



KANSAS GRANGER

- Official Newsletter of the Kansas State Grange -



A MESSAGE FROM THE KANSAS STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT

In light of the unprecedented circumstance we are all living in during the pandemic of COVID-19 the Kansas State Grange Board of Directors has voted to change the scope the 149th Kansas State Grange Convention.

As of today, the plan is for an in-person Session at the Gardner Grange Hall on Saturday, October 10th. We have decided that in order to reduce the risk to our members instead of a regular three day format we will meet one day only. This is the same weekend as originally planned, with a change in location and length of meeting. If conditions get worse this might also change.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

This will result in some significant changes in how we will conduct business. Items that are required to lay over (i.e. Treasurers Report, Proposed Budget, Resolutions requiring layover, etc....) will be sent out to Delegates prior to session, it is vitally important that we have current email addresses for all Delegates and Officers. In addition we will not have the displays, contests, banquets and awards at session as we usually do. Please refer to the individual Directors portion of this newsletter for changes in their programs. Many of our changes directly reflect the changes that National Grange has had to do for this year as well.

As of now the National Session has been reduced to a 2-day session with Officers and Delegates only. Until now, every year since 1884 the Seventh Degree has been conferred at National Session, World Wars, other pandemics, even the Great Depression has not caused its cancellation. We can only hope that it will be at least that long before it happens again.

We are not alone in our decision to change how we conduct our session most states have reduced their session, limited it to delegates only, or some even conducting their meeting by electronic means only.

Please keep a watch out for State Session updates as time progresses for any unforeseen changes that may yet occur.

Please stay safe and healthy,

Roger A. Bostwick, President



YOUTH YAMMERINGS

Greetings Grangers!

What a year it has been so far; and we're only half way through! I hope this newsletter finds everyone well!

Due to Covid-19, all regional conferences have been cancelled. Great Plains should have been held in Denver, Colorado on June 12-14; I'm not sure how many Kansans planned to attend but I personally am looking forward to next year's Conference! Dates and locations for 2021 will be announced soon!

With the cancellation of regional conferences, the Sign-a-Song and Public Speaking contests have been moved to a virtual format. Those wishing to participate should have signed up online by June 15th; I know of a few Kansans that are participating in these contests so we wish them best of luck!

At the close of session in October, the Youth had a few projects in the works. We continue to work on those projects but the completion has been put on hold for the time being. I hope to meet with Youth members again soon to plan for the year ahead! After all, National Grange in Wichita 2021 is fast approaching and we will have some responsibilities as part of the host region.

Speaking of the National level, KSG Youth met briefly following state session and decided to make a donation to the Founders Sponsorship for Grange Youth and Junior Grange. We are proudly John Thompson level sponsors! This sponsorship helps to cover National Youth and Junior programming and prizes, something we take benefit in too! You and your Grange can be Founders Sponsors as well through the Grange Foundation.

In 2020 the National Grange Youth are focusing on the \$20 for '20 Promise. This is a promise to make a \$20 donation to the National Grange Youth programs in 2020. As summer approached, the National Grange Youth increased engagement in this fundraiser by including an Ice Bucket Challenge! You can fulfill the \$20 for 20 promise (with or without the ice bucket) online at www.grangefoundation.org/20for20.

As I'm sure you've read throughout this newsletter, our State Session has been reduced to one day. Typically, the Youth Department does a majority of our fundraising during session through Bingo, Silent Gift Basket Auction and Pizza Party. These will not take this place this year due to our reduced schedule. Youth depend on our fundraising efforts and donations to support youth members attending National session, regional conferences, supporting the National Youth program and in other events or projects. We appreciate the donations Kansas Grangers provide to our Youth Department so we can continue our growth in this great organization.

Thank you as always for your continued support of Kansas State Grange Youth and Young Adults!

Fraternally,
 Molly Newman
 Kansas State Grange Youth & Young Adults Director

Kansans taking the Ice Bucket Challenge and fulfilling the \$20 for '20 Promise.... will you?



