

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE
135TH ANNUAL SESSION



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WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE

Colville, WA

June 26-30, 2024

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OFFICERS, DEPUTIES, STAFF & LEADERSHIP OF THE WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE

2023-2024 OFFICERS

President	Tom Gwin	Gatekeeper	Butch Ogden (Florence)
V. President	David Bryant (Mary)	Ceres	Debbie Fisch (Mark)
Lecturer	Leslie Wells	Pomona	Jordanne Webb
Steward	Jacob Gwin (Tessa)	Flora	Shavanna May
Asst. Steward	Jonny Pittman (Brittney)	Exec Committee	Brittney Pittman (Jonny)
Lady Asst Steward	Alexis Kudsk	Exec Committee	Duane Hamp (Christine)
Chaplain	Carolyn Hojem (Kent)	Exec Committee	Rick Ferguson (Terry)
Treasurer	Annie Scott (Lonnie)	Family Living	Helen Berg (Chuck)
Secretary	Karen Jackson		

2024-2025 OFFICERS

President	Tom Gwin	Gatekeeper	Butch Ogden (Florence)
V. President	David Bryant (Mary)	Ceres	Debbie Fisch (Mark)
Lecturer	Leslie Wells	Pomona	Jordanne Webb
Steward	Jacob Gwin (Tessa)	Flora	Jennifer Oliver (Marvin)
Asst. Steward	Jonny Pittman (Brittney)	Exec Committee	Duane Hamp (Christine)
Lady Asst Steward	Alexis Kudsk	Exec Committee	Rick Ferguson (Terry)
Chaplain	Carolyn Hojem (Kent)	Exec Committee	Brittney Pittman (Jonny)
Treasurer	Annie Scott (Lonnie)	Family Living	Helen Berg (Chuck)
Secretary	Isabella Lierman		

2023-2024 DEPUTIES

Janice Anderson	Jennifer Oliver (Marvin)
Larry Auvil (Shirley)	George Penner (Wilma)
Lucille Bevis	Chuck Prochaska (Judy)
Toni Blanchard	Michael Schwartz (Annette)
Karen Derrey	Lucy Vest
Rick Ferguson (Terry)	Jennifer Webb
Robert Knapp (Patty)	Lynn Wells
Jim Lyle (Bonnie)	Russell Weston (Bekki)
Don Nilsson	Diane Williams
Rex Ogden (Phyllis)	

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Brenda Lester (Jim)
Anita Mastin

FAMILY LIVING TEAM

State Director – Helen Berg (Chuck)
Dianne Cook
Vicki Gilmour
Vicki Loomer (Jim)
Florence Ogden (Butch)

YOUTH TEAM

State Director – Jerry Gwin
Rick & Terry Ferguson
Leah Bardal
Morgan Browning
Davona Gwin
Jonny & Brittney Pittman

JUNIOR GRANGE TEAM

State Director – Heather Ferguson
Susan Hegney (Rob)
David Lierman (Janelle)
Debbie Smith

COMMUNITY SERVICE TEAM

State Director – Heather Ferguson
Leslie Wells
Helen Berg (Chuck)
Jerry Gwin

LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY

COMMITTEE

Chair - Rex Ogden (Phyllis)
Rodger Lance (Ruthanne)
Carolyn Hojem (Kent)
Russ Weston (Bekki)
Todd Scholz
Kirk Van Gelder

DELEGATES TO THE 135th ANNUAL SESSION

POMONA DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE

1 – Clark	Thomas Hann & Beth Goble
2 – Whitman	Jim & Bonnie Lyle
3 – Lewis	Ed & Marilyn Armit
4 – Spokane	Susan Hegney & Bob Shea
5 – Klickitat	Lucille Bevis
6 – Whatcom	Scott & Melanie Hackett
7 – Cowlitz	Rex & Phyllis Ogden
8 – Thurston	Shavanna May & Mary Brouillard
10 – Skagit	Debbie Riegel-Yates
11 – Yakima Valley	Lawrence Meeker & Tom Cullen
12 – Snohomish	Isabella Lierman & Sheyenne Koen
13 – King	Melvin & Rosezetta Knott
16 – Pierce	Betty Garrison & Marvin Oliver
17 – Stevens	Tom McKern
21 – Kitsap	Toni Blanchard
28 – Grays Harbor/Pacific	Davona Gwin & Kendal Harner
29 – Pend Oreille	Sherry Cummins & Thelma Weiland
37 – Excelsior	Michael Schwartz & Mary Schwartz
49 – Douglas	Rusty & Jacquie Hunt
50 – Island	Chuck Prochaska & Laura Rookstool
53 – Okanogan	Cecelia & John Hamilton
56 – Columbia	Theresa Ferguson

SUBORDINATE DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE

1 – Waitsburg	Lauren Rohde & Heather Ferguson
33 – Fords Prairie	Carol Johnstone & Rico Barrientes
49 – Goldendale	James Ogden
79 – Mountain Valley	Georgene Neal & David Stiles
82 – Washington	Rodger Lance & Ruthanne Lance
87 – Columbia	Claudine Lefever & Sara Wade
115 – Pine Grove	Scott Lyle
129 – Sunnyside	Butch & Florence Ogden
136 – Kellogg Marsh	David & Dianne George
169 – Haynie	Cindy Kudsk & Alexis Kudsk
198 – Newaukum	Kent & Carolyn Hojem
199 – Catlin	Lonnie & Annie Scott
201 – North Bellingham	Russ & Bekki Weston
226 – Rome	Theresa Sygitowicz
265 – Meridian	Rod Alex & Margaret Bradly
266 – Edgewood	Karen Jackson
278 – Gardenspot	Ann Fackenthall & Lynn Wells

280 - Garden City
284 - Tualco
300 - Green Bluff
306 - Cedar Valley
311 - Oakview
322 - Happy Valley
355 - Mossyrock
357 - Matlock
385 - Bee Hive
399 - Ten Mile
452 - Williams Valley
545 - Fredonia
581 - Issaquah Valley
586 - Terrace Heights
590 - Greenwood Park
603 - Addy
608 - Selah Heights
620 - Skagit Valley
667 - Long Beach
684 - San Poil
687 - Camden
690 - South Lake Stevens
698 - Espanola
702 - Roy
730 - Humptulips
774 - Olympic View
780 - Inland
782 - Elk Plain
784 - Enterprise
786 - East Hill
815 - Rexville
832 - Saint Andrews
836 - Buena
846 - Deer Lagoon
848 - McMillin
853 - Fargher Lake
857 - Granville
860 - South Union
861 - Black Lake
893 - Collins
905 - Five Mile Prairie
909 - Spring Hill
926 - Samish Valley
941 - Rimrock
965 - Horseshoe
966 - San Juan Island

Steve Dalton & Warren Lewis
Marg Ohlsen & Leslie Wells
Jim & Janice Lahde
Robert Reichle & Jeff Prowse
Marcy Belles
Duane & Joanne Isackson
Darell Myers & Paulette James
Chad Sweitzer
Debbie & Mark Fisch
Peter Hauck & Oren Gaskill
Donna Russel
Steve Yates
Alan & JoAnn Anderson
Pam Bright & Sue Branch
Linda Somerlott & Juanita Curnett
Fritz Flottman & Melissa Johnson
Bob & Jane Hutchison
Dennis Hall
Sheryl Reynolds & Keenan Berry
Mary Davis
Sonja Bartsch
James & Vicki Loomer
Janice & Walt Radmer
Victor Stevens & Tharin Ward
Jerry Gwin & Jacob Gwin
Judy Heath & Lucy Vest
Lois Cummins
Mary & David Bryant
Len & Gay Smith
Terri Flores & Elizabeth Bradly
Russell & Mary Celia
Helen Berg & Mary Hunt
Karen Derrey & Joyce Meeker
Tony & Linda Gill
John & Helen Gardner
Larry Goble & Becky Meats
Mark Liechty & Cathy Scherrer
Christie Vintilo & Pam Mathews
Denise McCartan
Ron Schaefer & James Bryant
Marc & Rebecca Jones
Mith Clouse
Sue Palmer
Jennifer Webb & Jordanne Webb
Janelle Lierman & Brady Lierman
Allison Longley

996 – Violet Prairie
999 – Fruitland
1001 – McIntosh
1004 – North & South Palouse
1012 – East Wenatchee
1047 – Riverside Valley
1056 – Stillaguamish
1067 – Prospect Point
1069 – Molson
1094 – Fertile Valley
1101 – Manor
1108 – Sequim Prairie
1120 – Kettle River
1123 – Crescent
1151 – Moses Lake
1152 – Freedom

Sophia Keller
Cheryl, Saiz
Carol Evans
Greg Jones
Larry & Shirley Auvil
Anita Mastin
Stephen & Clarene Ricarte
Rick Ferguson
George & Wilma Penner
Robert Groce & Danae Cummins
Ann Van Antwerp
Dorinda Becker
John Neff
Judith Moilanen & Cathryn Stordeur
Jonathan & Brittney Pittman
Daria Chappell & Dustin Chappell



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WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE 135th ANNUAL SESSION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**NORTHEAST WASHINGTON FAIRGROUNDS
COLVILLE, WASHINGTON
JUNE 26-30, 2024**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26
Western Theme Day – Dress to Impress

8:00 am- 5:00 pm	Delegate Registration Open	Ag Center Foyer
8:00 am- 7:00 pm	Non-Delegate Registration -Fifth & Sixth-Degree Ticket Sales	Ag Center Foyer
8:00 am- 1:00 pm	Contest Entry Check In – Lecturer, Family Living, and Junior Departments	Exhibit Bldg
8:00 am- 1:00 pm	Contest Entry Check In – Youth Educational Posters	Zoo Barn
9:00 am-12:00 pm	State Officer Practice – closed event	Ag Center
9:00 am	Youth Group Meeting	Dog/Cat Barn
10:00 am	Tour – Douglas Falls Grange Park (carpool)	Ag Center Foyer
10:00 am	Credentials Committee Meeting	Ag Center Patio
10:30 am	Election Committee Meeting	Ag Center Patio
1:00 pm	Youth Meeting -Get acquainted activities -Election of Youth Officers -Installation of Youth Officers -Youth Officer Practice	Zoo Barn
1:00 pm	Constitution & Bylaws Committee Meeting	Ag Center Patio
2:00 pm	Deputies Meeting	Ag/Trade Center
2:30 pm	Delegate Orientation	Ag/Trade Center
3:00 pm	Workshop – Making the Grange Legislative Process Work for You, Jesse Taylor	Ag/Trade Center
3:45 pm	Workshop – Generational Differences, Kent Hojem	Ag/Trade Center
4:30 pm	Workshop – Quilts of Valor & Community Service Ideas – Bonnie Mitson, National Community Service Team	Ag/Trade Center

7:00 pm 6th Degree Opening Ag/Trade Center
-Credential Report
-Adoption of Program
-Welcome from Local Dignitaries

8:00 pm Close Session in the 4th degree

8:15 pm Welcome Reception Ag/Trade Center

THURSDAY, JUNE 27
Team Day – Support Your Favorite Team

7:30 am-5:00 pm Delegate/Non-Delegate Registration Open Ag Center Foyer

8:30 am Session Opens Ag/Trade Center
-Credential Report
-Master/President Address
-Committee Reports and Action

8:30 am Youth Group Meeting Zoo Barn

12:00 pm Session Recess – lunch

12:00 pm Family Living Picnic Luncheon Center Stage
-Family Living Department Award Presentations

1:00 pm-5:30 pm Department Displays Open Exhibit Bldg

1:00 pm-3:30 pm Junior Activity Fiber Barn

2:00 pm Session Reconvenes Ag/Trade Center
-Committee Reports

3:00 pm National Grange Representative
Martha Stefanoni, Priestess Annalist for the Assembly of Demeter

