meeting on October 16, 2022

The Executive Committee meeting was held at 12:16 p.m. on October 16, 2022, immediately following the closing of the Kansas State Grange Annual Convention. Present were Roger Bostwick, Alice Ficken, Bob Schif, Lois Barber, Nathan Strawder, Jamie Durand, and Jamie Klenklen.

Alice Ficken moved to elect Lois Barber as Chair of the Executive Committee. Jamie Klenklen seconded. Motion carried.

Alice Ficken moved to host the State Grange Convention for next year at the Hampton Inn Gardner Convention Center on September 29, 30, and October 1, 2023. Bob Schif seconded the motion. Motion carried. Lois Barber will contact Stacy Ann Jacobson.

Vouchers:

2022-18 Nathan Strawder	Great Plains printing	\$45.84
2022-19 James Durand	Printing	\$221.86
2022-20 Alice Ficken	Walmart Food	\$ 18.00
2022-21 Vince Newman	Mileage for trailer	\$ 33.60
2022-22 Roger Bostwick	NG mileage	\$1320.80

Total of 5 vouchers in the amount of \$ 1,640.10

Alice Ficken moved to pay our vouchers (listed above), the hotel bill, and a bill from Mande Strawder when received. Bob Schif seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Note: The Hotel bill and a bill from Mande Strawder for postage to mail the cards are authorized to be paid when received.

Nathan Strawder asked to schedule a workday to clean out the trailer and add more plastic tubs.

Lance Harra asked the Grange Law Committee to review the Policy and update the manual. It was suggested to reduce it to a Policy Statement like in Connecticut.

Nathan Strawder was assigned as Chair to the Officers Duties and Committees per the 2021 Resolution and this needs to be worked on this year.

Bob Schif asked what to do about the money collected from the Community Service bidding sheets as they took in over \$530.00. Lois Barber will talk with Randee Farmer but noted the Quilts of Valor money should be listed on a separate line item.

Lois Barber asked everyone to please respond to our group emails as soon as possible.

Suggestions for next year's convention:

Banquet at 6 or 6:30 p.m.; Have a Kitchen Committee; Have 2 lines for the buffet.

Have Degree work start at 7 or 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting will be December 11 at 2 o'clock in Johnson County / Morning Grange.

Alice Ficken moved to adjourn the meeting. Roger Bostwick seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 12:45 p.m.

Fraternally submitted,

Jamie Klenklen, Secretary, Kansas State Grange

Officers Reports



PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

151st KANSAS STATE GRANGE CONVENTION

Friday, October 16, 2022

Worthy Officers, Delegates, National Representatives Chris and Duane Hamp, Members, and Guest of the 151st session of the Kansas State Grange,

Welcome to Gardner. This is the first time a State Session has been held in Gardner since our organization in 1872. We have met 12 times in Johnson County as close as Olathe on 10 occasions, Spring Hill once, and our most recent visit to the county in Lenexa in 2014.

We met last year in Lawrence, the location of the first State Grange meeting, for our 150th Session. So, it is fitting, in our sesquicentennial year, that we are meeting in the home county of our two oldest continuously active Granges. Gardner #68 and Morning # 227. I began my Grange life as a Junior here in Gardner, way back when, and my first subordinate Grange was Pioneer #69 which was located less than 10 miles from here. In the first year following our organization on December 4, 1872, 1385 Subordinate Granges were organized. Along with Gardner and Morning, Cadmus #350 will also be celebrating 150 years of service to their communities in the upcoming year.

155th NATIONAL GRANGE SESSION, WICHITA, 2021

First off, I want to thank everyone involved in making the 155th National Grange Session in Wichita a memorable event. It could not have happened without the efforts of each of you. I have heard many wonderful comments about the hospitality our region has shown towards those in attendance. I would especially like to thank Melanie Bostwick and Lois Barber for pulling it all together as our Regional Coordinators for the Session and Mike and Randee Farmer for being our go to people in the Wichita area. I would also like to extend a thank you on behalf of the National Grange and myself to Sheree Damashek, for serving as pianist for the entire session.

The Delegates at the National Grange Session did vote to sell the National Headquarters building in Washington, D.C This was a very emotional decision for the delegates, and many were battling mixed emotions, their hearts wanted to keep the building and the significance of its location in the D.C. area, but in their minds they knew the reality of the difficulty that would cause financially for the organization. As difficult as that decision was, it will be easier than selling the building, sorting, packing up, moving, finding a new location, and settling into new surroundings.

As of yet, the sale of the Headquarters building has not happened, the first offer on the building fell through. When our National Vice President, Chris Hamp, addresses us later she might have a more recent update on how the sale is progressing.

Kansas State Grange submitted two resolutions last year for National consideration. The one which was in regards to Regional Representation on the National Executive Committee was withdrawn in order for us to further review and possibly resubmit this year. It is in your resolution packet. The resolution we submitted to have the National Grange headquarters building move to the KC metro area was rejected by the committee with recommendations to keep it located somewhere in the D.C. area. However, our resolution sparked enough interest in the delegate body to adopt an amendment from the floor to have the option to have it located anywhere in the lower forty-eight states that would best serve the interests of the Grange.

Your State Grange Executive Committee is continually working with the Developmental Committee to promote a National Headquarters move to our area. The State Executive Committee voted to prepare a packet of information to present to the National Grange. Our intent was announced to State Presidents and National Officers this past February at the President's Conference, with a challenge to other states to do so as well. In April, a packet was sent to the National Grange Executive Committee. Shortly afterward, Executive Committee member Nathan Strawder, who also serves on Developmental Committee was able to travel to Washington, DC and visit with the National Grange Executive Committee to go over the packet and answer any questions. The packet contained statistics on market rentals, buildings for sale, cost of living, flight costs and average salaries compared to D.C. metro. Thank you, Nathan.

2022 KANSAS GRANGE ACTIVITIES

April was Grange month, National President, Betsy Huber, encouraged all Grangers to use the 2022 theme “Raised Right Here” in their Grange Month programming. As Betsy said, “There are many ways to interpret this theme. From how the Grange grew from a place of taking pride in building our agricultural roots, our hometowns and the people who live there, to showing your Grange’s pride in the things, people, and places that make your town great.

On April 23, a quilting workshop was held in Burlington to make blocks for the National Lecturer’s program and for the State Grange’ Quilts of Valor project. Several Grangers brought sewing machines for a day of learning and fellowship.

More quilt blocks were created by Grangers throughout the region, during the Great Plains Leadership Conference held in Manhattan, June 10-12. Everyone in attendance received a true Kansas experience when an EF2 tornado touched down within a few blocks of the conference hotel. The evening activities had to be cancelled while we waited out the storm, but thankfully everyone was safe.

On July 21, the Olathe Historical Society presented a program about the Grange at the Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm historic site for its members. The staff had researched and constructed periodic clothing and Grange regalia of the 1870’s for the presentation. The Mahaffie family who operated the Stagecoach stop along the route of the Santa Fe, Oregon, and California Trails in the late 1800’s was among the charter members of Olathe Grange # 118 in 1873. Alice Ficken, President of Gardner Grange and State Grange Vice President and I were also invited for the presentation. The presentation is available for viewing on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/9fqRWU0FtkA>.

Alice and I have invited Tim Talbott, Site Manager, and Katie Lange, Daily Programs and Collections Manager to be guests at our Session.

NATIONAL PROGRAMS

National Grange had made some changes to the deadlines to submit material for some of their projects, contest and reports this year, with June 30th being the deadline for most, some were rethought and modified for this year and for 2023. Please be sure to check with your State Directors, State and National Program Books, and websites for next year's deadlines. One of the most significant changes to be made aware of is the deadline for bonding of your subordinate Granges. Payments for bonding for 2023 must be received by National Grange before December 31, 2022. All Granges are required to be bonded in accordance with Section 4.10.9 of the National Grange Digest. You must apply for this insurance through the State Grange so you must get the paperwork to the State Grange well before the end of the year. There will be time to answer any questions you may have this weekend.

IN MEMORIUM

The Kansas State Grange family lost members who will be greatly missed.

Marlene Bush who served in several leadership positions in the Grange as officers and committee chairs. Marlene always made sure we all were in proper form during the flag presentation and let us know when we weren't. Somehow, she always knew who those of us were, that were not quite in line.

Geraldine Urich and her husband Laurence had served as our Community Service Directors. Geraldine served on several committees throughout the years, and in the days before spellcheck, and Grammarly, she helped to make sure our resolutions and reports were correct before being sent on to National.

Nita Anstaett had served as Junior Director and served as a delegate to our states session several times as was always willing to serve wherever and whenever asked.

Betty Stiles served as our daycare provider during State Sessions for over 20 years. Betty never served as a State Officer, instead she helped to ensure that future officers and leaders, including her own children, were "Raised Right Here." As I look around the room, I see several of our current Officers who were watched over by Betty, as infants and children. If it were not for Betty being there during our sessions, some officers and delegates might not have been able to attend and allowed the children she took care of to experience Grange with their parents nearby.

IN CONCLUSION

In a few weeks we will once again be electing local, state, and national leaders. As we deliberate on our business of our organization let us remember the words in the *Declaration of Purpose*. "We emphatically and sincerely assert the oft-repeated truth taught in our Constitutional Law, that the Grange—National, State, Pomona, or Subordinate—is not a partisan or party organization.

The principles we teach underlie all true statesmanship, and if properly carried out, will tend to purify the whole political atmosphere of our country; for we seek the greatest good to the greatest number.

We must always bear in mind that no one, by becoming a Patron of Husbandry, gives up that inalienable right and duty which belongs to every American citizen, to take a proper interest in the politics of one's country. On the contrary, it is right for every member to do all in his or her power, legitimately, to influence for good the action of any political party to which he or she

belongs. It is reserved by every Patron as the right of a free citizen to affiliate with any party that will best carry out his or her principles.”

Let us celebrate our freedoms to make these important decisions in your selection of leaders by considering the Grange theme “Raised Right Here”.

Celebrate education and agriculture, local resiliency, and sustainability through the word “Raised.”

Celebrate American freedoms, local leaders, and proper moral character through the word “Right.”

Celebrate your hometown, local community members, the things that make your region great through the word “Here.”

Fraternally Submitted,
Roger Bostwick, President
Kansas State Grange

NATIONAL GRANGE Update

1. Community Service – 4th place – Gardner Grange #68
2. Molly Newman won the Communication Fellows Grange Connector Award.
3. Lecturer – Quilt Block Contest
 - Group 2 – Juniors – 2nd place – Kimber Newman
 - Group 3 – Men – 1st place – Roger Bostwick
 - Group 3 – Men – 3rd place – Bob Schif
4. Juniors – Creative Writing – 1st place & Best of Show – Kimber Newman
5. Juniors – Photography Age 8 – 10 years – 1st place & Best of Show – Kimber Newman
6. Juniors – Photography Age 5 – 7 years – 2nd place – Ellen Durand
7. Membership & Leadership Awards
 - Honor Granges in Kansas with a membership increase:
 1. Bayneville #1810 – 10
 2. Cadmus #350 – 10
 3. Gardner #68 – 5
 4. Richland #1995 – 2
 5. Indian Creek #1431 – 1
 6. Otter Creek #1493 – 1

Lecturer's Report



Thank you for entrusting me with the office of Lecturer for the past two years. I have enjoyed working with my committee to organize the programs and the annual banquet.

Kansas had great participation in the National Lecturer's contests this year. I look forward to seeing Kansas well represented in the national photography and publicity contests as well as seeing quilt blocks made by Kansas Grangers featured in an upcoming quilt.

Thank you to everyone for sharing your talents in our State Lecturer's contests. We had 6 entries in the visual arts and photography contests with placings awarded as follows:

Mason Klenklen – 1st place visual arts. (pictured)
Ellen Durand – 1st place photography.
Sarah VanHouse – 2nd place photography and 3rd place photography.



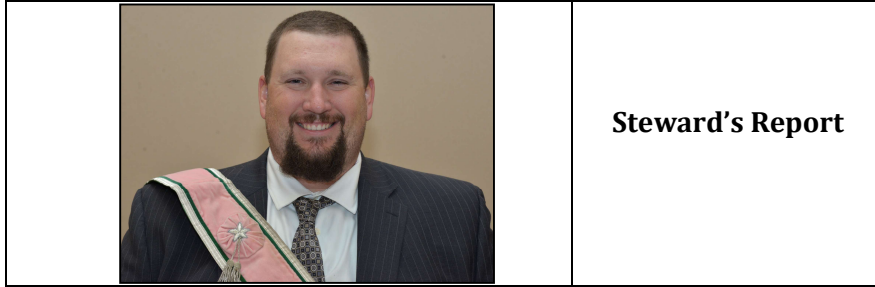
Since the National Grange quilt blocks were due to National Grange prior to our convention, I encourage you to look at the printed photos of the blocks submitted. Blocks were made by Alice Ficken, Lois Barber, Amy Kramer, Nathan Strawder, Ashlee Schif, Baylee Holmes, Keaton Holmes, Aaron Schif, Kristee Strawder, Randee Farmer, Michael Farmer, Sheree Damashek, and Bob Schif.

I hope everyone enjoyed our people's choice cookie and snack mix contest this year. We had 5 cookie entries and 6 snack mix entries, with the winners chosen by you, the Grangers attending this year's convention. Our winners are Lois Barber with the Lazy Chip Cookie Bars and Randee Farmer with the Puffed Corn Snack Mix.

Another new event this year was "Crafting with a Cause," and I'd like to thank Randee Farmer and Kristee Strawder for facilitating this time. We hope that you learned something new. The cards will be sent to our Grange friends that were unable to join us this year as well as for veterans at the Wichita VA Hospital and our military serving overseas.

Thank you to Buddy Dingus for judging our photography and visual arts. Thank you to Donna Bates, Julie Durand, and Janice Gatlin for serving on the Lecturer's Committee. We couldn't have had a successful people's choice contest and banquet without all their work. I am also glad that we were able to reuse the banquet pop-up card centerpieces to encourage some of our friends and fellow Grange members. I've enjoyed serving as your Lecturer these past two Grange sessions, and hope to serve the Grange in the future.

Fraternally submitted,
Amy Kramer, Lecturer, Kansas State Grange



Worthy President, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates, and Guests of the 151st Annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange,

Thank you for the honor of serving as your State Steward. It has been a privilege to serve for the last 10 years, and I look forward to continuing to serve in the future.

I apologize for not being able to attend this year's state session. I spent the weekend with Landon at the Quivira Scout Ranch near Sedan taking part in Webelo Woods for Cub Scouts. Landon took part in many sessions working on his achievements to earn the rank of Webelo. He was especially excited to earn his shooting pin for BB guns. We had a great weekend with all the scouts.

Jamee continues to work for Rainbows United in Wichita as a pediatric Physical Therapist. She has returned to doing in-home visits and still does virtual visits as needed. She completed her seventh year in August. Landon turned nine in May and is in Fourth Grade at Garfield Elementary in Augusta. He played soccer in YMCA spring league, kid pitch baseball over the summer in the Augusta City League, soccer in the YMCA fall league, and is also involved in Cub Scouts. Jace turned six in January and started First Grade this fall at Garfield Elementary. He played T-ball this summer and is also involved in Cub Scouts. Both boys are taking piano lessons as well. I recently turned in my resignation at Fleming Feed and Grain in Leon where I was a custom applicator for the last five seasons and have accepted a position as a truck driver for Empire Trucking in Wichita. I will be hauling wheat middling out of Wichita and back, hauling grain and fertilizer. I am also the Tiger Den leader for the Cub Scouts.

This year's vacation travels took us to Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming and Glacier National Park in Montana with Jamee's brother Austin and his family. Landon fished with Austin and Jace had fun playing in the lakes with his cousins. After our trip to Montana, we can't wait to go back.

Jamee and I continue to be involved with our church. Jamee helps with the WOW (Worship on Wednesday) program for the elementary kids and still does children's moments during second service with her puppet Esmeralda. I continue to help with church sound during first service and serve on the Administrative Board and as a Trustee.

Thank you again for the honor to serve as your State Steward. I am looking forward to what the 2022-2023 year holds.

Fraternally Submitted,
Colby Funk, Steward



Worthy President, National Representatives, State Officers, and Delegates of the 151st Kansas State Grange,

Greetings from your State Chaplain. It has been a privilege to serve as your State Chaplain. Being able to share so much with fellow Grange members makes my heart full of joy.

It is with great sadness that we have lost so many Grange members that have passed this last year. We lost some long time Grange members this year. Marlene Bush, a 65-year member of Pleasant View and New Century Granges, Betty Stiles, a 32-year member of Pleasant View Grange, Geraldine Urich, a 61-year member of Carbondale Grange, Juanita Anstaett, a 66-year member of Carbondale Grange, and Pat Williams of Morning Grange.

I want to thank everyone that helped me with the Memorial Service, I couldn't do it all by myself without such loving and caring Grange Members.

I would like to thank all the members and fellow officers who have given so much support to me while I have been privileged to be in this position.

May God Bless everyone. May He watch over all of us while we return to the world and bring joy and peace to our neighbors and anyone that we might meet.

Fraternally Submitted
 Sheri Dingus, Chaplain

KANSAS STATE GRANGE MEMORIAL SERVICE
 Sunday, October 16, 2022

A poem, "Safely Home" was read by Melanie Bostwick. This poem was read by Marlene Bush during the Memorial Service at the 124th Kansas State Grange Convention.

A Call to Remembrance by Sheri Dingus, State Chaplain

Unison Hymn – "Amazing Grace"

Chaplain's Prayer

Unison Prayer – "The Lord's Prayer"

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 40:28-31

The Memorial Observance

1. Sister Marlene Bush, a 65-year member, New Century Grange #2007
 Eulogy was read by Randee Farmer, a floral tribute carried by Roger Bostwick and placed at the altar by Melanie Bostwick.

2. Sister Betty Stiles, a 32-year member of Pleasant View Grange #1459
 Eulogy was read by Callie Ballenger, a floral tribute carried by Lois Barber and placed at the altar by Mandy Bostwick.

3. Sister Geraldine Urich, a 61-year member of Carbondale Grange #754
Eulogy was read by Roger Bostwick, a floral tribute carried by Bob Schif and was placed at the altar by Penny Buek.
4. Sister Juanita (Nita) Anstaett, a 66-year member of Carbondale Grange #754
Eulogy was read by Penny Buek, a floral tribute carried by Nathan Strawder and placed at the altar by Mande Shaver.

Closing prayer by Sheri Dingus, State Chaplain



State President, National Representatives, Officers, Delegates and Members of the 151st Convention of the Kansas State Grange,

“Greetings!” from your State Secretary! I’m working part-time now. I do have more time to keep up with my grandchildren. Both keep me busy, but I always have time for Grange.

Kevin and I plan to attend the National Grange Convention this year in Reno, Nevada. Kevin plans to drive and I will enjoy knitting along the way. It is always a great time to visit with our friends from afar.

I would like to thank the Subordinate and Pomona secretaries for your timely Annual reports. It makes my job much easier. I like to meet my deadlines, but I am unable to do so without your help.

Take time to honor your members with special membership awards. The National Grange offers a “Certificate of Recognition” for 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, and 20 years of membership. This is available upon request, just let me know in plenty of time.

Next year is an election year for the Kansas State Grange officers, Pomona, and Community Granges. Be sure to include your new members in the election process.

If you have any questions, please let me know. I am here to help.

Each Grange is required by the National Grange Digest of Laws to bond the Secretary and Treasurer. Any officer or member who handles money for the Grange should also be bonded. Bonding insurance covers the loss of Grange funds. A bonding policy is available from the National Grange that covers all officers and members. A Grange should also check with its insurance agent to compare the National premium costs with what the agent can provide. Are your Grange officers covered?

Membership Report as of October 1, 2022

Grange	Members	Family Plans	Members in Family Plan	Golden Sheaf Exempt	Golden Sheaf Non-Exempt	Associate Members	Affiliate Members	Junior Members
Bayneville #1810	29	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
Cadmus #350	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Gardner #68	30	0	0	1	8	12	1	2
Indian Creek #1431	14	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Morning #227	46	2	5	1	3	0	0	4
Neosho Valley #1883	17	0	0	3	6	0	0	0
New Century #2007	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Otter Creek #1493	16	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
Pleasant View #1459	36	0	0	2	7	0	0	10
Richland #1995	22	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	248	2	5	7	30	12	3	27

We have ten Subordinate Granges (listed above). Carbondale Grange #754 and Mount Pleasant Grange #1445 both closed this past year. We have 3 Pomona Granges. They are Johnson County Pomona Grange #18, Linn County Pomona Grange #39, and Flint Hills Pomona Grange #49. Jefferson County Pomona Grange #10 closed with the loss of Mount Pleasant Grange #1445.



Welcome to our newest Pomona Grange, Flint Hills #49. The charter was received at the National Grange Convention in Reno, Nevada, November 2022. Pictured are Nathan Strawder, President of the Flint Hills Pomona Grange #49, Roger Bostwick, President of the Kansas State Grange, and Jamie Klenklen, Secretary of the Kansas State Grange.

The 2021 Membership Report was taken from the third-quarter Annual Report. We have a total of 248 members which is an increase of 41 members from last year (2021). We have 7 Golden Sheaf Exempt members (a decrease of 4) and 30 Golden Sheaf Non-Exempt members. We have 5 members in 2 Family Plans, 12 Associate members and 3 Affiliate members. We have 27 Junior members, an increase of 13, almost double! That is wonderful.

The National Grange will also celebrate an increase in membership in November 2022.

Grange Month

April is Grange Month. Did your Grange select a Community Citizen to honor? Visit the National Grange website for materials. They have 1) A Letter from the National Grange President, 2) Grange Month Proclamation, 3) Press Release Sample, 4) Community Citizen Award, 5) several Social Media Posts and 6) Grange Month Posters.

Grange Month is also a great time for Grange Membership Recognition, especially Silver Star (25-years), Golden Sheaf (50-years), Diamond (75-years) for continuous Grange membership. Seals are available for 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80 and 85 years. Seals and Certificates are obtained through me, your State Secretary. Appropriate pins and other jewelry may be obtained through The Grange Supply Store, www.grangestore.org

Secretaries, please check your years of membership for each member and see who qualifies for these awards.

Membership Awards



On April 3, 2022, Pleasant View Grange #1459 presented membership awards. Susan Kramer received her Golden Sheaf pin and certificate. Susan joined Grange in November 1972. William J. “Bill” Kramer, Past State Treasurer, received his 65-year seal. Bill joined Grange in October 1957.

Gardner Grange #68 presented Lois Barber with her Golden Sheaf award for 50 years of membership. Lois joined Grange in March 1972.

Michael Farmer and Randee Farmer received their Golden Sheaf award at State Grange on October 15, 2022. Mike joined Grange in January 1970. Randee joined Grange in September 1971.

Just as a reminder, I need at least 90 days’ notice to order the awards. I do keep some in stock, but Golden Sheaf awards must go through National Grange. Please check your membership lists and see who deserves an award or seal in the upcoming year. Order early!

Scholarships

The Kansas State Grange awarded one scholarship this year to Lorna Ficken. I would like to thank Lorna for taking the time to apply for this scholarship. We appreciate you continuing your education and congratulate you on a job well done.

The Claude and Ina Brey Memorial Endowment Fund provides the funding for scholarships. Applications are found on the website: www.ks-grange.org/Documents. The scholarship application is always due on April 15th each year to the State Secretary. There are no age requirements. If you are a senior in high school or going back to school or continuing your education, please consider applying for this scholarship to help ease the financial burden of higher education.

Good Day!™ Magazine

Reminder, the Good Day!™ Magazine is a great source of information from the National Grange. The magazine is printed quarterly. A member subscription is \$16.00. A non-member subscription is \$28.00. A single issue is \$7.00. This would make a nice gift for a new member or any member and especially new officers.

Grangerevival.com

Curtis, Michigan on July 18-23, 2023

Grange Revival, slated for July 18 – 23, 2023, at Log Cabin Resort & Campground, Curtis, Upper Peninsula of Michigan. This is a family event open for all Grange members and friends to create and strengthen fraternal bonds. From outdoor activities to ag awareness lessons, craft workshops and lots of time to kick back and relax with other Grangers, there is something for everyone. Take part in planned activities or excursions or strike out on your own to find some fun during the day. Then head back to the campground at night to enjoy a communal meal and maybe even some campfire songs.

Bring your RV, load your car and pack a tent, fly to your destination, and stay in a cabin or enjoy the experience with some added creature comforts at a nearby hotel. All the fun of Grange Revival is waiting for you! And don't forget to bring your friends! You need not be a Grange member to attend (but you sure will want to be after it's over!). Visit the National Grange website at <http://www.nationalgrange.org> for more information.

Upcoming National Grange Conventions

156th Annual National Grange Convention – November 15 – 19, 2022 at Nugget Casino Resort, 1100 Nugget Avenue, Sparks, Nevada 89431 Phone: 800-648-1177

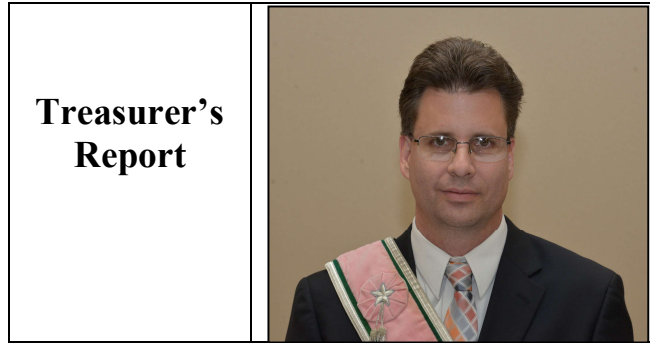
157th Annual National Grange Convention – November 14 – 18, 2023 at Niagara Falls Sheraton at the Falls, 300 Third St, Niagara Falls, NY 14303 Phone: 716-285-3361

158th Annual National Grange Convention – November 12 – 16, 2024 at Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf, 1777 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722 Phone: 1-800-THE-ISLE

159th Annual National Grange Convention – November 18 – 22, 2025 at Hilton Charlotte University Place, 8629 J.M. Keynes Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina 28262
Phone: 1-800-HILTONS

These conventions are subject to change so please check the National Grange website for updates at <https://www.nationalgrange.org/future-national-grange-conventions/>
Stay well. Stay healthy. Stay safe.

Fraternally submitted,
Jamie Klenklen, Secretary



Kansas State Grange
Treasurers Report
August 31, 2022

Worthy State President, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates, Members, and Guests;

General Fund

The balance of the General Fund on August 31, 2022, the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year was \$18,090.54. There were two un-cleared checks this year, Ashlee Schif for \$165.00 and Jamie Klenklen for \$876.48. The General Fund is located at the First State Bank in Perry, KS.

Sub-Accounts

The ending balance of the Juniors sub-account was \$554.96. The balance of the Family Activities committee sub-account was \$512.99. The balance of the Lola Mae Bostwick memorial fund is \$0.00. The balance of the Lecturers sub-account is \$408.17. These balances are included in the total balance of the General Fund.

Certificates of Deposit

CD #...524 was rolled over into a new cd on 9-29-2022, but I do not have the new number yet.

A list of all of the CDs is included later in this report.

Savings Account

The balance of the Savings Account is \$1,049.82.