IN ORDER TO GROW TO THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL, GRANGE YOUTH RELY ON THE CENTRAL TENET:

GRANGERS ARE NOTED FOR FIDELTY

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE NEXT GENERATION - NOT JUST OF OUR GRANGE BUT OF OUR NATION

Make your tax-deductible \$20 today to show your fidelity and fulfill the \$20 for '20 Promise

JUNIOR JABBER

Many things have happened in 2020. Now is the time to reconnect with your families and focus on the good. My husband and I have been more aware of how we should talk about feelings with our kids and how to celebrate uniqueness and differences between them and those people around them, during this time that is hard for them to understand. We have read many books highlighting feelings and celebrating differences in ourselves and other people. Books are a great way to reach kids. I encourage you to take a look at the list below and share these books with your family. These would be great books to share at meetings; the messages in them are great for people of all ages to hear.

<https://childhood101.com/books-about-emotions/>
<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/childrens-books-about-race-and-diversity>

Flag Day was June 14. Please consider completing the Junior Grange Passport on the American Flag, found at <https://www.nationaljuniorgrange.org/junior-grange-passport/>

There are several passports to complete. These are a great activity to encourage co-participation from kids and adults at your meetings. I hope to have more activities that you can incorporate into your Junior Grange programs come out monthly. Love on your kiddos! Inspire them and show them kindness! We can make the world a better place by starting at home.

Fraternally submitted,
 Jamee Funk

KANSAS STATE JUNIOR GRANGERS
 COMPETED IN THE NATIONAL JUNIOR
 GRANGE PROGRAMS IN BLOOMINGTON,
 MINNESOTA. CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB
 WELL DONE!

Creative Art

Age 5-7

1st Place: Kimber Newman
 3rd Place: Landon Funk

Creative Writing

Age 5-7

1st Place: Landon Funk

Photography

Age 5-7

1st Place: Landon Funk
 2nd Place: Kimber Newman

Mini Scrapbook

Age 5-7

1st Place: Kimber Newman
 (Best of Show in Category)

Felt Story Board

Age 5-7

1st Place: Kimber Newman
 2nd Place: Landon Funk

Quilt Block Contest (Lecturer Program)

Junior Division

1st Place: Kimber Newman



LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

LECTURER'S DEPARTMENT

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we've had to make significant changes to the State Lecturer's Program. The State Grange Convention is at Gardner Grange, which decreases the amount of space available from what we've had in the past. At this time the Lecturer's Program will consist of the Quilt Block Contest. You can find the Quilt Block Contest requirements on the National Grange website at www.nationalgrange.org. Quilt blocks will be accepted the day of State Grange until 10:00 a.m. If you cannot be present to submit your quilt block you may send your block to the State Lecturer Charlotte Grimes, 144 E 3rd Ave, Garnett, Kansas 66032. We highly encourage everyone to participate! If you are a novice quilter or have been quilting for many years we welcome all submissions. Take care, God Bless.

Fraternally,
Charlotte Grimes
Kansas State Grange Lecturer



FAMILY ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

Grangers,

So far, 2020 has been a year we'll never forget, and we're only half-way through! Quarantine time has maybe been a great time for crafting and creating, or maybe community service, or maybe downsizing. Whatever you've been doing, I hope you've been well, and safe.

With the announcement of our state convention needing to be kept to a minimum this year, we are doing the same. For Family Activities, our committee has decided to limit our program at state convention in the following way: the quilt block contest will be held (which goes to National as part of the Lecturer's program), and space will be given for each Grange to have a showcase. If the convention has to be cancelled, you can mail/bring your quilt blocks to me and I'll see they get to National. Please see the website for more about the quilt blocks. The showcase would be cancelled if the convention is cancelled.

About the showcase: These can be a poster, a small tri-fold display (Dollar General has the small size) or a scrapbook. Think of a display that could also be used at your local community center, library, or in a business window that could educate the public on what your Grange does. If you meet in a building where other groups meet, it may gain some interest. Hopefully you can use these in your community, other than having them for State Grange. We can share ideas between ourselves on how to showcase our various Granges.

If you've been working on Project Linus blankets, thank you! You can bring finished ones in October to the convention. We haven't been able to donate any this year due to closings, but hope to soon. Also, don't forget the lock-downs at your local care homes. We collect new, unused cards for care homes. You can donate some to a local home, and if you know folks who are still in lock-down at a care home, please send them a cheery card or give them a call. Let them know that their friends in the community still care about them.