5:00 pm Session Closes in the 4th Degree

5:05 pm Convention Group Photo TBA

Dinner and Evening on Your Own

FRIDAY, JUNE 28
Junior Grange Red Tennis Shoe Day

8:00 am-6:00 pm Non-Delegate Registration Open Ag Center Foyer

8:30 am Session Opens Ag/Trade Center
-Credential Report
-Election of Officers
-Committee Reports and Action

8:30 am	Youth Group Meeting	Zoo Barn
9:00 am	Department Displays Open (until 6 pm)	Exhibit Bldg
10:00 am	Junior Activity	Fiber Barn
11:30 am	Junior Grange Ice Cream Social (until gone)	Food Court
12:00 pm	Session Recesses – lunch	
2:00 pm	Session Reconvenes -Committee Reports and Action	Ag/Trade Center
2:00 pm-4:00 pm	Youth and Junior Bowling Activity	Copper Bowl
5:00 pm	Session Closes in the 4 th Degree	
6:00 pm	Grange BBQ Dinner (tickets required), followed by Live Auction to Benefit Grange Departments	Food Court

SATURDAY, JUNE 29
Tropical Day – Fun in the Sun

8:00 am-6:00 pm	Registration (Non-Delegate) Open	Ag Center Foyer
8:00 am	Youth Livestock Judging Contest (Register at the Spencer Stage)	Zoo and Pig Barns
8:45 am	Workshop – Sponsorships for Your Grange – Jesse Taylor	Ag/Trade Center
9:00 am	Department Displays Open (until 5:30 pm)	Exhibit Bldg
10:00 am	Session Opens in the 4 th Degree -Final Credential Report -Committee Reports and Action	Ag/Trade Center
10:00 am	Youth Group Meeting	Dog/Cat Barn
11:00 am	Quilts of Valor Presentation	Ag/Trade Center
11:45 am	Presentation of State Grange Leadership Award	Ag Trade Center
12:00 pm	Session Recesses – Lunch	
1:00 pm	Youth Department Public Speaking Contest	Fiber Barn
1:00 pm-3:30pm	Junior Activity Public Speaking	Fiber Barn
2:00 pm	Exemplification of the Fifth Degree	Ag/Trade Center
3:00 pm	Exemplification of the Sixth Degree	Ag/Trade Center
5:00 pm	Session Closes in the 4 th Degree	
6:00 pm	Celebration Banquet (tickets required) Followed By:	Ag/Trade Center

Award Presentations

- Hall Improvement Contest Awards
- State Grange Foundation Scholarship Awards
- Community Service Awards
- Livestock Judging Contest Awards
- Lecturer Awards
- Membership Awards

SUNDAY, JUNE 30th
Grange Shirt Day

8:30 am-1:00 pm	Registration (Non-Delegate) Open	Ag Center Foyer
9:00 am	Memorial Service/Worship Service	Ag/Trade Center
10:00 am	Junior Activity	Fiber Barn
10:30 am	Session Opens in the 4 th Degree <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Committee Reports and Action-Youth Program-Junior Grange Program	Ag/Trade Center
12:00 am	Session Recesses for Lunch	
12:00 pm	Silent Auctions Close	
12:00 pm	Check Out Department Contest Entries	Exhibit Bldg
1:30 pm	Installation of Officers	Ag/Trade Center
2:00 pm	Session Reconvenes <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Any Unfinished Business-Host Committee Recognition-Invitation for 2025 State Grange Session	Ag/Trade Center
3:30 pm	Closing of the 135 th Annual Session in the Fourth Degree <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Friendship Circle and Singing "God Be with You 'til We Meet Again."	

MINUTES OF THE 135TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

The 135th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange held at the Northeast Washington Fairgrounds in Colville, WA opened in full form in the Sixth Degree at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, June 26th with Worthy President, Tom Gwin in the chair.

The Roll Call of Officers found all Officers present with Jennifer Oliver, Lecturer, Pro-tem, and Mary Hunt, Chairman of Family Living, Pro-tem.

Credential Committee Report (First Partial)

As of 5:00 p.m., June 26, 2024, we find 22 Pomona Granges with 39 delegates and 74 Subordinate Granges with 125 delegates, making a total of 164 voting delegates present, which constitutes a quorum. Credential Committee Report (First Partial), adopted.

The Grange was lowered to the Fourth Degree.

Worthy President, Tom Gwin recognized the following honored guest who gave well wished for a productive session:

- Martha Stefenoni, Priestess Annalist of the Assembly of Demeter and National Representative for this year's session.
- Eileen Javaux, Master of the Idaho State Grange and husband Richard Javaux
- Paul Hanks, Assistant Steward of the California State Grange, and wife, Susan Hanks, Treasurer of the California State Grange

It was moved and seconded to adopt the Delegate Instructions as printed in the docket.

Adopted,

It was moved and seconded to adopt Standing Rules for session as printed in the docket.

Adopted.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the official program for the 135th Annual Session.

Adopted.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the Officers and Directors reports as appearing in the official program. Adopted,

It was moved and seconded to adopt the Executive committee minutes appearing in the official program. Adopted.

It was moved and seconded to Dispense with the daily reading of the minutes. Adopted.

Worthy President, Tom Gwin recognized and thanked the Northeastern Washington Fair Manager, Lori Matlock. Lori Matlock gave a few remarks on how pleased she is to have the 135th Washington State Grange Session at the fairgrounds this year.

The Worthy President announced session will open Thursday, June 27th at 8:30 a.m. The Worthy President invited all attendees to walk the Zoo Barn to recognize the honorable entries that have been turned in.

The Grange closed in full form in the fourth degree at 7:47 pm. A welcome reception with cookies, coffee and fellowship followed the closing of the Grange.

Thursday, June 27, 2024

The second day of the 135th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange held at the Northeastern Washington Fairgrounds opened in full form in the Fourth Degree at 8:30 am., Thursday, June 27, 2024, with Worthy President, Tom Gwin in the chair.

The Roll Call of Officers found all officers present with the exception of Helen Berg, Director of Family Living, with Mary Hunt acting Pro-tem.

Credentials Committee Report (2nd partial):

As of 8:00 am. Thursday, June 27, 2024, we find 22 Pomona Granges with 39 delegates and 76 Subordinate Granges with 128 delegates, making a total of 167 voting delegates present, which constitutes a quorum. Credentials Committee Report (2nd partial), adopted.

Worthy President, Tom Gwin recognized past State Masters of the Washington State Grange. Brother Terry Hunt and wife Mary Hunt, Brother Duane Hamp and wife Christine Hamp.

National Grange President, Christine Hamp and Washington State Grange Executive Committee, Brother Duane Hamp "First Dude" were presented as honored guests and welcomed to the President's station to give opening remarks.

Sister Christine Hamp thanked the Officers and Members for support in her Grange journey as she is now the President of the National Grange. She spoke on the importance of continuing to be Grange strong, adaptable and innovative so the Grange will continue to grow. Washington State Grange has been the largest State Grange in Granges and membership since 1970 and we want to continue to make a difference and be a role model for other states and Granges.

The Grange was put at ease, Worthy President, Tom Gwin presented his 2024 External and Internal President's Address.

Assistants closed the Bible for a short break at 10:16 am. Session Reconvened at 10:37 am.

Grange Law (Final)

Good of the Order Standing Committee Report:

Recommendation #1 – committee recommends adoption. Standing Committee Report Adopted.

Recommendation #2 – committee recommends adoption. Standing Committee Report Adopted.

Recommendation #3: - committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee Report Adopted.

Resolutions:

Resolution - 2024-03-1101 – entitled "Washington State Grange Elections" – committee recommends rejection. Committee Report Adopted.

Resolution - 2024-04-1102 - entitled "State Grange Officers Election Reform" – committee recommends rejection. Committee Report Adopted.

Resolution - 2024-17-1103 - entitled "Opposition to the Collection of National Dues for Junior Grange Members" – committee recommends adoption. Committee Report Adopted.

Resolution - 2024-18-1104 - entitled "The Effect of Junior Grange Dues on Family Memberships" – committee recommends adoption. Committee Report Adopted.

Resolution - 2024-19-1105 - entitled "Washington State Grange Officer Residency" – committee recommends rejection. Committee Report Adopted.

Resolution - 2024-21-1106 - entitled "Amend the Washington State Grange Bylaws regarding State Officer Elections" – committee recommends rejection. Committee Report Adopted.

Resolution - 2024-30-1107 - entitled "Resolutions to be Submitted from Pomona" – committee recommends rejection. Committee Report Adopted.

Resolution - 2024-43-1108 - entitled "Officer Titles" – committee recommends rejection. It was moved and seconded to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Motion to substitute was rejected. Committee Report is Adopted.

Grange Law Committee Recommendations:

Recommendation #1 - Adopted.

Grange Law Report, as a whole, Adopted.

Grange Activities (Final)

Resolution - 2024-29-1001 entitled – "State Grange Proceedings in Electronic Format" – committee recommends adopted as amended. Committee Report Adopted.

Recommendation #1: Recommendation is Adopted.

Grange Activities Committee Report, as a whole, Adopted.

The Grange Camper Club Association drawing was won by Pam Matthews of South Union Grange #860,

Grange recessed for lunch at 11:48 a.m. and reconvened at 1:58 p.m.

The Roll Call of Officers found all officers present with Jennifer Oliver Lecturer Pro-tem.

Agriculture (Final)

Agriculture Standing Committee Report

Opening Statement – committee recommends adoption. Committee Report Adopted.

Dairy – committee recommends adoption. Committee Report Adopted.

Marketing & Trade – committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee Report Adopted.

Production – committee recommends adoption. Committee Report Adopted.

Research & Science – committee recommends rejection. Committee Report Adopted.

Resolutions:

Resolution - 2024-09-0101 - entitled “Chickens” – committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee Report Adopted.

Resolution - 2024-16-0102 - entitled “U.S. Dietary Guidelines Classification of Potatoes” – committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee Report Adopted.

Resolution - 2024-22-0103 - entitled “Labeling of Naturally Produced Meat” – committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee Report Adopted.

Resolution - 2024-23-0104 - entitled “Halt Ongoing Injury to the U.S. Sheep Industry” – committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee Report Adopted.

Resolution - 2024-42-0105 - entitled – “Encourage and Support Food Sovereignty Through Local Control and Rural Economic Development of Direct Producer to Consumer Foods in Washington State” – committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee Report Adopted.

The Agriculture Committee Report as a whole adopted.

State Legislative (Final)

State and National Issues Standing Committee Report:

Elections – Primary – committee recommends adoption. Committee Report Adopted.

Insurance – committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee Report Adopted.

Juvenile Justice – committee recommends adoption. Committee Report Adopted.

Miscellaneous – committee recommends adoption. Committee Report Adopted.

State Government Operations – committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee Report Adopted

Welfare Reform – committee recommends adoption. Committee Report Adopted.

Resolutions:

Resolution - 2024-08-1401 - entitled “Restaurant Swipe Fees” – committee recommends adoption as amended. It was moved and seconded to substitute the resolution for the committee report. The motion for substitution passed. It was moved and seconded to adopt the resolution. The resolution is adopted.

Resolution - 2024-11-1402 - entitled “Foreign Ownership of Real Property” – committee recommends rejection. It was moved and seconded to substitute the resolution for the committee report. The motion for substitution failed. Committee report adopted.

Resolution - 2024-31-1403 - entitled “Keep Zoning Local” – committee recommends adoption as amended. It was moved and seconded to amend the committee report by changing wording back to original resolution. The amendment is approved. Resolution as amended is adopted.