Fraternally submitted,
James Durand, Treasurer

Kansas State Grange
Current Banking Institutions
August 31, 2022

First State Bank and Trust
402 Plaza Drive
P.O. Box 7
Perry, KS 66073
785-597-5151
Checking Account #083

Union Bank and Trust
309 Oak St.
Bonner Springs, KS 66012
913-667-8600
CD # 524, 619, 626

Azura Credit Union
2634 NW Highway 24
Topeka, KS 66618
785-233-5556
Savings Account #97-5 30
CD# 020, 021, 200

Chart of Accounts

Account Number	Bank Name	Location	Open Date	Amount	Term	Rate	Frequency	Maturity	Notes
...291	Union	Bonner	9/30/22	25,002.01	24	2.75	Quarterly	9/30/24	from 524
...619	Union	Bonner	3/15/18	100,000.00	60	2.78	Quarterly	3/15/23	from 865
...020	Azura	Topeka	5/27/20	25,000.00	60	2	Monthly	5/27/25	from 517
...021	Azura	Topeka	6/22/20	35,675.73	60	1.6	Monthly	6/22/25	from 182
...200	Azura	Topeka	11/24/20	50,000.00	36	1.05	Monthly	5/25/23	from 626

Kansas State Grange Profit and Loss Standard
September 2021 through August 2022

	<u>Sep '21 - Aug '22</u>
Income	
Donations	\$1,039.91
Dues income	6,402.00
Convention income	18.00
Community service income	250.00
Interest earned	<u>4,721.80</u>
Total Income	12,431.71
Expense	
2021 National Convention Expense	\$1,605.88
Trailer Storage Expense	565.63
Family Activities Expense	212.00
Juniors Expense	185.53
Dues expense	3,212.00
Secretary expense	218.41
Master expense	530.25
Printing expense	756.52
Per-diem expense	5,885.00
Lecturer expense	217.27
Treasurer expense	54.12
Community service expense	250.00
Mileage	762.79
Chaplain expense	60.99
Other expense	800.00
Board expense	977.00
Convention expense	<u>3,652.89</u>
Total Expense	<u>19,946.28</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-7,514.57</u></u>

Kansas State Grange
Balance Sheet Detail
As of August 31, 2022

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
ASSETS								265,781.01
Current Assets								265,781.01
Checking/Savings								265,781.01
...200 AZ								50,370.67
Deposit	09/01/21					intrest earned	44.92	50,415.59
Deposit	12/01/21			no statement		intrest earned	132.10	50,547.69
Deposit	01/01/22					intrest earned	45.08	50,592.77
Deposit	02/01/22					intrest earned	45.12	50,637.89
Deposit	03/01/22					intrest earned	40.79	50,678.68
Deposit	04/01/22					intrest earned	45.19	50,723.87
Deposit	05/01/22					intrest earned	43.78	50,767.65
Deposit	06/01/22					intrest earned	45.27	50,812.92
Total ...200 AZ							442.25	50,812.92
...083 First St. Bnk								28,427.98
Lecturer								607.62
Check	10/15/21	1645	Amy Kramer		X	lecturer expense	-29.69	577.93
Check	10/22/21	1658	Kimber Newman		X	lecturer expense	-37.00	540.93
Check	10/22/21	1659	Mason Klenklen		X	lecturer expense	-8.00	532.93
Check	10/22/21	1660	Sarah Van House		X	lecturer expense	-32.00	500.93
Check	10/22/21	1661	Amy Kramer		X	lecturer expense	-92.76	408.17
Total Lecturer							-199.45	408.17
Lola Bostwick Memorial								288.09
Deposit	10/29/21			from Bostwicks	X	donations	11.91	300.00
Check	10/29/21	1725	Grange Foundation	Lecturer Fund	X	other expense	-300.00	0.00
Total Lola Bostwick Memorial							-288.09	0.00
Family Activities								724.99
Check	10/22/21	1662	Maxine Buttram		X	Family Activities ...	-100.00	624.99
Check	10/24/21	1713	Lois Barber		X	Family Activities ...	-27.00	597.99
Check	10/24/21	1714	Donna Bates		X	Family Activities ...	-16.00	581.99
Check	10/24/21	1715	Mandy Bostwick		X	Family Activities ...	-8.00	573.99
Check	10/24/21	1716	Sheri Dingus		X	Family Activities ...	-13.00	560.99
Check	10/24/21	1717	Julie Durand		X	Family Activities ...	-8.00	552.99
Check	10/24/21	1718	Amy Kramer		X	Family Activities ...	-8.00	544.99
Check	10/24/21	1719	Susan Kramer		X	Family Activities ...	-8.00	536.99
Check	10/24/21	1720	Angelia Malsbury		X	Family Activities ...	-8.00	528.99
Check	10/24/21	1721	Susan Mathia		X	Family Activities ...	-8.00	520.99

Kansas State Grange
Balance Sheet Detail
As of August 31, 2022

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Check	10/24/21	1676	Molly Newman		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	24,025.11
Check	10/24/21	1677	Sheri Dingus		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	23,860.11
Check	10/24/21	1678	James Durand		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	23,695.11
Check	10/24/21	1679	Jamie Klenklien		X	per-diem expense	-110.00	23,585.11
Check	10/24/21	1680	Ashlee Schif		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	23,420.11
Check	10/24/21	1681	Mandy Bostwick		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	23,255.11
Check	10/24/21	1682	Penny Buek		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	23,090.11
Check	10/24/21	1683	Mandee Shaver		X	-SPLIT-	-245.08	22,845.03
Check	10/24/21	1684	Bob Schif		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	22,680.03
Check	10/24/21	1685	Lois Barber		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	22,515.03
Check	10/24/21	1686	Sheree Damashkeh		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	22,350.03
Check	10/24/21	1687	Randee Farmer		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	22,185.03
Check	10/24/21	1688	Jamee Funk		X	per-diem expense	-55.00	22,130.03
Check	10/24/21	1689	Melanie Bostwick		X	per-diem expense	-110.00	22,020.03
Check	10/24/21	1690	Donna Bates		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	21,855.03
Check	10/24/21	1691	Buddy Dingus		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	21,690.03
Check	10/24/21	1692	Janice Gatlin		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	21,525.03
Check	10/24/21	1693	Baylee Schif Holmes		X	per-diem expense	-55.00	21,470.03
Check	10/24/21	1694	Nancy White		X	per-diem expense	-110.00	21,360.03
Check	10/24/21	1695	Peggy Query		X	per-diem expense	-110.00	21,250.03
Check	10/24/21	1696	Ed Bruns		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	21,085.03
Check	10/24/21	1697	Patsy Bruns		X	per-diem expense	-55.00	21,030.03
Check	10/24/21	1698	Sandy Finnicum		X	per-diem expense	-110.00	20,920.03
Check	10/24/21	1699	Amanda Harra		X	per-diem expense	-55.00	20,865.03
Check	10/24/21	1700	Lance Harra		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	20,700.03
Check	10/24/21	1701	Marianne Harra		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	20,535.03
Check	10/24/21	1702	Jana Flory		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	20,370.03
Check	10/24/21	1703	Debra Douglass-Metsker		X	per-diem expense	-55.00	20,315.03
Check	10/24/21	1704	Nathan Strawder		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	20,150.03
Check	10/24/21	1705	Mandy Shaver	VOID:	X	per-diem expense	0.00	20,150.03
Check	10/24/21	1706	Kristee Strawder		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	19,985.03
Check	10/24/21	1707	Laverne Smith		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	19,820.03
Check	10/24/21	1708	Kevin Klenklien		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	19,655.03
Check	10/24/21	1709	Julie Durand		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	19,490.03
Check	10/24/21	1710	Ray Gene Troth		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	19,325.03
Check	10/24/21	1711	Marcella Troth		X	per-diem expense	-165.00	19,160.03
Check	10/24/21	1712	Audrey Trowbridge		X	per-diem expense	-110.00	19,050.03
Check	10/24/21	1723	Baylee Schif Holmes		X	per-diem expense	-55.00	18,995.03
Check	10/24/21	1724	The National Grange	Masters Expens...	X	master expense	-530.25	18,464.78

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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Deposit	10/24/21						410.00	18,874.78
Check	10/29/21	1726	Doubletree By Hilton La...	cash for quilt tic...	X	donations	-3,572.81	15,301.97
Deposit	11/20/21			2021 State Sessi...	X	convention expe...	180.00	15,481.97
Check	12/17/21			Quilt ticket Alic...	X	donations	685.62	16,167.59
Check	12/20/21			interest	X	...619 UB	155.83	16,323.42
Check	01/16/22	1727	Mandee Shaver	interest	X	...524 UB	-150.00	16,173.42
Check	01/16/22	1728	Lance Harra		X	2021 National Co...	-300.00	15,873.42
Check	01/16/22	1729	Sheri Dingus		X	2021 National Co...	-150.00	15,723.42
Check	01/16/22	1730	James Durand		X	2021 National Co...	-127.88	15,595.54
Check	01/16/22	1731	Amy Kramer		X	lecturer expense	-8.70	15,586.84
Check	01/16/22	1732	Jamie Klenklen		X	2021 National Co...	-150.00	15,436.84
Check	01/16/22	1733	National Grange	4th quarter due...	X	dues expense	-759.50	14,677.34
Check	01/16/22	1734	Aimee Damashek		X	2021 National Co...	-300.00	14,377.34
Check	01/16/22	1735	Jean Schif		X	2021 National Co...	-128.00	14,249.34
Check	01/16/22		Kansas Secretary of State		X	board expense	-40.00	14,209.34
Deposit	01/18/22			filing fee	X	dues income	1,080.00	15,289.34
Deposit	01/22/22			Morning Grange	X	dues income	378.00	15,667.34
Deposit	02/10/22			Indian Creek	X	dues income	919.00	16,586.34
Deposit	02/10/22			Pleasant View	X	dues income	70.00	16,656.34
Check	02/10/22			Quilt tickets Alic...	X	donations	-62.16	16,594.18
Check	02/12/22	1736	Bob Schif		X	mileage	-42.56	16,551.62
Check	02/12/22	1737	Nathan Strawder		X	mileage	-37.07	16,514.55
Check	02/12/22	1738	Roger Bostwick		X	mileage	-33.60	16,480.95
Check	02/12/22	1739	James Durand		X	mileage	-37.80	16,443.15
Check	02/12/22	1740	Jamie Klenklen		X	mileage	-100.00	16,343.15
Check	02/12/22	1741	Tiya Tonn		X	2021 National Co...	-100.00	16,243.15
Check	02/12/22	1742	Kansas Oil Museum		X	donations	-112.00	16,131.15
Check	03/08/22	1743	National Grange	Bonding	X	board expense	88.00	16,219.15
Deposit	03/14/22			Morning grange...	X	donations	570.00	16,789.15
Deposit	03/14/22			Richland Grange	X	dues income	432.00	17,221.15
Deposit	03/14/22			Otter Creek	X	dues income	378.00	17,599.15
Deposit	03/14/22			Neosho Valley G...	X	dues income	-88.00	17,511.15
Check	03/14/22	1744	National Grange	Bonding Mornnin...	X	board expense	678.08	18,189.23
Check	03/17/22			Interest	X	...619 UB	154.12	18,343.35
Check	03/24/22			Interest	X	...524 UB	746.00	19,089.35
Deposit	05/01/22			Cadmus Grange	X	dues income	784.50	19,873.85
Deposit	05/12/22			Bayneville Grange	X	dues income	1,087.50	20,961.35
Deposit	05/12/22	1745	Lois Barber	Gardner Grange	X	dues income	-42.00	20,919.35
Check	05/12/22	1746	Bob Schif		X	mileage	-61.40	20,857.95

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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Check	05/12/22	1747	Jamie Klenklen		X	mileage	-62.04	20,795.91
Check	05/12/22	1748	Roger Bostwick		X	mileage	-49.00	20,746.91
Check	05/12/22	1749	Julie Durand	postage	X	lecturer expense	-9.12	20,737.79
Check	05/21/22	1750	National Grange	Convention asse...	X	board expense	-237.00	20,500.79
Check	05/21/22	1751	National Grange	1st quarter due...	X	dues expense	-798.00	19,702.79
Check	05/21/22	1752	James Durand		X	Treasurer expense	-9.85	19,692.94
Check	06/17/22			interest	X	...619 UB	693.15	20,386.09
Check	06/24/22			interest	X	...524 UB	157.55	20,543.64
Check	07/05/22	1653	National Grange founda...	Donation to You...	X	board expense	-500.00	20,043.64
Check	07/23/22	1754	Bob Schif		X	mileage	-87.92	19,955.72
Check	07/23/22	1755	Alice Ficken		X	mileage	-30.80	19,924.92
Check	07/23/22	1756	Nathan Strawder		X	mileage	-50.40	19,874.52
Check	07/23/22	1757	National Grange	2nd quarter due...	X	dues expense	-891.50	18,983.02
Check	07/23/22	1758	National Grange	golden sheaf aw...	X	secretary expense	-43.00	18,940.02
Deposit	08/01/22			Pleasant View G...	X	dues income	27.00	18,967.02
Check	08/10/22	1759	Jamie Klenklen		X	-SPLIT-	-876.48	18,090.54
Total ...083 First St. Bnk - Other							-7,915.26	18,090.54
Total ...083 First St. Bnk							-8,861.32	19,566.66
...619 UB								100,000.00
Deposit	09/17/21					interest earned	693.15	100,693.15
Check	09/17/21			interest		...083 First St. Bnk	-693.15	100,000.00
Deposit	12/17/21					interest earned	685.62	100,685.62
Check	12/17/21					...083 First St. Bnk	-685.62	100,000.00
Deposit	03/17/22					interest earned	678.08	100,678.08
Check	03/17/22			Interest		...083 First St. Bnk	-678.08	100,000.00
Deposit	06/17/22					interest earned	693.15	100,693.15
Check	06/17/22			interest		...083 First St. Bnk	-693.15	100,000.00
Total ...619 UB							0.00	100,000.00
...524 UB								25,000.00
Deposit	09/24/21					interest earned	157.55	25,157.55
Check	09/24/21			interest		...083 First St. Bnk	-157.55	25,000.00
Deposit	12/20/21					interest earned	155.83	25,155.83
Check	12/20/21			interest		...083 First St. Bnk	-155.83	25,000.00
Deposit	03/24/22					interest earned	154.12	25,154.12
Check	03/24/22			Interest		...083 First St. Bnk	-154.12	25,000.00
Deposit	06/24/22					interest earned	157.55	25,157.55

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Type	Date	Nam	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Check	06/24/22		interest		...083 First St. Bnk	-157.55	25,000.00
Total ...524 UB						0.00	25,000.00
...697 AZ savings							
Deposit	09/01/21				intrest earned	0.05	632.60
Check	09/27/21				...020 AZ	42.47	632.65
Check	12/01/21		no statement al...		...020 AZ	124.82	675.12
Check	01/27/22				...020 AZ	42.47	799.94
Deposit	02/01/22				intrest earned	0.07	842.41
Check	02/27/22				...020 AZ	42.47	842.48
Deposit	03/01/22				intrest earned	0.06	884.95
Check	03/27/22				...020 AZ	38.36	885.01
Deposit	04/01/22				intrest earned	0.08	923.37
Check	04/27/22				...020 AZ	42.47	923.45
Deposit	04/30/22				intrest earned	0.08	965.92
Check	05/27/22				...020 AZ	41.10	966.00
Deposit	05/31/22				intrest earned	0.08	1,007.10
Check	06/27/22				...020 AZ	42.47	1,007.18
Deposit	06/30/22				intrest earned	0.17	1,049.65
Total ...697 AZ savings						417.22	1,049.82
...021 AZ							
Deposit	09/22/21				intrest earned	49.39	36,347.75
Deposit	12/01/21				intrest earned	145.38	36,397.14
Deposit	01/22/22		no statement		intrest earned	49.66	36,542.52
Deposit	02/22/22				intrest earned	49.73	36,592.18
Deposit	03/22/22				intrest earned	44.97	36,641.91
Deposit	04/22/22				intrest earned	49.85	36,686.88
Deposit	05/22/22				intrest earned	48.31	36,736.73
Deposit	06/22/22				intrest earned	49.99	36,785.04
Total ...021 AZ						487.28	36,835.03
...263 KV							
Total ...263 KV							2.01
...020 AZ							
Deposit	09/27/21				intrest earned	42.47	25,000.00
Check	09/27/21				...697 AZ savings	-42.47	25,042.47
Deposit	12/01/21				intrest earned	124.82	25,000.00
							25,124.82

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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Check	12/01/21						-124.82	25,000.00
Deposit	01/27/22			no statement al...		...697 AZ savings interest earned	42.47	25,042.47
Check	01/27/22					...697 AZ savings interest earned	-42.47	25,000.00
Deposit	02/27/22					...697 AZ savings interest earned	42.47	25,042.47
Check	02/27/22					...697 AZ savings interest earned	-42.47	25,000.00
Deposit	03/27/22					...697 AZ savings interest earned	38.36	25,038.36
Check	03/27/22					...697 AZ savings interest earned	-38.36	25,000.00
Deposit	04/27/22					...697 AZ savings interest earned	42.47	25,042.47
Check	04/27/22					...697 AZ savings interest earned	-42.47	25,000.00
Deposit	05/27/22					...697 AZ savings interest earned	41.10	25,041.10
Check	05/27/22					...697 AZ savings interest earned	-41.10	25,000.00
Deposit	06/27/22					...697 AZ savings interest earned	42.47	25,042.47
Check	06/27/22					...697 AZ savings interest earned	-42.47	25,000.00
Total ,,,020 AZ							0.00	25,000.00
Total Checking/Savings							-7,514.57	258,266.44
Total Current Assets							-7,514.57	258,266.44
TOTAL ASSETS							-7,514.57	258,266.44
LIABILITIES & EQUITY								265,781.01
Equity								265,781.01
Retained Earnings								265,781.01
Total Retained Earnings								265,781.01
Net Income								0.00
Total Net Income							-7,514.57	-7,514.57
Total Equity							-7,514.57	258,266.44
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY							-7,514.57	258,266.44

<p style="text-align: center;">Kansas State Grange Executive Committee Members</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Bob Schif, Chairman</p>
	
<p style="text-align: center;">Nathan Strawder</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lois Barber</p>

**Executive Committee Minutes
(January 2022 – October 2022)**

Kansas State Grange Board of Directors ~ Minutes
Sunday, January 16, 2022, via Zoom

The Board meeting was called to Order by Bob Schif, Chairman at 1:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Present were Bob Schif, Nathan Strawder, Lois Barber, Roger Bostwick, Alice Ficken, Jamie Durand, and Jamie Klenklen. Melanie Bostwick also attended.

President’s Report

Roger Bostwick gave his President’s Report. He updated us on the resolution that went to National Grange. It was withdrawn but was included in the resolution that passed to look at other areas that include agriculture, airports, hotels, and easy access. Overall, Roger felt we had a good turnout for the Convention, and everyone liked it. We had great reports on the tours from the people that went on the tours. It was a success.

Roger Bostwick reported that the Presidents’ Conference will be held in South Carolina. He chose to attend virtually due to the increase in COVID again. Selling the National Grange building will most likely be discussed again during this time.

Approval of (3) Minutes

Alice Ficken moved to approve the minutes from 10/3/2021, our Board meeting prior to State Grange. Roger Bostwick seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the minutes as printed.

Alice Ficken moved to approve the minutes of the Third Day Session at State Grange. Jamie Durand seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the Third Day Session minutes as printed.

Roger Bostwick moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held immediately following State Session. Lois Barber seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the minutes of the last Board meeting as printed.

Report on Granges – Mt. Pleasant #1445 has surrendered their charter. Julie Durand has the charter. This also closes Jefferson County Pomona Grange #10. A discussion was held about boundaries for Pomona Grange. Roger Bostwick said the Community Granges need to decide what they want to do.

Jamie Klenklen has received the annual report from Morning Grange #227 and will get the check from Treasurer Jamie Durand. Reports are due by March 1st.

Communications – Jamie Durand read a thank you note from the Wichita Children’s Home. Lois Barber suggested sharing it with National Grange.

Roger Bostwick asked if any of us had received a letter on bonding? No one had. Roger Bostwick updated us on what information he had. Mainly, National Grange has change bonding companies. Next year, our bond will be due on December 31st. Discussion was held. Roger Bostwick will check into the requirements some more.

Treasurer’s Report by Jamie Durand. A balance sheet was emailed out yesterday to the Board.

Vouchers reported:

2021-20 DoubleTree by Hilton for Session (meals)	\$3,572.81
2021-21 Grange Foundation, Bostwick Memorial Fund	\$300.00
2021-22 Mandee Strawder, NG Room reimbursement	\$150.00
2021-23 Lance Harra, NG Room reimb, 2 rooms	\$300.00
2021-24 Sheri Dingus, NG Room reimbursement	\$150.00
2021-25 James Durand, NG Room reimbursement	\$128.00
2021-26 Amy Kramer, Lecturer postage	\$8.70
2021-27 Jamie Klenklen, NG Room reimbursement	\$150.00
	Total \$4,759.51

Lois Barber moved to approve vouchers as listed. Alice Ficken seconded the motion and motion carried.

Unfinished business

1) 4th Quarter Dues are \$759.50. Voucher #2021-28.

2) Room reimbursement at National Grange. A total of nine members took us up on this offer.

Aimee Damashek for 2 rooms \$300.00. Voucher #2021-29

Jean Schif for one night \$128.00. Voucher #2021-30

Kansas Secretary of State, annual filing fee \$40.00. Voucher #2021-31.

Roger Bostwick moved to pay the vouchers. Alice Ficken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bob Schif mentioned that Randee Farmer would like to give Teah Tonn from Kansas Oil Museum a monetary gift for speaking at the Past Delegates Luncheon during National Grange when the scheduled speaker had a death in the family and couldn't attend. Teah Tonn stepped in on short notice and gave a good presentation. Discussion was held. Lois Barber moved to give her \$100.00. from the Kansas State Grange. Alice Ficken seconded the motion. Bob Schif will get the address for Teah Tonn. Nathan Strawder moved to amend the motion to also donate \$100 to the museum. Lois seconded the motion. The amended motion carried. The new motion as amended is to give \$100 to Teah Tonn and \$100 to the Kansas Oil Museum. Motion carried. Roger Bostwick will check with National Grange first to make sure Teah Tonn wasn't already paid.

New business

Lois Barber emailed the Board on January 15th with details on the Hampton Inn in Gardner. The 2022 State Grange Convention was discussed. The hotel will provide the risers and sound system. Alice Ficken noted that the Gardner Grange Hall is only two miles away. We paid for two meals last year. Breakfast is included in the room. We need to decide on a date. The first weekend available was September 16 – 18 but that conflicts with the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson which is Sept. 9 – 18. It was decided to narrow it down to either September 30 – October 2 as the first choice or September 23 – 25 as the second choice.

Members sick or in distress

1) Family of Patricia Ann McPherson Williams, Morning Grange, passed away on 11/5/2021.

2) Family of Juanita “Nita” Anstaett, Carbondale Grange, passed away on January 8, 2022, at the age of 95.

Next meeting

The next meeting date will be decided by email. Update: February 12 at 11:00 A.M.

The Board meeting by Zoom ended at 2:18 p.m.

Fraternally submitted,

Jamie Klenklen, Secretary, Kansas State Grange

Kansas State Grange Board of Directors ~ Minutes Sunday, February 12, 2022

The Board of Directors met at 11:00 AM at Hampton Inn Gardner Conference Center in Gardner for a tour of the facility. Afterwards, we went to Gardner Grange Hall and enjoyed lunch provided by Lois Barber and Alice Ficken. “Thank you!” Lois and Alice.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Schif at 12:38 p.m.

Roll Call

Present were Bob Schif, Nathan Strawder, Lois Barber, Roger Bostwick, Alice Ficken, Jamie Durand, and Jamie Klenklen. Also attending were Melanie Bostwick, Julie and Ellen Durand.

President’s Report

Roger Bostwick reported on the following. The National Grange bond application deadline is March 31st. The bond coverage ranges between \$50 and \$88,000. If we miss the deadline, then we can't join the National Grange Bond policy until 2024. Roger Bostwick will

send the link to the Board. Alice Ficken moved to pay the bonding fee of \$138.00 for the \$250,000 coverage. Lois Barber seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Jamie Durand will complete the questionnaire that accompanies the payment. The Subordinate Granges should also be bonded. The next deadline will be December 31, 2022. We will discuss this bond coverage during the State Grange Session in October.

Oklahoma State Grange is having a Degree Day on March 26 in South Coffeyville at the Cherokee Center starting at 10 A.M. Roger and Melanie Bostwick plan to attend.

Mt. Pleasant Grange #1445 has closed. Jefferson County Pomona #10 and its options were discussed. Buddy and Sheri Dingus are moving to Marysville, Kansas. Roger Bostwick suggested a resolution would start the discussion at the State session about having regional Pomona Granges.

The Presidents' Conference will be held February 18 – 20 in Myrtle Beach. Roger Bostwick plans to attend virtually.

The National Grange Lecturer, Ann Bercher, MN, is writing "A Quarter's Worth" and Roger Bostwick encourages everyone to sign up to get this information via email.

Approval of Minutes

Alice Ficken moved to approve the minutes as amended. Nathan Strawder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Report on Granges

Jamie Klenklen reported receiving annual reports from Indian Creek Grange, Morning Grange, Pleasant View Grange, and Linn County Pomona Grange. A 60-year seal was mailed to Penny Buek to present to Geraldine Urich.

Communications

Roger Bostwick has a "Thank You" note from the National Grange for our \$300 to the Grange Foundation and National Lecturer Program. This closes the Lola Mae Bostwick Memorial Account.

Treasurer's Report by Jamie Durand.

VOUCHERS

2021-32	Bob Schif	Mileage	\$62.16		
2021-33	Nathan Strawder	Mileage	\$42.56		
2021-34	Roger Bostwick	Mileage	\$37.07		
2021-35	James Durand	Mileage	\$33.60		
2021-36	Jamie Klenklen	Mileage	\$37.80	TOTAL	\$213.19

Lois Barber moved to pay our bills. Alice Ficken seconded. Motion carried. Roger Bostwick had contacted Buddy Overstreet, TX, and they had not paid Teah Tonn and National Grange had not paid Teah either. A motion was made on January 16th by Nathan Strawder to pay \$100 to Teah Tonn and \$100 to the Kansas Oil Museum was seconded by Alice Ficken and motion carried. Checks have been received from Indian Creek Grange, Morning Grange, and Pleasant View Grange with their annual reports. The next CD is due in September 2022. Jamie Durand has filed the 990 IRS tax form for non-profit organizations.

Unfinished business

Julie Durand presented the State Lecturer's 2022 Program for Amy Kramer, State Lecturer. Amy Kramer was unable to attend today. The Committee has met, and they need approval on a couple of things.

1) To make the Hospitality goodies a contest and have a People's Choice award. They plan to use a ticket to vote for "bragging rights". A ticket will be placed in the registration packet.

2) They need about 45 minutes or an hour on Friday's afternoon schedule during State Grange to make CARDS. Amy Kramer, Randee Farmer and Kristee Strawder will be "Crafting for A Cause" and hope others will join in.

National Grange Contests are now due June 30th. This includes the "Wonky Star" pattern Quilt Blocks and photos. A photo of each entry should be brought to the State Grange Session for display purposes.

Alice Ficken suggested we have a Quilt Block Day. Melanie Bostwick suggested making a Quilt of Valor.

Lois Barber moved to accept the proposed program and add allotted time to the State Grange Agenda as requested. Alice Ficken seconded. Motion Carried. Roger Bostwick thanked Julie Durand and asked her to tell Amy Kramer "Thank you" as well.

Checking account – Lois Barber needs to add her name to the State Grange checking account. The bank requires a copy of the minutes from 10/24/2021. Roger Bostwick and Jamie Klenklen signed the minutes for Lois Barber to take to the bank.

State Grange Convention – The upcoming State Grange Convention was discussed. Alice Ficken moved to hold the State Grange Convention on October 14, 15, and 16, 2022. Roger Bostwick seconded the motion. Motion carried. We will have an Election of Officers this year. Melanie Bostwick, Lois Barber, and Alice Ficken will work together on the food for the Friday night banquet and the Saturday noon luncheon. Breakfast is included in the room charge. It was discussed that the Juniors could meet on Saturday, October 15 at the Gardner Grange Hall if Jr. Director Jamee Funk wants to do this. If the weather is nice, they may enjoy going to the park also. The Youth may want to have a Pizza Party. Melanie Bostwick will check with Molly Newman, Youth Director.

For the 150th Anniversary Celebration in 2023, Julie Durand would like to rent Liberty Hall in Lawrence and look at the Museum. This will be a separate activity. This will be discussed more at a later date.

New business

1) 2022 Scholarship application – no changes in the application. Jamie Klenklen will email it to the Community secretaries.

2) Bayneville Grange – is considering chartering a Boy Scout Group. Discussion was held. No action was taken at this time.