Fraternally,
Donna Bates
Family Activities Director

LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS (CONTINUED)

COMMUNITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Hope this message finds you and yours doing well. During these past few months of COVID-19, lives have been turned upside down. There have been several times that I have found myself clinging to these powerful words....Faith, Hope and Persevere. Sound familiar? They have given me both comfort and strength. Additionally, I have been extremely thankful to have been able to pause during this time and reflect on what is really important....I consider this to be a great hidden blessing.

As state director, I realize your Grange's community service projects will most likely be fewer in number this year; however, I also know Grangers are pretty resourceful and I'm certain, haven't set idle. I know some of you while confined at home have sewn masks and lap quilts, phoned and sent cards to shut-ins. Thank you for your time, talents and thoughtfulness to help others. Thank you to Cadmus, Morning, Otter Creek, Pleasant View, Richland, and Bayneville Granges that have made cards for military personnel under the State Grange C.A.R.D.S. Project this current Grange year, including 110 cards each holiday for food trays at the Robert Dole VA Hospital in Wichita.

PLEASE SEND ME YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE YEAR-END REPORTS ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 15. NO REPORT IS TOO SMALL. NO NUMBER OF PROJECTS IS TOO SMALL. YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE, ONE PROJECT AT A TIME. Report forms and instructions can be found on the website. If you need assistance, please contact me.

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CULTIVATING CONNECTIONS IN THE TIME OF COVID

A daily web series sponsored by the Grange Foundation

WANT TO BE ALERTED WHEN WE'RE ABOUT TO GO LIVE?

TEXT GRANGE TO 24365 ON YOUR CELL PHONE AND RECEIVE TEXT ALERTS BEFORE EACH CULTIVATING CONNECTIONS LIVESTREAM!

YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE OTHER OCCASSIONAL UPDATES FROM THE NATIONAL GRANGE!

TEXT MESSAGING RATES MAY APPLY

WE'RE IN THIS
together

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I hope everyone is doing as well as can be expected with all that is going on around us. Just remember we are all in this together and God is still in charge of everything. I pray everyday for the health and safety of all our friends and family. All of the Grange members are family to me. I truly wish I could do more, but with social distancing it makes it hard. I worry about all of us and have turned it all over to God. I have enjoyed the National Grange Cultivating Connections web-series. Makes me feel more connected to the Grange. I have learned so much through this series. I would like to thank National Grange Communication Director Amanda Brozana-Rios for all of her dedicated work putting these together.

If anyone has a need to contact me for anything (a special prayer request, a card to be sent or just to talk) please feel free to contact me at sdthomas81756@yahoo.com. I can't wait until we all can get together for State session in October. I have truly enjoyed being State Chaplain these last two years. It has done a lot to my perspective in what the Lord has planned for me. Until then, May God Bless and keep you all safe and healthy.

Sheri Dingus
Kansas State Chaplain

In Memoriam

Virginia Neil Pringle, 96, passed away on Friday, June 12, 2020 at Midland Hospice House in Topeka, Kansas. She was born on January 15, 1924 in Topeka, Kansas, the daughter of George and Violet Belknap Neil.

Virginia grew up in Topeka, had lived in Burlington before moving to Carbondale ten years ago. Virginia was a homemaker and had worked as a bookkeeper for the Wakarusa Elevator and her husband's gas stations.

She was a member of the Eastern Star for over 70 years at Wakarusa, Burlington, LeRoy and Carbondale, she was a 4-H volunteer, member of the K-State Extension, New Strawn Library and the Burlington Methodist Church and the Wakarusa Presbyterian Church.

On June 7, 1940, Virginia was married to Gilbert John Pringle in Topeka, Kansas. Virginia was preceded in death by her husband Gilbert on June 4, 1989; by her parents and a sister, Gloria. Virginia is survived by her son, John (June) Pringle of Georgia; her two daughters, Julia Ruble of Wichita and Jane Zerr of St. Louis, Missouri; her seven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Virginia were held Wednesday, June 17 at the Feltner Funeral Chapel in Lyndon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wakarusa Presbyterian Church or the E.L.M. (Eastern Star, Lion's and Masonic Building in Carbondale), sent in care of Feltner Funeral Home, 818 Topeka Avenue, Lyndon, KS. 66451t



GRANGE UPDATES

PLEASANT VIEW

Like all Granges, the coronavirus has affected Pleasant View Grange's meetings lately. Date and location/format changes have become normal. We had a small turnout for our Junior and Youth picnic June 13th, but did have a potential new member attend that night. Our memorial meeting on May 22nd was well attended. We remembered Past National Master Bob Barrow. We recognized membership milestones for Donna Bates (65 years) and Chandler Bates (25 years). Also recent school promotions for Bradley Ballenger, who is promoting into middle school (6th grade), Kimber Newman, who is promoting into 1st grade, and Sarah VanHouse, who is promoting into junior high school (7th grade).