Resolution - 2024-38-1404 - entitled “Anti-Regionalization” – committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.

Resolution - 2024-40-1405 – entitled “Encourage and Support the Legislature Codifying into Law Fundamental Parents Rights to Direct the Upbringing and Education of Their Children in the State of Washington” – committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.

State Legislative Committee Report as a whole as amended, Adopted.

Worthy President Tom Gwin introduced Sister Martha Stefenoni, Priestess Annalist of the Assembly of Demeter to provide some remarks on behalf of the National Grange. She spoke about how we as Grangers need to understand who and what we are as Grangers to effectively explain to people what Grange is to encourage membership. Sister Martha explained how the degrees are allegorical plays that teach the lessons of the Grange. The more we listen to and see the degree work, the more we will be able to beneficially explain it to future members. Sharing the teachings of the Grange in a way others can understand will encourage others to become members.

Assistants closed the Bible for a short break at 3:30 pm, reconvened at 3:53 pm.

Health, Healthcare and Safety (Final)

Health, Healthcare and Safety Standing Committee Report:

Mental Health – committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Recommendation:

Recommendation #1 – committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Resolutions:

Resolution - 2024-02-1201 - entitled “Supporting All Veterans Returning to Civilian Life” – committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.

Resolution - 2024-05-1202 - entitled “Drug Offender Sentencing” – committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.

Resolution - 2024-15-1203 - entitled “Gluten in Food Labeling” – committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Health, Healthcare and Safety committee, as a whole, Adopted.

Fish and Wildlife (Final)

Fish & Wildlife Standing Committee Report:

Predators – committee recommends adoption. It is moved and seconded to strike “and/or relocation”. Motion (or amendment) carried. It is moved and seconded to strike “planting” and replace it with “importation”. Amendment carried. It was agreed upon common consent to change the word “to” to “into”. It was moved and seconded to strike “**We further oppose** the establishment of wildlife corridors to protect ~~them~~. **these predators**”. The amendment failed. The committee report as amended was adopted.

General Issues – committee recommends adoption. It has been moved and seconded to add “non-native” after the word “eradicate” and before the word “harmful”. The amendment carried. The committee report as amended is adopted.

Resolution:

Resolution - 2024-01-0901 - entitled “Increase Destruction of Salmon Runs” – committee recommends rejection. It is moved and seconded to substitute the resolution for the committee report. The motion to substitute passed. It has been moved and seconded to amend the resolution to insert the word “federal” after support on line 7, scratch the word “totally” from line 7, add a comma after river on line 8, strike “and” after river, add comma after tributary, add words “and the Puget Sound Basin” after the word tributary. The amendment carried. The resolution as amended is adopted.

The Fish and Wildlife Committee Report as a whole as amended, Adopted.

The Grange Camper Club Association drawing was won by Keenan Berry from Long Beach Grange #667.

The Grange was closed in full form in the Fourth Degree at 4:50 pm.

Friday June 28, 2024

The third day of the 135th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange held at the Northeastern Washington Fairgrounds opened in full form in the Fourth Degree at 8:30 am., Friday June 28, 2024, with Worthy President Tom Gwin in the chair.

The roll call of officers found all officers present, with Mary Hunt Director of Family Living pro tem

Credentials Committee Report (3rd Partial): As of 8:00 am. June 28, 2024, we find 22 Pomona Granges with 39 delegates and 78 Subordinate Granges with 131 delegates, making a total of 170 voting delegates present, which constitutes a quorum. Credentials Committee Report (3rd partial), adopted.

Worthy President Tom Gwin recognized Montana State Grange Master Joyce Bilquist and husband Marty Bilquist, a past State Master of the Montana State Grange.

Election - Nominations were open for State Executive Committee for a 3-year term. Nominees: Brittney Pittman, Walt Radmer - declined nomination.

National Legislative (Final)

National Issues Standing Committee Report:

Miscellaneous – committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Recommendation:

Recommendation #1 – committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Resolutions:

Resolution – 2024-13-1301 – entitled – “Land Line Maintenance” – committee recommends to table and refer to Special Committee on Telephone Services. Committee report adopted.

Resolution – 2024-20-1302 – entitled – “Support for Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling for Beef” – committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.

Resolution – 2024-24-1303 – entitled – “Opt In or Opt Out” – committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.

Resolution – 2024-28-1304 – entitled – “First Class Mail Postage Rate” – committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.

Resolution – 2024-34-1305 – entitled – “Term Limits” – committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.

Resolution – 2024-37-1306 – entitled – “Competency Testing” – committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.

Resolution – 2024-39-1307 – entitled – “Encourage and Support Congress Codifying into Law Fundamental Parents Rights to Direct the Upbringing and Education of their Children in the United States of America” – committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.

National Legislative Committee report, as a whole, adopted.

Election committee report - Sister Brittney Pittman was elected to State Executive Committee for a 3-year term.

Elections - Nominations opened for State Secretary for an unexpired 1-year term. . Nominees: Karen Jackson - declined nomination, Isabella Lierman, Shavanna May, Carolyn Hojem.

Transportation (Final):

Transportation Standing Committee Report:

Opening Statement – committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Alternative Fuel – committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Maintenance and Improvements – committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Public Education– committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Public Safety – committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Rest Areas – committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Road Safety - – committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Safety – General – committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Resolutions:

Resolution – 2024-10-1601 – entitled – “Electric Vehicles” – committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.

Resolution – 2024-12-1602 - entitled – “Higher Speed Railroad in Washington” – committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.

Election committee report - Sister Isabella Lierman was elected State Secretary.

Shavanna May resigned as State Flora effective at the end of this state session, it was moved and seconded to accept the resignation. Motion carried.

Election - Nominations opened for State Flora. Nominees: Pam Mathews, Janelle Lierman, Jennifer Oliver.

Resolution – 2024-25-1603 - entitled – “Electric Vehicle Charging Stations” – committee recommends rejection. It was moved and seconded to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Motion Adopted. It was moved and seconded to approve the resolution.

Election committee report - Jennifer Oliver was elected State Flora.

It was moved and seconded to amend the current resolve; delete lines 11-12 and insert a new resolve to read “no government funds be used to subsidize electric vehicle charging stations.” It was moved and seconded to table this resolution. Motion carried.

Assistants closed the Bible for break at 10:23 am. Session reconvened at 10:49 am.

Resolution – 2024-26-1604 - entitled – “Manual Switches and Controls” – committee recommends rejection. It was moved and seconded to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Motion rejected. Committee report adopted.

Resolution – 2024-27-1605 - entitled – “Registration of Electric Bikes” – committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.

Resolution – 2024-32-1606 - entitled – “Tire Chains in all Vehicles” – committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.

Resolution – 2024-33-1607 - entitled – “Bicycle Safety” – committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.

Resolution – 2024-36-1608 - entitled – “Tires” – committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Committee Resolution #1 – committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Transportation Committee Report, as a whole, as amended, adopted.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Constitution and Bylaws Committee (Final) Read in at 11:14 am. Friday, June 28, 2024.

Taxation and Fiscal Policy Final

Taxation Standing Committee Report:

Miscellaneous Taxes – committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Property Tax– committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Sales and Use Tax – committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Recommendation:

Recommendation #1 – committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Resolutions:

Resolution - 2024-14-1501 - entitled “Increased Fundraising Limit” – committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.

Taxation and Fiscal Committee report as a whole, adopted.

Conservation and Ecology:

Conservation and Ecology Standing Committee Report:

Energy Resources, Research & Technology - Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Environmental Regulation – Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.

Public Lands – Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report rejected.

Riparian Areas & Flooding – Committee recommends adoption. It was moved and seconded to send this back to committee to rewrite. Motion adopted.

Water Resources and Water Rights – Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Junior Grange ice cream social will be open when session breaks for lunch.

Camper Club Association drawing was won by Bonnie Lyle from Pine Grove Grange #115.

Grange recessed at 11:48 am. for lunch. The Grange reconvened at 2:01 p.m.

Roll call of officers found all officers present, with Mary Hunt, Chairman of Family Living, pro tem.

Conservation and Ecology Committee – continued

Recommendation:

Committee Recommendation #1 – Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Resolutions:

Resolution - 2024-07-0302 – entitled – “Small Gas Engines” – Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.

Resolution - 2024-06-0301 – entitled – “Small Gas Engines” – Committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.

Resolution - 2024-35-0303 – entitled – “Public Lands” – Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.

Resolution - 2024-44-0304 – entitled – “Restoring a Free-Flowing Snake River to Save Money, Salmon, Orca, and More” – Committee recommends rejection. It was moved and seconded to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Motion failed. Committee report adopted.

It was moved and seconded to delete Public Lands #8 from the Conservation and Ecology section of the Legislative Handbook. Motion Adopted.

Conservation and Ecology will meet again to discuss riparian areas and flooding section of the Legislative Handbook.

Education (Final)

Education Standing Committee Report:

Recommendation:

Recommendation – committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Resolution

Resolution - 2024-41-0701 - entitled “Encourage & Support the Legislature to Provide Parents and Their Children with School Choice through School Property Tax Following the Student in the State of Washington” – committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.

Education Committee report adopted.

Election Committee (Final):

Committee report adopted.

Election Committee report, as a whole, adopted.

The Assistants closed the Bible for a break at 2:37 pm. Session reconvened at 3:15 pm.

Conservation and Ecology (Final) continued:

Riparian Areas & Flooding – Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.

Conservation and Ecology Committee Report, as a whole, as amended, adopted.

Auditing (Final)

Recommendations:

Recommendation #1: Committee recommends adoption, Adopted.

Recommendation #2: Committee recommends adoption, Adopted.

Acknowledgement: Committee recommends adoption, Adopted.

Audit Committee Final, as a whole, adopted.

Worthy President Tom Gwin announced changes to Sunday's schedule as all committee reports and actions are complete with the exception of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee Final.

Saturday at noon, Martha Stefenoni will speak on ritual and how ritual can be used to help us build up the Grange.

The group photo will take place when session adjourns this afternoon.

The Grange Camper Club Association drawings were won by Donna Russel from Williams Valley Grange #452 and Keenan Berry from Long Beach Grange #667.

The Grange was closed in full form in the Fourth Degree at 3:37 p.m.

Saturday, June 29, 2024

The fourth day of the 135th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange held at the Northeastern Washington Fairgrounds opened in full form in the Fourth Degree at 10:20 am., Saturday June 29, 2024, with Worthy President Tom Gwin in the chair.

Worthy President thanked participants and announced that we had 65 participants in the livestock judging this morning, up from 29 participants last year.

The roll call of officers found all officers present, Mary Hunt Director of Family Living pro tem.

Credentials Committee Report (Final): As of 10:00 am. June 29, 2024, we find 22 Pomona Granges with 39 delegates and 80 Subordinate Granges with 133 delegates, making a total of 172 voting delegates present, which constitutes a quorum. Credentials Committee Report (Final), adopted.

Credentials Committee Report, as a whole, adopted.

It was moved and seconded to reconsider the State Legislative report. Motion Adopted.

It was moved and seconded to delete lines 3-4 from the State Legislative committee report, keeping them in the Legislative Handbook. Motion Adopted.

State Legislative Committee report, as a whole, as amended, Adopted.

Constitution and Bylaws (Final):

Grange Law Committee Recommendation #1 - Report Adopted.

Good of the Order Standing Committee Recommendation #1 -

Amendment of Bylaws Article VIII Section 1 - Report Adopted.

Amendment of Bylaws Article VIII Section 2 - Report Adopted.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee report, as a whole, Adopted.