3) Jamie Durand asked for an update on National Grange selling their building. Discussion was held. Roger Bostwick appointed a Special Committee of Nathan Strawder and Jamie Durand to explore the possibilities of developing a proposal to send to National Grange about relocating the headquarters to the Kansas City area.

Members sick or in distress - none

Officer / Committee reports – none

Announcements –

Next meeting date – April 23rd at 1 p.m. in Burlington at the Library if it is available or maybe in New Strawn. Nathan Strawder will let us know. We will review scholarship applications.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Fraternally submitted, Jamie Klenklen, Secretary, Kansas State Grange

Kansas State Grange Board of Directors ~ Minutes
Saturday, April 23, 2022

The Board of Directors met at the Coffey County Library in Burlington. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Schif at 1:09 p.m.

Roll Call

Present were Bob Schif, Nathan Strawder, Lois Barber, Roger Bostwick, Alice Ficken, and Jamie Klenklen. Jamie Durand was absent. Kevin Klenklen attended.

President's Report

Roger Bostwick attended the Presidents' Conference virtually on February 19th and 20th. He mentioned the sale of the National Grange Headquarters and discussed putting a proposal together to promote Kansas by listing the benefits of having the National Grange Headquarters in Kansas.

Approval of Minutes

The February 12th minutes were approved as submitted.

Report on Granges

Jamie Klenklen reported that Cadmus and New Century Granges have not submitted their annual reports.

Communications

Roger Bostwick read a letter from the National Grange Foundation seeking support for youth and junior programs. The Grange Foundation Virtual Telethon will be held on July 9th.

Treasurer's Report

Jamie Durand submitted his report via email. Roger Bostwick reported that Buddy Overstreet will divide the remaining money up and return the money to each state.

Vouchers:

2021-49	Lois Barber, mileage – \$42.00
2021-50	Bob Schif, mileage – \$61.04
2021-51	Jamie Klenklen, mileage \$47.04, Golden Sheaf \$15 = \$62.04.
2021-52	Roger Bostwick, mileage – \$49.00
2021-53	Julie Durand, Lecturer Expense - \$9.12
2021-54	National Grange, Convention Assessment – \$237.00
2021-55	National Grange, First Quarter dues – \$798.00
2021-56	James Durand, Treasurer's Expense - \$9.85

Total vouchers = \$1,268.05

Alice Ficken moved to pay the vouchers. Nathan Strawder seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished business

Lois Barber and Jamie Durand traveled to the banks in Bonner Springs, Perry, and Topeka. They signed Signature cards for each bank on March 25.

Kevin Klenklen reported on what transpired since our last meeting regarding the proposal on selling the National Grange Headquarters. Roger Bostwick noted that the National Grange Headquarters has been sold. They must be out within a year. In March, Kevin Klenklen and Jamie Durand met at the Statehouse in Topeka with a Shawnee County delegation led by State

Representative Ron Ellis, that included Brenda S. Dietrich, Senator Dist. #20; Curtis Sneden, Chamber President, Greater Topeka Partnership, and others, for a meeting to discuss bringing the National Grange Headquarters to Topeka. Nine people were in attendance. Nathan Strawder added to the discussion and suggested including statistics in the proposal. Nathan Strawder has put together a presentation for the National Grange Executive Committee on April 27 in Washington, D.C.

Alice suggested having a quilting day during the Great Plains Conference in Manhattan.

New Business

1. Scholarship – There was only one application received for the Brey scholarship. Jamie Klenklen moved to award Lorna Ficken the scholarship. Roger Bostwick seconded the motion and motion carried.

2. Alice Ficken moved to donate \$500.00 to the National Grange Foundation to help sponsor our Youth and Juniors. Nathan Strawder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Lois Barber questioned if the Great Plains Regional Conference needed financial help. Roger Bostwick thought it was mostly covered by the registration fees. Deadline to register is April 30. Roger Bostwick will check with Molly Newman.

4. Nathan Strawder asked about having a National Representative at State Session. Nathan Strawder moved to submit the following names to request a National Grange Representative at our State Grange Convention. They are Christine Hamp, WA, National Vice President; Ann Bercher, MN, National Lecturer; Lynnette Schaeffer, IL, National Executive Committee Chair; or Buddy Overstreet, TX, National Executive Committee member. Lois Barber seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5) Randee Farmer and Lois Barber wants to have a Quilt of Valor presentation during the banquet at State Grange. They will check with Amy Kramer, State Lecturer. Lois Barber has contacted the Mayor of Gardner, and an Honor Guard to attend. Roger Bostwick announced that Vonnie Meritt will quilt the Valor quilts for free, as they are supposed to donated.

6) Roger Bostwick asked if anyone has patterns to make aprons from the 1880's because Ann Bercher, National Lecturer, wants to have a display from the 1880's for the Kelley Farm.

7) July 9th at Gardner Grange will host a Quilt Day for making Quilts of Valor.

Members sick or in distress

Marlene Bush is not doing very well. Stan Little is also not doing well. Melanie Bostwick has shingles. Randee Farmer had surgery.

Officer / Committee reports – none.

Announcements

Lois Barber announced that Gardner Grange will be 150th Anniversary on April 1, 2023. They are planning a celebration.

Next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 23, in Ozawkie at 10:00 a.m. at the Ozawkie Township Building.

Alice Ficken moved to adjourn. Lois Barber seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Fraternally submitted,
Jamie Klenklen, Secretary
Kansas State Grange

Kansas State Grange Board of Directors ~ Minutes
Sunday, July 23, 2022

The Board of Directors met at the Ozawkie Township Building in Ozawkie. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Schif at 10:09 a.m.

Roll Call – Present were Roger Bostwick, Alice Ficken, Bob Schif, Nathan Strawder, Jamie Durand, and Jamie Klenklen. Lois Barber was absent.

President’s Report – Roger Bostwick reported he attended Marlene Bush’s funeral.

Christine Hamp, National Vice President, and her husband, Duane, from Washington State, will be our National Representatives at State Grange.

Morning Grange is having Grange Pups September 8 – 10 in Olathe.

Roger Bostwick thanked us for donating \$500.00 to the National Grange Foundation. They raised over \$24,000.00.

In the Patron’s Chain – *Wonderama!* will return to “The Morning Show” on Times Square in New York on Broadway. Three National staff members, several volunteers, and Youth/Junior members will be in Times Square, New York City from July 25 – 29 with an informational booth about the Grange.

On July 21, Roger Bostwick and Alice Ficken attended the Olathe Historical Society at the Mahaffie House. An 1870’s Grange meeting was held including old songs, used an old ballot box, had a welcoming ceremony, and explanation of what they were doing dressed in period costumes wearing the old red and white sashes. The link is on YouTube. Roger Bostwick and Alice Ficken were available for questions afterwards. One question was about the star that is actually a harrow. Another was about the rock that is an agate. Roger Bostwick invited Tim Talbott, Director of Mahaffie House, and Katie Lang to our State Session.

Approval of minutes

Alice Ficken moved to approve the minutes from April 23. Nathan Strawder second the motion. Motion carried.

Report on Granges

1. Annual Reports have been received from Cadmus and New Century. New Century has not paid yet.

2. Quarterly Dues to National Grange for the Second Quarter are due.

Communications – Roger Bostwick reported that the State newsletter will be out soon. The *Good Day* magazine was shared. Page 42 listed several Kansas members’ anniversaries.

Treasurer’s Report by Jamie Durand.

Vouchers:

2021-57	Bob Schif, mileage, \$87.92
2021-58	National Grange, donation to NG Foundation, \$500.00
2021-59	Alice Ficken, mileage, \$30.80
2021-60	Nathan Strawder, mileage, \$50.40
2021-61	National Grange, 2 nd Quarter Dues, \$891.50
2021-62	National Grange, Sec. Exp., Golden Sheaf Awards, \$43.00
2021-63	Jamie Klenklen, Secretary supplies, \$106.41
	Total Vouchers = \$1,710.03

Alice moved to pay all the vouchers. Nathan Strawder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Unfinished business

State Grange Convention – Lois Barber had put together some meal options and they were shared by Alice Ficken. Discussion was held. It was suggested to ask the Gardner 4-H group or Morning Glory's 4-H Club to help serve the meal.

Nathan Strawder moved to use Zarda BBQ, with full-service catering plus adding a salad and burnt-end beans for our banquet and include some type of dessert. Alice Ficken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It was suggested to start the session at 10 A.M., due to elections. Friday night will be a pizza party followed by degree work. Saturday night will be the banquet, awards, scholarships, etc. Saturday lunch was discussed, it was suggested having a meat and cheese tray. Breakfast is included in the hotel price.

Nathan Strawder gave us an update on his presentation to the National Grange Headquarters he presented in April. Nathan Strawder answered their questions about cost-of-living, utilities, and tax estimates.

Alice Ficken moved to send information packets about the Kansas proposal to relocate the Nation Grange Headquarters to the Kansas City/Topeka area to the National Grange delegates and officers prior to the 2022 National Grange Convention. Nathan Strawder seconded the motion. Note: Nathan will email the 20-page proposal signed by the Kansas State Grange Board of Directors. Motion carried.

New business

A letter from each, Bayneville and Otter Creek Granges, stating the following:

“Pursuant to Article XVI, Sec. 1 of the By-Laws, Chapter 7 Article 16, Section 1, Otter Creek Grange #1493 and Bayneville Grange #1810 would like to request that a new Pomona Grange region be created to allow for our Granges to charter a new Pomona Grange.”

It was signed by Nathan Strawder, President Otter Creek and Michael Farmer, President. It would be Butler and Coffey County Pomona.

Alice Ficken moved to create the Pomona Grange region consisting of Granges in Coffey County and Butler County. Roger Bostwick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jamie Klenklen reported there is a new contact person at the Topeka Community Foundation. Her name is Marsha Pope, President. She handles the Grange Scholarship payments for us.

Julie Durand is still working on our 150th Celebration next summer depending on the venue.

Members sick or in distress – none.

Officer / Committee reports

Beth Scriptor National Archives Research in Abilene at the Eisenhower Museum. (NAR) contacted Roger Bostwick about some archives.

Jamie Durand mentioned that Ashley Schif and Tia Tonn have not cashed their checks.

Nathan Strawder moved to not require a deposit check for meals at State Grange this year. Alice Ficken seconded. Motion carried.

Announcements – The next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 11 at 1 p.m. at the home of Lois Barber, 31807 W 168th Ct, in Gardner. The Gardner Grange Hall is not available.

Adjournment – Alice Ficken moved to adjourn at 12:23 p.m. Nathan Strawder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fraternally submitted, Jamie Klenklen, Secretary, Kansas State Grange

Kansas State Grange Board of Directors ~ Minutes
Sunday, September 11, 2022

Called to Order by Chairman Bob Schif at 2:10 P.M. at the home of Lois Barber.

Roll Call

Present were Roger Bostwick, Bob Schif, Lois Barber, Nathan Strawder, Jamie Durand, and Jamie Klenklen. Alice Ficken was present via phone. Julie and Ellen Durand were also in attendance.

President's Report

Roger Bostwick has received the itinerary for Chris and Duane Hamp. Their airline ticket is \$1,070.92. Lois Barber has reserved a room Thursday through Sunday for them.

Roger Bostwick helped stick dogs for the Morning Grange Pup Stand in Olathe.

Roger Bostwick invited Tim Talbott, Director of Mahaffie House, and Katie Lang to our State Session.

Roger Bostwick spoke about the Seventh Degree. *Life* magazine has pictures from the Seventh Degree in 1938. The pictures can be found online. Roger Bostwick is working on videotaping the Seventh Degree.

Roger Bostwick announced that Geraldine Urich passed away on August 30, 2022. Geraldine and Laurence Urich were past Community Service Directors. Penny Buek, Paula (Anstaett) Lucas, Jamie and Kevin Klenklen attended Geraldine Urich's funeral.

Approval of minutes

Jamie Durand moved to approve the minutes from July 23 as corrected. Nathan Strawder second the motion. Motion carried.

Report on Granges

Roger Bostwick will contact New Century Grange as we have not received their check yet. New Century and Cadmus Granges have not sent in their Delegate Credentials yet.

Nathan Strawder reported on the new Pomona Grange organizational meeting. It was held on September 3, 2022. Meeting minutes were shared. Elected delegates will be Keaton Holmes and Austin Farmer. The new name will be Flint Hills Pomona Grange. They will apply for a charter at National Grange. Nathan Strawder was elected President. Michael Farmer is Vice President. Bob Schif is Treasurer. Randee Farmer is Secretary. They will be working on another quilt Block Workday for the 2023 quilts.

Communications – none.

Treasurer's Report by Jamie Durand.

Vouchers:

2022-01	Jamie Klenklen, mileage,	\$37.80
2022-02	Roger Bostwick, Wix.com webpage and mileage,	\$120.00 \$30.24
2022-03	Bob Schif, mileage,	\$92.40
2022-04	Nathan Strawder, mileage,	\$40.88
2022-05	Jamie Durand, mileage,	\$28.00
2022-06	Chris Hamp, airline tickets,	\$1,070.92

Total Vouchers = \$1,420.24

Lois Barber moved to pay all the vouchers. Alice Ficken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jamie Durand handed out a Balance Sheet. September 1st is the beginning of a new fiscal year. Bob Schif will work on the 2023 Budget. It was suggested that we add a line item for the Quilts of Valor project under the Community Service Department.

Due to the high cost of printing the Journal, it was discussed how to reduce the cost. It was decided to no longer require Officer reports except for the President, Lecturer, Treasurer, Secretary and Chaplain. Directors will be required to file their report.

Jamie Durand plans to move the CD that will be due at the end of September to Azura Credit Union. Azura is offering 2.5% currently.

Unfinished business

The upcoming State Grange Convention was discussed. Jamie Klenklen plans to put together packets to include the Schedule, Treasurer's report, badges, People's Choice ballot, and meal tickets.

Julie Durand reported for Amy Kramer, State Lecturer. The Lecturer's Committee plans to have ballots to vote for the People's Choice award. They are asking members to bring cookies or snack mix in a disposable container. Lois Barber will get several food items, paper goods and canned pop. The Lecturer's Department needs two tables. The Historical Committee needs one table. Julie demonstrated a card that opens into a bouquet of flowers. They plan to use these as table decorations then have everyone sign the card. The card will then be sent to Grangers that were unable to attend. The cards purchased in groups of three are \$20.00. Alice Ficken moved that we purchase 12 cards and bill the Convention Expense account. Lois seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Durand announced that the Sesquicentennial / 150th Grange Celebration will be held on Saturday, July 29, 2023, at Liberty Hall in Lawrence, Kansas. The reservation is confirmed but the price has not been determined yet. The Celebration Committee is Julie Durand, Chair, Marianne Harra, Lois Barber, Penny Buek, and Jamie Klenklen. Roger Bostwick discussed having a Commemorative coin key chain available either as a favor or for purchase. Nathan Strawder moved to add an expense item to the Budget for the 150th Celebration for an amount to be determined once a location is selected. Lois Barber seconded the motion. Jamie Klenklen moved to amend the motion "to not exceed \$3,000.00 and to be adjusted once the location is determined." Nathan Strawder seconded the motion. Motion carried to amend the original motion. Motion carried unanimously as amended.

Lois Barber reported that either Subway or Goodcents Deli will be served for lunch on Saturday. Nathan Strawder asked about the buffet on Saturday night. Zarda BBQ will provide the buffet. It was discussed on giving the Zarda caterer a tip. Alice Ficken moved to give a \$100.00 tip. Roger Bostwick seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jamie Durand will get \$100.00 cash for the tip. Breakfast is included in the price of the hotel room.

Molly Newman, Youth Director, will coordinate the Friday night Pizza Party. Jamie Klenklen moved that the State Grange to pay for the Pizza Hut pizza and pop to be served at 6:00 p.m. on October 14. Jamie Durand seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jamee Funk, Junior Director, will have activities for the Juniors at Gardner Grange Hall on Saturday, October 15. A pool is also available at the hotel.

Bonds are due to National Grange by December 31, 2022. Roger will mention this in his Address. Also, will ask Chris Hamp to discuss it.

Lois Barber has asked Mayor Dr. Todd Winters to speak at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, October 14th.

Per diem and mileage were discussed. The mileage rate is currently set at 28 cents. The current rate for Per diem is \$55.00. Lois Barber moved to increase the per diem to \$65.00 per day. Alice Ficken seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The National Grange Headquarters was discussed. Nathan Strawder drafted an email to send to all State Presidents and National Officers prior to the National Grange Convention. He is sharing the proposal that was included in the packet he presented in Washington D.C. He noted that in the recent *Good Day* magazine in Lynette Schaeffer's article on page 10, he was mentioned.

New business – none.

Members sick or in distress – Geraldine Ulrich passed away on August 30, 2022.

Officer / Committee reports – Jamie Klenklen handed out the 2021 Journal of Proceedings.

Lois Barber reported that Gardner Grange will have their Sesquicentennial Celebration on April 1, 2023, in Gardner. More information to come later.

Announcements – the next meeting date will be held on October 16 immediately following the closing of Session. See you at the State Session October 14 – 16 in Gardner.

Adjournment – Jamie Durand moved to adjourn at 4:39 p.m. Lois Barber seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fraternally submitted,

Jamie Klenklen, Secretary, Kansas State Grange

Standing Committee Reports

Community Service Report

By Randee Farmer



The Kansas Grangers are awesome! Over 2,000 hours of community service were reported in 2022. Projects included but were not limited to:

- Donated funds/items to Wichita Children's Home during 2021 National Grange Community Service project
- Adopted families at Christmastime
- Donated hundreds of dictionaries in support of Words for Thirds Dictionary Project
- Made blankets for Project Linus and weighted blankets for Rainbows United and DCCCA, Inc.
- Collected stamps for America Stryngomyelia & Chiari Alliance Project (ASAP)
- Organized/sponsored a community Farmers' Market

- Gave four \$1,000 Scholarships to College age Students
- Sponsored Speakers for community information/education
- Donated/filled thousands of Easter eggs with candy for kids of families in need
- Donated supplies/time to work with elementary school students
- Re-striped lines and handicapped symbols at Senior Citizens Center parking lot
- Sponsored State-wide Quilting Day (many had never made a quilt block previously)
- Made and sold Grange Pups, Peanut Brittle, pancakes, and concessions food for fundraisers
- Made dog toys out of old t-shirts to give to local dog shelter
- Sponsored County Mr. & Miss 4H, Knitting Championship Award at County Fair, purchased 4-H projects at the County fair project auction
- Volunteered at community caring closets
- Decorated cemetery and purchased new flag
- Opened Grange Halls for other groups to use, free
- Conducted candidate forums
- Mailed or hand delivered gifts of puzzles at Valentine's Day to older Grange members

We had six Granges submit reports this year. The top four Granges will be presented with a certificate from National Grange, along with a monetary award. The top report will go to the National convention in November for judging.

Honorable Mention: Richland Grange, Linn County #1995

Honorable Mention: Otter Creek Grange, Coffey County #1493

4th place: Morning Grange #227, Johnson County (\$25 check)

3rd place: Bayneville Grange #1810, Butler County (\$50 check)

2nd place: Pleasant View Grange #1459, Jefferson County (\$75 check)

1st place: Gardner Grange #68, Johnson County (\$100 check)

This past year, your continued support of the KS State Grange C.A.R.D.S. Program delivered over 2,000 food tray postcards to the Robert Dole Veterans Hospital in Wichita and sent decorated cards to deployed servicepersons all over the world for their use as greeting cards for family and friends. I want to thank a few ladies for their over and above help again this year for getting cards done ALL during the year: Marianne Harra and Lois Stiles-Morning Grange and Julie Durand-Pleasant View Grange. And lastly but not least, I want to thank my sister, Kristee Strawder, who answers my calls for creative help to make cards kits, quickly. Cards kits were made and distributed to the following groups for card completion:

2021 National Grange Convention

2022 KS Community Granges

2022 Augusta Ewalt Elementary Student Council

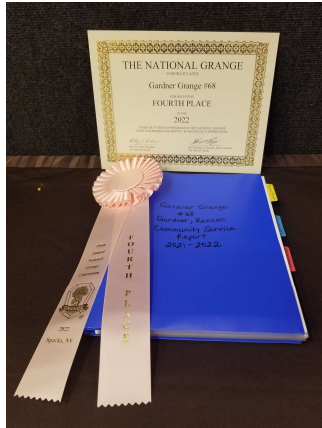
2022 Great Plains Conference

2022 KS State Grange Convention

In so many ways, the Kansas Grangers have made a difference again this year in their local communities, our country and world. I close with a quote from Anne Frank, *"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."*

Well done, good and faithful Grangers!

Randee Farmer, Director
Kansas State Grange Community Service



Gardner Grange #68 received fourth place at the National Grange Convention in Reno, Nevada in November 2022 for their Community Service notebook. They received a nice certificate and ribbon.

Congratulations to Gardner Grange #68!

Quilts of Valor

The first Kansas State Grange Quilts of Valor Presentation was conducted at the 151st Kansas State Grange Convention Annual Banquet on October 25, 2022. Please see Agenda for the evening's event. A special "thank you" goes to each Veteran recipient: Cindy Gastinger (Gardner), Eldon Rothwell (Gardner), and Todd Douglass (Paxico) and all who participated in the evening program. Quilt blocks were pieced, sewn together, quilted, and bound by Kansas Grangers and friends. Additional "thank you" goes to Lois Barber, Gardner Grange #68 for overall quilting expertise, Vonnie Haymaker Meritt, Prairie Grange #334 in Oklahoma for machine quilting help, Kristee Strawder and Sheree Damashek, Otter Creek Grange #1493 for binding and Grange friend Pam Braeckel for donating a quilt.

Our National Representative Chris Hamp is a current member of the Board of Directors of the Quilts of Valor Foundation. See QOVF.org for more information.

151st Annual
Kansas State Grange Convention

★ ★ ★ QUILTS OF VALOR ★ ★ ★

Welcome Lois Barber – Gardner Grange

Presentation of Colors
Honor Guard – Gardner VFW Post #11234
Mike Ficken, Mike Hutton, Dean Durrow, James Vonnesen
Star Spangled Banner (all)

The Quilts of Valor Story
Chris Hamp, National Grange Vice President
and National QOV Board Member

Presentation of Quilts to 2022 Recipients
Cindy Gastinger, US Navy
Eldon Rothwell, US Army & US Air Force Reserve
Todd Douglass, US Navy
Presenters: Lois Barber, Alice Ficken - Gardner Grange

Introduction of Services / Medley of Anthems
Sheree Damashak, pianist – Otter Creek Grange
(please stand as your anthem is played)

America the Beautiful
John Kunkel, Leroy Hill American Legion Post #19
(audience, please sing along)

Thank You Randee Farmer - Bayneville Grange

Retirement of Colors / Taps
Honor Guard – Gardner VFW Post #11234
Gardner Edgerton High School Band Trumpeters

Saturday, October 15, 2022
Annual Banquet
Hampton Inn Conference Center – Gardner, KS



Todd Douglass received his Quilt of Valor.



Eldon Rothwell and Cindy Gastinger received their Quilt of Valor.

Quilt Block patterns/instructions for next year's quilts were distributed at the State Convention and are located on the KS State Grange Website.

For questions or clarifications, please contact Randee Farmer. 316-644-1871,
farmermd13@cox.net

Developmental Committee Report

Worthy President, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates and Guests of the 151st Annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange:

We, the Developmental Committee, submit the following report.

We did not have any resolutions assigned to us.

We have discussed the future of the National Grange Headquarters location and recommend the following resolutions:

Resolution 2022-7

National Grange Headquarters Location

WHEREAS the National Grange would benefit from moving to a more centrally located area with lower cost of operations; and

WHEREAS multiple national agriculture-based organizations that are headquartered in the Kansas City area such as, National Ag in the Classroom, Agriculture Future of America, National Agriculture Association, National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility, National Agricultural Biosecurity Center, USDA, National Farmers Monument, multiple livestock breed associations, etc. and,

WHEREAS the National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame is located in the Kansas City area that also recognizes National Grange founder William Saunders, which gives it National Grange significance; and

WHEREAS Kansas City is in close proximity to a centralized international airport, and multiple interstates; therefore be it

RESOLVED the National Grange invest in building space and relocate the National Grange Headquarters in the Kansas City metropolitan area.


Resolution 2022-8

National Grange Building Rentals

WHEREAS the National Grange is not a property management entity and does not have the financial resources to maintain the property long term; and,

RESOLVED the National Grange should not purchase property for the purpose of long term commercial rental activities such as subleasing space.

Fraternally Submitted,
Kevin Klenklen, Chair, Mike Farmer, Bob Schif, and Lance Harra

	<p>Historical Committee Report</p> <p>By Julie Durand</p> <p>Pictured here with her daughter, Ellen Durand</p>
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Officers, National Representatives, Directors, delegates, members, and guests of the 151st session of the Kansas State Grange,

When the National Grange organized in 1867, it was by no means the first agricultural organization in the United States or in Kansas. Local agricultural societies or farmers clubs were a common occurrence in a time when news was printed, and live entertainment was viewed in person.

The first few years of the National Grange saw slow growth in membership. The founders saw the need for an educational organization, but farmers in the western United States at the time thought it too tame. The farmers needed to fight the monopolies to survive. In 1870, the National Grange took upon themselves a cause: a battle against price-fixing by railroads, elevators, and grain buyers. Oliver Kelley is quoted as saying, "This was boldly striking out in a direction that would find us an able adversary. I had some misgivings as to the result of such a war." However, the climate in America at the time needed aggressive leadership in this cause, and the Grange furnished it.¹

The Iowa State Grange was organized on January 12, 1871, with Dudley W. Adams as Master. This is notable as our first Grange was organized by Joshua Ball, who moved here from Iowa, and Dudley W. Adams was present at Kansas' first state session. For the year 1872, over half of the Granges organized nationwide were in Iowa. We were "the west" in that time period and the Grange cause really hit home with western farmers.²

In March of 1872, Joshua Ball organized the first two Granges in Kansas, both in Brown County. Hiawatha #1 and Prairie Spring #2.³ He organized three more within a few months, in Brown and Doniphan Counties. A member of Prairie Springs Grange, J. A. Jeffries, recollecting early Grange history in 1897, remembered Ball organizing the Granges. Jeffries was a delegate to the first session of the Kansas State Grange. He said the Brown County Granges formed a County Grange with officers and a rotating meeting offering speeches of a political nature. The "Granger ticket" as he called it, carried Brown County in their county elections.⁴

Jeffries recalled that Ball had come to Kansas from Iowa, which is likely where he was introduced to the Grange.⁵ (Note: *The Grange in Kansas ... 1872-1973* indicates he is from Texas.) Joshua and Nancy Ball appeared in the Hardin County, Iowa, census of 1870, and then the family subsequently appeared in Brown County, Kansas censuses until his death in 1900. He

¹ Atkeson, Thomas Clark, *Semi-Centennial History of the Patrons of Husbandry*, Orange Judd Co., New York, 1916.

² Gardner, Charles M., *The Grange — Friend of the Farmer*, National Grange (J. J. Little & Ives, Washington, D. C.), 1947.

³ Ingwerson, James W. (Editor), *The Grange in Kansas ... 1872-1973*, self-published, 1973.

⁴ "Sidewalk Mutterings," *The Kansas Democrat*, Hiawatha, Brown County, Kansas, 25 November 1897, page 1.

