



KANSAS GRANGER

- Official Newsletter of the Kansas State Grange -



A MESSAGE FROM THE KANSAS STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT

Greetings Grangers,

Autumn has finally arrived. Summer was not going down without a fight, with the temperatures pushing the 100 mark the last few days of Summer. However, fall wasn't about to yield any of her time, with the highs in the 60s by the equinox.

With the arrival of Fall, State Session is just a few weeks away. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Gardner on October 14-16 for our 151st Annual Kansas Grange Session. We will open Friday afternoon at 1:00 with the Officers in our usual dress code of dark suit/white shirt for men, dark dress or slacks/white blouse for women - Graces you may wear your office colors.. Attire will also be the same for Officers for the Sixth Degree on Friday evening.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Saturday, we will continue with the favorite team gear or Grange shirt as we did last year. Everyone seemed to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere while still being unified as we conducted our business.

As usual, it is always greatly appreciated if anyone is available Friday morning to help with the setup. We will try to begin set up around 9:30 Friday morning.

We are also asking anyone who can bring a 10-12 inch mum plant to help decorate for the Degree.

We will have as our honored guest, National Grange Vice President, Chris Hamp and her husband Duane, Washington, in attendance this year.

I am proud of the Kansas State Grange and I know we will represent ourselves well. I am looking forward to this upcoming session and will see you all soon.

Fraternally,

Roger A. Bostwick
Kansas State Grange President



Chris and Duane Hamp

YOUTH

Just a reminder:

We plan to bring back the gift basket auction at during our annual State Grange session again. We are asking each Grange to consider donating a basket or items for the auction.

This will help us begin fundraising to host Great Plains in 2026 and other youth activities. When assembling your baskets, consider including a list of items included and a retail value of the basket if possible.

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



JUNIORS

I will have a few pollinator-themed contests you can submit at State Grange also. They are:

1. Create your own bee/butterfly bath or bee motel
2. Create your favorite insect out of any materials, no larger than 12x12in
3. Create a poster board display about the life cycle of your favorite pollinator

Please label your entries with Junior Granger's name and grade.

Fraternally,
Jamee Funk
Kansas State Grange
Junior Grange Director



Congrats!

CLAUDE AND INA BREY MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Amanda Harra, Morning Grange #227

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Grangers —

Looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming State Grange convention.

Please plan to attend the Annual Banquet on Saturday evening, October 15, where we will award Community Granges recognition for their Community Service. Once again, Community Granges have gone above and beyond and it's now the time to share their stories with others and be celebrated.

This year, also at the banquet, we will conduct our first Quilts of Valor presentation. Three quilts, made by KS Grangers and friends, will be presented to Veterans from the Gardner area. I believe you will find this presentation very meaningful and inspiring. We are very honored to recognize Veterans in this way.

Be safe and see you soon.

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HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Did you know that the very first Grange in Kansas was organized on March 23, 1872, in Hiawatha? This year's historical report and displays will focus on events from 1872 — 150 years ago. Some people were very pro-Grange, and some thought that Oliver Kelley was going to be the sole financial benefactor in what we now call a pyramid scheme. We hope you can join us to learn more about the early history of the Grange in Kansas.

Please also save the date of Saturday, July 29, 2023 for the Kansas State Grange's 150th birthday celebration. More details will be announced at the convention and in later newsletters.

Julie Durand
Kansas State Grange Historic Committee Chair

LECTURER DEPARTMENT

We need cookies and snack mixes for State Grange!

Bring your entries for the people's choice contests in a large plastic container with your recipe. We'll take care of bagging them into individual-size portions.

Please also bring your photography and publicity entries! The program for the annual banquet is coming together and we hope you can join us to celebrate being together and with those receiving awards. Please contact one of us with any questions and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Amy Kramer, Lecturer

Julie Durand, Donna Bates, Janice Gatlin - Lecturer Committee

NOTE FROM GRANGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Convention Committee for Grange Activities is asking that officers, delegates, and guests attending the 151st convention in Gardner bring with them a list of brothers and sisters who enjoy correspondence from the Kansas State Grange. This may include words of congratulations, sympathy, thinking of you, etc. Please also be prepared to provide an address. Looking forward to the upcoming State Session.

Grange Activities Committee



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Time is approaching fast. It won't be long until we can all be together for another great time at State Grange. I'm looking forward for it to be in Gardner this year. I grew up in Johnson County and have been missing people and events that have been in Johnson County. I didn't realize that my "roots" run so deep.

It is with a heavy heart to advise you that we have lost several of our Grange members this year:

Pat Williams of Morning Grange #227 on November 5, 2021.

Juanita (Nita) Anstaett, a 60 year member, from Carbondale Grange #75 on January 8, 2022.

Marlene Bush, a 65 year member, from New Century Grange #2007 on May 29, 2022. Marlene held the office of: Lady Assistant Steward, Lecturer and Community Service Chair at the State level and served on the National Lecturer Advisory Committee for 3 years.