Assistants closed the Bible, and the Grange was put at ease at 11:01 a.m.

The Worthy President recognized Sister Debbie Riegel who organized the Quilts of Valor presentation for this year. Jodi Inman, Secretary of the National Quilts of Valor Foundation Board, gave an explanation on the Vietnam Veteran Pins that are awarded to veterans who served during the Vietnam War in any and all branches in the military. All veterans who had not yet received a pin were asked to stand to receive their Vietnam Veteran Pin. Jodi Inman went on to give a description of the history and story of the Quilts of Valor Foundation that began in 2003. Eight Quilts of Valor were presented by Jodi Inman and Mary Sieler from the National Quilts of Valor Foundation, as well as Sister Debbie Riegel and Sister Mary Celia. The Quilts of Valor recipients are: Brother Leon Garrison of Roy #702, Brother Oren Gaskill of Ten Mile #399, Doug Helm, Brother Jim Loomer of South Lake Stevens #690, Brother Erik Neff of Moses Lake #1151, Brother Jim Ogden of Sunnyside #129 and Goldendale #49, Brother Aaron Radmer of Espanola #698 and Brother Elver Williams of Camden #687. Each veteran was thanked for their service with a standing ovation.

The Grange reconvened at 11:44 am.

The Worthy President awarded two Grange Leadership Awards as there was no award given in 2020. The 2024 Grange Leadership Award recipients are Sister Lynn Wells of Williams Valley #452 and Brother Tom McKern of Quillisascut #372.

The Grange Camper Association drawing was won by Larry Auvil of East Wenatchee #1012.

Martha Stefanoni will be presenting a workshop on Grange Ritual at 12:00 pm., Youth Public Speaking will start at 1:00 pm., the Fifth Degree Conferral will start at 2:00 pm. and the Sixth Degree Conferral will start at 3:00 pm.

Assistants closed the Bible, and the Grange recessed at 11:58 am for lunch.

The Grange was called to order in the Fifth Degree at 2:00 pm. for the exemplification of the Fifth Degree. The names of those participating will appear in the Journal of Proceedings.

The Grange was put at ease at 2:47 pm., to prepare for the start of the Sixth Degree.

The Grange was opened in full form in the Sixth Degree at 3:00 pm.

The Sixth Degree was exemplified for 47 candidates. The names of those participating will appear in the Journal of Proceedings.

The Grange was lowered to the Fourth Degree.

The Worthy President thanked the participants of the Sixth Degree and Rose Drill.

The Worthy President asked the Worthy Lecturer to speak about the live auction held on Friday evening. The auction raised over \$7,400, benefiting the Junior, Youth, Family Living and Lecturer Departments.

The Worthy President thanked and recognized visitors that will be leaving early in the morning. Sister Martha Stefanoni, Annalist of the Assembly of Demeter, Paul Hanks, Assistant Steward of the California State Grange, Susan Hanks, Treasurer of the California State Grange, Eileen Javaux, Master of the Idaho State Grange and husband Richard Javaux were recognized as our session guests and gave a few departing remarks.

The Grange Camper Association Prize was won by Marc Jones of Five Mile Prairie Grange #905.

The Grange was closed in full form in the Fourth Degree at 4:58 p.m.

The Celebration Banquet will begin at 6:00 p.m. All awards will be listed in the Journal of Proceedings.

Sunday June 30, 2024

The Memorial and Worship Service began at 10:00 am., led by State Chaplain, Sister Carolyn Hojem, with the message given by guest Pastor Blayne McCoy. Ten past state officers, deputies, and/or spouses were eulogized during the memorial service. Those names and names of the participants will appear in the Journal of Proceedings.

The fifth and final day of the 135th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange held at the Northeastern Washington Fairgrounds opened in full form in the Fourth Degree at 10:55 am., Sunday June 30, 2024, with Worthy President Tom Gwin in the chair.

The Roll Call of Officers found all officers present, Mary Hunt Director of Family Living pro tem.

The Worthy President welcomed Worthy Chaplain Sister Carolyn Hojem to give a few thanks to those that assisted with the preparation of the memorial service.

The Worthy President thanked Sister Karen Jackson for her service and dedication to the Washington State Grange.

The Worthy President thanked sister Shavanna May for her service as State Flora.

The Youth and Juniors marched in with a drill and did Youth and Junior Roll Call of Officers. The program was handed off to the State Youth Team for some remarks and distribution of awards. Brother Rick Ferguson congratulated all youth and juniors for their hard work this morning and this week, and thanked Sister Morgan Browning for assisting with the youth and junior program and activities.

Washington State Junior Director, Sister Heather Ferguson handed out Public Speaking awards from the Junior public speaking contest. Names of award winners will appear in the Journal of Proceedings. The Junior Grange Pizazz award was given to Truman Jones of Five Mile Prairie Grange. The Junior Granger of the Year award was given to Kamryn Cable from Humptulips JG. The Junior Grange Membership Award was given to Humptulips JG. The Junior Leader of the Year was presented to Debbie Harbin of Addy JG. The Ned Cullen Award went to Fargher Lake JG #49. All other awards will be listed in the Journal of Proceedings. Heather thanked her department leaders for their help and all the juniors that participated in activities this week.

The two Youth Pizazz Awards were presented to Addison Bowen of McIntosh #1001 and Rory O'Riordan of Williams Valley #452. Sister Terry Ferguson handed out the remainder of the youth public speaking awards, award winners will be listed in the Journal of Proceedings. Lauren Rohde, Waitsburg #1, was selected as Best of Show for public speaking, to represent Washington State at the National Grange Session in November of this year.

The Grange Youth Booster Award was presented to David and Mary Bryant of Elk Plain #782. Youth Raffle Drawing winners will be listed in the Journal of Proceedings. Sister Terry Ferguson thanked everyone for their donations to the youth department to assist with costs throughout the year.

The youth closed the Bible at 11:56 am to recess for lunch. Installation of Officers will begin at 1:30, and the completion of business will follow. To complete the youth and junior program, the youth presented a show drill.

The Installation of Officers began at 1:32 pm. The names of those who participated will appear in the Journal of Proceedings.

Worthy President thanked Brother Tom Cullen and the G.R.O.W. club for installing the new state officers.

Session reconvened at 1:48 pm. Roll Call of Officers found all officers present with the exception of Flora Jennifer Oliver. Officers' pro-tem: Jennifer Webb, Lecturer pro tem, Jacquie Hunt Director of Family Living pro tem.

Worthy President recognized Brother Mick Schwartz, who thanked the rest of the host committee and those who helped organize convention this year.

Worthy President called upon Sister Phyllis Ogden to make an invitation to next year's convention. Convention next year will be hosted at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Chehalis, June 25-29, 2025. Sister Phyllis also thanked Brother Duane Hamp for building new steps for the trailer.

The Worthy President thanked Brother John Gardner for his hard work as the sound manager.

The Worthy President thanked the State Officers for their hard work this week, especially with hosting the Friday evening barbecue.

The Worthy President thanked the deputies and their spouses for their assistance in making session run smoothly

The Worthy President thanked sister Tessa Gwin for taking the minutes.

The Worthy President thanked Brother David Bryant for operating the computer and running the projector.

The Worthy President thanked Sister Karen Jackson for serving as the reader.

The Worthy President thanked Brother Rex Ogden for serving as the parliamentarian.

The Worthy President thanked Phyllis Ogden for serving as his assistant.

The Worthy President thanked the office staff, Sisters Sophia Keller, Nancy Drake and Ferol Max, for all their work to ensure all aspects of the convention went smoothly.

Brother John Scherrer recognized all Has Beens as the group that continue to support the Grange and help it to grow and be successful.

It was moved and seconded that the Executive Committee be authorized to review and approve the minutes of the session. Motion Adopted.

The Grange Camper Club Association prize was won by Sophia Keller of Violet Prairie #996 and Anne VanAntwerp of Manor #1101.

The 135th Annual Convention of the Washington State Grange closed in full form in the Fourth Degree at 2:10 pm., followed by the Friendship Circle and singing of "God Be with You".



GRANGE LEADERS OF THE YEAR AWARD

LYNN WELLS AND TOM MCKERN

2024



With the 2020 State Grange Session having been cancelled due to Covid, the State Grange presented two leadership awards this year. The awards were presented to Lynn Wells and Tom McKern. Both longtime active Grange members.

Lynn Wells is one of the recipients of the 2024 Washington State Grange Leadership Award. Lynn joined Gardenspot Grange in 1992 and affiliated with Williams Valley Grange in 1995. She served the State Grange as the Deputy from 2002-2011 and from 2015 to the present. Lynn has been a member of the Conservation and Ecology Standing Committee for several years. Lynn has held several positions at the Subordinate and Pomona levels. She has proven invaluable in her abilities to research property issues and deeds throughout Northeast Washington. Lynn was the Registration Committee Chair for this year's session.

Tom McKern is a 67-year member of Quillisascut Grange, while also an affiliate member of Stranger Creek Grange. Tom has served in several State Grange positions, including Gatekeeper, Assistant Steward, Overseer, and Executive Committeeman. In recent year, Tom has been the Chair of the Board of Director for the Grange Insurance Association. He has been the Master of Stevens County Pomona Grange for many years and led the tours to the Douglas Falls Grange Park at this year's state session.

The awards were presented at the annual convention on Saturday, June 29. Both recipients were escorted to the President's station where they graciously accepted the honor and provided numerous words of wisdom from their Grange involvement.

In announcing the award, State President Tom Gwin stated. "Both Lynn and Tom are to be commended for the mentoring they have provided to Grangers from the local up through the state level is unparalleled. They are truly deserving of this honor."

The State Grange Leadership Award, presented annually since 1957, is the highest honor accorded by the Washington State Grange.



PREVIOUS GRANGE LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

1957 – W. T. Smith	1980 – Frieda Berger	2003 – Bernard & Ida Laurie
1958 – Fred Nelson	1981 – Gerald Fenton	2004 – Les & Marie Snyder
1959 – Charles F. Keiser	1982 – Eleanor Dudonsky	2005 – Jane Barfoot
1960 – Horace W. Bozarth	1983 – Ray Schneider	2006 – Bill & Elnora Crow
1961 – John Dobie	1984 – Homer Trefry	2007 – Everett & Doris Cook
1962 – Charles Hodde	1985 – Mary Richmond	2008 – Butch & Margaret Ohlsen
1963 – Max Schmuck	1986 – Jim Miller	2009 – Bob & Glenda Clark
1964 - Ira E. Shea	1987 – Vance Arter	2010 – Wayne & Peggy Miller
1965 – J. R. Ayers	1988 – Mabel Johnson	2011 – Ruth Nelson
1966 – Adda Ruth Roberts	1989 – Al Ost	2012 – Dennis & Jeannine Hall
1967 – Frank O. Miller	1990 – Dee L. McKern	2013 – Ed & Marilyn Armit
1968 – J. T. Danaher	1991 – Ray Kamerrer	2014 – Dave Howard
1969 – Ted A. Lloyd	1992 – Ned Cullen	2015 – Gene & Joan Frymire
1970 – Lena Lloyd	1993 – Anna & Dave Van Hulle	2016 – Jack & June Henrickson
1971 – Dan Jolly	1994 – Kay Bernethy	2017 – Elza & Dorothy Bryant
1972 – Ted F. Berry	1995 – Milt & Betty Perry	2018 – Mel & Rosetta Knott
1973 – Thora Dick	1996 – Willetta Burns	2019 - Shirley Ward
1974 – Martin Auseth	1997 – Lillian Callaway	2020 - No Award – Covid
1975 – Avis Beam	1998 – Adrian & Betty Devries	2021 – No Award – Covid
1976 – Irma Smith	1999 – Quintin & Marjorie Landreth	2022 – David Schaefer
1977 – Agnes Johnson	2000 – Jack Silvers	2023 – Terry & Mary Hunt
1978 – Chester Crandall	2001 – Boots & Fred Fischer	2024 – Lynn Wells and Tom McKern
1979 – Bob Elwess	2002 – Shirley Johnson	

2024 PRESIDENTS ADDRESS

TOM GWIN, 19TH PRESIDENT OF THE WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE

Worthy Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters of the Washington State Grange:

Welcome to Colville, in the heart of Northeast Washington, for the 135th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange. This year's session marks our return to Colville for the first time since 2008. Let's take the opportunity to enjoy fellowship with other Grange members in this beautiful rural setting, as we debate the issues before us. Thank you to this year's Steering Committee Officers: Chairman Mick Schwartz, Vice Chair Matt Harbin, Secretary Lynn Wells with Mary Schwartz pro-tem, and Treasurer, Walt Radmer for their leadership in guiding the numerous committees necessary to host the convention.