⁵ "Sidewalk Mutterings," *The Kansas Democrat*, Hiawatha, Brown County, Kansas, 25 November 1897, page 1.

would have been a new resident at the time of organizing the Granges, and didn't appear to have aspirations of leadership, as he isn't listed in any of those roles in local newspapers.⁶

Throughout the year 1872, various newspapers and their correspondents gave varying opinions on the Patrons of Husbandry, from encouraging farmers to join, to implying that they were only out to swindle the members. Warnings against joining a secret society have been around for centuries, but the main argument against it seemed to be the financial side and terms of office -- alleging that the National Grange was a very exclusive group (only State Masters could be members and their terms were longer) and would be the sole benefactor, financially speaking.⁷ In reality, the National Grange struggled financially in the early years, sometimes with O. H. Kelley appealing to his Masonic brothers when he was traveling, trying to sign up new Granges, when he was out of money, and hungry.⁸

Another sort of organization was suggested by Kansas Governor Robinson at the Farmers' Institute in Manhattan in January 1872. Known as the "Farmer's Union," farmers would essentially set up a local market in their area and have to cooperate on production of various products, namely fruits and vegetables. They would have control over supply, but obviously not demand and some other market variables. Cheese factories are a successful example of this, but it's not a good model for large-scale crops that needed shipped out of state.⁹ W. H. McGuire of Osage Grange #5 wrote to the *Daily Kansas Tribune* in September 1872:

"Through a system of quarterly reports from subordinate Granges to the National Grange ... the Patron always knows in advance of outsiders, the probable supply and demand, and can hold or sell, as is most likely to be the best for him. These are some of the inducements we have to offer, and some of the reasons why every farmer should become a patron."¹⁰

In August of 1872, the Brown County Granges held a picnic and fair, hosted by Cedar Creek Grange #4. Speeches were given by leaders of Cedar Creek #4, Prairie Spring #2 and Hiawatha Grange #1 on the advantages of a "unity of action among farmers," cooperative buying, and the disadvantage of having debts and taxation without representation. The keynote speaker was Professor Guthrie of Missouri, but his topic wasn't reported, only that he held the attention of the audience. The picnic included agricultural displays and contests. Winners in various categories of fruits, vegetables, corn, wheat, quilts, flowers, knitting, and sewing were awarded.¹¹ From the number of committee members listed and award winners, it appears to have been well attended.

⁶ Negative search for Joshua Ball with Grange in Brown County newspapers, regarding anything other than organization, in the 1870-1900 timeframe on newspapers.com.

⁷ Nordin, D. Sven, *Rich Harvest, A History of the Grange 1867-1900*, University Press of Mississippi, Jackson, 1974.

⁸ Gardner, Charles M., *The Grange — Friend of the Farmer*, National Grange (J. J. Little & Ives, Washington, D. C.), 1947.

⁹ "Co-operation Among Farmers," *Lawrence Daily Journal*, Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas, 27 January 1872, page 2.

¹⁰ "Patrons of Husbandry," *The Daily Kansas Tribune*, Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas, 6 September 1872, page 2.

¹¹ "Correspondence," *The Kansas Chief*, Troy, Doniphan County, Kansas, 29 August 1872, page 2.

In September 1872, Girard Grange #6 of Crawford County had a newspaper announcement about its meeting place and a statement as to the objects of the organization.¹²

On December 5, 1872, William Duane Wilson of the National Grange met with representatives of four of the nine existing Granges. Our Iowa connection returns with the meeting with Wilson. He was the secretary of the Iowa State Grange, a newspaperman and huge promoter of the Grange.¹³ He was supposed to meet with them in October but didn't arrive until December and the Granges in Brown and Doniphan Counties were not informed of this. With nine Granges, Kansas could apply for a charter for a State Grange and did. Temporary officers were elected, being F. H. Dumbauld as Master (Neosho County), Joshua Ball as Overseer (Brown County), I. J. Frisbie as Steward (Crawford County), J. A. Cramer as Lecturer (Douglas County), H. H. Angell as Treasurer (Cherokee County), and G. W. Spurgeon as Secretary (Neosho). They set a date and place for a meeting to be held July 30, 1873, in Lawrence. This organizational meeting was not widely publicized. The Grange was working under rules set by the national organization, and they set a goal of having 40 Granges in order to hold their first official state meeting.

This goal was easily achieved and by July of 1873, just over 400 Granges existed in Kansas. We spoke about the first session in 2021 as it marked our 150th state session.

During the Master's Address at that first session, F. H. Dumbauld said the following:

"In Brown County the order of Patrons of Husbandry first started in this state. Hiawatha Grange was the first organized sometime in April 1872, it being the first in the state.

Sometime in April, Osage Grange in Crawford County was organized, it being the first in the south part of the state.

On the fourth day of December there were only nine Granges in the State of Kansas.

The Granges in the south part of the state not having the secret work, got somewhat discouraged, and urged the National Grange to send someone to give them this work. Sometime in August Brother Oliver Hudson Kelley wrote me that William Duane Wilson would be here about the 28th day of October 1872, and if we had nine Granges we could organize a State Grange, but he did not come till the fourth of December, and owing to the Granges in the north part of the State not being properly notified, but four Granges were represented.

The prospect of forming a State Grange was gloomy but it was resolved by those present to organize temporarily, preliminary to a permanent organization to be effective as soon as possible, which day was set for the 30th of July 1873.

It was then estimated that if we reached the number of 40 Granges, we should be doing well.

For some time, the prospect was dull, but by the vigilant and untiring work of Brother Spurgeon, Cramer, Angell and what little I, with a few deputies have done, we have reached the number of 400 or more Granges."¹⁴

¹² "Patrons of Husbandry," *The Girard Press*, Girard, Crawford County, Kansas, 26 September 1872, page 3.

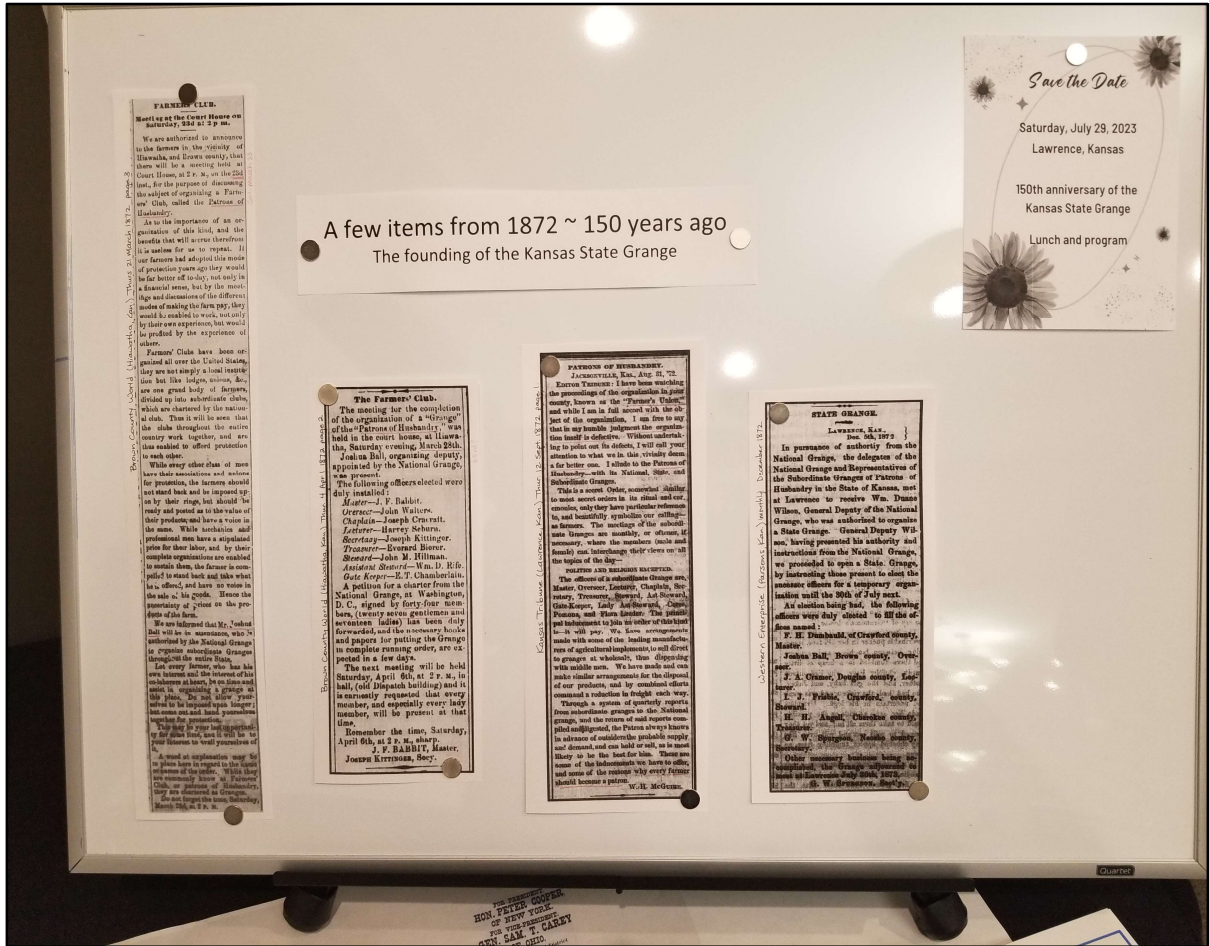
¹³ State Historical Society of Iowa, *Annals of Iowa*, Des Moines, 1893.

¹⁴ "Proceedings of State Grange," *The Kansas Spirit*, Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas, 2 August 1873, page 4.

You may read more about the early days of the Grange in *The Grange in Kansas ... 1872-1973* and in various other Grange history books.

We encourage you to look at our displays and we hope you'll join us for our 150th anniversary in Lawrence next summer.

Fraternally,
Julie Durand, Chair, and Jamie Klenklen
Historical Committee



A few items from 1872 ~ 150 years ago
The founding of the Kansas State Grange

Save the Date

Saturday, July 29, 2023
Lawrence, Kansas

150th anniversary of the
Kansas State Grange

Lunch and program

FARMERS CLUB.
Meeting at the Court House on
Monday, the 21st at 2 P. M.

We are authorized to announce
to the farmers in the vicinity of
Lawrence, and those nearby, that
there will be a meeting held at
Court House, at 2 P. M., on the 21st
inst. for the purpose of discussing
the subject of organizing a Farm-
ers' Club, under the banner of
Humanity.

As to the importance of an or-
ganization of this kind, and the
benefits that will accrue therefrom,
it is useless for us to repeat. It
our farmers had adopted this mode
of protection years ago they would
be far better off to-day, not only in
a financial sense, but by the most
high and disinterested of the differ-
ent modes of making the farm pay, they
would be enabled to work, happily,
by their own experience, but would
be prodded by the experience of
others.

Farmers' Clubs have been or-
ganized all over the United States,
they are not simply a local institu-
tion, but they judge, wisely, that
we are one grand body of farmers,
divided up into subordinate clubs,
which are chartered by the nation-
al club. Thus it will be seen that
the same throughout the entire
country work together, and are
thus enabled to afford protection
to each other.

While every other class of men
have their associations and nations
for protection, the farmers should
not stand back and be imposed upon
by their rivals, but should be
ready and prompt as to the value
of their produce and have a voice in
the same. While mechanics and
professionals are given a regulated
price for their labor, and by their
unhappy organizations are enabled
to maintain them, the farmer is com-
pelled to stand back and take what
he can, offered, and have no voice in
the sale of his goods. Hence the
necessity of union on the part
of the farmer.

We are informed that Mr. J. Babbitt
has called on us, in connection with
the National Grange, to organize
subordinate Granges throughout
the entire State.

Let every farmer, who has his
own interest and the interest of his
children at heart, be on time and
mind in organizing a Grange in
his place. Do not allow your-
self to be imposed upon longer,
but come out and hand protection
to your produce.

This land is your right, and you
are the best man, and it will be
your interest to work yourselves out.

A word of explanation may be
given here in regard to the name
of the order. While there
are numerous names for Farmers'
Clubs, or unions of Agriculturists,
they are all different things.
Do not forget the name, Humanity,
Monday, the 21st, at 2 P. M.

The Farmers' Club.
The meeting for the organization
of the organization of a "Grange"
of the "Patrons of Humanity," was
held in the Court House, at Law-
rence, Saturday evening, March 23th.
John Ball, organizing deputy,
was present.

The following officers elected were
duly installed:

Master—J. F. Babbitt.
Orator—John Walters.
Chaplain—Joseph Conradt.
Lecturer—Harvey Seburn.
Secretary—Joseph Knittinger.
Treasurer—Edward Biser.
Steward—John M. Hillman.
Assistant Steward—Wm. D. Hef-
ford.
Gate Keeper—E. J. Chamberlain.

A petition for a charter from the
National Grange, at Washington,
D. C., signed by forty-four mem-
bers, (twenty seven gentlemen and
seventeen ladies) has been duly
forwarded, and the necessary books
and papers for putting the Grange
in complete running order, are ex-
pected in a few days.

The next meeting will be held
Saturday, April 6th, at 2 P. M., in
hall, (old Dispatch building) and it
is earnestly requested that every
member, and especially every lady
member, will be present at that
time.

Remember the time, Saturday,
April 6th, at 2 P. M., sharp.
J. F. BABBITT, Master.
JOHN BALL, Secy.

PATRONS OF HUMANITY.
JACKSONVILLE, Ky., Aug. 21, 72.

ERRON TAYLOR: I have been watching
the proceedings of the organization in your
county, known as the "Farmers' Union,"
and while I am in full accord with the
object of the organization, I am free to say
that in my humble judgment the organiza-
tion itself is defective. Without under-
taking to point out its defects, I will only
mention what we in this vicinity deem
a far better one. I allude to the Patrons of
Humanity—with the National, State, and
Subordinate Granges.

This is a secret Order, somewhat similar
to most secret orders in its ritual and or-
ganization, only they have particular reference
to, and beautifully symbolize our self-gov-
ernment. The meetings of the subordi-
nate Granges are monthly, or oftener, if
necessary, where the members meet and
family and interchange their views on all
the topics of the day.

It is a secret and mysterious organization,
to assist secret orders in its ritual and or-
ganization, only they have particular reference
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ernment. The meetings of the subordi-
nate Granges are monthly, or oftener, if
necessary, where the members meet and
family and interchange their views on all
the topics of the day.

The officers of a subordinate Grange are,
Master, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Lec-
turer, Treasurer, Orator, and Steward,
Gatekeeper, Lady Assistant, Chaplain,
Patrons, and Ward Master. The petition
sent subsequent to join in order of this kind
is as will pay. We have correspond-
ents with some of the leading manufactur-
ers of agricultural implements to sell direct
to granges at wholesale, thus "chipping
with middle men." We have made and can
make similar arrangements for the disposal
of our produce, and by mutual efforts
organize a reduction in freight each way.

Through a system of quarterly reports
from subordinate granges to the National
Grange, and the return of said reports com-
piled intelligently, the Patrons always know
in advance of outside the probable surplus
and demand and can hold or sell, as is most
likely to be the best for him. There are
many of the kind in existence we have to offer,
and some of the nature of every Farmer
should become a patron.

W. H. McGUIRE.

STATE GRANGE.
Lawrence, Kas.,
Nov. 24, 1872.

In pursuance of authority from the
National Grange, the delegates of the
National Grange and Representatives of
the Subordinate Unions of Patrons of
Humanity in the State of Kansas, met
at Lawrence to receive Wm. D. Hef-
ford, General Deputy of the National
Grange, who was authorized to organize
a State Grange. General Deputy Wm.
D. Hefford presented his authority and
instructions from the National Grange,
we proceeded to open a State Grange,
by installing those present to elect the
master officers for a temporary organ-
ization until the 30th of July next.

All elections being had, the following
officers were duly elected to fill the of-
fices named:

John Ball, Brown county, Oris-
tator.
F. H. Dumbauld, of Crawford county,
Master.
J. J. Orator, Douglas county, Lec-
turer.
J. F. Public, Crawford county,
Secretary.
E. H. Light, Crawford county,
Treasurer.
G. W. Springer, Noble county,
Steward.

Other necessary business being at-
tended, the Grange adjourned to
meet at Lawrence, Kas., on the 29th
inst. at 10 o'clock, P. M.

W. H. McGUIRE, Secy.

FOR RENT
HON. FRED COOPER
OF NEW YORK
FOR SALE
BY SAM. T. CARBY
OF NEW YORK

Junior Grange Report



Greetings Grangers!

This year our focus was pollinators. We made butterfly art and talked about the life cycle of the butterfly. Several juniors learned about what it takes to make a pollinator garden.

Kimber Newman had entries in the Junior Creative Writing and Photography contests at National Grange. Ellen Durand had an entry in the Junior Photography contest at National Grange. Both are from Pleasant View Jr. Grange.

As a group we decided our focus for 2023 would be pets. What are pets? How do we care for them? Do they have jobs?

We look forward to another fun year!

Jamee Funk
State Junior Grange Director



Some of our Junior Grangers enjoyed the day at the park across from the Gardner Grange Hall, Kimber Newman, Jace and Landon Farmer and Ellen Durand on Saturday, October 15, 2022.

Youth and Young Adults Report



Worthy President, State Officers, Delegates and Guests of the 150th Convention of the Kansas State Grange:

We're so glad to be back to Grange business as usual and meeting in person this year!

Kansas Youth and Young Adults continue to be a busy bunch and getting together to plan remains a challenge. I'm hoping this next year will be a productive one as we look to the year ahead!

This past year, Vince and I were named to the National Grange Youth Team as Young Patrons during the virtual National Grange session. We were fortunate to do some traveling, including a 20+ hour road trip to Boise, Idaho. It has been an honor to represent Kansas on the National scale. It will be bittersweet to end our reign this November in Wichita, but we're excited to go out right here at home.

Kansas was represented at Great Plains in Claremore, Oklahoma this June by one junior, three youth/young adults and three youth alumni. A great time was had by all! I'm hoping more Kansans will be able to attend Great Plains in 2022 as we prepare to host the conference this year. The date is set for June 10-12, 2022, in Manhattan, Kansas! I can't wait to see you all there!

In preparing for hosting Great Plains, we're doing some fundraising to help offset those costs. Our gift basket auction is back again this year so be sure to get your bids in! Also, we have sold over 25 of the tie-dyed "Peace, Love, Grange" shirts, many of which you see around the room. THANK YOU, Mandy Bostwick, for tie-dying each of these shirts yourself in your abundant free time. We plan to do one more run of these tie-dye shirts after the first of the year. If you didn't get in on the first round, be sure to catch the next round!

We made donations to the Brad Keeton Memorial fund. Brad never hesitated to participate in "Northern Oklahoma" youth fundraisers and giving back in his name just felt right. We also donated to the Hayleigh Wempe Memorial Fund. Hayleigh was the daughter of Amy and Jeremy Douglass. Her memorial fund is being used towards youth community programs, including 4-H. Hayleigh's family has a long history in Kansas State Grange.

Several Kansas members made donations to the Virtual Telethon this summer. The funds raised go to help the National Grange Youth & Young Adults fund their programs and opportunities. Thank you to those who supported the National Grange Youth! I'd like to thank each of you, as well as your Granges, who have made donations to the youth program and for your ongoing support of our Youth and Young Adults. We are proud to be the future of this organization.

To those of you who donated or purchased gift baskets, THANK YOU! We raised \$105 for our program with your help. To those of you who purchased shirts, THANK YOU! Again, there will be a second run of shirts if you are interested. A total profit of nearly \$450 was made on the shirts to help us plan Great Plains 2022.

Fraternally submitted,

Molly Newman, Kansas State Grange Youth and Young Adults Director

Convention Committee Reports

Agriculture Committee Report

Worthy President, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates, and Guests of the 151st Annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange,

We, the committee on Agriculture, submit the following report.

We did not have any resolutions this year assigned to us.

We have reviewed the Agriculture Policy Statement and recommend the following change:

Resolution 2022-4: Support Right to Repair

Whereas there are OEMs (Original Equipment Manufacturers) that require unlock codes or procedures to be provided or performed by an OEM representative; and

Whereas these parts can be purchased or installed by any licensed mechanic or owner of such equipment, but the OEM has limited their ability to function correctly; and

Whereas the OEM charges a fee to unlock; therefore be it

Resolved the Grange supports individual owners or operators the right to repair or operate without proprietary software, equipment, or special licensing.

Fraternally Submitted,

Aaron Schif, Alternate for Austin Farmer, Chair, Keaton Holmes, and Mike Farmer

Audit Committee

Worthy State President, State Officers, National Grange Representatives, and Delegates of the 151st Convention of the Kansas State Grange:

We the Audit Committee submit the following report:

Having examined the financial accounts of the Kansas State Grange for the period of September 1, 2021, to August 31, 2022, the funds are under the control of the Treasurer James Durand, Kansas State Treasurer, all accounts appear to be in order and all funds are accounted for (accounts are listed in the State's Treasurer's Annual Report).

We would like to commend James Durand for providing all information and the delivery of all necessary documents to complete this audit.

Having examined the financial accounts of the Kansas State Grange Youth Department for the period of September 1, 2021, to August 31, 2022, all accounts appear to be in order from the information received.

Fraternally Submitted,

Sheri Dingus, Chair, and Janice Gatlin

Citizenship and Public Affairs

Worthy President, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates, and Guests of the 151st Annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange:

We, the Convention Committee on Citizenship and Public Affairs submit the following report:

No resolutions were assigned to our committee. We have also reviewed the Citizenship and Public Affairs Policy Statements and suggest no other changes at this time.

Fraternally submitted,
Melanie Bostwick, Chair, Baylee Holmes, and Nancy White

Credentials

First Day

The 2022 Kansas State Grange Credentials Committee has checked the credentials of the Delegates present for the opening roll call on October 14th. We found 22 Community delegates, 5 Pomona delegates and 2 Youth delegates, for a total of 29 delegates present for the opening day of the convention.

Pomona

Johnson Co. Pomona # 18

Linn Co. Pomona # 39
Flint Hills Pomona

Community

Bayneville # 1810

Cadmus # 350

Gardner # 68

Indian Creek # 1431

Morning # 227

Neosho Valley # 1883

New Century # 2007

Otter Creek # 1493

Delegates:

Wilbur "Buddy" Dingus, Jr.

Sheri Dingus

Janice Gatlin

Keaton Holmes

Aaron Schif (Alternate)

Delegates:

Baylee Holmes

Ashlee Schif

Bob Schif

Michael Farmer (Alternate)

Peggy Querry

Nancy White

Alice Ficken

Cassandra Rogers

Lois Barber

Sandy Finnicum

None

Marianne Harra

Lance Harra

none

none

Nathan Strawder

Mandee Shaver

Kristee Strawder

Pleasant View # 1459	Sheree Damashek Molly Newman Melanie Bostwick (Alternate) Kevin Klenklen Julie Durand
Richland # 1995	Ray Gene Troth Marcella Troth
Youth & Young Adults	Mandy Bostwick Audrey Trowbridge

Fraternally submitted,
Jamie Klenklen, James Durand, LaVerne Smith, and Sheree Damashek

Day 2

The 2022 Kansas State Grange Credentials Committee has checked the credentials of the Delegates present for the opening roll call on October 15th. We found 24 Community delegates, 5 Pomona delegates and 2 Youth delegates, for a total of 31 delegates present for the second day of the convention.

Pomona

Johnson Co. Pomona # 18

Linn Co. Pomona # 39
Flint Hills Pomona

Community

Bayneville # 1810

Cadmus # 350

Gardner # 68

Indian Creek # 1431
Morning # 227

Neosho Valley #1883
New Century # 2007

Otter Creek # 1493

Pleasant View # 1459

Delegates:

Wilbur "Buddy" Dingus, Jr.

Sheri Dingus

Janice Gatlin

Aaron Schif

Austin Farmer

Delegates:

Baylee Holmes

Ashlee Schif

Bob Schif

Michael Farmer (alternate)

Nancy White

Peggy Querry

Alice Ficken

Cassandra Rogers

Lois Barber (alternate)

Sandy Finnicum

none

Marianne Harra

Lance Harra

none

Jana Flory

Debra Douglass-Metsker

Nathan Strawder

Mandee Shaver

Kristee Strawder

Sheree Damashek

Molly Newman

Richland # 1995
New Century # 2007
Youth & Young Adults
Fraternally submitted,
Jamie Klenklen, James Durand, LaVerne Smith, and Sheree Damashek

Melanie Bostwick
Kevin Klenklen
Donna Bates (alternate)
Ray Gene Troth
Marcella Troth
Jana Flory
Debra Douglass-Metsker
Mandy Bostwick
Audrey Trowbridge

Education and Health

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

The Convention Committee on Education and Health was assigned a resolution, 2022-2.

The committee feels that this is not policy, and we find this resolution to be adverse.

We have also reviewed the Education and Health Policy Statements and suggest no other changes at this time.

Fraternally Submitted,
Audrey Trowbridge, Chair, Ashlee Schif, Julie Durand, and Jana Flory

Energy, Conservation, and Natural Resources

Worthy President, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates and Guests of the 151st Annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange:

We, the Convention Committee on Energy, Conservation, and Natural Resources submit the following report.

No resolutions were assigned to our committee. We have reviewed the Energy, Conservation, and Natural Resources Policy Statement and do not recommend any changes at this time.

Fraternally submitted,
Alice Ficken, Chair, Kristee Strawder, and Buddy Dings

Finance/Budget

Worthy President, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates and Guests of the 151st Annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange:

We, the Convention Committee on Finance submit the following report:

We have reviewed the Kansas State Grange Budget Worksheet for 2022/2023, submitted to us by the Executive Committee. We propose that the attached 2022/2023 Kansas State Grange Budget be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

Bob Schif, Chairperson, Marcella Troth, and Debbie Douglass-Metsker

2022/2023 Kansas State Grange Budget

	Actual - 2021/2022	Budget - 2021/2022	Proposed Budget - 2022/2023
Income			
Community Service Income	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Convention Income	\$ 18.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Donations	\$ 1,039.91	\$ -	\$ -
Dues Income	\$ 6,402.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Family Activities Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest Earned	\$ 4,721.80	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Juniors Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lecturer Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
National Convention Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 12,431.71	\$ 13,300.00	\$ 13,550.00
Expense			
Board Expense	\$ 977.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Celebration (150th) Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Chaplain Expense	\$ 60.99	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Community Service Expense	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Community Service - Quilts of Valor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Convention Expense	\$ 3,652.89	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Developmental Committee Expense	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Dues Expense	\$ 3,212.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
Family Activities Expense	\$ 212.00	\$ -	\$ -
Great Plains Expense	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Juniors Expense	\$ 185.53	\$ -	\$ -
Lecturer Expense	\$ 217.27	\$ -	\$ -
Legislative Expense	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Membership Expense	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Mileage Expense	\$ 762.79	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
National Convention Expense	\$ 1,605.88	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
National Convention Lodging	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Newsletter/Website Expense	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Other Expense	\$ 800.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Per Diem Expense	\$ 5,885.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
President Expense	\$ 530.25	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
Printing Expense	\$ 756.52	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,000.00
Secretary Expense	\$ 218.41	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Trailer/Storage Expense	\$ 565.63	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Treasurer Expense	\$ 54.12	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Total Expense	\$ 19,946.28	\$ 30,100.00	\$ 29,100.00
Balance	\$ (7,514.57)	\$ (16,800.00)	\$ (15,550.00)

Grange Activities



Worthy President, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates and Guests of the 151st Annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange:

We, the Convention Committee on Grange Activities submit the following report:

We will send cards to the following recipients at the conclusion of the annual convention:

- Delvis & Jeanne Steffey
- Pat Douglass
- Stacy Tennissen
- Grace Moody
- Donna Keaton
- Dr. Todd Winters, Mayor of Gardner
- Mary Levering
- Bob Stiles
- Kenny Kramer
- Patty West
- Carol Smith
- Lucy Korber
- Becky Welsh
- Indian Creek Grange #1431
- Neosho Valley Grange #1883

Our committee would like to thank Randee Farmer for organizing cards to be made by Grangers this weekend, Amy Kramer for gifting the centerpieces from the Annual Banquet to be sent, and the Farmer/Funk clan for gathering and making gift items for us.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Chris and Duane Hamp for coming to visit as National Representatives. We enjoyed your company and have some Kansas-made goodies to send home with you.

Fraternally submitted,
Mandee Shaver, Chair, Mandy Bostwick, and Molly Newman

Grange Law and Good of the Order

Worthy President, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates and Guests of the 151st Annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange,

We, the Committee on Grange Law, and Good of the Order, submit the following report:

The committee recommends **Resolution 2022-3, National Grange Board Members by Region (By-Law)** be approved as submitted.

The committee voted adversely to **Resolution 2022-1, Degree Work** and **Resolution 2022-6, Organization of State Granges** and recommends that these resolutions not be adopted by the Delegate Body.