Geraldine Urich, a 61 year member, from Carbondale Grange #754 On August 30, 2022. Geraldine and Laurence were Community Service Directors for 3 years, They were honored as King and Queen in 1999. Geraldine was awarded Granger of the Year in 2016.

If you know of any other Grange members that have passed, please let me know so they can be recognized at the Memorial Service at State Grange. You can email me at sdthomas81756@yahoo.com or let me know at session. It is my honor to be apart of this great organization. In closing a verse found in Psalms 119:133

Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

When you are driving along an unfamiliar highway, road sign are invaluable, They point you in the proper direction and warn you of impending danger. When it comes to the road of life, the Bible is a sign that helps guide you every step of the way. The more you read it, the better prepared you are to make good choices. When facing a fork in the road of life, stop to consider which direction God's word would have you go.

Sheri Dingus
State Chaplin



IN MEMORIUM

Geraldine Urich

July 18, 1932 - August 30, 2022

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 married Laurence Urich in November of 1960. She is survived by ten nieces and nephews; and a sister-in-law.

To celebrate Geraldine's life, a funeral service was held 10 a.m. Saturday, September 3, 2022 at the Carbondale Church of Christian Fellowship, 430 Commercial Street, Carbondale, KS 66414. Interment followed at Shawnee Center Cemetery, Wakarusa, KS. The family received friends before the funeral service at the Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Carbondale Church of Christian Fellowship or Brookside Activity Fund and sent in c/o the Lamb-Roberts-Price Funeral Home, P.O. Box 268, Overbrook, KS 66524.



CONVENTION SCHEDULE

• FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

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| 10am-Noon | Set-Up for State Grange |
| Noon- 12:45 | Registration |
| Noon- 3pm | Contest Entries Accepted (except during Grange Opening 1:00-1:30pm) |
| 1:00pm | Opening of Grange in Sixth Degree Lowering to the Fourth Degree --Roll Call of Officers and Delegates --Credential Committee (partial report) -Reading of Last Meeting Minutes -Entertain Motion for Adoption of Order of Business |
| 1:30 pm | Grange at Ease |
| 1:30 pm | Welcome to Gardner |
| 1:45 pm | President's Address - Roger Bostwick, President -Treasurer's Report -Committee Assignments -Communications -Election of Officers -Recess |
| | State officers practice immediately following recess |
| 4:00- 5:00 pm | Committee Meetings |
| 6:00pm | Pizza Party |
| 8:00PM | Session Reconvenes --Fifth Degree Obligation --Sixth Degree Conferral --Lowering to Fourth Degree -Closing |



**151ST ANNUAL KANSAS
STATE GRANGE
CONVENTION**

Hampton Inn - Gardner
Conference Center
151 S. Cedar Niles Road
Gardner, Kansas 66030
(913) 856-2100

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

• SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

- 8:00 am Breakfast (on your own)
- 9:15am Opening in the Fourth Degree
 -Roll Call of Officers, Department Chairs, and Delegates
 -Reading and Adopting of Minutes
 -Credential Committee Report
 Grange Law and Good of the Order Committee Report
 -Budget Presented
 -Convention Committee Reports
- 11:45 am Recess for Lunch
- 12:00 pm Award Luncheon
 Junior and Youth Director Reports
- 1:30 pm Session Reconvenes
 -Committee Reports (continued)
 -Unfinished Business
 Closing In the Fourth Degree of Second Day
- 5:00-6:00 Committee Meetings (if needed)
- 7:00 pm Recess for Annual Banquet
 -Welcome
 -Invocation
 -Introduction of Brey Scholarship Recipients
 -Presentation of Community Service Awards, Grange Achievement, Service to Agriculture Awards
 -Evening of Excellence Talent Show



CONVENTION SCHEDULE

• SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

- 7:30 am Breakfast (on your own)
- 9:00 am Devotions and Memorial Service
- 9:30 am Opening in the Fourth Degree
Roll Call of Officers, Directors
and Delegates
Reading and Adopting Second
Day’s Minutes
Budget presentation
Grange Law and Good of the Order
Committee Final Report
Grange Activities Report
Recess for Installation
- Installation of Officers
Entertain motion for Executive
Committee to approve Third
Day’s Minutes
Closing and Friendship Circle



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Email: kansasgranger@gmail.com

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
KANSAS GRANGER!**

**DECEMBER 5TH
(POST CONVENTION)**



ABOUT THE GRANGE

The Grange was founded in 1867 and is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, fraternal organization that advocates for Rural America and Agriculture. With a strong history in grassroots activism, family values, and community service, the Grange is part of more than 2,100 hometowns across the United States.

The Grange was the first national organization to give full voice and vote to women, 50 years before Congress adopted the same. Our passionate style of grassroots vigor has ensured that the average citizen is fully represented in public policy dialogue for nearly 150 years.

Family and community are the foundations of the Grange. Family values are promoted, taught, and woven into Grange activities and events. We are proud to have generations come together to learn from one another and build a stronger America, one community at a time.