HOST COUNTIES

The Granges of the sprawling Eastern District have joined forces to host this year's convention. From the Canadian border counties of Stevens and Pend Oreille; through the Idaho border counties of Spokane, Lincoln, Whitman, and Adams; to the Oregon border counties of Asotin, Garfield, Columbia, Walla Walla, and Franklin; this region includes everything from forests and mountains to fertile farmland and areas that some would consider desert.

The 12 counties in this district comprise nearly 1.1 million residents, just over 14% of our state's total population. Nearly half of the district's population resides in Spokane County, with some of our lowest populated counties scattered through the district. A breakdown of counties with their current population ranking are as follows:

Population Rank by County	County	Population	Largest Cities
4	Spokane	551,455	Spokane, Spokane Valley
10	Benton	215,219	Kennewick, Richland
14	Franklin	99,034	Pasco
21	Walla Walla	61,568	Walla Walla
22	Stevens	48,537	Colville
23	Whitman	48,012	Pullman
30	Asotin	22,549	Clarkston
31	Adams	20,820	Ritzville, Othello
33	Pend Oreille	14,361	Newport
35	Lincoln	11,738	Davenport
38	Columbia	4,053	Dayton
39	Garfield	2,363	Pomeroy

There are 59 Subordinate Granges, 8 chartered Pomona Granges, and 12 chartered Junior Granges within the Eastern District. The first Grange organized in our state, Waitsburg #1, was organized in Columbia County on August 28, 1873. Twice closed and twice reorganized, Waitsburg Grange is still active and represented at this year's session.

The Southeast corner of the state proved to be fertile ground for the organizing of Granges with Dayton #2, Blue Mountain #3, Walla Walla #4, Dixie #5, Harmony #6, French Town #7, and Battle Creek #8 all being organized in 1873.

The first Junior Grange organized in the Eastern District was Grand Coulee Junior Grange #18, organized in 1924 in Lincoln County, while the first Pomona Grange was Whitman County Pomona #2, organized in 1902. The development of the Grange Youth Fairs Program contributed to the organization of several Junior Granges in the district. Stevens County, alone, boasts seven chartered Junior Granges.

The Granges of the Eastern District are scattered throughout the district in rural unincorporated areas, small communities, cities and towns, and even the suburban areas. Some are in areas where there was once a community that is no longer in existence. Advances in technology are declared as “progress” to some, while to others it has changed the landscape of our communities and thus, our Granges in those communities.

Other Granges have seen their cities and towns grow up around them, creating a wide array of opportunities for the Grange to become increasingly relevant in the community. It is vital that we take every opportunity to make the Grange a major player or stakeholder in the community.

2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Even-numbered years feature a short legislative session.....only 60 days as compared with 105 days on odd-numbered years. The state’s biannual operating, transportation, and capital budgets are established in odd years, thus the need for longer sessions in those years.

The legislature did pass a wide variety of legislation this year. Items of interest to the Grange and the agriculture community included:

Agriculture and Natural Resources

- ✓ HB 1153 - Octopus Farming: Prohibits octopus farming.
- ✓ HB 1226 - Smelt, Crawfish, & Carp: Provides that a recreational fishing or shellfish license is required to fish for carp, smelt, and crawfish, with certain exceptions.
- ✓ HB 1752 - Water/Consumptive Quality: Authorizes, upon application and approval, a change in the number of acres that may be irrigated with water rights held by the United States Bureau of Reclamation for water use within the boundaries of the Columbia Basin Project, so long as certain criteria are met.
- ✓ SHB 2045 - Adopt A Fish Barrier Program: Authorizes the Department of Transportation (DOT) and local governments to enact "Adopt a Fish Passage" programs. Requires the DOT and local governments to coordinate with the Recreation and Conservation Office on several aspects of Adopt a Fish Passage programs.
- ✓ SHB 2147 - Agriculture Pests & Diseases: Creates the Agricultural Pest and Disease Response Account. Modifies the procedure for appointing emergency advisory committee members. Requires the Director of the Department of Agriculture to evaluate emergency measures taken at least once every 60 days instead of once every 10 days.

- ✓ SHB 2165 - Recreational Use Fees: Provides that any fees for permits or licenses issued by the Department of Natural Resources for an organized event or commercial use is not considered a fee for the purposes of the recreational immunity statute.
- ✓ SHB 2293 - Avian Predation/Salmon: Creates an Avian Salmon Predation Work Group.
- ✓ SHB 2424 - State-Tribe Cooperative/Wildlife: Requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to engage in consultation with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation to update wildlife management strategies in the region of North Central Washington that was formerly the north half of the Colville Reservation.
- ✓ 2ESSB 5150 - Beef Commission: Increases, incrementally, the Beef Commission's (Commission) levied assessment on Washington cattle until 2026, with certain exceptions. Allows cattle producers and owners to request a refund of a certain portion of the assessment. Authorizes the Commission to fund, conduct, or otherwise participate in scientific research related to beef.
- ✓ SSB 5306 - WDFW Disease Interdiction: Authorizes the Department of Fish and Wildlife to establish voluntary disease interdiction and control check stations.
- ✓ SSB 5667 - Forestry Riparian Easements: Reduces the duration of easements under the Forestry Riparian Easement Program from 50 years to 40 years. Increases the dollar amount the Small Forest Landowner Office must offer a small forest landowner from 50 percent to 90 percent of the value of qualifying timber. Increases the cap on payments for qualifying timber on potentially unstable slopes or landforms from \$50,000 to \$150,000.
- ✓ 2SSB 5784 - Deer & Elk Crop Damage: Increases the compensation limit for an individual damage claim. Establishes a limit for an appeal of a decision of the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) on an individual damage claim. Creates a three-year pilot program at the WDFW to collar and monitor elk in South Central Washington. Requires the WDFW to review damage compensation programs in other states and submit recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2024.
- ✓ SSB 5785 - WDFW/Volunteer Organizations: Authorizes the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to enter into cooperative agreements with nonprofit and volunteer organizations to carry out activities benefitting WDFW-managed lands.
- ✓ SSB 5972 - Neonicotinoid Pesticides: Prohibits a person from using neonicotinoid insecticides on nonproduction outdoor ornamental plants, trees, and turf, beginning January 1, 2026, with exceptions. Allows the Director of the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) to authorize the use of neonicotinoid insecticides upon identification of an urgent pest threat. Requires the WSDA to review and update rules related to neonicotinoid insecticides by June 30, 2025, and every four years thereafter.

Environment and Energy

- ✓ E2SHB 1368 - Zero Emission School Buses: 24 Requires the Department of Ecology to administer a Zero-Emission School Bus Grant Program, and prioritize grants based on specified criteria. Provides for new school buses acquired by school districts or used in pupil transportation contracts to be zero emission after the total cost of ownership is determined to be below the total cost of ownership of diesel buses, with exceptions.

Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to survey school districts regarding the adoption of zero-emission school buses.

- ✓ 2SHB 1551 - Lead in Cookware: Restricts the manufacture, distribution, and sale of cookware containing lead at a level exceeding 5 parts per million (ppm). Authorizes the Department of Ecology (Ecology), in consultation with the Department of Health, to lower the 5 ppm lead limit after 2034. Authorizes Ecology to adopt rules and prescribes penalties for violations.
- ✓ ESHB 1589 - Clean Energy: Requires the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to adopt a consolidated planning process for large combination utilities that combines existing gas and electric utility planning processes. Requires large combination utilities to file an integrated system plan that meets specified requirements. Requires the UTC to adopt a cost test for large combination utility emissions reduction measures. Authorizes a large combination utility to seek a certificate of necessity to make investments in electrical power generation and acquisition. Authorizes a large combination utility to recover financing costs prior to the assets being considered used and useful in certain situations. Requires the UTC to approve the depreciation of the gas plants of a large combination utility by January 1, 2050. Authorizes the UTC to approve the merger of the electric and gas rate bases of a large combination utility under certain circumstances. Requires that the large combination utility certify that any work associated with a project costing more than \$10 million will be constructed to include specified workforce-related requirements.
- ✓ HB 1976 - Incentives/Energy Upgrades: Permits the Department of Commerce to provide incentive payments greater than the base incentive payment under the Early Adoption Incentive Program to owners of buildings that comply with the State Energy Performance Standard.
- ✓ ESHB 2039 - Environmental & Land Use Appeals: Modifies the process for direct review by the Court of Appeals for decisions issued by the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) and the Shoreline Hearings Board (SHB) that relate to clean energy projects. Makes permanent the current process for direct review by the Court of Appeals for certain decisions issued by the PCHB, the SHB, and the Growth Management Hearings Board. Establishes a process for consolidating multiple appeals arising out of the same project for proceedings before the PCHB and the SHB. Modifies the jurisdiction of the PCHB to hear appeals arising pursuant to specified additional environmental laws. Amends the procedures for service of process in actions under the Land Use Petition Act.
- ✓ E2SSB 6058 - Carbon Market Linkage: Amends provisions of the Climate Commitment Act (CCA), including provisions governing: (1) the length of compliance periods under the CCA; (2) the compliance obligations for greenhouse gas emissions associated with certain types of electricity; (3) the treatment of biofuels under the CCA; and (4) the allowance purchase and holding limits for CCA program participants. Establishes a process under the CCA for a federal power marketing entity to voluntarily register as an opt-in entity with Ecology and assume the CCA compliance obligation for the power it markets. Amends GHG emission reporting requirements under the Clean Air Act.
- ✓ SSB 6121 - Agricultural & Forestry Biomass: Includes the combustion of natural vegetation in portable flame cap kilns as an activity for which certain agencies may permit agricultural or silvicultural burning, subject to certain limitations. Defines flame cap kiln in the

Washington Clean Air Act as an outdoor container used for the combustion of natural vegetation from silvicultural or agricultural activities meeting certain structural and size requirements.

Finance and Taxes

- ✓ EHB 1757 - Farmers/Sales Tax Remittance: Provides a sale and use tax exemption in the form of a remittance of up to \$10,000 to eligible farmers who paid business and occupation tax on activities that would have been exempt if the custom farming and farm management services exemption had not lapsed.
- ✓ SHB 1818 - Forestland/Compensating Tax: Exempts the sale or transfer of designated forestland or timberland to a governmental entity from additional and compensating tax.
- ✓ ESHB 1862 - Disabled Veteran Assistance/Tax: Exempts from the business and occupation tax sales made on a military reservation by a nonprofit that operates an adaptive recreational and rehabilitation facility that serves disabled veterans and members of the armed forces. Exempts from retail sales and use tax sales made by such nonprofit to a disabled veteran or member of the armed forces.
- ✓ HB 2044 - Voter-Approved Property Tax: Removes the restriction on levy lid lift funds supplanting existing funds.
- ✓ HB 2111 - Taxes On Personal Income: Prohibits the state and local jurisdictions from imposing taxes on a person's gross income.
- ✓ HB 2454 - Agricultural Crop Products/Tax Exemption: Extends the hazardous substance tax exemption for agricultural crop protection products until January 1, 2036.