For April, we met via a Zoom conference to talk about the National Grange's online offerings, cancellations of the regional conferences, and some of the service work we had been doing. Callie and Bodie Ballenger appeared on one of the National Grange's talent shows on YouTube and Facebook. The Bostwick and Newman Families were on a recent trivia contest on those same platforms.

Our March meeting, on the 12th, was held just as the COVID-19 shut-downs were starting and the day the first Grange announcement about the virus was published. Those not at risk met for a quick meal in Ozawkie at Bobcat's Bar and Grill, to finish up some unfinished business. We were glad we had finished up our Dictionary Project presentations and Project Linus blankets just a few meetings before that.

We plan to meet again July 9th and August 13th. Normally we eat out at a restaurant before the meeting, and for now that is subject to change. The meetings are at 7:00 pm at the Ozawkie United Methodist Church.

Julie Durand
Secretary



Ellen Durand and Kimber Newman play at the park during the June meeting

GRANGE UPDATES

BAYNEVILLE GRANGE

Bayneville Grange made a \$100 donation to the Augusta Senior Citizens Center during this time of COVID-19 to help with increased food container expense because of increased meal deliveries.

Over 300 cloth face masks have been sewn by member Randee Farmer since end of March. Masks were distributed to Kansas Medical Center in Andover, Augusta United Methodist Church, cancer treatment patients, area nurses and physical therapists, senior citizens, and others.

(submitted by Randee Farmer)



CADMUS GRANGE

Cadmus Grange next monthly meeting is Saturday, August 01, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. The Cadmus Grange 7-Point Pitch Tournament is Saturday, August 01, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Grimes
620-625-5197



MORNING GRANGE

Old Settlers has been cancelled this year so Morning Grange will not be having their Pup Stand.



NATIONAL GRANGE UPDATE



CHANGES ANNOUNCED

WE ARE SAD TO ANNOUNCE MODIFICATIONS TO THE 154TH ANNUAL NATIONAL GRANGE CONVENTION DUE TO THE COVID CRISIS.

AT THIS TIME, THE PLAN IS TO LIMIT ATTENDANCE TO DELEGATES AND NATIONAL OFFICERS ONLY AND HAVE THE MEETING OVER TWO DAYS, NOV. 17-18, 2020 IN VALLEY FORGE, PA, TO ADDRESS RESOLUTIONS AND HOLD ELECTIONS FOR 2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITIONS.

LEARN MORE DETAILS FROM NATIONAL MASTER BETSY HUBER DURING OUR FACEBOOK LIVE EVENT ON MONDAY, JUNE 1 AT 6 P.M. EASTERN

UPDATES TO NATIONAL GRANGE PROGRAMS AND CONTESTS

Originally published In Patrons Chain June 5,2020

Due to the changing format of the 154th National Grange Convention and limitations related to Grange work and activities for 2020, the National Grange directors in charge of various contests and programs have issued guidance for this year's events. Please note changes to these activities, which includes some cancellations of contests and some changed submission requirements.

From this information, your state may issue guidance related to changes in state-level programming, such as receiving and judging community service books, talent entries, ambassador candidate preparation and more. If you are a state-director and wish to learn more about how you may change your programming to conform to the new guidance please contact the national director for your department. If you are a Subordinate or Pomona director, please contact the State Director where state-level entries are required or the national director for direct submission contests and programs such as Junior contests, Distinguished Grange and more.

UPDATES TO NATIONAL GRANGE PROGRAMS AND CONTESTS (CONTINUED)

MEMBER RECOGNITION AND PROGRAMS

Distinguished Grange - Program will continue as noted and deadline of August 1 still applies. Fill out the form to the best of your ability. Entries will be considered with COVID cancellations and restrictions in mind. If you feel you are a Distinguished Grange, please apply.