Upon review of Kansas State Grange Internal Policies Section II - Grange Law and Good of the Order, the committee recommends that Policy #16 be revised as follows:

"The State Secretary will notify the State President and State Chaplain as soon as a death of a current or past State Officer, Department Chair or their spouse is known, and ~~the Phone Tree will be initiated immediately~~ **notification will be sent to members of the Kansas State Grange.**"

Fraternally submitted,
Nathan Strawder, Chair, Penny Buek, Marianne Harra, and Peggy Query

Labor and Judiciary

Worthy President, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates and Guests of the 151st Annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange:

We, the Convention Committee on Labor and Judiciary submit the following report:

There were no resolutions assigned to our committee.

We have reviewed the Labor and Judiciary Policy Statement and Policies and recommend no changes.

Fraternally submitted,
Lance Harra, Chair, Lois Barber, Pat Circle, Cassandra Rogers
Jeremy Douglass (absent)

Taxation and Transportation

Worthy President, State Officers, Delegates and Guests of the 151st Annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange:

We, the Convention Committee on Transportation, submit the following report:

No resolutions were assigned to our committee this year.

We have reviewed the Transportation Policy Statement and do not recommend any changes at this time.

Fraternally submitted,
Sandy Finnicum, Chair Roy Troth James Raaf Amanda Harra

READINGS

The Value of One Member

Ten little Grangers standing in a line.
One disliked the Master, then there were nine.
Nine ambitious Grangers offered to work late.
One forgot the promise, and there were eight.
One lost enthusiasm, then there were seven.
Seven loyal Grangers got into a fix.
They quarreled over projects, then there were six.
Six Grangers still remained with spirit and drive.
One moved away, then there were five.
Five steadfast Grangers wished that there were more.
One became indifferent, then there were four.
Four cheerful Grangers who never disagree,
‘till one complained of meetings, then there were three.
Three eager Grangers, what do they do?
One got discouraged, then there were two.
Two lonely Grangers, our time is nearly done.
One joined a pep team and then there was one.

One faithful Grangers was feeling rather blue,
Met with a neighbor, then there were two.
Two earnest Grangers each enrolled one more,
Doubling their number, then there were four.
Four determined Grangers, just couldn't wait,
‘til each asked another, then there were eight.
Eight excited Grangers signed up sixteen more,
In six more verses, there'll be a thousand twenty-four!

The above article and below were read by Christine Hamp, Vice President of the National Grange, during our 151st State Session.

“A Toast to Kelley”

T’was a dark time for all, and out on the range,
A heartbroken country, and everything strange.
The civil war had just ended, 1865.
We’re shattered and broken, and barely alive.
Our farmers were weary, their lands had been ravaged.
What humans could do – to the world – it was savage!
The people were listless, most tattered and worn,
The war was brutal, and our families were torn.
No focus on sharing, every man for himself –
The larders were empty, no food on the shelf.
Then Johnson, decried from the White House up high,
”Ag-ri-cul-ture De-part-ment, go down and see why;
“Our farmers aren’t farming; we’re not doing our best.

We should be producing, yet our lands are at rest!”
So, all through the south, searching county to county.
Was true, they did find – The lands held no bounty.
The farmers were trying, but not working together.
Bad practices, low knowledge, no staff, and odd weather
Strong guidance was needed, something must be done!
Our farmers are struggling -- let’s unite and be one.
So one strong-minded Ag man, knew that he must;
Band farmers together – form unity and trust.
We’re back where we started - and out on the range.
Farmer Kelley stopped workin’ - and he started the Grange.
He fashioned the structure like the plantations of South.
Called the President the Master – the headpiece, the mouth.
He brought farmers together to work and to share
Their knowledge, their structure, and their burdens to bear.
There was power in numbers, when they all worked as one.
Created Co-Ops, made new laws - so much could be done!
From one simple concept - to something quite great.
Across this fine nation, in county and state.
We fight for the people – land rights and fair deals.
And we fight for the farmers – who bring us our meals.
We write resolutions that churn regulation.
Agriculture, Land Laws, Water Rights, and Taxation.
We work hard for the people – You know we formed PUD.
Equal access to all! - so we pushed RFD.
Our motto endorses three things heartily – “Unity, Liberty and Charity.”
At every level – there are functions galore.
State conventions, meetings, potlucks and more.
We have lifetime members, and silver and gold.
A broad range of people - from young ‘uns to old
Fundraisers & contests – we have so much fun
If you’re not yet a granger, good grief become one!
It seems I have strayed again, off from the range
You can tell I’m excited about this thing called the Grange.
But an eloquent speaker I’m not – nor a charmer.
I was raised on a farm, but that didn’t make me a farmer.
So, let’s come back to family and what we hold dear.
Celebrating our blessings with good food and good cheer.
And tonight, as we gather and sit in this hall,
We think of the Ag man who started it all.
Tomorrow we’ll sit with good folks at our table.
We’ll give thanks to things as good as we’re able.
Let’s give thanks to the Grange for all that it’s done.
Legislature, law making, land policies and fun.
We’ll all raise a glass, if we can -- we’ll arrange;
A salute to Kelley – for starting the Grange!

Written by Denise McCartan, Treasurer, Washington State Grange
Performed in the 2015 WSG Convention Talent Program

Poems from the Memorial Program

Going Home

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones; Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty In the everlasting light.
All pain and grief is over, every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever, Safely home in Heaven at last.
Did you wonder I so calmly trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illuminated every dark and fearful glade.
And He came Himself to meet me In that was so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on, Could I have one doubt or dread?
Then you must not grieve so sorely, For I love you dearly still
Try to look beyond earth's shadows, Pray to trust our Father's Will.
There is work still waiting for you, So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth As you shall rest in Jesus' land
When that work is completed, He will gently call you Home;
Oh, The rapture of that meeting, Oh, the joy to see you come!

So Go and Run Free

So go and run free with the angels
Dance around the golden clouds
For the Lord has chosen you to be with Him
And we should feel nothing but proud.

Although he has taken you from us
And our pain a lifetime will last
Your memory will never escape us
But make us glad for the time we did have.

Your face will always be hidden
Deep inside our hearts
Each precious moment you gave us
Shall never, ever depart.

So go run free with the angels
As they sing so renderly
And please be sure to tell them
To take good care of you for me.

IN MEMORIUM



Marlene L. (Steffey) Douglass Bush
January 10, 1934 - May 29, 2022

Marlene (Steffey) Douglass Bush, 88, of Topeka, died Sunday, May 29, 2022. Marlene was born January 10, 1934, at Ozawkie, KS, the daughter of Marlin Ira and Erma Leola Brammell Steffey.

She attended Nesbitt School and was a 1951 graduate of Ozawkie High School. After graduation, she worked for Security Benefit Life Insurance Company before moving to Burlington, KS, where she worked for M&L Grocery, the Burlington U.S.D #244 and then began her career with the U.S. Postal System for 30 years before retiring in 1996 as Postmaster at Melvern, Kansas.

She married Dale Douglass of Burlington in December 1951; they later divorced. To this union were born two sons, Galen Douglass (deceased), and Todd Douglass. While living in Burlington, Marlene was active in the Cola Hill Grange, the Martha Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, and other various organizations.

She married Benton J. "Ben" Bush on October 15, 1979, at Manhattan, KS, and they lived at Ozawkie and Melvern. She was active in the United Methodist Church, Grange, and Eastern Star. After retiring in 1996, they moved to Topeka, where she again was active in Eastern Star in the Topeka Chapter and the Loyal Chapter in Silver Lake. She was an active member of Highland Park United Methodist Church and the New Century Grange and Pleasant View Grange. She was a 50-year plus member of Eastern Star. She served as Worthy Matron at Burlington, Melvern, Topeka, and Silver Lake Chapters, and had served as District Aide #13 and on the Grand Chapter Arrangement Committee. She was a 65-year plus member of the Grange. She held the office of Lady Assistant Steward, Lecturer and Community Service Chairman of the Kansas State Grange and served on the National Grange Lecturer Advisory Committee for three years. She was active in her Postal Organization, serving Auxiliary President of the National Association of Postal Supervisors, District President, and Secretary of National Association of Post Masters. She also served as PAC Chairman for several years and served as Secretary of the NAPUS Retirees Organization. Marlene also proudly served as Connection Ambassador at Atria Hearthstone Sr. Living.

She was preceded in death by the love of her life, Benton J. "Ben" Bush on October 4, 2007. She is survived by son, Todd (Darlene) Douglass, Paxico, daughter, Angie (Pete) Watson, Wichita, five step-sons, Michael Bush, Topeka, Dan Bush, Wamego, Pat Bush, Topeka, Dennis Bush, New Jersey, Tim Bush, Topeka, daughter-in-law, Debbie Douglass-Metsker, one brother, Delvis (Eva Jeanne) Steffey, Ozawkie, one sister, Janice (Gary) Parker, Eudora, eight grandchildren, Jeremy Douglass, Jana Flory, Josh Douglass, Jamie Douglass, Tyler Douglass, Kylee Watson, Katie Watson, and Conner Watson, 13 step-grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and many step-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She is also survived by a special friend and companion, Dale Brey. She was preceded in death by a son, Galen Douglass.

Funeral Services were held at 1:00 PM, Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at Highland Park United Methodist Church with burial at the Ozawkie Cemetery. Memorials suggested to Highland Park United Methodist Church, American Heart Association, Alzheimer Foundation, American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association or to an organization of donor's choice in care of Barnett Family Funeral Home, P.O. Box 602, Oskaloosa, KS 66066.

Juanita (Nita) Anstaett, 95, passed away January 8, 2022, at Brookside nursing facility, Overbrook, Kansas. She was born Juanita Joan Divine March 25, 1926, in Brown County in Kansas. She was the daughter of Fannie Marie Hassey Divine and William Mason Divine. She attended high school at Hamlin High and then graduated from Topeka High School in 1944.



She married Robert Anstaett June 16, 1946; he preceded her in death in 1993. She was also preceded in death by her parents and three sisters and a son-in-law.

She is survived by six children: Vicki (JR) Janneck Wasilla Alaska, Robert (Jan) Anstaett Jr. Aurora Colorado, John (Evelyn) Anstaett, Harveyville Kansas, Sherry Small Carbondale Kansas, Penny Buek Topeka Kansas, Paula (Mike) Lucas Carbondale Kansas; a sister, Pat Campbell, Wellsville Kansas; 23 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, 9 step-great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.



Geraldine Joy Urich, 90, of Carbondale, KS passed away Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at the Brookside Retirement Community in Overbrook, KS. She was born July 18, 1932, at Wakarusa, KS the daughter of Perry G. Fisher and Mina M. (Seastrom) Fisher.

She was united in marriage to Laurence H. Slug Urich on November 6, 1960, at Carbondale, KS and preceded her in death on March 31, 2010. She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Carl Fisher; and an infant sister, Irene Fisher.

Betty Jo Stiles, 72, of Meriden, passed away Monday, October 3, 2022, at Rolling Hills Health Care in Topeka. Betty Jo was born October 12, 1949, at Emporia, the daughter of David Oscar and Genevieve Hill Bullock Manley. She was a 1967 graduate of Highland Park High School and a graduate of Washburn University, earning degrees in Social Work and Early Childhood Development. Betty was proud to be a childcare provider for more than 30 years, owning and operating Care-A-Lot Daycare in Meriden for over 20 years and retiring from Security Benefit Academy in 2013 after 12 years of service. She was 2nd Mom to many foreign exchange students and beloved caregiver to countless children over the years.



Betty was a member of Meriden United Methodist Church, where she served 38 years as the custodian and was active in the Mary Martha Circle. Betty was a Silver Star member of the Pleasant View Grange and was delighted to provide childcare at the State Grange convention for 20 years, she was named the 2016 Granger of the year. She was a member of the Topeka Association for the Education of Young Children, Meriden Antique Engine and Threshers Association and a charter member of the Lakeside Swingers Square Dance club.

She married Robert M. "Bob" Stiles on June 21, 1969, at Topeka, he survives at home. Survivors include a son, Kenny Stiles, Ozawkie, and daughter, Callie (Ron) Ballenger, Smithville, MO .

Four grandchildren , Remington and Ainsley Stiles, Bodie and Bradley Ballenger .

Three brothers, David (Mary) Manley, Topeka, John (Xandra) Manley, Bartlesville, OK, Jim (Nancy) Manley, MN, one sister, Carol (Dean) Kauffman, Topeka. Sister-in-law Ruth Ann Watson (Lee Roy).

Cremation Care is planned. Memorial Celebration of Life will be 11:00 AM, Saturday, October 8, 2022, at Meriden United Methodist Church. Inurnment will be at Meriden Cemetery. Memorials suggested to Meriden United Methodist Church in care of Barnett Family Funeral Home, P.O. Box 602, Oskaloosa, KS 66066. www.barnettfamilyfh.com



Patricia Ann McPherson Williams passed away at home on November 5, 2021, with her husband Clyde by her side.

Born October 29, 1932 to Marian (Moyer) and Marvin McPherson on a farm south of Gardner, KS, Pat attended the 1-room Rock School before graduating from Spring Hill High School. She then attended the University of Kansas.

Patricia met Clyde at the Morning Grange Hall near Spring Hill, Kansas. Clyde and Patricia married February 6, 1953, then traveled to the west coast during Clyde's enlistment in the Navy. They then settled in Gladstone, MO. Pat worked various jobs, notably Sentinel Federal Savings & Loan, before starting her own upholstery business. Upon retirement, Pat and Clyde enjoyed traveling around the country.

Patricia enjoyed sewing, needlework, and baking, and belonged to many groups including Missouri Extension, Beta Sigma Phi, 4-H Club, Quilt Club, Gladstone Garden Club and Northland Bingo Ladies.

Patricia is survived by her loving husband of 68 years, Clyde; her two daughters, Debby Dean and Diane (Jeff) Reinhard; as well as six grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents and her brother Gene.

Services were held at Terrace Park Funeral Home on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, with visitation from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm, followed by the funeral and graveside services. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Gashland United Methodist Church, 7715 N Oak Trfy, Kansas City, MO 64118.

IN MEMORY

of

all other Past Brothers and Sisters

of the

Kansas State Grange

KANSAS STATE GRANGE

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS (Revised March 2022)

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

The ultimate object of this organization is for mutual instruction and protection, to lighten labor by diffusing a knowledge of its aims and purpose, expand the mind by tracing the beautiful laws the Great Creator has established in the Universe, and to enlarge our views of creative wisdom and power.

To those who read aright, history proves that in all ages society is fragmentary, and successful results of general welfare can be secured only by general effort. Unity of action cannot be acquired without discipline, and discipline cannot be enforced without significant organization; hence we have a ceremony of initiation which binds us in mutual fraternity as with a band of iron; but although its influence is so powerful, its application is as gentle as that of the silken thread that binds a wreath of flowers.

ARTICLE I

The State Grange shall be known as the “Kansas State Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry” and in all its acts shall be subject to the Constitution and laws of the National Grange.

ARTICLE II - DIVISION OF ORDER

The Kansas State Grange is governed by the National Grange Digest of Laws of the Order. Within the state of Kansas, the Order of Patrons of Husbandry (hereinafter known as the Order) consists of the following divisions:

- (A) Junior Granges - (membership Granges) - having charge of the Junior Degree.
- (B) Community/Subordinate Granges – (membership Granges) having charge of the first Four Degrees.
- (C) Pomona Granges - (district membership Granges) having charge of the Fifth Degree.
- (D) State Grange - (state delegate bodies) having charge of the Sixth Degree.

ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION, REGULATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- SEC.1. Powers - The State Grange shall have the power to frame, repeal, or revise any constitutional provision, or code of laws, for its own government or the government of the Pomona, Community/Subordinate, and Junior Granges within the jurisdiction, which do not contravene the constitution, laws, rules and regulations of the National Grange or decisions of the National President/Master of the Court of Appeals.
- SEC.2. Rituals, Degrees, and Regalia – The Kansas Granges shall use the current Rituals, Degrees, and Regalia adopted by the National Grange in the National Grange Digest of Laws.
- SEC.3. Judiciary – Unless otherwise later directed by the National Grange, the Parliamentary Guide in the Digest, and Robert’s Rules of Order (revised), shall govern in the decisions of all parliamentary questions of procedure, in the Kansas State Grange, and in all Junior, Community/Subordinate, and Pomona Granges within its jurisdiction.

ARTICLE IV - CHARTERS

- SEC.1. Charters for all levels of Granges of the Order are issued by the National Grange. The State Grange must first approve the Charter, then send in the application to the National Grange.
- SEC.2. The State Grange ensures the members of each Grange at all times will faithfully comply with the Constitution of the Order, the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and Grange Laws and Usage of the various Granges of the divisions of the Order.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

Any person interested in agricultural pursuits or rural communities and having no interest in conflict with the Grange’s purpose, duly proposed and elected and complying with the Rules and Regulations of the Order, is entitled to membership and benefit of the degrees taken, or to Associate Membership. All candidates for membership and elected officers shall be required to agree at the time of election to membership or installation in office, that they will always faithfully comply with the Constitution, the By-Laws and Grange Laws, and the usage of the various degrees of the Order. Every application must be accompanied by the fee of membership provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI - REVENUES

The revenue of the State Grange shall be derived from the fees of membership, membership dues and income from Grange sponsored activities. Membership fees and dues are provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

The officers of the State Grange shall consist of, and rank as follows: President/Master, Vice President/Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Lady Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Gatekeeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora, and three elected members of the Board of Directors/Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII - RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL POLICY

Denominational religious or partisan political matters shall not be the subject of discussions in the work of the Order, and no religious or political tests for membership shall be applied.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

SEC.1. The State Grange Convention is an annual meeting of the State Grange delegate body, officers, and visitors. This meeting is held to perform the "Order of Business" as published in the Grange Manual. This includes reviewing/approving the budget, reviewing policies and proposed resolutions, election and installation of officers, and other business and recognition items as determined by the Board of Directors/Executive Committee. Details on the scheduling and location of the annual State Grange Convention and other State Grange meetings are provided in the By-Laws.

SEC.2. Any member in good standing in the Fourth and Fifth Degrees shall be entitled to receive the Sixth Degree at any meeting of the State Grange, at which the Degree is being conferred, upon payment of the –fees provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE X - ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDER

The fourth day of December, the birthday of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, shall be celebrated as the anniversary of the Order.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

SEC.1. This Constitution may be amended or revised by two-thirds vote of the Voting Members (delegates) present and voting at which a quorum is present at the annual State Grange Convention; provided, however, any proposed changes shall be first submitted in resolution form. Any such resolutions or amendments by committee or delegate action must be read into record and held over at least twelve (12) hours prior to vote. Any changes presented on the final day of the annual State Grange Convention shall be held over until the opening of the next annual State Grange Convention with a quorum present.

SEC.2. That this Constitution shall upon its adoption be in full force and effect and all former constitutional provisions are hereby repealed.

**KANSAS STATE GRANGE
PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY**

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
(Revised February 2023)**

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

SEC.1. The National Grange Constitution and By-Laws are the supreme law of the Order and shall be determinative of the rights and duties of the Grange degrees and members. These State Grange By-Laws supplement the National Grange Constitution and By-Laws for the Granges in the state of Kansas.

SEC.2. Junior, Community/Subordinate and Pomona Granges may make such By-Laws for their own government as they deem best, providing that such By-Laws shall not conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the State or National Grange.

ARTICLE II – CHARTERS

SEC.1. Pomona, Community/Subordinate and Junior Granges organized within the jurisdiction of this State Grange must be organized by the President/Master of the State Grange or by some officer, or Area Representative (Deputy), authorized to do so by the State President/Master.

SEC. 2. These Granges may be organized with not less than thirteen members of whom there shall not be less than four of either gender.

SEC.3. The application for a Charter must be approved by the State President/Master before being submitted to the National Grange.

SEC.4. It shall be the duty of the State President/Master or authorized Deputy to make every effort to reorganize Granges whose membership declines below thirteen (13) members.

ARTICLE III – CONSOLIDATION / SURRENDER OF CHARTER

SEC.1. Whenever a Grange is reduced below the minimum number of members required by the Charter or it otherwise ceases to function, and it is not desired to reorganize by the State President/Master, its Charter must be surrendered through the State Secretary to the National Grange.

SEC.2. A Community/Subordinate Grange owning property of value cannot legally surrender its Charter until its financial business has been closed and the property rights of its members secured.

SEC.3. Before a vote can be taken upon the question of surrender of the Charter or removal of place of meeting by a Community/Subordinate Grange, notice must be given at a previous regular meeting and a written notice mailed to each member of the Grange and lie over for action at the next regular meeting. Before a Community/Subordinate Grange can legally surrender its Charter, or before it can be dropped, the State President/Master must be notified, and sufficient time be given to restore it to a working condition, if possible, to do so.

SEC.4. The Charter of a Grange cannot be surrendered if there is the minimum number, required by the Constitution to form a Grange, desirous of retaining it.

SEC.5. When a Charter is surrendered, suspended, or revoked, all books, jewels, regalia, and seal of the Grange revert to the State Grange to be held in trust and returned upon restoration of the Charter.

ARTICLE IV – SUSPENSIONS AND REVOCATIONS

In case satisfactory evidence comes to the President/Master of the Kansas State Grange, that a Grange has been organized contrary to the laws and usages of the Order, or is working in violation of the same, or is in arrears for dues for two or more quarters, or its membership has fallen below the minimum number (thirteen), it shall be the duty of the State President/Master, to suspend the Charter of such offending Grange, if in his or her opinion the Good of the Order requires such action. If in his or her judgment the Good of the Order demands the revocation of the Charter, he or she shall report action, (of suspending the Charter) with an abstract of the testimony upon which it is based, to the President/Master of the National Grange, with reasons therefore.

ARTICLE V – STATE GRANGE MEMBERSHIP

The State Grange is a delegate body and shall be composed of two classes of members who are Fourth Degree members in good standing, namely:

SEC.1. Voting Members (Delegates) – comprised of:
Elected members representing the Community/Subordinate Granges,
Elected members representing the Pomona Granges, and
Elected members representing the Youth/Young Adult Department.

SEC. 2. Non-Voting Members (Honorary) – comprised of:
Current State Officers, and their spouses; and
Past State Presidents/Masters, and their spouses.

SEC. 3. Non-Voting Members (Honorary) and Associate Members may have a voice and serve on standing committees but shall have no vote in the meetings of the State Grange.

SEC. 4. Associate Membership – A person or business with an interest in the advancement of agriculture and improvement of rural life may become an Associate Member. Such Associate Members shall pay dues as prescribed in the State Grange By-Laws. They shall also be entitled to receive State Grange information publications and participate in State Grange services; provided, however, that Associate Members shall not be entitled to vote on matters of Grange policy, hold office, or participate in National Grange sponsored contests that are designed for Grange members only.

SEC. 5. Affiliate Membership – A Fourth Degree member may not be a member of more than one Subordinate Grange at the same time except that Fourth-Degree members may be elected to membership in one additional Subordinate Grange as an Affiliate Member. Affiliate Members should be clearly designated as such in reports to the Secretaries of State Granges and the National Grange, and further provided such Affiliate members shall not hold the office of Master in two Subordinate Granges at the same time. Subordinate Grange Affiliate Members are eligible to hold office in State Granges and participate in contests sponsored by the National Grange. Neither of these two benefits of the Order may be exercised by such Affiliate Members in more than one Subordinate Grange, State Grange at the same time. (rev. 2019 from National Grange Digest)

ARTICLE VI– REVENUES

SEC.1. Membership Fees - The following fees are to be paid to the State Grange by the Community/Subordinate and Pomona Granges at the time of the Annual Reports: the fees shall be paid to the State Secretary.

- (a) The fees for conferring the four degrees in any Community/Subordinate Grange within jurisdiction of the State Grange shall be three dollars (\$3.00).
- (b) The fee for conferring a member at a State Grange meeting to the Fifth Degree shall be one dollar (\$1.00) and to the Sixth Degree shall be five dollars (\$5.00).
- (c) The minimum regular annual dues for Associate Members shall be twenty-seven dollars (\$27.00) to be paid yearly in advance.
- (d) The initiation or reinstatement fee for a Community/Subordinate Grange shall be one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50).
- (e) The fee for a Junior Grange member graduating up to a Community/Subordinate Grange, one dollar (\$1.00).
- (f) The fee for membership in Pomona Grange shall be one dollar (\$1.00).
- (g) The fee for initiation of a new Junior Grange Charter shall be five dollars (\$5.00) and the minimum admission for a Junior Grange member shall be one dollar (\$1.00).

SEC.2. Membership Dues –

- (a) The minimum regular annual dues in every Community/Subordinate Grange shall be twenty-seven dollars (\$27.00) for each member to be paid yearly in advance, but each Community/Subordinate Grange may otherwise regulate its own dues.

- (b) The minimum regular annual dues in every Pomona Grange shall be twenty-five cents (\$.25) for each member to be paid yearly in advance. The minimum regular annual dues for a Junior Grange shall be fifteen cents (\$.15) for each member to be paid yearly in advance. Each Pomona and Junior Grange may otherwise regulate its own dues.
- (c) The dues shall start the first of the quarter following initiation in the First Degree of the Order, and likewise Community/Subordinate Granges shall pay dues to the State Grange starting the first of the quarter following the initiation in the first degree.
- (d) The payment of dues to the State Grange from newly organized Granges shall not begin until the first of the quarter succeeding such organization.
- (e) No dues shall be required of Golden Sheaf members who became Golden Sheaf members before January 1, 2001. Dues shall be collected by Community/Subordinate Granges from Grange members who become Golden Sheaf members on or after January 1, 2001.
- (f) Dues shall be paid to the State by January 31st of each calendar year.

SEC.3. Delinquencies –

- (a) Any member whose dues are unpaid for two (2) consecutive months shall be adjudged delinquent.
- (b) At the last regular meeting of the second month of each year the Secretary shall record and read the names of all members who are two (2) months delinquent and if the arrears of such members are unpaid in thirty (30) days, the Secretary shall report such delinquency and move that they be dropped from the roll, provided, however, no member shall be suspended for non-payment of dues without having thirty (30) day notice.
- (c) A member who, for non-payment of dues, has been suspended may be reinstated by a majority vote of the Community/Subordinate and Pomona Grange, upon the payment of the fees as per By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

SEC.1. Annual State Grange Convention - The Annual State Grange Convention shall be held on no earlier than the Friday immediately prior to the last two (2) full weekends in September and shall be no later than the Monday immediately following the second (2nd) full weekend in October as determined by the Board of Directors/Executive Committee.

Opportunity shall be given for presentation of invitations for the meeting place two years in advance of the current meeting at which the invitation is extended. Final decision is to be made and announced by the Board of Directors/Executive Committee. If no invitations are extended the Board of Directors /Executive Committee is authorized to select the meeting place.

SEC.2. Special Meetings - Special meetings of the State Grange may be called by the State President/Master at the request of four members of the Board of Directors/Executive

Committee by giving notice thereof thirty days preceding such meeting, to each delegate in the State. Said notice shall state the purpose for which said meeting is called.

SEC.3. Representation –

- (a) Presidents/Masters of Community/Subordinate Granges, with their wives or husbands, shall by virtue of their office be voting delegate to the State Grange. If the President/Master is unable to attend or chooses not to exercise this privilege, the Vice President/Overseer and Lecturer, with their spouses, shall be first and second alternate in that order, provided such Grange may elect any members as delegates whenever the President/Master, Vice President/Overseer, and Lecturer are unable to serve. In addition to these two delegates a Community/Subordinate Grange has the option to elect up to two (2) at-large delegates to the State Grange meeting. All delegates must be reported to the State President/Master and State Secretary by August 22 of each year.
- (b) Presidents/Masters of Pomona Granges, with their wives or husbands, shall by virtue of their office be voting delegates to the State Grange. If the President/Master is unable to attend, the Vice President/Overseer and Lecturer shall be first and second alternate in that order, provided such Grange may elect any members as delegates whenever the President/Master, Vice President/Overseer, and Lecturer are unable to serve. If reported to the State President/Master and State Secretary by August 22nd of each year.
- (c) Community/Subordinate Granges with fewer than 13 members will be allowed non-voting delegates, these delegates to be selected.
- (d) No person shall be seated as a voting member of the State Grange who has not been elected as a delegate or alternate by constitutional authority, except that in case the delegate and alternate are prevented by unavoidable circumstances from attending the State Grange meeting, that Grange shall have the power to designate in writing some Fourth Degree member as alternate.
- (e) Affiliate members cannot be counted when determining representation at the Annual State Grange Convention.