GRANGE LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

State Grange Legislative Lobbyist Jesse Taylor continues his outstanding work for us. We continued the use of the Grange Legislative Advisory Committee again this year. Thank you to Brother Rex Ogden for assuming the role of Legislative Committee Chair. Thank you, also, to the committee members Rodger Lance, Carolyn Hojem, Russ Weston, Kirk Van Gelder, and Todd Scholz for your work on behalf of all Grange members.

The Legislative Committee met prior to the legislative session to map out the Granges legislative priorities for the year. Once session started, we had bi-weekly updates with Jesse to learn about the status of pending legislation. These Zoom meetings are open to all interested Grange members. Jesse kept us apprised on the status of our priority list, along with any other bills where we had Grange policy.

“There are risks and costs to action. But they are far less than the long-range risks of comfortable inaction.”

--John F. Kennedy--

Jesse also coordinated the State Grange Legislative Day on February 5. Our Annual Legislative Day allows Grange members to meet with their legislators in office visits, allowing our members to inform their lawmakers of the importance of the Grange and the public services we provide in our communities. Approximately 45 Grange members converged on Olympia for this year's event.

This year's legislative day speakers included:

- State Senator Judy Warnick, a member of Moses Lake Grange #1151, discussed her work on rural and agricultural issues currently under consideration by the Senate.
- Peter Abbarno, 20th District State Representative from Centralia, who thanked the Grangers for serving their communities.
- Evan Scheffles, Director of Government Relations for the WA State Department of Agriculture
- Morgan Irwin, a former State Representative and current Governmental Affairs Director for the Association of Washington Business
- Tom Kwieciak, Lobbyist for the National Rifle Association.

***“Inaction breeds doubt and fear. Action breeds confidence and courage.
If you want to conquer fear, do not sit at home and think about it.
Go out and get busy.”***

--Dale Carnegie--

Oftentimes, a member will ask us to support a piece of legislation that is not necessarily a part of our State Grange Legislative Policies. We closely scrutinize each piece of legislation to be sure it is in accordance with our policies as determined by you, the delegates of the Annual State Grange Session. Throughout the course of the legislative session, we found several topics where we did not have policy. On those issues, we took a neutral stance.

We must remember as a grassroots organization, all policies begin at the local level and proceed upward through the organization. We do not use the trickle-down method where the State and National Granges and their leaders dictate policy down to the local chapters. Because we are grassroots oriented, the doors in both the legislature and in Congress are opened much easier than those of other organizations.

If we don't have policy on your topic of concern, it is an opportunity for you and your Grange to write a resolution addressing that specific topic. This is the beauty of the Grange...a true grassroots organization.

INITIATIVES TO THE LEGISLATURE

This year, signature gatherers across the state qualified six initiatives for the General Election at the end of the year. In the final days of the legislative session, lawmakers acted on three of those proposed initiatives, thus removing them from the ballot. The three initiatives, in effect, bar income tax, put a “parents’ bill of rights” into law, and lift some restrictions on when police can chase suspects.

The remaining three initiatives, which legislative leaders did not bring to a vote in the legislature would repeal the state's capital gains tax, repeal the Cap & Trade Carbon Tax, and make the payroll tax to pay for a state long-term care insurance program optional. As the legislature did not act upon the three initiatives, they will appear on the general election ballot in November. The Washington State Grange has current policy on all three subjects. We will take further action on these subjects at this session.

***“It’s the action, not the fruit of the action, that’s important.
You have to do the right thing. It may not be in your power,
may not be in your time, that there will be any fruit.
But that doesn’t mean you stop doing the right thing.
You may never know what results come from your action.
But if you do nothing, there will be no result.”***

--Mahatma Gandhi--

2021 CLIMATE COMMITMENT ACT

In 2023, the state collected \$1.3 billion in revenue from the cap-and-trade Climate Commitment Act. This year, the legislature committed to spending those funds. Initiative 2117 was proposed and citizens across the state collected over 400,000 signatures, The initiative was presented to the state legislature, who failed to act on the initiative. Thus, Initiative 2117 will be on the general election ballot in November. This measure would prohibit state agencies from imposing any type of carbon tax credit trading, including “cap and trade” or “cap and tax” programs. It would repeal sections of the 2021 Washington Climate Commitment Act. The Washington State Grange has a current policy on this subject. The Conservation and Ecology Committee has prepared a recommendation on this initiative for your consideration at this session.

SMALL GAS ENGINES

This year’s legislative session included a bill in the House of Representatives that would prohibit new gas-powered outdoor equipment beginning in 2026. The bill would have banned new gas-fueled lawnmowers, chainsaws, rototillers, log splitters, snow blowers and other equipment with 24-horsepower or less. The bill would have allowed federal, state, and local governments to use gas-powered equipment for emergency response. Others caught violating the ban would be subject to a \$10,000 fine and one year in jail. The legislation also would exempt electric-powered equipment from sales taxes and hand out \$5 million each year to local governments to replace gas equipment. Fortunately, the legislation was pulled before coming up for a vote in the legislature. We can, however, expect similar legislation to go up for consideration in future years. There are two resolutions on this subject up for your consideration on the subject matter.

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES FOR LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Public school enrollment in Washington State decreased by 67,000 students since the 2020-2021 school year. This has been spurred by a 43% increase in homeschool students and a 17% increase in private school enrollment. With the decrease in public school enrollment, there is a decrease in the amount of state funds going to the local public-school districts. Local school districts across the state are facing severe budget reductions due to the declining enrollment. Some school districts are facing the possible closure of schools, while others are facing salary issues with their faculty and staff. One item of note: from 2019 to 2022, the average teacher salary and benefits in Washington State increased 31% from \$99,000 up to \$131,155. In the 2023-2024 school year, the average teacher compensation (salary and benefits combined) increased to \$146,100. It is important to note salary and benefits make up 84% to 92% of the school district’s total budget. Local school districts are facing difficult decisions on balancing their budgets, while maintaining quality education for our students.

DROUGHT

The Washington State Department of Ecology issued a drought emergency declaration on April 16th after metrics were realized to trigger the declaration. In Washington, drought is declared when there is less than 75% of normal water supply and there is the risk of undue hardship. Declaring a drought emergency allows the department to distribute drought response grants and

to process emergency water right permits. Another advantage of declaring the emergency is it makes up to \$4.5 million available in drought response grants to public entities for drought condition mitigation. Areas guided by water management plans have been excluded from the new drought declaration including the Seattle, Tacoma and Everett corridor. The 2024 drought declaration is seen by the Department of Ecology as a continuation of the 2023 declaration. The 2023 drought declaration was scheduled to end June 30 this year. The new, statewide declaration will continue into next year.

JAPANESE BEETLE – ANOTHER INVASIVE SPECIES

Japanese beetle treatments began in April around parts of central Washington. The WSDA is conducting Japanese beetle treatments in part of the Yakima Valley including Mabton, Sunnyside, Wapato, Prosser, Grandview, and Pasco as part of a multiyear eradication effort. Applications on public properties began in early April followed by property owners who have land in the treatment area being encouraged to provide consent as soon as possible. WSDA is hoping to treat over 10,000 parcels in southeastern Washington. A certified pesticide applicator contractor is conducting the treatments on behalf of WSDA. The treatment is an insecticide called Acelepryn, which is a low-harm pesticide that offers low risk to humans, pets, and wildlife.

“An idea that is developed and put into action is more important than an idea that exists only as an idea.”

— Edward de Bono, Maltese physician and philosopher—

GREENHOUSE BILL SB 5508: PROMOTING LOCAL AGRICULTURE THROUGH GREENHOUSES.

After a long journey through the 2023 and 2024 sessions, this Greenhouse permit bill ultimately made it across the finish line and was signed into law by Governor Inslee in April. The law went into effect on June 6, 2024. The new law states that the State Building Code does not apply to any temporary growing structures used solely to produce horticultural plants and goes further to establish that a temporary growing structure is NOT considered a permitted structure under the State Building Code. The effect of the bill reads as follows: “State Building Code does not apply to temporary growing structures used solely to produce horticultural plants, rather than the commercial production of horticultural plants. A temporary growing structure is not considered a structure under the State Building Code. Temporary growing structures are structures that have a covered roof, rather than sides and a roof, with polyethylene, polyvinyl, or a similar flexible synthetic material, and is used to provide plants with either frost protection or increased heat retention.”

“Putting your own life on hold is all fun and games until every opportunity passes you by. There will never be a right time. Just different days, some more convenient than others.”

--Torrón-Lee Dewar, British creative author and artist--

FAIRS: WASHINGTON’S LARGEST CLASSROOM

The State of Washington is home to 69 different agricultural fairs. This includes 38 county and area fairs, 18 community fairs, and 12 youth shows. Among these events, we see approximately 70,000 exhibitors and 6000 fair volunteers. The latest economic impact statement about fairs in Washington State shows they bring in an estimated \$397 million in business revenue to the state economy. There are approximately 3200 jobs in the fair industry statewide, which represents roughly \$152 million in labor and benefits. In addition, the state collects an estimated \$10 million in state sales, business and occupation and other taxes. The fairs provide an opportunity for our

Granges and our members to show our projects to the public. If you want to find faith in the generation coming up, stop and talk to one of the youth showmen or exhibits. Listen to the story of their journey and how the fairs and specifically the youth programs (4-H, FFA, Grange, and several others) have benefitted them and assisted in making them productive members of society.

FARM TO SCHOOL GRANTS

The Washington State Department of Agriculture awarded #3.7 million in Farm to School grange for 105 different entities. The goal of the program is for the successful school districts, childcare providers, tribal schools and tribal early learning centers to use the grants to serve high quality, nutritious and culturally relevant foods grown, raised, caught or foraged by producers in Washington State. WSDA's Farm to School Purchasing Grants are made possible by legislative action and their continued investment in farm to school programs.

FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN GRANTS

The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) is offering more than \$6 million in grants to support local food supply chains and market access for farms, ranches, food processors, and food distributors. The grants were funded by the legislature to serve as linkages in the regional food supply chain, by providing local food infrastructure and market access grants to one-time covid-19 recovery funds for meat processing capacity grants and technical assistance through this program.

According to WSDA grant program managers, the funds are available to farmers, ranchers, food businesses, or non-profit/tribal/government organizations that process, manufacture, transport, or store foods that have been grown, caught, or raised in Washington State for Washington consumers. Grant amounts can range from \$10,000 to \$500,000, and may be used for planning, equipment, and facilities that support on-farm post-harvest handling, aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storing, distribution, and sale of locally or regionally produced food products.

*“What we plant in the soil of contemplation, we shall reap
in the harvest of action.”*

--Meister Eckhart, German theologian, philosopher, and mystic--

POLITICALLY ACTIVE, RATHER THAN PARTISAN POLITICS

For those Granges who desire to be involved in the political process, we must remember that Grange legislative involvement is issue driven. As an organization, we are politically active, but we do not partake in partisan politics.

As we move through the upcoming election, we must remember the key to remaining non-partisan is that we treat all candidates for office equally. If we hold a candidate's forum, all candidates must be invited to participate in the forum. If a Grange has a candidate for partisan office speak at a meeting, the Grange must also invite the other candidates for that same office. Political signs for partisan candidates are never appropriate on Grange property. Let us continue our work in creating a positive environment in which we can live and play.