Grange In Action Recognition Program - Granges are highly encouraged to apply. Granges continuing outreach during the COVID crisis should qualify. Deadline of September 25 and all other program rules still apply. If Granges apply to Distinguished Grange, they may not apply for Grange in Action.

Grange Legacy Family Recognition Program - Families may still apply by the deadline of August 3 with information to be included in our list of Legacy Families. Certificates will be mailed directly to the recipients and will be recognized at the 2021 National Grange Convention in a fashion to be determined. Arrangements must be made with Loretta Washington and confirmed by the State Grange.

For clarification on these programs, contact Loretta Washington. lwashington@nationalgrange.org



LECTURER

Publicity Item Contest – The 2020 Publicity Item Contest is a go with no changes. Best of the States Showcase (Mid-Atlantic Region) – There will be no Best of the States/Best of the Region display this year.

NATIONAL GRANGE LECTURER

2020 PUBLICITY ITEM CONTEST



OPEN TO ALL GRANGES,
GRANGE COMMITTEES
OR GRANGE GROUPS

Two divisions:
Professional
or In-House

Eligible Items include
anything you create to
promote Grange

All entries must be
received electronically
as a single file no larger
than 1GB via Google
Forms by Oct. 31, 2020.

For all details, visit
[nationalgrange.org/
lecturers-programming/](http://nationalgrange.org/lecturers-programming/)

Evening of Excellence – All states are encouraged to conduct state contests and submit their Best of Show winner to the National Lecturer. All State Grange Best of Show winners will be invited to perform on a special National Grange Virtual Evening of Excellence later this fall.

Photography Showcase – The Photography Showcase of the Best of Show winners from each State Grange at National Convention has been canceled. In its place will be a Virtual Photography Contest – open to ALL members and non-members, regardless of age. Look for entry information in next week's Patron's Chain.

Best of the States Showcase (Mid-Atlantic Region) – There will be no Best of the States/Best of the Region display this year.

UPDATES TO NATIONAL GRANGE PROGRAMS AND CONTESTS (CONTINUED)

LECTURER (*continued*)

Quilt Block Contest – The 2020 Quilt Block Contest is still a go with no changes

Quilts of Valor Presentation – The Wednesday evening QOV presentation will not occur at the National Convention this year. State and local Granges are encouraged to find a way to make these presentations. Please send photos and write-ups of your QOV presentations to National Lecturer Chris Hamp at lecturer@nationalgrange.org.



For additional information or clarification on these programs, contact Chris Hamp



FOUNDATION

Grange Mercantile – There will be no physical 2020 Grange Foundation Mercantile at the National Convention. Items already collected will be auctioned online throughout the summer or fall with more details coming. Please continue to make and prepare for future donation your high-quality handicrafts and contact National Lecturer Chris Hamp about donations by email at lecturer@nationalgrange.org

Live Auction - No live auction will take place at convention. Please save items for auction at the 2021 Convention or contact National President Betsy Huber to discuss donations.

\$20 for '20 Youth Donations – Will be recognized at the 2021 session in a way TBD.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

"Of the Year" Awards (Teacher, Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter) – No changes. Forms available on the nationalgrange.org website and deadline remains Nov. 1.

Community Service Notebooks - Notebooks will not come to convention as they will not be judged at session. State winning notebooks should be sent electronically to communityservice@nationalgrange.org.

A brief training will be held later in the summer to discuss how you can scan and upload these large files to services like Google Drive or Dropbox. Granges who wish to submit the materials by USB drive may send the drive directly to Pete Pompper at his home address.

Community Service Project - There will be no on-site collection for the annual National Community Service Project, directed by the host region. Instead you are encouraged to keep track of any service done by your members or Grange during this year and complete the community service form and submit to Pete Pompper by mail or email.

For clarification on these programs, contact Pete Pompper. communityservice@nationalgrange.org

UPDATES TO NATIONAL GRANGE PROGRAMS AND CONTESTS (CONTINUED)

YOUTH

Parliamentary Procedure contest will not be held this year.

Code Reading/Grange Ritual will not be held but will be transitioning to a regional contest in 2021. Details will come out in the 2021 Youth Program and Handbook.