SEC.4. Quorum - A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority of the delegates at the convention.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS

SEC.1. Duties of the Board of Directors/Executive Committee and Officers -

- (a) Board of Directors/Executive Committee - The Board of Directors/Executive Committee of the State Grange shall consist of the President/Master, Vice President/Overseer, Treasurer, Secretary, and three elected Board of Directors/Executive Committee members, one of whom shall be elected each year for a term of three years.

Immediately following the Annual State Grange Convention, the Board of Directors/ Executive Committee shall meet and reorganize, by electing a chairman, the officer so chosen shall serve for one year, or until his or her successor is elected.

The Board of Directors/Executive Committee shall hold meetings as often as they deem necessary at places designated by the Chairman or the State President/Master.

The duties of the Board of Directors/Executive Committee shall be to exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Order during the period between the Annual State Grange Convention; to prepare and submit to the Finance Committee of the Kansas State Grange at each annual State Grange Convention a budget showing estimated receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ahead; to provide for the general welfare of the Order in business matters; to act as trustees of any real estate owned; and to administer the finances of the Kansas State Grange in accordance with the mandates laid down by the delegate body in the report of the Finance Committee as adopted at the Annual State Grange Convention.

- (b) President/Master - It shall be the duty of the President/Master to open and preside at all meetings of the State Grange; to see that all officers and members of committees properly perform their respective duties; to see that the Constitution of the National Grange, the Constitution and By-Laws of the State Grange, and the usages of the Order are observed and obeyed; to sign all warrants upon the Treasurer; to appoint a Parliamentarian for each Board of Directors/Executive Committee meeting and Annual State Grange Convention; and to perform all duties pertaining to the office.
- (c) Vice President/Overseer - It shall be the duty of the Vice President/Overseer to assist the President/Master in preserving order and to preside over the Grange in the absence of the President/Master. In case of vacancy in the office of the President/Master, the Vice President/Overseer shall fill the same until the next Annual State Grange Convention.
- (d) Lecturer - It shall be the duty of the Lecturer to have charge of the literary and educational work of the State Grange; and to visit the Community/Subordinate and Pomona Granges as directed by the State President/Master and Board of Directors/Executive Committee.
- (e) Steward - The Steward shall have charge of the regalia, jewels, and other properties of the State Grange; and perform such other duties as are required in the Manual or by the State Grange.

- (f) Assistant Stewards - It shall be the duties of the Assistant Steward and Lady Assistant Steward to assist the Steward in the performance of such duties as is prescribed in the Manual or by the State Grange.
- (g) Chaplain - Memorial or floral tributes shall be sent for funerals or services for current and past State Officers and Directors and spouses of current or past State Presidents/Masters in good standing. Tributes shall be ordered by the Chaplain or his/her designee.
- (h) Treasurer - It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds of the organization, giving receipt thereof; to keep an accurate account and to make payments of warrants signed by the President/Master and approved by the Board of Directors/Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall render a full account of the office at each Annual State Grange Convention; submit the books and papers to the Auditing Committee for inspection and audit.
- (i) Secretary - The Secretary shall make and keep a complete and accurate record of all the proceedings of the meetings of the State Grange and of the Board of Directors/Executive Committee.

The Secretary shall furnish Pomona, Community/Subordinate, and Junior Granges with blanks upon which to make necessary reports.

The Secretary shall prepare for printing a complete Journal of Proceedings of the Annual State Grange Convention, to include a roster, updated Legislative Policy Manual and Constitution and By-Laws. The Journal shall be furnished to all officers and directors of the State Grange and all Presidents/Masters and Secretaries of the Pomona, Community/Subordinate and Junior Granges of the state. (rev. 2019)

The Secretary shall see that the dues payable to the State Grange are promptly paid, and in case the dues of a Community/Subordinate Grange remain delinquent for two (2) quarters, shall report the delinquent Community/Subordinate Grange to the State President/Master, along with any communications sent to the Community/Subordinate Grange concerning the delinquent dues of that Grange.

The Secretary shall complete all duties as desired by the State President/Master and/or the State Board of Directors/Executive Committee and as described within the National Grange Digest or any other duties that may arise that would concern the office of Secretary.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to maintain and correct the mailing list for the Kansas Granger, issuing with the quarterly report blanks a suitable form for listing by each Community/Subordinate Secretary, names to be added and names to be dropped. These additions and corrections will be tabulated and submitted to

the publisher or other authorized person as soon as practical after the close of the quarter.

The Secretary will notify the State President/Master and State Chaplain as soon as a death of a current or past State Officer or Director or spouse of a current State Master/President.

- (j) Gatekeeper - It shall be the duty of the Gatekeeper to carefully guard the gate and allow none to enter unless satisfied that they are entitled to, unless ordered to admit them by the President/Master of the State Grange.
- (k) Other Officers - The duties of all other officers shall be such as are described in the Digest and Manuals and as may be ordered by the State Grange.

SEC.2. Elections -

- (a) The officers of the State Grange shall be elected biannually in even numbered years and shall serve until the close of the convention at which time the successors are elected and installed.
- (b) The officers shall be elected separately by written ballot; a majority of all votes being required to elect.
- (c) In the election of officers, the names of candidates may be presented by oral nomination and presentation to be made by regular delegate, and without any nomination speech.
- (d) An election process shall be given, in oral form, to the delegate body immediately prior to the start of the election each day an election is held. The election process may not change after the election process has started.
- (e) The election process shall not violate the Constitution or By-Laws of the Kansas State Grange and shall not violate the National Grange Digest of Laws
- (f) The election of officers of the Kansas State Grange shall be held in the following order: President/Master, Vice President/Overseer, Board of Directors/Executive Committee member, Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Lady Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Gatekeeper, Ceres, Pomona, and Flora.
- (g) A member nominated or elected in a State Grange election may decline their nomination or election to an office any time before the end of the election process.

SEC.3. Requirements - Each officer of the State Grange, at the expiration of their term of office or when legally required, shall deliver to their successor or other properly authorized person, all books, papers, money, implements, regalia, or other property of any description pertaining to their office.

SEC.4. Suspensions - Any officer of the State Grange, except the President/Master who is amenable to the National Grange, who may neglect or refuse to perform the duties of his or her office, may be suspended from office by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors/Executive Committee, after a fair and impartial trial by said Committee.

SEC.5. Vacancies - In case of vacancy, caused by death, removal, suspension or resignation of any officer of the State Grange, the Board of Directors/Executive Committee may fill such office by appointment until the next Annual State Grange Convention.

SEC.6. Pay and Salaries -

- (a) Compensation for President/Master, Treasurer, Secretary, Lecturer, and approved Standing Committee Chairmen of the Kansas State Grange shall be set by the Board of Directors/Executive Committee and be governed by them.
- (b) The Kansas State Grange shall pay per diem to each Officer, Department Chair/Co-Chair, and Delegate or their alternate to the Annual State Grange Convention. The per diem shall be paid according to the roll call attendance each day. Any absences from the roll call, due to Grange business, must be pre-approved by the Kansas State Grange President/Master.
- (c) The per diem is to be set in an amount that the Board of Directors/Executive Committee of the Kansas State Grange determines funds are available.
- (d) No (1) one person shall be paid more than (1) one per diem regardless if they are serving as both a Delegate and Officer or Department Chair/Co-Chair.
- (e) The Kansas State Grange does not pay mileage to Delegates to the State Grange Convention but leaves responsibility up to the Delegates and/or the Grange they represent.
- (f) No mileage allowance in excess of twenty-eight cents per mile shall be paid to any member or officer for driving his car while in the interest of the Order, including attending the Annual State Grange Convention.
- (g) Special Representatives for organization work may be appointed by the State President/Master and Board of Directors /Executive Committee, who shall fix their salaries and fee for such special work.

SEC.7. Bonds - The Treasurer and Secretary of the State Grange shall each give bond in such sum as the Board of Directors/Executive Committee may require. Said bonds shall be payable to the Board of Directors/Executive Committee and in case of forfeiture and collection the money shall be held in trust by said Committee until the proper officer is elected and installed.

SEC.8. Offenses -

- (a) If at any time it shall appear that a member by his or her general conduct shall be working against the best interest of the Order, charges may be preferred against the offending member by any member in good standing, said charges to be made in writing, as per National Digest, duly specifying the offense. The accused, on being notified, shall be allowed full opportunity to make his or her own defense.
- (b) Should a trial become necessary, same shall be conducted in accordance with National Grange Law as specified in the Digest of the Order, under Rules and Regulations for Trials.
- (c) When any Patron shall engage in the sale of narcotics for other than medical purposes, such persons shall, without notice, be dropped from the roll of membership.

- (d) In case a member shall be expelled, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of that Grange to notify the State Secretary, and the Secretaries of all adjoining Granges of such expulsion.

ARTICLE IX – DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

- SEC.1. No Community/Subordinate Grange shall encumber Grange Halls or real estate, except by vote of the Grange at regular meeting on resolution presented at a previous regular meeting: such resolution shall set a date upon which vote will be taken and said date shall be not less than two weeks nor more than three months, following the introduction of such resolution; all members shall be notified in writing the date such resolution is to be voted upon.
- SEC.2. Whenever a Grange has ceased to function as such and has failed to make disposition of its property, such property shall then become property of the State Grange, subject however to any valid claims against such property or liens thereon- the State Grange assuming no liability for such claims or liens. The State President/Master with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors/Executive Committee of the State Grange may dispose of such property except as provided in the By-Laws, and shall deposit the proceeds thereof in the State Grange Treasury, pending the reorganization of the Grange; interest accruing there-on becoming the property of the State Grange. In the event the Community/Subordinate Grange shall not have been reorganized within a period of seven years or such additional period of time as the State Grange may designate, all such property shall become the property of the State Grange, for use in accordance with the general purpose of the organization.

ARTICLE X – QUARTERLY REPORT

The Secretary of each Community/Subordinate, Pomona or Junior Grange shall report the first of each year to the Secretary of the Kansas State Grange, the number of persons initiated since the last report, also the number of persons who by death, suspension, removal, or otherwise have ceased to be members during the year, and at that shall pay the dues and fees to the State Secretary as outlined in the By-Laws, Article VIII- FEES and By-Laws, Article XIX – DUES. The said report to be approved by the President/Master of the Community/Subordinate, Pomona or Junior Grange prior to being sent.

ARTICLE XI - OFFICIAL NEWS PUBLICATION

- SEC. 1 The *Kansas Granger* shall be the official news publication of the Kansas State Grange.
- SEC.2. The President/Master of the Kansas State shall appoint an Editor of the *Kansas Granger*.
- SEC.3. The business affairs of the *Kansas Granger* shall be under the supervision of the Board of Directors/Executive Committee, and they shall make annual reports to the Kansas State Grange.

SEC.4. The *Kansas Granger* shall be published quarterly – March, June, September, and December.

SEC.5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to forward to the editor of the *Kansas Granger* any corrections or additions to the mailing list as indicated by the quarterly reports.

ARTICLE XII – COMMITTEES

SEC.1. Convention Committees - Convention Committees are committees formed by delegates that meet during the annual State Grange Convention and review current policies and resolutions presented by the Community/Subordinate, Pomona, and/or Junior Granges. The Convention Committees shall provide a written report of their review at the convention. The State President/Master shall appoint the following Convention Committees:

1. Agriculture
2. Audit
3. Citizenship & Public Affairs
4. Credentials
5. Education and Health
6. Energy, Conservation & Natural Resources
7. Finance
8. Grange Activities
9. Grange Law and Good of the Order
10. Labor and Judiciary Committee
11. Taxation and Transportation Committee

A delegate may serve on multiple Convention Committees at the discretion of the State President/Master.

SEC.2. The Credentials Committee, of which the Secretary shall be chairman, shall, before the State Grange opens on the first day of a State Grange meeting, examine the registration of delegates and if they find a quorum present, they shall so report, at the opening of the State Grange meeting.

SEC.3. The Auditing Committee shall be appointed by the State President/Master on or before August 31th of each year, consisting of three members, who shall meet in the two week period preceding the Annual State Grange Convention and carefully examine the books and records of all Officers and Department Heads having financial accounts and report its findings to the State Grange, not later than the second day of the convention.

SEC.4. Standing Committees - Standing Committees are committees that operate throughout the fiscal year between annual State Grange Conventions to promote the Good of the Order. These committees shall report to the State Grange during the annual State Grange Convention on their activities and issues. The State President/Master shall each year appoint a Director and members to the following Standing Committees:

1. Communications / Public Information
2. Community Service Committee
3. Developmental Committee
4. Historical Committee
5. Junior Director
6. Legislation
7. Membership
8. Youth and Young Adults Committee

SEC.5. The Legislative Committee shall consist of the State President/Master and four (4) Fourth Degree members that he or she shall appoint with the approval of the Board of Directors/Executive Committee. The Legislative Committee shall have the authority to represent the State Grange at the sessions of the State Legislature, on all legislation pertaining to the welfare of the Patrons of Husbandry and the people of Kansas, with the authority to call such assistance as the committee may deem necessary provided that the State Grange President/Master, as the chairman of the committee, shall direct the activities of the committee. They shall receive such compensation as the Board of Directors/Executive Committee may deem just.

SEC.6. Special Committees – The State President/Master may appoint Special Committees for a particular purpose, which is considered discharged when the purpose is served. These Special Committees shall report to the State Grange during the annual State Grange Convention of their activities and issues.

ARTICLE XIII– DEMIT CARD

SEC.1. Any member in good standing and clear on the books of the Grange is entitled to a demit card, upon written application. No card shall be valid without the signature of the Subordinate President/Master and Secretary and seal of the local Grange.

SEC.2. Members who have taken a demit may upon application, accompanied by proof of previous membership and payment of all dues since the demit was issued, be admitted before the end of the calendar year to membership in any Grange in whose jurisdiction they may reside by a majority vote of the Grange.

SEC.3. A Community/Subordinate Grange granting a demit to a member must upon request by the Community/Subordinate Grange receiving said member by demit, turn over to them all dues paid in advance for any or all quarters following the quarter in which the demit is granted.

ARTICLE XIV - ANNUAL AND FISCAL YEAR

SEC.1. The annual year of all Granges under the jurisdiction shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December.

SEC.2. The Fiscal Year shall begin on the first day of September and end on the last day of August.

ARTICLE XV – COMMUNITY/SUBORDINATE GRANGES

SEC.1. Organization – A Community/Subordinate Grange must be organized by thirteen (13) or more members, of which there shall not be less than four (4) of either gender.

SEC.2. Membership – Any person interested in agricultural pursuits or rural communities and having no interest in conflict with the Grange’s purpose, of the age of fourteen years of age (thirteen years and six months) duly proposed and elected and complying with the Rules and Regulations of the Order, is entitled to membership and benefit of the degrees taken. All candidates for membership and elected officers shall be required to agree at the time of election to membership or installation in office that they will faithfully comply with the Constitution, the By-Laws and Grange Laws, and the usage of the various degrees of the Order. Every application must be accompanied by the fee of membership provided in the By-Laws.

SEC.3. Fees and Dues – The Community/Subordinate Grange member initiation fees and membership dues shall be applied as provided in the By-Laws.

SEC.4. Meetings - Community/Subordinate Granges shall meet at least once each month and may hold intermediate meetings; and only one meeting, regular or special, can be held within twenty-four hours.

SEC.5. Officers - The officers of the Pomona, Community/Subordinate and Junior Granges shall consist of and rank the same as in the State and National Granges.

Each Community/Subordinate Grange shall elect a Board of Directors/Executive Committee of three members in addition to the President/Master, Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President/Overseer. One Board member shall be elected each year for a term of three years. The Board of Directors/Executive Committee shall be the trustees of Grange halls and other real property of the Grange.

SEC.6. Elections - The officers of the Community/Subordinate Granges shall be elected biannually by June 15 in even numbered election years and installed by September 1, the beginning of the program year. The President/Master elect will appoint committee chairmen immediately after election to serve for his or her term of office.

As soon as the election of officers is completed and committees appointed, the Secretary shall report to the State Secretary, no later than August 15, the name, addresses and phone

numbers of the President/Master, Lecturer, Secretary, and Chairman of the following committees: Youth/Young Adult, Junior, Membership, Legislative, Publicity and the time and place of meetings.

SEC.7. Committees – Each Community/Subordinate Grange shall have Standing Committees that operate throughout the fiscal year to promote the Good of the Order. The Community/Subordinate President/Master shall each year appoint a Director and members to the following Standing Committees:
Community Service Committee and Membership Committee.

Special Committees may be appointed at the discretion of the Community/Subordinate President/Master.

SEC.8. Quarterly Report / Annual Word - The Secretary of each Community/Subordinate Grange shall report quarterly to the Secretary of the State Grange, immediately following the close of each quarter, the total number of members, and the names and addresses of the President/Master, Lecturer, and Secretary and pay the annual dues which shall entitle them to receive the annual word.

SEC.9. Dormant Grange - When any Grange shall fail to meet for six (6) months consecutively, it shall be considered dormant, forfeit its rights of jurisdiction, and its Charter shall be surrendered, with the consent of the State President/Master.

Such dormant Granges may be reorganized when less than thirteen (13) of the former members desire to do so, by admitting new members residing within their jurisdiction.

Members of dormant Granges who find it impossible to reorganize may apply for membership in the nearest working Grange before the end of the calendar year by paying all arrears in dues.

ARTICLE XVI – POMONA GRANGES

SEC.1. Organization - Pomona Granges may be organized in geographic areas (regions) having two or more Community/Subordinate Granges; and shall be limited to only one Pomona Grange for each region.

The Pomona Grange regions shall be established and maintained by the State Grange Board of Director/ Executive Committee. There must be at least two (2) Community/Subordinate Granges in the Pomona Grange region. If the number of Community/Subordinate Granges included in the Pomona Grange region falls below two (2), then the Pomona Grange region shall be readjusted.

A Community/Subordinate Grange may submit a formal written request to the State Grange Board of Director/ Executive Committee to establish a new or adjust an existing Pomona Grange region.

If a Community/Subordinate Grange is transferred to another Pomona Grange, the Community/Subordinate Grange, the members are not required to pay the usual fees that one would if joining a new Pomona Grange.

SEC.2. Membership - Any Fourth-Degree member in good standing on filing an application in due form, shall on being duly elected by a majority vote, be elected to the Degree of Pomona, and membership in the Pomona Grange.

Application for membership in the Fifth Degree may be received and the degrees conferred on the candidate at the same meeting.

SEC.3. Fees and Dues - The Pomona Grange member initiation fees and membership dues shall be applied as provided in the By-Laws.

SEC.4. Meetings - Pomona Granges shall meet each quarter and may hold intermediate meetings as may be deemed necessary for the Good of the Order.

Pomona Grange shall open work in the Fifth Degree and may later work in the Fourth Degree when Fourth Degree members in good standing may be admitted.

SEC.5. Officers - The officers of the Pomona shall consist of and rank the same as in the State and National Granges.

Each Pomona Grange shall have a Board of Directors/Executive Committee of three members in addition to the President/Master, Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President/Overseer. One Board member shall be elected each year for a term of three years. The Board of Directors/Executive Committee shall have supervision of the affairs of the Pomona Grange during its recess.

SEC.6. Elections - The officers of the Pomona Grange shall be the same as in the Community/Subordinate Grange and their rank and duties shall be such as provided for in the Ritual of the "Fifth Degree". They shall be chosen biennially, at the regular meeting held in the "Fifth Degree" in the third quarter of the year, and installed at the same meeting, or as soon as practical thereafter. The current list of officers as of August 22 shall be used as the basis for determining delegates to the State Grange Convention.

SEC.7. Committees – Each Pomona Grange shall have Standing Committees that operate throughout the fiscal year to promote the Good of the Order. The Pomona President/Master shall each year appoint a Director and members to the following Standing Committees:

Community Service Committee and Membership Committee.

Special Committees may be appointed at the discretion of the Pomona President/Master.

SEC.7. Annual Reports/Annual Word - The Secretary of each Pomona Grange shall report annually to the Secretary of the State Grange, immediately following the close of the

December 31st quarter, the total number of members, and the names and addresses of the President/Master, Lecturer, and Secretary ~~and Family Activities Committee~~ which shall entitle them to receive the annual word (revised March 2022).

SEC.8. Dormant Granges - When any Pomona Grange shall fail to meet for four quarters consecutively, it shall be considered dormant, forfeit its right of jurisdiction and the Charter shall be surrendered.

Such dormant Granges may be reorganized by the State President/Master or some other officer as may direct.

ARTICLE XVII – JUNIOR GRANGES

SEC.1. Organization - Junior Granges may be organized within the jurisdiction of this State Grange by the State President/Master, or some other officer authorized by him or her to do so.

Each Junior Grange shall be within the jurisdiction of a Community/Subordinate Grange whose duty it shall be to provide a suitable meeting place and such equipment as may be necessary.

A Junior Grange may be organized with not less than seven (7) members, of whom there shall be no less than two (2) of either gender.

A Junior Grange shall take the same name as the Community/Subordinate Grange to which it is attached but will be numbered in the order in which it is organized.

A Junior Grange may be organized by the State President/Master or by someone delegated by him or her to do so, by admitting those eligible to become members residing within the jurisdiction of such Grange.

SEC.2. Membership - Children of all persons eligible to membership to a Community/Subordinate Grange, over five years and under fourteen years are eligible to join a Junior Grange.

SEC.3. Fees and Dues - The Junior Grange Charter and Junior Grange members' initiation fees and dues shall be applied as provided in the Bylaws.

SEC.4. Meetings – Junior Granges shall meet each quarter and may hold intermediate meetings as may be deemed necessary for the Good of the Order.

SEC.5. Officers - The officers of a Junior Grange shall consist of and rank the same as in the Community/Subordinate Granges.

SEC.6. Elections – They shall be elected annually in September and installed in the same manner as in Community/Subordinate Granges. The Community/Subordinate Grange shall elect a Junior Leader to supervise the work of the Junior Grange.

SEC.7. Committees – The Junior Grange may appoint Special Committees at the discretion of the Junior Leader.

SEC.8. Annual Report / Annual Word - The Secretary of each Junior Grange shall provide an Annual Report with the approval of the Junior Leader. No Junior Grange shall be entitled to receive the Annual Word for the coming year whose dues to the State Grange are not paid in full to the thirty-first day of December, immediately preceding.

SEC.9. Dormant Granges - Junior Granges, which have failed to pay dues for six or more quarters, are considered dormant Granges.

ARTICLE XXX - AMENDMENTS

SEC.1. The By-Laws of the Kansas State Grange may be adopted, amended, or repealed in whole or in part by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present and voting at which a quorum is present in any State Grange meeting, provided, however, any proposed changes shall be submitted in resolution form. Any such resolutions or amendments by delegate or committee action must be read into record and held over at least twelve (12) hours prior to vote. Any changes presented on the final day of the State Grange meeting shall be held over until the opening of the next State Grange meeting with a quorum present.

SEC.2. That all By-Laws heretofore adopted and in conflict with these By-Laws are hereby repealed.

Legislative Policies of the Kansas State Grange



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Note: Numbers before policy statements refer to Kansas State Grange resolution numbers. This numbering system began in 1989. Starting in 2004, the year will appear on new or updated policies, with a resolution if applicable.

Agriculture Policy Statement

History shows Agriculture and Rural America as being synonymous. But now Rural America is in trouble. History indicates that as Agriculture goes, so goes to America; and as far as the economics are concerned, this remains the case. However, with the decreasing numbers of people living in rural areas and while this remaining group is aging, more and better services are needed, as important as economics are to this situation, it does not address the total problem.

The Kansas State Grange must continue to press for Agricultural Policies that will insure the survival of our family farms and rural communities. The Kansas State Grange must continue to press for Agricultural Policies that will insure the survival of the family farms and rural communities. The Kansas State Grange defines a family farm as a business or enterprise involved in the production of food, fiber, and related products or services that are owned and operated by the members of a family who make management and financial decisions and supply at least part of the labor. Society will benefit in the long term if government programs help maintain the family farm and help prevent the continued movement of land and production inputs from the hands of many into the hands of few. As it applies to the State of Kansas, it is imperative to retain the owner-operated family farms, which will enhance local tax revenues, employment, civic, and political organizations, retail businesses plus viable Churches and Agricultural organizations. (rev. 2019)

There is a desperate need for more off-farm employment opportunities in our rural communities. With a deteriorating quality of life in most areas, it is imperative to have an influx of monies, talents, and services. Just as important, is a need for adjustment in the attitude and thinking of Rural America.

The Kansas State Grange must continue to strongly support the approach of improving food safety and assuring consumers that our food is clean and wholesome by advocating for the full inspections of all commercial food products. Grangers do not live in a risk-free world. However, the agricultural sector must assume the responsibility of producing the most wholesome and safe food supply possible for human consumption if we are to continue to control our own destiny. The Kansas State Grange believes farmers can maintain the quality of food necessary to meet the increasing demand of higher standards.

I. General Agriculture Policies

1. The Kansas State Grange opposes land acquisitions by our government.
2. The Kansas State Grange favors secondary source of credit, whereby small banks can sell loans enabling farmers to secure a lower rate of interest, or a federal agency, like Farmers Home Administration guaranteeing loans by banks to farmers.
3. The Kansas State Grange supports land use valuations and classifications for tax purposes to eliminate the speculation on market values.
4. The Kansas State Grange supports land use programs to encourage orderly expansion of cities and preservation of agricultural land use around urban areas.
5. The Kansas State Grange supports open and free domestic and foreign markets, and monitoring of trading practices for manipulation.
6. The Kansas State Grange supports a balanced Federal Budget.
7. The Kansas State Grange asks for government tax incentives or payments to preserve the family farm.

8. The Kansas State Grange asks that exemptions from capital gains tax not be allowed to foreign owners of land.
9. (rev. 2011 {#207-1994}) The Kansas State Grange asks, that the Endangered Species Act be reviewed by Congress, with the following guidelines:
 - a. Focus on Keystone species (organisms critical to the stable functions of entire habitats and ecosystems), not minor or reduced species.
 - b. Rely on public lands for preservation.
 - c. Encourage voluntary protection by individuals and corporations.
 - d. Curtail taking of private lands for ESA.
 - e. Balance human costs with ecological benefits.
10. The Kansas State Grange asks that Congress work quickly in a bipartisan manner to provide emergency assistance to farmers, helping them to save their jobs and their farms.
11. The Kansas State Grange opposes the purchase of American land by foreign citizens or through "front" organizations or other means. The Grange also opposes controlling interest of American businesses by foreign citizens or corporations.
12. The Kansas State Grange favors the planting of trees and shrubs by State Highway Departments where their growth will benefit or achieve controlling wind, erosion, snow, and help the beautification of highways.
13. The Kansas State Grange supports Arbor Day activities.
14. The Kansas State Grange supports Fair Trade.
15. (rev. 2011) The Kansas State Grange asks, that our trade negotiators pressure for equal trade and investment freedom for United States investors in all foreign countries, the same as foreign investors enjoy in the United States.
16. The Kansas State Grange recommends that the Grange's involvement in Agri-Business, Rural America, and the Family and Community Service Work be highlighted. The Grange recognizes that most of the population is nonagricultural, and the Grange has become a multi-faceted organization.
17. The Kansas State Grange and the National Grange supports legislation to open trade with Cuba.
18. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation to ensure that no portion of a condemned federally inspected diseased carcass be used for human consumption.
19. (rev. 2012) The Kansas State Grange ask the legislature to rescind the law established not labeling gasoline sold at the pump as containing any amount of alcohol.
20. (#622-2006) The Kansas State Grange goes on record as being opposed to the use of prime agriculture land for rural residential growth; however, marginal ground may be utilized, providing other environmental standards and zoning regulations are followed.
21. (rev. 2013) The Kansas State Grange supports the National Bio-Ag Defense Facility located in Manhattan, Kansas.
22. (rev. 2017) The Kansas State Grange supports expanding the funding for the development of Broadband in rural areas of Kansas and the United States.