This concludes the external portion of the Presidents' Address. Thank you for your time and attention in listening to this portion of the address.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS – INTERNAL 2024

“Success seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes but don't quit.”

--Conrad Hilton--

We all desire to have successful Granges:

- Granges that are active in their communities,
- Granges that take action to address today's societal needs,
- Granges that honor and respect our past successes, but still work toward building a bright future for the Grange in every community.

While we can envision where we want to be in two, five, ten, twenty, or more years, it is the action we take today, tomorrow, next week, and next year that will allow us to grow and prosper in make our vision come true for not only ourselves, but for the entire Grange organization.

Every movement we make, every forward step we take, and the time we contribute are all factors in moving further into the 21st century. The Grange has a valuable history. We have great accomplishments in our 156-year history. Perhaps our biggest achievements are still ahead of us.

Now is the time for all Granges to come together. We must share our vision for the Grange and then work together toward making that vision a reality. A team will take the strengths of each individual or chapter and meld them together to form a strong central organization. As a State Grange, we will capitalize on the strengths of our successful chapters, while providing guidance to our weaker chapters to strengthen their vision.

As we make decisions at this session, I ask that you dream about the future of our organization. Look at what is best to grow the entire organization. It is well past time for us to increase the relevance of the Grange in every community across the state.

“It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.”

--Harry S. Truman--

In many instances, it really doesn't matter who chaired a specific project in the Grange. What matters is that our vision is the result of the strong combined efforts of a team of individuals working together to move this organization to a higher degree of usefulness.

Let me review some of our specifics of how our team has worked toward our vision for the organization over the past year.

DISTINGUISHED GRANGES

We are excited to have three Subordinate Granges qualify as Distinguished Granges in 2022-2023. Congratulations to Goldendale #49, Deer Lagoon #846, and Five Mile Prairie #905 for the excellent programming in their local communities and their support of State and National Grange programs.

GRANGES IN ACTION

The National Grange began the “Grange in Action” program in 2019. Granges are asked to submit three pictures with captions on one 8 ½ x 11” page of paper. We are pleased to see excellent participation from our state. Ninety Subordinate Granges, twelve Junior Granges, and ten Pomona Granges were all named “Granges in Action” for 2023.

Several Granges have already qualified as Granges in Action for 2024. Their posters are on display in the Zoo Barn. For some Granges, have one or two pictures. We need a third picture to complete your poster. Email those pictures to the State Grange Office.

If you desire, we can print copies of the posters from your area to be used for display at your county fair or other promotional event. It’s not too late to submit your poster for recognition this year. The poster must have your Grange name, number, state, and 3-6 pictures of your Grange activities (with captions) since September 1, 2023.

I hope you will consider helping us surpass last years’ number!

“We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future.”

--George Bernard Shaw--

MILESTONES

Three Granges joined the Centennial Grange Club this year. Sharon #800 (Grays Harbor County) hit the 100-year mark in August, while Skokomish #379 hit 100 years since their reorganization in 1923. Steele Lake/Highline #805 (King County) reached the centennial mark in January of this year, while Grand Coulee #808 (Lincoln County) reached it in May. Congratulations to these Granges on reaching this amazing achievement.

Over the next year, two more Granges will join the Centennial Grange Club. Congratulations to Ohop #812 (Pierce County) and Rexville #815 (Skagit County) in reaching this milestone.

We are to the point of Granges beginning to celebrate 125 consecutive years of activity. Over the next year, the following Granges will mark their 125th anniversary:

- Mountain Valley #79 (Clark County) August 6, 1889
- Washington #82 (Clark County) August 19, 1889
- Columbia #87 (Klickitat County) November 5, 1889
- Glenwood #94 (Klickitat County) March 10, 1890

We hope you are planning your celebration. Be sure to utilize the Grange News to promote your event.

NATIONAL RECOGNITIONS

While at the National Grange Convention in Niagara Falls, New York, several Granges and Grangers from our state were recognized for their outstanding work:

- Morgan Browning of Lewis County Fire District #4, nominated by Mossyrock Grange, was named as the National Grange Firefighter of the Year.
- Goldendale Grange #49 received second place in the National Grange Community Service Contest.
- Humptulips Junior Grange #376 received second place in the Junior Grange Community Service Contest.
- Christine Hamp (Five Mile Prairie) placed first in the National Grange Virtual Photo Contest, while Claudine Lefever (Columbia #87) received a second place and third place award.
- Phyllis Dawson (Columbia Valley #938) received third place in the National Grange Garden Design Contest
- 62 Granges were recognized as Honor Granges for a net gain in membership for the year ending June 30, 2023.

Congratulations on a job well done to all our award winners!

“Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort.”

--Franklin D. Roosevelt--

LEGISLATIVE CAPITAL BUDGET GRANT PROGRAM

The Washington State Senate and House of Representatives approved the 2024 Supplemental Capital Budget on March 6. Governor Inslee followed up by signing the capital budget bill on March 29. We are pleased to have 13 Granges listed in the “Local Projects” section of the capital budget. The 13 Granges who received funding this year are:

- Legislative District 2 – Ohop Grange - \$30,000
- Legislative District 7 – Oroville Grange - \$62,000
- Legislative District 10 – South Camano Grange - \$132,000
- Legislative District 12 – Manson Grange - \$193,000
- Legislative District 13 – Menastash Grange - \$85,000
- Legislative District 14 – Columbia Grange - \$25,000
- Legislative District 14 – Mountain View Grange - \$100,000
- Legislative District 19 – Lincoln Creek Grange - \$81,000
- Legislative District 19 – Grays River Grange - \$17,000
- Legislative District 20 – Rose Valley Grange \$40,000
- Legislative District 24 – Chimacum Grange - \$26,000
- Legislative District 24 – Crescent Grange - \$103,000
- Legislative District 35 – Matlock Grange - \$90,000

The 13 grants total \$990,000. Approved projects include electrical replacement, drainage remediation, ADA compliance, heating and HVAC replacement, roof replacement, and addressing water issues at the Grange Halls.

Thank you to Grange Lobbyist Jesse Taylor, our State Grange staff, our state legislators, and the members of these Granges who worked tirelessly with their legislators in securing these funds. Also, to the Washington State Grange Executive Committee and the delegates to the Annual State Grange Session who embraced this project when it was presented as a part of the President’s Address at the 2023 State Session.

While we are pleased with the 13 Granges who did receive funding, we were surprised by a few of the other Granges who did not receive funding this year, especially with the efforts made by the members of some of those Granges.

Follow up information for those receiving grants will come from the WA State Department of Commerce, who will be the administrator of the capital budget grants. If you did receive approval or have not heard from the Department of Commerce, please visit with Jesse this week. He will get you in contact with the proper person to finish completing the paperwork and obtaining the funds for your hall improvements.

The Washington State will continue their efforts to obtain additional funds for Capital Improvements to Grange Halls across our state in 2025. Please keep in mind this is not an easy process. It takes time to complete and revise applications. You will need to meet with your legislators, giving them tours of your facilities and promoting Grange's involvement in your community. We must all remember these are public funds that we are seeking. While the Subordinate Granges will be the primary beneficiary of the grants, you must also demonstrate how the public will benefit from receiving the grant.

Moving forward to the current year, the Washington State Grange will again assist Granges in obtaining Capital Budget Funds in the 2025 legislative session. A summary of the program for the coming year is as follows:

- Shortly following this convention, we will put a mailing out to each Grange in the state with an application for State Capital Budget Funds.
- Applications will be due back to the State Grange Office by September 1.
- During the first week of September, a special committee will review all applications for completeness and accuracy. The State Grange Executive Committee will review the committee's report. Priority will be given to structural improvements and health/safety concerns.
- Each participating Grange will need to meet with the legislators where their hall is located. You will need to make those contacts and schedule the appointments. Jesse can assist and guide you, but it is up to each individual Grange to do the legwork.
- There will be some variation as there will be several new legislators elected this fall. Once the election takes place, we will know who will represent your legislative district and we can assist in putting you in contact with them.
- Lobbying the legislature will continue through the next legislative session until the State Capital Budget is approved late in the session.
- Funds, if granted, will become available in the next state fiscal year, which begins on July 1, 2025.

This is not intended to be an easy grant application process. It is intended to assist our Granges in identifying and securing funds for needed projects that will increase the effectiveness of each Grange in their community thus improving the Grange's ability to attract new programs, activities, and members. We hope you will consider working through this process as we attempt to secure the future of our organization.

WESTERN REGIONAL GRANGE CONFERENCE

The 2023 Western Regional Grange Conference was held in August in Sacramento, CA. I attended as the sole representative from our state. While the workshops were good, the attendance was not good. The State Presidents of the Western Regional made the decision to move the conference to a different time of year. We agreed that a late April date would be much

better than a summer conference. As it was our state's turn to host the conference, we looked at several potential locations.

The State Grange Deputy, Pomona Master and Deputy Conference are normally held in the spring. I chose to combine all the conferences into one large gathering. It didn't make sense to plan two conferences only a month apart.

I mentioned the opportunity of hosting the conference to a few Grangers. While visiting Yakima Valley Pomona, the ears of a few members perked up. We looked at the facilities needed and what I desired from the host area. Before leaving that meeting, Terrace Heights Grange volunteered their hall as a conference facility. Pam Bright (Terrace Heights Grange) and Tom Cullen (Buena Grange) volunteered to lead up a host committee.

We reviewed the conference program with the State Grange Executive Committee. The program committee, consisting of Brittney Pittman, Christine Hamp, Heather Ferguson, and myself, reviewed several workshop topics. We selected potential workshops topics, contact speakers, and the program fell into place. The workshops held during the conference included:

- ❖ Preserving Your Grange's Archives, presented by Heather Ferguson
- ❖ Completing a Community Needs Assessment, presented by Amanda Brozana-Rios
- ❖ Sponsorships for Your Grange, presented by Jesse Taylor
- ❖ Generational Differences, presented by Kent Hojem
- ❖ Communications in a Digital World, presented by the National Grange Communications Fellows
- ❖ Career Paths in Agriculture, presented by Jamie Sackmann
- ❖ Youth Fairs Program Discussion, presented by Joe Stefenoni, Brittney Pittman, Rick Ferguson, and Tom Gwin
- ❖ The Grange Legislative Process, presented by Jesse Taylor
- ❖ Making Sourdough, Butter, and Freezer Jam, presented by Christine Hamp and Scott Nicholson

State Chaplain Carolyn Hojem presented a Worship Service on Sunday morning. Broadway Grange, led by President Shelley Jenkins, presented a demonstration on contra dancing, followed by group participation. Our State Grange Youth Department conducted an impromptu speaking contest.

Please do not underestimate the work of the Yakima Valley Host Committee. They arranged for all meals, tours, facilities, and much more than was asked of them. They contacted hotels, arranged for sponsors, and solicited donations. The tours included:

- ❖ Central Washington Ag Museum and the Grange Library
- ❖ Kinsey Brothers Asparagus Farm and Packing House
- ❖ Treveri Cellars
- ❖ Bale Breaker Brewing

In all, approximately 70 members from Yakima Valley Pomona Grange had a hand in completing the tasks necessary to host the conference. The Yakima Valley Pomona Grange and their host committee of Pam Bright, Tom Cullen, Connie Hauver, and Glenda Tjarnberg are to be commended for their outstanding work on planning and conducting the conference. In reality, they made us all look good!

The conference was a grand success. There were nearly 170 registered participants from all the Western Grange States of California, Nevada, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Washington, and Alaska. We also had representatives from New York and Pennsylvania in attendance.