Youth Officer Team and John Trimble Legislative Youth Experience - Pillars - No applications will be accepted - Notification of entry is still due September 1st and entries will need to be scanned and received by the National Grange Youth Director by November 1.

Ambassador/Young Patron - States are encouraged to submit candidates for 2021 Youth Ambassadors and Outstanding Young Patrons. State Ambassador/Young Patron candidates are required to participate in a regional public speaking contest. Deadline to sign up is June 15th. Even if you think you may be interested in running for or being eligible to compete for Ambassador/Young Patron, sign up to participate. Sign up at bit.ly/contests20. The deadline of September 1 for all other requirements still applies. Interviews will be held in October (TBA) and the announcement of 2021 National Grange Youth Leadership Team will be announced in November. Notebooks will need to be scanned and digitally submitted for judges to review. Notebooks must be received one week before the interview date (TBA.)

Distinguished Youth Grange - The program will continue as noted and the deadline of September 1 still applies. Fill out the form to the best of your ability. Entries will be considered with COVID cancellations and restrictions in mind. If you feel you are a Distinguished Youth Grange who meets basic minimum criteria, please apply.

Junior Mentor Award/Wib and June Justi Youth Community Service Award – Sept. 1 deadline still applies

Youth Membership Award - September 1 deadline still applies

Grange Baseball contest will be held virtually in September. More details to come.

GROW Club Raffle - More details will be coming about the GROW Club's annual scholarship raffle this summer.

For clarification on these programs, contact Mandy Bostwick. youth@nationalgrange.org



COMMUNICATIONS

Communication Fellows Program - Applications for the 2020-21 Communication Fellows Program will be posted in early July. The program will begin with remote instruction in fall 2020 and run through 2021. Participants who complete the remote instruction will be sponsored to attend the 2021 National Grange Convention to complete the capstone hands-on training and receive further instruction across a variety of areas of Grange leadership, membership, programming and more.

For clarification on these programs, contact Amanda Brozana Rios. communications@nationalgrange.org

UPDATES TO NATIONAL GRANGE PROGRAMS AND CONTESTS (CONTINUED)

JUNIORS

Contests - As always, Junior contest entries may come directly to the director and need not go through a state-level contest in order to compete or be judged. These contests include (Sept. 1 deadline: Junior Historian Award, Ag Awareness, Cape of Honor, Jr Ambassador Applications. Oct. 1 deadline: digital talent show, creative art, creative writing, mini- scrapbook, photography, handy-craft, membership)

Junior Community Service Book - Must be digitally scanned and sent to National Junior or Community Service Director. Oct. 31 deadline Junior quilt blocks to Chris Hamp by Oct. 31 deadline.

JUNIOR AT HEART SUBMISSIONS (14+ to support the Junior Program) Remain due by October 31 with \$5 tax-deductible entry fee made to Grange Foundation, MEMO LINE: Junior

Junior quilt blocks to Chris Hamp by Oct. 31 deadline.State/Local directors reports – remains due to National Junior Director by October 1.

Grange Baseball will be turned into a trivia night for Juniors- sign-ups will be in August and Contest (just for fun) will be in September. This will be done via Zoom in the same layout that the current trivia nights are being held.

Junior Passports - new passports are being published on a regular basis, check back regularly to the Junior website or create your own to submit.Ambassador - States are encouraged to submit candidates for 2021

National Junior Ambassador. Deadline of September 1 still applies. Interviews will be done via a Zoom platform in October. Current Ambassadors Bryce Danko & Brianna Gervais will serve as mentors to the new team in 2021.

For clarification on these programs, contact Samantha Wilkins. junior@nationalgrange.org

ARE YOU A JUNIOR AT HEART?

WE'RE INVITING YOU TO BECOME A JUNIOR AGAIN BY TAKING PART IN OUR CONTESTS

The Junior at Heart division allows you to enter our contests and help support the Junior program you love. Submit an original piece created within the last year to our creative art, handicraft, creative writing or mini scrapbook divisions. (No more than one entry per person, per division, please.)

Entry fee may be sent by check or money order made out to Grange Foundation along with entries postmarked by Oct. 30 2020 or submitted in person at National Convention by 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17 to the Junior Director.