II. Crop Policies

1. The Kansas State Grange promotes Kansas by forming a regional grain marketing compact with neighboring states.
2. The Kansas State Grange supports the need to impose severe fines and loss of permits to shippers violating dirt and foreign matter content and other alterations of grains destined for overseas markets. Furthermore, the Grange supports the tightening of levels of foreign matters allowed.
3. The Kansas State Grange opposes the permitting of tobacco to be a viable economic commodity and proposes that all subsidies paid to the tobacco industry should be used to identify and develop new crops to be planted in place-of tobacco.
4. The Kansas State Grange supports the use of ethanol as an additive to gasoline, to extend the supplies of oil as a conservation measure.

III. Fertilizer and Chemical Policies

1. The Kansas State Grange asks that states be allowed to develop and regulate policies in use of chemicals and fertilizers.
2. The Kansas State Grange supports the development of Pesticide Management Areas (PMA).
3. The Kansas State Grange supports the tightening of restrictions on adding chemicals and fertilizers to irrigation waters (chemigation) to help protect the underground water supplies from pollution.
4. The Kansas State Grange asks that farmers be exempt from restricted drivers licenses for the purpose of transporting hazardous materials but are encouraged to complete a certification course detailing the proper care and handling of transporting hazardous materials.

IV. Animal Policies

The Kansas State Grange has long been an advocate of educational programs which demonstrate the advantages and humaneness of modern animal husbandry. The Grange is aware of groups and individuals with agendas to disrupt or destroy animal husbandry as we know it. The American farmer understands undue cruelty has no place in modern Animal Husbandry practices and must be avoided at every opportunity for the sake of efficiency and profitability.

1. The Kansas State Grange opposes any "animal rights" group in their endeavor to destroy or suppress livestock production and research.
2. The Kansas State Grange uses educational programs to meet the challenge of "animal rights" groups.
3. The Kansas State Grange opposes legislation aimed at placing restrictions on the use of animals in biomedical research.
4. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation that considers both the consumer's rights and the producer's rights when dealing with legislation restricting "animal factories."
5. The Kansas State Grange opposes legislation and/or regulations that hinder good animal husbandry practices.
6. The Kansas State Grange supports the punishment of all individuals and organizations that commit illegal actions against animal agricultural producers, animal agricultural and biomedical researchers, and facilities.

7. The Kansas State Grange supports a code of "best management practices" for the care of animals under human control.
8. The Kansas State Grange supports fines and punishment of individuals, companies and organizations for illegal and/or inhumane treatment of animals.
9. (2004) The Kansas State Grange approves resulting home rule and local control for Kansas counties.
10. (2004) The Kansas State Grange supports a contract grower's bill of rights for large, confined animal feeding facilities similar to the poultry industry.
11. (#04-2011) The Kansas State Grange is opposed to the development of manufactured meat products for human consumption.

V. Agricultural Education

1. The Kansas State Grange encourages programs that educate the public about production agriculture and to help counteract the effects and actions of "animal rights" group.
2. The Kansas State Grange encourages state, county, and private sources to seek out Extension Services, where funds from the Federal Government are being given.
3. The Kansas State Grange supports the Kansas Agricultural Rural Leadership (KARL) program and will recruit a class member from our organization.
4. The Kansas State Grange supports the Ag-in-the-Classroom Program and encourages each Subordinate Grange to promote this with financial support at the local schools.

VI. Committee of Kansas Farm Organizations

1. The Kansas State Grange will join with the Agriculture Alliance of Kansas to aid in the effectiveness of the Grange's legislative efforts.

Citizenship and Public Affairs Policy Statement

The Kansas State Grange is a family-oriented organization that is dedicated to the fostering and advancement of agriculture and community betterment and is uniquely suited for the role it has assumed in preserving our state and country and its values.

We enjoy a lifestyle that is envied by many. The Grange can and must continue its leadership role in finding answers to the problems that threaten to undermine our way of life.

The Kansas State Grange must work in conjunction with the National Grange to support and develop the rural leadership necessary to help resolve the rural communities' problems. Our rural communities have most of the same problems as our urban neighbors except they are magnified because they lack infrastructure like medical care and facilities, schools, businesses and business opportunities and transportation. With an aging population in our rural state, the Grange finds a need for more services toward our rural state; the Grange finds a need for more services toward our senior citizens, but a real problem with the fiscal reality of supporting a system, that is rapidly depleting our economic viability. Indeed, all social services need more money. With this concern is another involving mismanagement within the system and the inability of our Legislature to deal adequately with the problems facing our society.

I. Social Programs

1. The Kansas State Grange asks that recipients of food stamps and other programs be assisted with programs to help them with food selection, preparation, and storage.
2. The Kansas State Grange supports the WIC program
3. The Kansas State Grange asks that once an adoptive procedure has been completed, the judicial system must honor the adoptive contract, unless fraud or willful neglect is involved.
4. The Kansas State Grange asks that the proof of legal immigration status be required, investigated, and verified before welfare payments are begun; that a fingerprint based, tamper resistant, counterfeit proof Social Security Card be developed; that identification of illegal immigrants be furnished to law-enforcement agencies and court; and those illegal immigrants be deported.
5. The Kansas State Grange asks that the Federal Government exempt low-income Social Security recipients from any cuts in established benefits (\$1000.00 a month) to balance the budget.
6. The Kansas State Grange supports Social Security Reform Bills that will not allow privatization or elimination of the Government Social Security System.
7. (rev. 2007) The Kansas State Grange supports legislation to provide medical services to all military retirees.

II. Elections, Terms of Office, and Campaigns

1. (#42) The Kansas State Grange asks that a ninety-day limit be placed on advertising for primary elections.
2. (#286) The Kansas State Grange asks that all elected and appointed State and Federal Officials, including Judgeships, fall under a term limitation of twelve years per office.
3. (#86) The Kansas State Grange supports laws that will deny money being accepted by any office seekers from all foreign citizens or countries.
4. The Kansas State Grange asks that the English language be the only language used on official state and national election ballots.
5. The Kansas State Grange encourages all temporary residents (students, workers, and military) to vote in their hometowns in person or by absentee ballot.
6. The Kansas State Grange asks that each citizen register to vote, and then enjoy the privilege of voting.
7. The Kansas State Grange asks that all campaign funds not used by retiring Congressmen or those defeated in an election be turned over to their political party to help reduce their debt for future political campaigns.
8. (#375) The Kansas State Grange asks that campaign money used for a political office is limited to ten times the salary of the office being sought.

III. Government and Legislative Affairs

1. The Kansas State Grange asks that any pay raise voted by our State and National Legislatures shall take place and become effective after the next election.
2. The Kansas State Grange opposes legislation that allows the Federal Government to withhold funds from state and local governments to implement Federal Policy.

3. The Kansas State Grange is in favor of a Constitutional Amendment to make English the official language of the United States.
4. The Kansas State Grange supports that all Americans show respect to our symbol of unity, the flag, and furthermore that laws be made and enforced concerning the desecration of our National Flag.
5. The Kansas State Grange opposes the Federal Government purchasing indiscriminately any physical assets for the public domain.
6. The Kansas State Grange opposes the expansion of any government facility (more land) without a study being undertaken to see if other facilities could absorb the increases.
7. The Kansas State Grange supports and promotes the permanent display of the American flag and recital of the “Pledge of Allegiance” in all school classrooms. Furthermore, we encourage the display of our state flag and flags of foreign countries for special study classes on a temporary basis.
8. The Kansas State Grange asks that peer review and competitive bidding be strictly enforced in both houses of Congress on projects funded by the United States Government.
9. The Kansas State Grange asks that the records of the General Services Administration (GSA) be open to taxpayer watchdog organizations.
10. The Kansas State Grange asks that legislation be introduced in Congress to reverse the Supreme Court decision on prayer in schools.
11. The Kansas State Grange asks that the moratorium on annexing electric cooperatives service areas be retained when municipalities annex territory.
12. (rev. 2007) The Kansas State Grange supports preserving old and historic buildings.
13. The Kansas State Grange asks that no standards presently in general use in the United States be lowered or modified for the purpose of making trade easier with countries using less strict standards.
14. (rev. 2009) The Kansas State Grange supports legislation that would require Kansas County and State Road departments to determine and post roadways hazardous to bicyclists, and to educate and encourage bicyclists to use less hazardous roadway bicycling paths.
15. (#23-2010) The Kansas State Grange urges our federal government to pass a balanced budget amendment.
16. (2015-0101) The Kansas State Grange supports allowing military recruiters to bear arms inside recruiting centers.
17. (2019-1) The Kansas State Grange supports the State of Kansas excluding the authority to regulate or prohibit lemonade stands from the Kansas Food Code, allowing the legal opportunity for this form of entrepreneurial spirit and fundraising.
18. (2019-2) The Kansas State Grange supports the allowed limit level of arsenic in all bottled water, whether manufactured within the USA or imported from other countries, be revised by the FDA from 10 ppb (part per billion) to 3 ppb or lower to reduce the health risk to adults and children.

IV. Rights/Equality

1. (#101) The Kansas State Grange asks that racial and minority quotas not be applied to businesses of less than 100 employees.

2. The Kansas State Grange supports the right of an individual to participate in voluntary prayer in public schools.
3. The Kansas State Grange supports the rights of women to fair laws in the workplace.

Education Policy Statement

In a democratic republic such as the United States of America, education has been and continues to be vitally important.

The Kansas State Grange has always advocated education for all with adequate funding and equal access to educational institutions. It is the Grange's hope that all citizens would support the education institutions in our state and urge all persons to reach their full potential by utilizing education and training available to them.

In order to provide a quality education for each individual in this dynamic and progressive society, it is imperative that funding, facilities, equipment, libraries and teachers be made available for all, where and when needed, especially for the following:

Funds and space for vocational endeavors (Vocational/Technical)

Funds, space for volunteers for retraining or learning enhancement of dysfunctional citizens.

(Community Education)

Formal education of our youth should be a primary goal of each community to ensure a steady and reliable resource. The Grange does not advocate any phase of an education or any part of our society receiving preference over another except to achieve a standard of quality throughout education.

However, because of circumstances involving resources, location, or abilities of students, it should not be concluded that equal dollars are needed for each student's education. The Kansas State Grange encourages each governing board of an educational institution to be prudent with the taxpayer's dollars. The formal education of our citizens must also be considered. Television continues to be a major factor in our lives. Parents and guardians of all youth should be urged to monitor and be knowledgeable about what their children and youth watch on television. Many shows have educational values for the whole family, and the Grange encourages the viewing of these shows as a family when possible.

The Kansas State Grange will continue to support the public radio and television stations and their accessibility to all citizens at no direct cost.

The Kansas State Grange must strive toward meeting the educational challenges of a dynamic and progressive society. Rural education should provide rural students with the skills and knowledge necessary to effect change and improvement in their own local communities. The Kansas State Grange encourages each Subordinate Grange to become involved in their local schools. Close attention should be paid to curriculum development and teaching methods at all levels of grades.

The Kansas State Grange opposes school vouchers, as they will cause a financial hardship on public schools. The Kansas State Grange encourages excellence in broadcast programming and commends those efforts that produce programs that educate and improve society.

Together, the Grange can make a difference.

I. Equal Opportunity

1. The Kansas State Grange supports the Equal Educational Opportunity for Exceptional and Handicapped Persons Act and encourages the Federal Government to widely disseminate the requirements of this act.
2. The Kansas State Grange recognizes the need to provide the opportunity for those persons confined to prison to receive rehabilitative training that is equivalent to a high school education and/or trade school.
3. The Kansas State Grange recommends that all non-English speaking residents in the United States be given the opportunity to receive immediate instruction in the English language through programs such as English-As-A-Second Language (ESL).
4. The Kansas State Grange recommends that teachers understand the basic requirements for working with disabled children.

II. Vocational Education and Continuing Education

1. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation to extend and improve the Vocational Education Re-Authorization Act, which includes provisions for:
 - a. Full-time supervision in agricultural education at the State and National level.
 - b. Identifying and defining vocational agriculture as one of the major vocational program areas.
 - c. Identifying vocational student organizations as an integral and vital part of each state's plan for vocational education instruction areas.
 - d. Vocational programs that prepare students whose occupational objectives relate to entrepreneurship.
 - e. Construction, improvement and updating of vocational agricultural educational facilities in all settings.
 - f. The development and supervision of occupation experience programs for year-round instruction from professional agricultural educators where needed.
 - g. Supplemental and full-time instruction for adults in agricultural program areas is vital to the industry and should be provided by a separate title in the legislation.
 - h. Support the retention of a complete Vocational Agriculture Program in all public school districts.
2. The Kansas State Grange encourages all Subordinate Granges to become familiar with local Vo-Ag/FFA advisory boards and/or FFA Alumni affiliates.
3. The Kansas State Grange supports programs of continuing education and adult education. We encourage support of the development of educational programs within each state that will serve those persons who are beyond public-school age and who need further education.
4. The Kansas State Grange supports continuing education requirements, eight hours per year, for emergency response personnel in dealing with hazardous materials.

III. General

1. The Kansas State Grange continues to oppose a national system of tuition tax credits, or any tax deductions that are received by parents for private school tuition.

2. The Kansas State Grange recommends the continuation of the federal guaranteed student loan; grant and work study programs and asks for strict enforcement of the requirements for repayment of federally financed student loans with severe penalties for default.
3. The Kansas State Grange recommends that recipients of educational grants be required to maintain certain minimum grades as a prerequisite for further grants in aid.
4. The Kansas State Grange supports the public-school system. We believe that system should be strengthened and improved, and that public-school districts should provide:
 - a. A broad curriculum with emphasis on basic language, math, science and computer education.
 - b. An opportunity for students to choose either vocational or "college preparatory" training.
 - c. Functional buildings.
 - d. Frequent public reports and accountability of funds.
 - e. Physical education.
 - f. (rev. 2007) Health education curriculum, including but not limited to, basic first aid, sound nutrition, substance abuse education, AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections and counseling on the possibilities and problems of an unwanted pregnancy, and basic training in agriculture, both production and consumption.
5. The Kansas State Grange supports the teaching of foreign language in schools but recommends that all other subjects be taught in the English language to prevent foreign students from becoming a separated ethnic group.
6. The Kansas State Grange supports joint study of textbooks and curriculum by parent-teacher committees.
7. The Kansas State Grange supports including a "no strike" clause in every teacher's employment contract. All new teachers' employment contracts should be renewed and signed before the school year begins. Mandatory binding arbitration should be used when negotiations between teacher organizations and school boards reach an impasse.
8. The Kansas State Grange endorses the Job Corps Program which is the only residential training program that exists solely to serve hard-core unemployed and undereducated youth.
9. The Kansas State Grange opposes teaching atheistic secular humanism in public schools.
10. The Kansas State Grange supports the retention of Federal Government Impact Aid at the present level, and requests that the level of this aid be increased or decreased automatically as the cost-of-living changes to protect the quality of education for all students.
11. The Kansas State Grange commends the law enforcement agencies for their support of such educational programs as Drug Awareness Resistance Education (DARE) and urges Congress and the various states to appropriate additional funding to expand programs that help to educate the youth of our nation.
12. The Kansas State Grange recommends that Sign Language be offered to students in grades 1-12 in private and public schools to both deaf and hearing-impaired students, and that the Department of Education encourage states to allow sign language as a foreign language credit for high school education.
13. The Kansas State Grange asks for the removal of Federal funding of prep schools established to prepare academically deficient student athletes for entry into the military academies.
14. The Kansas State Grange supports public education on proper handling and disposal of household chemicals.

15. The Kansas State Grange supports education in our schools in fire and tornado safety.
16. The Kansas State Grange supports education in evacuation plans for the home in case of fire and a shelter plan for weather-related emergencies.
17. The Kansas State Grange supports education in CPR and First Aid Training for all people, so that basic level of care may be administered prior to the arrival of emergency responders.
18. The Kansas State Grange asks that everyone be educated in the use of smoke/gas detectors in the home and periodic testing to ensure they are in good working order.
19. (#462) The Kansas State Grange supports the teaching of both the theory of evolution and the story of creation.
20. (#469) The Kansas State Grange opposes the replacement of the Kansas Board of Education with a Secretary of Education,
21. (#511) The Kansas State Grange asks that Congress take another look at Welfare Reform and restructure the program to provide training to the poor that will allow them to enter the labor force.
22. (#529) The Kansas State Grange asks that the State Board of Education consist of an odd number of members.
23. (#554) The Kansas State Grange asks Congress to develop and fund a program to increase salaries and benefits for teachers.
24. (#555) The Kansas State Grange asks the Federal Government to fund those tax entities in the amount of tax income lost due to federal land holdings.
25. (#08-2007) The Kansas State Grange supports legislation to enforce a mandatory program that requires all toys sold in the United States to undergo inspection for lead-based paints to assure that they conform to standards that ensure their safety.

IV. Food/Nutrition

1. The Kansas State Grange endorses continuing the USDA's current Commodity Procurement and Distribution Program and encourages greater use of this program among eligible institutions. The Grange believes that all federal food distribution programs should use a greater amount and variety of surplus agricultural products to meet the needs of hungry and disadvantaged citizens as well as in school feeding programs.
2. The Kansas State Grange asks for adequate funding of the school lunch and breakfast programs. These programs should provide balanced diets and should meet a child's daily nutritional requirements. These programs should use "real" food products rather than food product alternatives. Non-nutritional food should be sold in school only after the end of the meal period. Contract meal products providers should be required to meet all the nutritional requirements in all meals they provide.
3. The Kansas State Grange believes the agricultural industry should be able to advertise their products if the advertisement is accurate and is based on facts. As such, the Grange believes that milk should be advertised as: "Whole Milk/96% fat free," "Low fat/98% fat free," and "1% milk/99% fat free."
4. The Kansas State Grange recommends that a ban be placed on the use of sulfites on fresh fruits and vegetables in restaurants, and further recommends that all manufacturers of food and drink who use sulfites should be required to specify on the product label a sulfite was used.

5. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation that would prohibit the hauling of garbage, refuse, and toxic material in cargo containers that may also be used to transport feed, food and food products.
6. The Kansas State Grange favors strict enforcement of the New Food Labeling Law by the FDA.
7. The Kansas State Grange asks for the U.S. Department of Agriculture to change their ruling, so that chicken cannot be labeled "fresh" that has been stored at a temperature lower than 26 degrees Fahrenheit.
8. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation to require the listing on the label of all ingredients including additives that are included in food products.
9. The Kansas State Grange continues to support efforts (such as the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1989) to establish a coordinated program to use federal and state expenditures to make a nutritional status for the people of the United States.
10. The Kansas State Grange asks for Congress to ban the use of inks that contain heavy metals on food packaging materials.
11. The Kansas State Grange supports the American Dietetic Association's current guidelines that recommend two to three servings of dairy products daily, and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommendation that breast milk is preferred food for children under one year and cow's milk is an important source of nutrients for children beyond that age.
12. (#214) The Kansas State Grange opposes the action of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) attempting to place food supplements, vitamins and herbal mixtures on a prescription basis.
13. The Kansas State Grange asks that all meat sold in stores carry a label on the package stating where the meat was produced and processed.
14. The Kansas State Grange recognizes the need for identifying specific types of vegetable oil used in processing, as to saturated or unsaturated fats. Grange members need to educate themselves of the merits of these facts.
15. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation requiring food labels to identify tropical oils used and to label them as "saturated fats."

Health Policy Statement

The Kansas State Grange is a family organization. The Grange believes health issues carry the highest of priorities and affect each citizen in the United States.

The cry across America has been for reform of our health care system.

The Kansas State Grange feels that the new health care plan must include affordability, availability and quality. Furthermore, the Grange does not favor dramatic tax increases or imposing a new government run bureaucracy to achieve these goals. Also, the Grange wants to avoid mandating all businesses to offer health care. This would cause small businesses that can't afford it now to either fire enough employees to make it affordable or they will go out of business. That is the unintended result that is needed to avoid health care reform.

The Kansas State Grange endorses food distribution programs and encourages programs to meet the needs of hungry and disadvantaged citizens. School lunch programs should provide at least one-third of a child's daily nutritional requirements.

The Kansas State Grange and National Grange have a program for the hearing impaired. The Kansas State Grange strongly supports these programs and continues to help pave the way to ensure and protect the rights of hearing impaired or disabled persons.

The world Grangers live in today, stressful, and fast-paced, contributes to drug and/or chemical dependency. The Grange supports programs to make America drug free starting in our local community.

For over 125 years, the Grange has represented family values. Whether the family is a traditional two-parent family or a single working parent, the Grange, as an organization must take it upon themselves to promote and nurture those values that made this country great.

I. Health

1. The Kansas State Grange opposes any amendment to the United States Constitution that denies an individual the freedom of choice for abortion, and the Grange opposes the government's financing of abortion except in cases of rape, incest, endangered health of the mother, or serious defects of the child. The Grange supports educational efforts that would emphasize the necessity for licensed hospitals and medical doctors when abortions are necessary. The Grange further supports that all abortion agencies provide counseling by qualified professional personnel to explore all possible options before an abortion is done.
2. The Kansas State Grange supports the following changes being made in the Medicare and Medicaid Programs:
 - a. equity of payment between inpatient and outpatient procedures according to Medicare's Diagnostic Related Groups (DRGs),
 - b. equity in reimbursements between rural and urban hospitals,
 - c. prohibiting hospitals or doctors from setting fees based on the method of payment,
 - d. faster processing of claims to permit faster reimbursement,
 - e. a division of assets procedure that would preserve the financial stability of a healthy spouse,
 - f. coverage for outpatient office laser surgery,
 - g. extended coverage to ensure sufficient time for full recovery,
 - h. increased coverage for home health care costs for the elderly,
 - i. a full investigation of the causes of rapid increase in Medicare/Medicaid costs,
 - j. a cap on the annual increase in Medicare deductions of no more than the general inflation rate,
 - k. Reimbursement for services of Midwives, Nurse Practitioners and Physicians Assistants.
3. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation that will provide uniform care and services to nursing home patients and will protect their rights. The Grange further believes that all rest and nursing homes should be inspected without prior notification.
4. The Kansas State Grange recognizes the value of medical research and public awareness campaigns into the following areas:
 - a. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS),
 - b. Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS),
 - c. Parkinson's Disease, through the transplantation of brain tissue from human fetuses.
 - d. The establishment of a National Commission on Neurofibromatosis to assess the nature and extent of research in order to develop an effective treatment and cure,

- e. Continued support of the use of animals in biomedical research.
5. We urge that the Federal Government maintain block grant/matching funds to states for Community Health Clinics.
6. The Kansas State Grange favors the passage of laws which allow parents and doctors to decide whether to keep severely physically and mentally handicapped children alive by life support systems without interference by the Government.
7. The Kansas State Grange recommends that available grants for the treatment of the mentally ill be publicized so that more mental health institutions may be reopened to aid in the evaluation and treatment of the mentally ill.
8. The Kansas State Grange is opposed to mandatory population controls but does recognize the need for readily available family planning and population control information for those who need or desire it.
9. The Kansas State Grange encourages a clinic form of primary emergency care for rural communities that are too small to support a full-service hospital.
10. The Kansas State Grange recommends that the qualifications for day care inspectors be upgraded to meet or surpass those of a day care provider.
11. (#457) The Kansas State Grange asks that the National Grange support legislation requiring education professionals to be certified in Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) and that State Boards of Education require school districts to cover education professionals in life-threatening emergencies under their liability policies.
12. (#05-2010) The Kansas State Grange encourages all members to consent to be organ and tissue donors when renewing their driver's license.

II. Health Care

1. The Kansas State Grange supports reform of our health care system that incorporates the following:
 - a. Access to health care for every American regardless of age, race, income, health, condition, or location.
 - b. Uniform benefits and eligibility requirements. Uniform claim forms should be used to reduce administrative costs.
 - c. The development and implementation of an all-inclusive insurance system should be accomplished by representatives from all aspects of health care, including consumer advocate groups.
 - d. Provide for availability of affordable health care insurance. Government assistance shall be provided to all individuals who cannot afford basic medical services.
 - e. (#244) The Grange takes action to support a health program for America that will consider cost and management. Each individual Granger should keep themselves informed and knowledgeable so they may use their influence in finalizing a Health Care Program.
 - f. (#216) The choice of medical provider and medical facility be retained for patients under the Federal Health Care Program. That long-term care, prescriptions, and doctor-recommended medication be included in the Federal Health Care Program.

- g. Should seek as much funding from the private sector as is possible, with government involvement restricted to revising current laws and regulations to allow for the implementation of the system.
 - h. All participants shall contribute based upon their ability to pay. The system should provide adequate financing to continue quality health care services without cost shifting from one segment to another.
 - i. Tax incentives for businesses that provide coverage for their employees, self-employed, and individuals who acquire their own private insurance. It should not include legislation which would mandate that employers must provide health insurance to their employees.
 - j. Programs of education in wellness and disease prevention not only for health service consumers but also for health service providers also.
 - k. Payment to health care providers should adhere to a schedule of fees for services provided that is uniform across the United States and is only adjusted for the cost of living in geographic regions and is indexed to inflation. Incentives to provide innovative technologies and services should also be considered.
 - l. Cost containment strategies should not interfere with providing effective and efficient services and should strive to maintain care of the highest quality.
 - m. National standards for malpractice liability insurance coverage shall be established based upon the type and scope of practice. The reform must include mandatory alternate methods, such as arbitration, to resolve disputes, and should support legislation to place a cap on malpractice awards.
 - n. Any reform should not stifle continued improvement in the quality of health care services and must continually access new and existing technologies and ensure that their application is appropriate.
 - o. Fairness in terms of the quality of care, fee structure for services, terms of coverage, and access to all services.
 - p. Reforms should not adversely affect either the rural or urban sectors of our country.
 - q. (rev. 2007) Promote Advance Directives so patients' wishes are known and promote the reciprocity of Advanced Directives in all states.
 - r. Allow incentives for premium reduction to be given on malpractice insurance based on claim record for all health care providers.
2. The Kansas State Grange opposes reductions in reimbursements by Medicaid and Medicare for durable medical equipment.
 3. The Kansas State Grange asks all recipients of health care goods and services to receive a copy of the full-itemized bill for all goods and services rendered.
 4. The Kansas State Grange opposes any efforts that attempt to commercialize Human Organ Procurement.
 5. The Kansas State Grange supports incentive programs for doctors who will agree to practice in rural areas where basic medical care is not available.
 6. The Kansas State Grange supports funding research into the perfection of diagnostic techniques and the control of Lyme disease.
 7. The Kansas State Grange supports the return of scholarship monies from those doctors who received money and did not fulfill their obligations to practice in rural or needy areas. The Grange further supports the National Health Services Corps' review of its application

process, and that they impose stiffer penalties if scholarship recipients do not follow through on their contractual obligations.

8. The Kansas State Grange recommends that insurance companies be required by law to provide adequate recovery time for new mothers and newborn children as deemed necessary by a competent medical authority.
9. The Kansas State Grange recommends that stronger penalties be established for fraudulent disability claims under Medicare.
10. The Kansas State Grange recommends that the Food and Drug Administration hold medical entities and pharmacists accountable for out-of-date prescription medicines.
11. The Kansas State Grange asks that all public and private buildings be made handicap accessible.
12. The Kansas State Grange supports Emergency Telephone Service (911) for all residents in the State of Kansas.
13. (#477) The Kansas State Grange requests Congress to investigate and pass legislation to insure the timely processing of Social Security Disability.
14. (#520) The Kansas State Grange asks the legislature to adopt regulations that will place coverage for mental illness comparable to coverage for medical conditions in health policies approved in Kansas.
15. (#556) The Kansas State Grange asks that regulatory agencies adjust regulations to allow small hospitals and clinics to operate in low-density population areas.
16. (#623-2006) The Kansas State Grange supports legislation that provides disability benefits to the spouse providing care for a terminally ill person.
17. (#04-2008) The Grange supports government funded universal health care coverage for all children in this country under the age of 5.
18. (#20-2010) The Kansas State Grange supports all legislation to keep the IRS out of health care.
19. (#21-2010) The Kansas State Grange supports House Resolution 5126, this legislation repeals the tax increases and limitations on HSAs, FSAs and HRAs.

III. Drug and Chemical Safety

1. The Kansas State Grange encourages that all prescription and over-the-counter drugs be accompanied with an easily readable label containing the generic name of the drug and possible warnings about the side effects. The Grange also supports legislation requiring that generic and brand name drugs meet the same purity and potency requirements and should be so labeled.
2. The Kansas State Grange encourages the bold, accurate labeling of household products, farm chemicals, and other products containing toxic ingredients. The Grange further supports the use of "Mr. Yuk" symbols on these products.
3. The Kansas State Grange supports the practice of placing the correct antidote for the contents of poisonous household products, farm chemicals and other products containing toxic ingredients on the label. The Grange further recommends that the National Academy of Science review poison antidotes on a periodic basis to assure that these product labels contain the most current available information.

4. The Kansas State Grange asks that the Federal Government enact more stringent building code standards to make building materials more fire resistant, including the addition of flame and smoke retardants to urethane.
5. (rev. 2011) The Kansas State Grange supports Home Firearm Safety Programs and the development of safety reminders using Public Service Announcements, etc. to educate people in the prevention of accidents and potential consequences.
6. (rev. 2007) The Kansas State Grange supports efforts to control the problem of illegal drugs, including the so called "designer drugs." Stricter penalties should be enforced prohibiting the sale of paraphernalia that is exclusively designed for consuming illegal drugs Extensive and readily available drug treatment should be offered with fees charged according to ability to pay and more drug education for people of all ages. The Grange opposes legalizing harmful drugs except for those that are taken for valid medical reasons.
7. The Kansas State Grange supports changing the U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations to allow any victim of a terminal disease to volunteer to take an experimental or special drug under medical supervision, to help advance the cause of medical knowledge about the effects of those drugs. The individual's choice to use experimental or special drugs should apply especially to persons who seek relief from the intolerable pain caused by their terminal disease. Doctors and medical personnel who administer experimental or special drugs to terminally ill volunteers should be relieved of all liability.
8. The Kansas State Grange supports the random testing for substance abuse in those occupations where public safety is concerned (pilots, police, medical personnel, etc.). No decision should be made until three (3) random tests are taken.
9. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation that requires a minimum of 20% of the cash and assets that are seized from those people convicted of dealing in illegal drugs, be allocated to the school districts within the communities to promote drug education and rehabilitation of the youth of those communities.
10. The Kansas State Grange recommends that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) require more stringent restrictions to reduce the lead levels in pottery, earthenware, stemware, and other articles that are used for eating and drinking.
11. The Kansas State Grange asks that funding for types of addictive care be governed by medical personnel and not non-medical administrators of reimbursement programs.
12. The Kansas State Grange supports the requirement that all pharmacists print on every prescription the dosage instructions and not use the term "take as directed."
13. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation or administrative action that will make it mandatory that all physicians and pharmacists be required to give information concerning side effects and warnings with every prescription.
14. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation to make prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs more affordable.
15. The Kansas State Grange recommends that any product containing Dioxin above the acceptable FDA limit be labeled as to the amount of Dioxin present.
16. The Kansas State Grange asks that government agencies be required to adhere to proper hazardous waste disposal guidelines and regulations.

IV. Miscellaneous

1. The Kansas State Grange supports the requirement that TV commercials remain at the same decibel level as regular programs and supports its enforcement.
2. The Kansas State Grange supports the concept of public broadcasting and urges improved service for our rural communities.
3. The Kansas State Grange supports state laws that are severe in punishing child pornographer and distributors of such materials.
4. The Kansas State Grange urges manufacturers to attach a caution decal on arc welders stating that they are to be used only with a protective face shield.
5. (rev. 2007) The Kansas State Grange supports legislation that would require a bitter compound to be added in all poisonous liquid products.
6. The Kansas State Grange commends and supports the efforts of the American Academy of Pediatrics in making the use of bicycle helmets the norm, rather than the exception, for our nation's children through the Academy's bicycle helmet promotion program.
7. The Kansas State Grange supports the appropriate federal agencies that are making information available on how to report suspected fraudulent action through senior citizen organizations and public service announcements, on radio, television, and other media.
8. The Kansas State Grange asks that United States citizens, rather than foreign students, be given preference in obtaining publicly funded scholarships.
9. The Kansas State Grange asks for legislation that would require those who issue drivers' licenses to hand the person seeking such license a pamphlet or card that shows the need for organ donors. The Grange supports a greater effort to help educate the public of the great need for people to participate in a donor program in order to save lives.
10. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation that requires artist recipients of National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) grants, to return all funds received from NEA for projects that are deemed obscene or sacrilegious by the courts.
11. The Kansas State Grange supports funding for Boron Neutron Capture Therapy at the Idaho Nuclear Energy Laboratory facility in the Arco Desert for treatment of cancer. We also support using any other similar facility that may become available for this treatment.
12. The Kansas State Grange supports programs favoring productive enterprises for youth.
13. The Kansas State Grange opposes legislation that mandates more regulations on small water systems to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act.
14. (#251) The Kansas State Grange asks that all caskets have some type of permanent standardized identification on the outside, and that the local governing cemetery authority keep detailed records to include, but not limited to, name, date, date of birth, date of death and location of internment.
15. (#02-2008) The Grange supports legislation requiring employers to provide paid family leave for parents with a new child in the home to match the time off allowance under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act.
16. (#03-2008) The Grange supports government-funded incentives for companies that offer flexible work options, fair wages and benefits for parents in the workforce who are raising a family.

Energy, Conservation and Natural Resources Policy Statement

Natural resources that are held in trust for society by Federal, State and Local Governments, such as national forests, parks and wilderness areas, should be wisely and professionally managed under a doctrine of multiple uses that provides a reasonable sharing of benefits by all. The Kansas State Grange believes that the time tested legal and economic benefits and responsibilities of private property ownership, provides the best overall protection for our natural resources. Research is continually needed to reduce the amount of agricultural chemical use, to assure a safer means of application and utilization of the best management practices that are available. The Kansas State Grange supports a scientific approach in establishing residue tolerances for chemicals in ground and surface water supplies delineating man-made and natural contaminants.

Wind Power is an important part of the solution to the United States of America becoming partially independent on our energy needs. Kansas Grange supports the National Grange position of the 25 x '25 initiative, which challenges the United States of America to obtain 25% of its renewable energy sources by 2025. The State of Kansas has a golden opportunity to be a leader in supplying this renewable energy.

I. Energy

1. The Kansas State Grange supports increased research and development of alternate fuels and/or other additives derived from sources other than petroleum products.
2. (2009) The Kansas State Grange urges continued support of government mandated use of hybrids, and alternative fuels in government, commercial and public use vehicles.
3. (#02-2011) The Kansas State Grange opposes a mandatory ban and request that Congress rescind the ban on incandescent light bulbs.

II. Conservation

1. The Kansas State Grange opposes any federal action that would remove taxable land for federal parks and wilderness areas in the name of Conservation, and the Grange supports passage of the Endangered Species Act legislation promoting passing of private property rights.
2. The Kansas State Grange supports voluntary programs that control potential known point as well as non-point sources of agricultural pollution. The Grange also supports programs offering at least 50% cost sharing assistance, to correct agricultural pollution and if major expenditures are required, receive free technical assistance prior to non-income producing practices being employed.
3. The Kansas State Grange recommends that adequate State and Federal funds be provided for the soil or water conservation program that is required by the Clean Water Act, including at least 75% of the Federal cost share on best management practices.
4. The Kansas State Grange supports the development, construction and maintenance of watershed projects, dams, and reservoirs for multiple uses.
5. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation that would consolidate the activities of the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior so duplication of services would be eliminated.

6. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation that will improve the workability of the wetlands regulatory program and will work with other land use organizations in resolving the wetlands use.
7. (#207) The Kansas State Grange asks that the restoration, protection and preservation of the riparian and wetland areas be achieved by enlisting the voluntary participation of the public and private landowners, in the management of these important natural resources, and that the private property owners be compensated for loss of usage of their property due to the Endangered Species Act. (ESA)
8. The Kansas State Grange believes a zero-pollution standard is unrealistic, but the Grange does support the federal clean water laws and regulations that are obtainable and realistic and are equally enforced in all states.
9. The Kansas State Grange supports the need and enforcement of Pesticide Management Areas (PMA).
10. (2004) The Kansas State Grange supports the state's Conservation Districts in securing a dedicated source of funding for the Conservation Districts' existing programs and new programs being developed.
11. (#514) The Kansas State Grange opposes the regulation and control of streams and bodies of water on public lands by the Environmental Protection Agency.
12. (#519) The Kansas State Grange opposes any regulatory agency requiring farm ponds to contain only potable water.
13. The Kansas State Grange supports a moratorium on funding and designing new wetlands by our government or its agencies to control mosquitoes that carry the West Nile Virus. The Kansas State Grange further supports that all current construction of wetlands be immediately stopped by Executive Order of the President of the United States, regardless of funding source, for the purpose of helping control mosquitoes carrying the West Nile Virus.
14. (#08-2008) The Grange supports the USDA's Conservation Reserve Programs and the intent of CREP to protect our irrigation water supply.
15. (#08-2008) The Kansas State Grange does not endorse the Conservation Reserve Programs (CREP) totally taking production off all crop lands when dry land crops can be grown in place of irrigated crops.
16. (#01-2013) The Kansas State Grange opposes the sole use of uniform Federal Government farm pollution policies, and support that each state, or region, continue to maintain their own farm pollution policies that are unique to their industry and geography.

III. Natural Resources

1. The Kansas State Grange supports recycling all used containers when feasible and would encourage support of education programs that alert the public about the importance of using degradable plastics.
2. (2004) The Kansas State Grange asks that all containers and packaging be made from materials that are safely burnable, biodegradable, recyclable or refundable.
3. (#53) The Kansas State Grange supports developing our own oil and natural gas reserves to decrease dependency on foreign imports of these fuels.
4. (#143) The Kansas State Grange asks that Congress adopt the recommendations of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Secretaries of Energy and Interior, to improve

exploration and production of oil reserves on the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

5. (#02-2010) The Kansas State Grange strive to educate ourselves and legislators to support efforts of scientific community towards a more environmentally safe atmosphere and the appreciating of economic and national security benefits that would come with the adoption of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) as a dependable and affordable fuel source for all transportation.

Labor and Judiciary Policy Statement

Throughout history, the Kansas State Grange has urged its members to add dignity to labor; and in their dealings with their fellowman, be honest, be just and fear not.

The Kansas State Grange supports the right of every American to work in any capacity, trade or endeavor, skilled or unskilled.

The Kansas State Grange supports the fair and equitable enforcement of all laws and regulations and urges all citizens to faithfully follow the laws of the United States and the State of Kansas.

The Kansas State Grange asks that all judges and lawyers take responsibility to clearly explain legal decisions and how they are arrived at, to all affected parties in a judicial proceeding.

The Kansas State Grange (#170) favors the direct election of judges be reinstated in Kansas.

The Kansas State Grange supports reform of tort and liability laws to hold those who are responsible for damage and negligence accountable for their action.

The Kansas State Grange supports mandatory sentences for criminals and restitution for their victims, but at the same time encourages studies for alternative plans and programs to imprisonment for the non-violent crimes.

(#234) The Kansas State Grange position is that probation be ended for chronic offenders committing violent crime, and in the event, probation is granted, punishment be quick and strict for any further violation.

There is a need for strong immigration policy with limited quotas for immigrants and refugees: however, the Kansas State Grange supports programs for allowing foreign workers to enter the United States on a temporary basis.

I. Relations and Workers

1. The Kansas State Grange supports a legal means for migrant workers to enter this country to help harvest seasonal crops.
2. The Kansas State Grange supports programs in both education and health for all migrant workers.
3. The Kansas State Grange position is that persons on a work permit not be eligible for support on a welfare basis.
4. The Kansas State Grange position is that the group or persons transporting illegal aliens for the purpose of using them in an illegal manner be tried for the crime as if they had committed it themselves.
5. The Kansas State Grange does not support the giving of whole amnesty to illegal aliens.
6. The Kansas State Grange does not support the mandatory certification of all volunteer firefighters but would encourage certification as feasible and economically justified.

7. (rev. 2011) The Kansas State Grange encourages the Governor of Kansas to keep appointing the labor relations board.
8. (#532) The Kansas State Grange supports retention of the present Kansas Public Employees retirement system.

II. Civil Law

1. The Kansas State Grange position is for legislation to protect owners from contractors that disappear with funds or declare bankruptcy before the project is completed.
 - a. (#224) All contractors should be required to be bonded.
 - b. (#225) Lien laws should be changed to prohibit supply contractors from billing individuals or using liens against property owners to recover losses from building contractors, where the property owner has met the terms of his contract with the builder.
2. The Kansas State Grange supports efforts to bring fairness to all civil proceedings by reforming the tort, liability and malpractice laws.
3. The Kansas State Grange opposes "citizen suit" legislation, which would allow individuals to initiate suits against farmers and ranchers for environmental violations without having to show any direct loss or damage to initiate such a suit.
4. (#426) The Kansas State Grange recommends that all available security measures be used to protect the confidentiality of credit reports from unauthorized individuals.
5. (#427) The Kansas State Grange position is that increased security be used by financial institutions, retail sales outlets, and other institutions to limit the issuance of credit cards without identity verification of the applicant.

III. International Law

1. The Kansas State Grange supports our government and other governments in condemning terrorist acts and bringing to trial those responsible for such acts.
2. The Kansas State Grange asks our government to work towards stricter enforcement of international laws to help insure world peace.
3. The Kansas State Grange asks our government to become less lenient towards persons representing other countries' government (diplomatic immunity) when they become involved in crimes against our citizens.
4. (#175) The Kansas State Grange position is that immigration investigations become stricter with a goal of limiting criminal migration to the United States and that those extradition treaties be improved or developed with new countries and those with relaxed migration policies.
5. (#302) The Kansas State Grange asks that the Immigration and Naturalization Service be revised, with additional staff, with stricter laws and Immigration Naturalization Service Asylum Interviewers stationed at every International Airport to screen immediately those seeking asylum.
6. (#307) The Kansas State Grange supports the elimination of non-cooperative resolutions that prevent employees from sharing fraud information and investigative records.

IV. Punishment for Crime

1. (#118) The Kansas State Grange favors a very stiff penalty be assessed against anyone using a credit card illegally.
2. (#24) The Kansas State Grange supports stricter laws that include work programs for convicted drug users, dealers and sellers and restricted drivers' licenses for convicted drug users.
3. The Kansas State Grange position is that persons judged not guilty by reason of insanity shall, after their release from a mental institution, be held to face a full sentencing for the crime.
4. The Kansas State Grange position is that all Kansas Noxious Weed Laws be enforced, and that the Grange work with all concerned to help with this problem.

Taxation and Fiscal Policy Statement

The Kansas State Grange realizes the importance of raising monies at various levels of government to meet the needs of our society. Furthermore, the taxation of properties, goods and services has long been the means of raising these monies. The following is an outline of the tax policy of the Kansas State Grange and is not intended to be solution in total, but a starting point for tax relief at various levels of government.

I. Our Federal Government Should

1. (#367) The Kansas State Grange asks that immigrants, regardless of status, be denied tax free status while awaiting citizenship.

II. Our State of Kansas Government Should:

1. The Kansas State Grange asks that tax dollars collected from dedicated sources be used for intended purpose.
2. The Kansas State Grange asks the State to give greater flexibility in funding mechanisms to local governments
3. (#213) The Kansas State Grange opposes a Value Added Tax and urges our Senators and Representatives to do likewise.

III. Local Units of Government Should:

1. Not be allowed to spend money they don't have that automatically becomes a tax burden without voter approval (no fund warrants).
2. (#205) The Kansas State Grange go on record asking the Kansas Legislature to pass legislation to allow local units of government to levy an emergency increase to their street and road budget, not to exceed (five) 5 mills per year for a maximum of three (3) years.

IV. Other:

1. The Kansas State Grange asks that waste and over-staffing needs be addressed at all levels of government.
2. (#431) The Kansas State Grange asks all governing bodies (local, county, state and federal) re-evaluate their current methods of tax assessment to reflect equality at all income levels.
3. (#551) The Kansas State Grange supports legislation to bring equal standard deductions and tax brackets for all taxpayers regardless of marital status.

Insurance Policy Statement

In an effort to provide mutual protection from unforeseen circumstances like fire, drought and loss of livelihood, folks have contributed funds to be set aside for the mutual benefit of all concerned. From this earliest conception of mutual aid societies has grown the present insurance industry.

Many of our Granges were formed as a result of individuals of similar situations needing to provide a mutual aid society. The betterment or well-being of a community was often a criteria.

Today's society requires and demands a stable set of conditions in order to function on a somewhat non-adverse level of living standards. This can only result with an undergirding of financial support that is afforded by maintaining insurance. To be without this insurance protection could create a set of conditions that result in chaos or at the very least uneasiness, to an individual or family.

Any type of insurance requires a premium be paid; but if the money is not available to pay for this protection, then a portion of our society becomes "at risk." The Kansas State Grange is very concerned about this rapidly increasing group of "at risk" individuals that are primarily resulting from increases in health care cost.

In order to make insurance affordable and more available, we must have a total understanding of what it means to have "coverage" or "non-coverage." There must be a concerted effort on the part of the health care providers to reduce or at least hold the line on cost. This means there has to be education for the public, understanding by the insurers, and fair compensation for the providers.

Liability is also a large area of concern for our membership. Whether it is personal liability as a property owner or operator of a vehicle, or the liability of others that needs protection from our lawsuits, the premiums paid are a direct result of the amount of claims paid out by the insurance company holding the policy.

It is possible to obtain insurance coverage for practically anything or any circumstance for a price. Most needs for insurance coverage result from personal desires or requirements. The Grange members need to educate themselves as to what coverage is available, fire, disability and real property insurance for peace of mind and to benefit family.

I. Liability Insurance

1. (2003) The Kansas State Grange supports the Kansas State law requiring liability insurance for operators of motor vehicles. The Grange further supports the law that requires proof of non-refundable liability insurance before purchasing a vehicle tag.
2. The Kansas State Grange asks that "caps" be placed on punitive malpractice suits, unless gross negligence can be proven beyond all reasonable doubts.
3. The Kansas State Grange recommends an incentive of premium reduction be given on malpractice insurance based on claim record for all health care providers.
4. The Kansas State Grange asks Congress to establish a statute of limitation, not exceeding five years, to be placed on product liability for collection damages.
5. The Kansas State Grange asks that payment of benefits be limited to actual damages and/or losses incurred as a result of an error or omission. In order for errors and omissions to be proven, the complainant must have written documentation that errors and/or omissions have taken place.

6. The Kansas State Grange asks that National Standards for malpractice liability insurance coverage be established based upon the type and scope of practice. The reform must include mandatory alternate methods such as arbitration to resolve disputes.

II. General Policies

1. The Kansas State Grange promotes Advance Directives as a means of reducing health care cost.
2. The Kansas State Grange promotes reciprocity of Advanced Directives.
3. The Kansas State Grange asks that the current form of government be changed, by having the Insurance Commissioner replaced by a Commission/Task Force to make consensus type decisions and recommendations in lieu of individual decisions and recommendations.
4. The Kansas State Grange asks the State to provide education for our Grange members encompassing insurance matters.
5. The Kansas State Grange endorses Home Health Care as a part of any system.
6. The Kansas State Grange asks that Physicians in a "group" need to be all participating or all non-participating regarding health claims presented for payment from a provider.

Transportation Policy Statement

In an agricultural state such as Kansas, it is imperative that citizens, as well as producers and their products be able to travel safely. This safe transportation required adequate roads and bridges. The Grange has long been a driving force regarding the safety of the nation's highway system, and this endeavor must be ongoing. The Grange should remain current with changes and projects to protect the expenditure of the Highway Trust Fund.

General Policies

1. (#83) The Kansas State Grange asks that all Subordinate and Pomona Granges participate in the Adopt-A-Highway Program.
2. (#93) The Kansas State Grange opposes the use of abandoned railroad right-of-way as hiking and biking trails. This abandoned right-of-way should revert to the owner of the adjoining property.
3. The Kansas State Grange opposes the use of motor fuel tax to reduce the deficit of the National Government.
4. (#88) The Kansas State Grange favors the continuation of earmarking all the Federal motor fuel tax to the Highway Trust Fund.
5. (#91) The Kansas State Grange asks that all affiliated state highway users organizations, trade associations, chamber of commerce, farm organizations, and safety councils keep strong support for new and existing traffic and highway safety legislation near the top of their organization's list of priorities.
6. The Kansas State Grange asks that all operators of public transportation conveyances be required to pass drug and substance abuse tests every year and if test proves positive, the operator's license shall be revoked.
7. The Kansas State Grange asks that our State Legislature continue the legislation authorizing a long-term road and bridge upgrading and improvement, and the funding mechanism to accomplish these long-term goals.

8. The Kansas State Grange asks that Congress maintain tax reform policies that will preserve and enhance the ability of this nation to find and produce domestic oil and gas resources.
9. The Kansas State Grange supports the need for a Highway Trust Fund, and that it should not be part of the budget of the U. S. Government since it is a tax collected for a dedicated program.
10. The Kansas State Grange supports a clean air policy that will best protect the physical and economic health of industry and the general public.
11. The Kansas State Grange supports full compensation for homes, farming operations and businesses when displaced by highway right-of-way.
12. The Kansas State Grange supports the construction and maintenance of an adequate number of well-lighted rest area facilities on the Interstate Highway System.
13. The Kansas State Grange asks that a high priority be placed on conserving prime agricultural lands when constructing highways.
14. The Kansas State Grange supports Federal Funds for building roads and bridges but asks that little or no strings be attached so the states can have as much flexibility as possible.
15. The Kansas State Grange asks that special attention be given to railroad crossings in rural areas that do not have warning lights and bells. Recommends that all obstructions be removed, and ripple strips placed on the road surface approach.
16. The Kansas State Grange supports driver education in all public schools.
17. The Kansas State Grange supports stricter enforcement of all carriers of hazardous materials, with certain exemptions for farmers and other users with limited movement of materials.
18. The Kansas State Grange supports the Federal Law for requiring a commercial driver's license for all persons involved in the moving of commerce, except for farmers moving raw agricultural products off the farm up to 150 miles.
19. The Kansas State Grange opposes the use of triple trailers on our highway system.
20. The Kansas State Grange encourages all members to work with other organizations. The purpose and objective are to get drunk drivers off the roads and highways.
21. (#198) The Kansas State Grange recommends that the Kansas Legislature that they pass a mandatory motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle (ATV) helmet law. Protective head gear must be used by all operators and riders when the vehicle is being used on any public road or highway.
22. The Kansas State Grange asks that each Subordinate Grange participate in their local recycling programs as a service project.
23. (#557) The Kansas State Grange and the National Grange supports development and production of soy diesel/soy diesel blends along with ethanol fuels to provide decreased dependency on fossil fuels and more balanced grain marketing for the farmer.
24. (#04-2010) The Grange strongly requests the United States continue the ban on Mexican Truck Traffic until they can comply with all United States laws and regulations before being allowed to enter the United States.

Kansas State Grange Internal Policies

I. Finance

1. No reimbursements shall be given to any State Grange Officer, or Department Chairperson, for room cost incurred at the annual meeting of the Kansas State Grange.
2. Items labeled "Other Income" in the General Fund are detailed to show various sources of this income, over \$100.00.
3. Any variance of expenditure, either over or under budget by 10%, should be detailed in a footnote to the budget report.
4. A \$5.00 registration fee shall be paid by all Subordinate members who register at the annual meeting of the Kansas State Grange.
5. Envelopes and stationery with only the Grange emblem be printed for use of all officers and department chairpersons except for the State Master/President, State Secretary and Public Information Director.
6. (#5-2012) The Kansas State Grange President, Membership Director and department directors should be given purchase cards not to exceed their department subaccounts (~~Family~~ Activities, Youth and Juniors) for use in planning and funding department activities. The original receipts and ledger statements be submitted monthly to the State Grange Treasurer for review with the Executive Committee. (Revised 2021)
7. (#6-2012) The Kansas State Grange pays for the planned cost of meals for the President (and spouse) to an event, using the provided meal ticket information prior to the said event. The President will provide a paid receipt for such payment to the State Treasurer following said event for review with the Executive Committee.

II. Grange Law and Good of the Order

1. The Treasurer's Report will be presented in printed form, to the delegates prior to the opening of the annual meeting of the Kansas State Grange
2. The Treasurer's Report shall be presented to the delegate body no later than eight (8) hours after the opening of the annual meeting of the Kansas State Grange. Discussion and voting on acceptance shall be deferred no less than twenty-four (24) hours after being presented to the delegate body, and after acceptance of the delegate body, of the Audit Committees Report.
3. The meeting on or nearest to the Memorial Day holiday shall be designated as Grange Memorial Day in all Subordinate/Community Granges.
4. The Kansas State Grange Roster and Journal of Proceedings of the Kansas State Grange shall be published and distributed to all Granges.
5. The Finance Committee will be furnished information from the appropriate sources so the Committee Report can be presented on the floor by the end of the second day of the proceedings to allow the delegate body to consider all financial matters and allow time for thought, discussion and resolutions.
6. The State Grange will always invest its monies in a financial institution that has insured accounts.
7. The State Grange will accept the financial obligation of transporting the property needed of the Kansas State Grange to its Conventions.
8. (2005) The Constitution and By-Laws and the Policy Manual will be updated and printed in the Journal of Proceedings each year.

9. The State Master shall be able to appoint interim committees for policy development.
10. (#11 rev. 2006) Beginning with the 1989 resolutions, each be assigned a number that will carry on into policy as the assigned number, with each year's resolutions beginning where the previous year's numbering ended. Numbers not used as policy numbers (resolutions that are not passed into policy or resolutions that are combined with other numbered resolutions) would remain blank. The year the resolution was passed to also be included starting in 2006 (i.e., #621-2006).
11. (#378) Resolutions rejected as present policy should be cited in the Committee report by page and resolutions number for delegate consideration.
12. (#452) Lifetime Membership may be offered on the Subordinate level, with monies placed in a separate interest-bearing account, providing continuous membership dues funding.
13. (#486) The minutes of any meeting of the Executive Board of the Kansas State Grange be published in the following issue of The Kansas Granger.
14. (#496 rev. 2006) The Kansas State Grange Charter will be draped at the annual convention in the event of death of a current or past State Officer or Department Chair, or President's spouse.
15. (#518) The Executive Committee of the Kansas State Grange shall record vote results by count in the minutes.
16. (#10-2007) The State Secretary will notify the State Master and State Chaplain as soon as a death of a current or past State Officer, Department Chair or their spouse is known. ~~and the Phone Tree will be initiated immediately.~~ (Revised 2022)
17. (#1-2008) All eligible membership awards by continuous membership in the Grange for a calendar year be established as of the date dues paid or January 31, whichever is later.
18. (#1-2010) Every resolution considered and/or passed by the Kansas State Grange be identified as Local, State or National issue either by the committee or by the written resolution and become a part of the committee report to be adopted by convention delegate vote.
19. (#1-2010) Resolutions passed at delegate convention shall be printed in our policies booklet whether they deal with Local, State or National concerns as a stated point of our Kansas State Grange Policy.
20. (#17-2010) The Kansas State Grange purchase jump/flash drives for each convention committee for use during session so that the resolutions can be preloaded, and corrections made directly from a laptop computer enabling quick turnaround on printed material and a final version for the state secretary to be inserted into the Journal of Proceedings and/or policy manual.
21. (#19-2010) Ask the National Grange to adopt the single regional conference format that would be capable of covering Lecturers, Youth, Junior, and Membership enrichment programs.
22. (#1-2011) The Junior Grange Pledge should be restored to the original wording in the traditional manual.