FIND ALL CONTEST INFORMATION AT NATIONALJUNIORGRANGE.ORG



SEND ENTRIES TO:
NATIONAL GRANGE
SAMANTHA WILKINS
1616 H ST. NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20006

Grange issues statement opposing racism and inequity

THE NATIONAL GRANGE UNEQUIVOCALLY OPPOSES RACISM. THE VOICES OF GRANGE MEMBERS ACROSS OUR COUNTRY JOIN THOSE WHO CRY OUT IN SORROW FOR THE LIVES LOST TO RACIST ACTIONS, FOR THE DIVISIONS RACISM HAS CLEAVED BETWEEN US AND FOR THE INEQUALITY THAT RACISM HAS SPAWNED ACROSS OUR BELOVED NATION.

SINCE OUR FOUNDING IN 1867, WE HAVE LIVED BY OUR MOTTO, “IN ESSENTIALS, UNITY; IN NON-ESSENTIALS, LIBERTY; IN ALL THINGS, CHARITY.” WE HAVE ALWAYS WELCOMED AND INVITED PEOPLE OF ALL RACES, CREEDS, RELIGIONS AND NATIONALITIES INTO OUR MEMBERSHIP. WE HAVE ASKED NONE TO JOIN US WHO CANNOT SEE GOOD IN THEIR FELLOW BEINGS, WHO ARE WILLING TO PUT TO WORK THEIR GENEROUS HEARTS AND OPEN HANDS TO RAISE ALL THEIR NEIGHBORS AND COMMUNITIES.

OUR GRANGE FOUNDERS PROVIDED US A DECLARATION OF PURPOSES FOR OUR ORGANIZATION THAT ADDRESSED A NEED FOR UNITY AND CIVIL DISCOURSE: “WE SHALL CONSTANTLY STRIVE TO SECURE HARMONY, GOOD WILL, AND BROTHERHOOD... WE SHALL EARNESTLY ENDEAVOR TO SUPPRESS PERSONAL, LOCAL, SECTIONAL, AND NATIONAL PREJUDICES... WE DESIRE A PROPER EQUALITY, AND FAIRNESS; PROTECTION FOR THE WEAK; RESTRAINT UPON THE STRONG; IN SHORT, JUSTLY DISTRIBUTED POWER.” THESE WORDS STILL GUIDE US TODAY.

ONE DOES NOT MERELY JOIN THE GRANGE, BUT LIVES BY THE PRINCIPLES OF FAITH, HOPE, CHARITY AND FIDELITY AND LOVING THEIR NEIGHBOR AS THEMSELVES.

WE HAVE A DEEP COMMITMENT TO THE FREEDOMS OF SPEECH, EXPRESSION AND PEACEFUL PROTEST ENSHRINED IN OUR CONSTITUTION FOR ALL PEOPLE. THE GRANGE’S DECLARATION OF PURPOSES ALSO TEACHES US THAT “...DIFFERENCE OF OPINION IS NO CRIME. PROGRESS TOWARD TRUTH IS MADE BY DIFFERENCES OF OPINION, WHILE THE FAULT LIES IN THE BITTERNESS OF THE CONTROVERSY.” THEREFORE WE URGE EVERYONE TO EXERCISE THEIR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS OF EXPRESSION IN A CIVIL AND RESPECTFUL MANNER. EACH DAY, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MUST UPHOLD THE LAW EQUALLY WHILE EXERCISING GOOD JUDGMENT AND COMPASSION.

JUST AS WE DO IN EACH OF OUR MEETINGS, WE MUST MEET THE PEACEFUL EXPRESSIONS OF VARIOUS OPINIONS WITH OPEN EARS AND OPEN HEARTS.

IN THIS TIME OF SOCIAL UNREST AND ANXIETY, GRANGE MEMBERS RENEW OUR PLEDGE TO COMBAT PREJUDICE AND RACISM AND WILL CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO DO BETTER. WE CONTINUE OUR 153-YEAR-OLD TRADITION OF WELCOMING ALL TO OUR MEMBERSHIP, BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE FAMILY FRATERNITY AND PROVIDING OUR COMMUNITIES WITH A PLACE FOR CIVIL DISCUSSION AND PROACTIVE, POSITIVE CHANGE