The 2025 Western Regional Grange Leaders Conference will be held on May 15-18, 2025, and will be hosted by the Montana State Grange. I hope many of you will consider attending this conference.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

Granges are eligible for a property tax exemption if the Grange Hall qualifies as a Public Assembly Hall and/or Meeting Facility. The property must be owned by a nonprofit that operates the facility. The exemption allows for the hall plus one acre of land to be relieved of property taxes. The exemption must be renewed annually, by March 31. Part of the application includes a complete listing of uses of the hall and property, fees paid, whether the event was public or private, and a report of both income and expense for the hall and property. There are restrictions on the use of your hall. Last year, the Washington State Department of Revenue released an information handout on this exemption. The State Grange Office can provide you with the link to download your own copy.

FIDELITY BONDING THROUGH THE NATIONAL GRANGE

The National Grange continues to offer a fidelity bond to each Grange through the National Grange Mutual Insurance Company of Keene, NH. Rates are dependent upon the amount of coverage each Grange desires. Subordinate and Pomona Granges send their completed application form and payment to the State Grange, who compiles the applications and submits it to the National Grange Office.

A mailing will go to each Grange in September with information on the bonding program. All applications for 2025 bonding must be received in the State Grange Office no later than December 15. This deadline will allow the State Grange staff to process the applications and get them forwarded to the National Grange before their December 31 deadline.

***“Real change is difficult at the beginning, but gorgeous at the end.
Change begins the moment you get the courage and step
outside your comfort zone, change begins at the end of your comfort zone.”***

--Roy T. Bennett--

NATIONAL GRANGE CONVENTION

Our state was represented by 20 Grangers at the 157th Annual Session of the National Grange last fall in Niagara Falls, New York. I, along with State Vice President David Bryant, served as the voting delegates from Washington. Jessica Van Gelder (Fern Prairie) represented us in the Showcase of Excellence. Scott Lyle (Pine Grove) was chosen for the SHIPMates Program, while Meagan McDonald (Waller Road) was in the Communications Fellow Program. Tessa Gwin (Humptulips) was the National Grange Youth Officer Council President, while Jacob Gwin (Humptulips) was the Assistant Steward for the officer team.

We are so proud of Sister Christine Hamp (Five Mile Prairie), who was elected to serve as the National Grange President. She is the first National Grange President from Washington State since Albert Goss. I am indeed honored to have been selected as the National Grange Lecturer. From my research, it is the first time in our history that Washington State has had two national officers. Both Chris and I hope to make you proud in our new roles.

YOUTH FAIRS PROGRAM

We are completed with our second year of the Grange Youth Fairs Program. In 2022, we had 460 participants in the program. In 2023, we increased participation to 640 kids. This represents nearly a 40% increase in participation in one year. The number of fairs and participating Granges both increased. We hope to see the same growth in 2024. together.

The fair industry in our state is structured in many different ways. Some fairs are a part of county government. Other fairs are operated by an association or volunteer board of directors. Some have a full-time staff, while others are completely volunteer driven. While the State Department of Agriculture and the State Fairs Commission provide funding for fairs, each fair board, staff, or association determines the offerings and rules for participation in their fair.

We put the basic Grange Youth Fairs Program together at the State Grange level. It is up to the Subordinate and Pomona Granges to make contacts with their local fair boards, staff, and fair associations to seek permission for Grange Youth participation in their fair.

Nine fairs agreed to allow the Grange Youth Fairs Program participation of various levels in 2022. Those nine fairs and their participating Granges were:

- ❖ Benton/Franklin Fair (Kennewick) – Freedom Grange
- ❖ Chelan County Fair (Cashmere) – Chumstick and Manson Granges
- ❖ Clark County Fair (Ridgefield) – Barberton, Fargher Lake, Fern Prairie, LaCenter, and Mountain Valley Granges
- ❖ Columbia Basin Junior Livestock Show (Connell) – Freedom Grange
- ❖ Grays Harbor County Fair (Elma) – Humptulips, North River, and Sharon Granges
- ❖ Grant County Fair (Moses Lake) – White Trail and Moses Lake Granges
- ❖ Milton-Freewater Junior Livestock Show (Milton-Freewater OR) – Prospect Point Grange
- ❖ North Central Washington Fair (Waterville) – St. Andrews and East Wenatchee Granges
- ❖ Northeast Washington Fair (Colville) – Addy, Kettle River, Stranger Creek, Fort Colville, and Camas Valley Granges
- ❖ Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days (Walla Walla) – Prospect Point Grange
- ❖ Kittitas County Fair (Ellensburg) – Menastash Grange
- ❖ Ferry County Fair (Republic) – Kettle River Grange
- ❖ Othello Fair (Othello) – Freedom, Moses Lake, and White Trail Granges

We can also add the Clallam County Youth Livestock Show with participants from Sequim Prairie and Dry Creek Granges. Though not an official “fair” that received state funding, the show provided a similar educational opportunity for Grange youth participation.

We expect to see additional Grange participation in several shows this year. Reports are coming in with indications of participation from the following Granges in 2024:

- ❖ Pend Oreille County Fair (Cusick) - Calispel Grange
- ❖ Ferry County Fair (Republic) – San Poil Grange
- ❖ Chelan County Fair (Cashmere) – Entiat Grange
- ❖ Grays Harbor County Fair (Elma) – Matlock Grange

Through the winter, the Youth Fairs Program group had monthly Zoom meetings to discuss items of concern. A special committee was organized to review the Grange Project Record Book. The book is being tested this summer by a few of the Granges. Suggestions will be reviewed, and the final revisions will be made available to all participants this fall.

We are continuing to incorporate aspects of the Youth Fairs Program into this week's convention. On the schedule, you will find:

- Educational Poster Contest – Grange youth from across the state are bringing their posters to this convention for judging and awarding of prize money. The posters will be on display in the Zoo Barn.
- Livestock Judging Contest – begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday here at the fairgrounds. Grange Youth members will demonstrate their decision-making skills on selecting quality livestock animals. A special class was added for adults wishing to compete with other adults. Both individual and Grange awards will be presented Saturday night at the Celebration Banquet.
- Public Speaking – both the Youth and the Juniors will compete on Saturday with prepared speeches and impromptu speeches. The Best of Show winner in the prepared speeches will represent our state at this year's National Grange Convention in November.

“Nothing in the world is worth having or worth doing unless it means effort, pain, difficulty... I have never in my life envied a human being who led an easy life. I have envied a great many people who led difficult lives and led them well.”

-- Theodore Roosevelt--

Every Grange needs to consider developing a Youth Fairs Program as an opportunity to increase their Grange membership. Young families are continuing to look for programs where the entire family can participate together. The Youth Fairs Program is another component of our multi-faceted approach to membership development by providing opportunities for the juniors, the youth, and their parents all in one organization.

We will continue providing opportunities for our Junior and Youth Grangers to develop their life skills and self-confidence with an understanding of agriculture and community development.

GRANGE MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The National Grange calculates their membership numbers quarterly and reports them annually at the National Grange Session. For the 12-month period ending June 30, 2022, the National Grange reported an increase in membership for the first time in nearly 70 years. The bulk of the membership gain was in the Western United States. Every state in the Western Region, including our state, demonstrated a net gain in membership!

You, the Washington State Grange, showed a net increase in Subordinate Grange membership for the year of 412 members. This is the first net gain in membership for our state since 1996. We were recognized at the 2022 National Grange Session for our membership growth. Congratulations to the 78 Subordinate Granges who were designated as Honor Granges for their own net gain in membership for the year.

As of the **June 30, 2023** report to the National Grange, we reported:

- 8146 Subordinate Grange Members in 214 Subordinate Granges
- 1156 Junior Grange Members (combined 1+ members plus those in 26 chartered Junior Granges)

The implementation of the Youth Fairs Program has allowed us to continue our membership growth. Most of the participating Granges have made it clear that if the kids are participating in the Grange Youth Fairs Program, the parents must be Grange

members as we are not a babysitting service. Parental membership is the key to the success of both that program and to Grange membership development.

During the past year and thus far in 2024, several Granges have been revitalized with new members and new activities. We have seen an influx of new members in Stevenson #121, Matlock #357, Williams Valley #452, Terrace Heights #568, Long Beach #667, Matlock #357, Chimacum #681, Inland #780, Manson #796, Fargher Lake #853, Orcas Island #964, Manson #796, San Juan Island #966, East Wenatchee #1012, Menastash #1054, Prospect Point #1067, Moses Lake #1151, White Trail #1143, and Freedom #1152. Not only are we seeing increases in membership, but we are also seeing an increase in the activities of these Granges.

Likewise, we are seeing growth in our Junior Grange program. We do have a major program with the submission of annual reports from our Junior Granges. Some are not really good at submitting annual reports. We know most of them are functioning, but we may be forced to close those who have not reported in more than two years. Several other Granges have expressed interest in chartering Junior Granges. We hope to receive completed charter applications from these Junior Granges soon.

The State Grange had a display at the WA State FFA Convention last month in Pullman. Contacts were made with FFA students, advisors, and parents with an interest in Grange membership. We will follow up with those contacts as we continue developing the partnerships that will lead to further Grange membership development.

Membership development will remain a priority in the coming year. The workload of membership recruiting needs to be shared equally amongst all Granges. If a Grange loses a member due to death or non-payment of dues, the members of that same Grange need to recruit a new member to replace the lost member.

Our Granges are intended to work for the betterment of our members and our communities. There are countless opportunities for membership recruitment. Perhaps the best tool is a properly functioning Grange that is meeting regularly and accomplishing tasks to benefit their community. Your friends and neighbors are potential members. Show them the positive impact we are making while enjoying the fellowship and fun we create. I challenge each Grange to recruit two new members before the end of this year. You will be amazed at the enthusiasm and new ideas they will bring to your Grange.

The State Grange will continue to provide programs and resources that will assist you in building your Grange membership!

**“Look at a day when you are supremely satisfied at the end.
It's not a day when you lounge around doing nothing; it's a day
you've had everything to do, and you've done it.”**

--Margaret Thatcher--

YOUR STATE GRANGE DIRECTORS AND STAFF

You can be extremely proud of the excellent staff we have working at the State Grange Office. We currently have 2 ½ full time positions working in the office. To be sure we get all tasks completed, each of the employees has assumed additional duties.

We continue to contract out the payroll services to a private firm at a minimal price. We have also entered into an agreement for a new bookkeeping program, which will allow our financial records to be brought up to date and move forward into future years.

Please join me in a hearty thank you to our three employees: Sophia Keller, Nancy Drake, and Ferol Max. Many of you do not realize how lucky we are to have these three outstanding employees working for us.

I cannot forget to mention our appointed directors, Heather Ferguson in the Junior Grange and Community Service Departments, and Jerry Gwin in the Youth Department. Jesse Taylor is representing us extremely well as our Legislative Lobbyist. Sister Heather has expressed interest in no longer continuing as the Community Service Director. I am pleased to announce our new Community Service Director will be Claudine Lefever of Columbia Grange (Klickitat County). Please join me in welcoming Claudine to this position as she works to continue moving this department forward.

Your staff and directors spend many long hours of hard work planning and conducting the activities of the State Grange. Thank you for your dedication to the Grange.

**“You never change your life until you step out of your comfort zone,
change begins at the end of your comfort zone.”**

--Roy T. Bennett--

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

As we continue taking action to secure the future of the Washington State Grange and all Granges in our state, no stone needs to be left unturned. Specific actions in the next few years will include:

- ❖ A continues evaluation of our Annual State Grange Session, reviewing each activity/program as it contributes to the total Grange Program and working to create a positive experience for all participants.
- ❖ Increased promotion and participation in State Grange Legislative Day; Review the Youth and Junior Grange Legislative Experience in Olympia, looking for ways to increase participation.
- ❖ Expansion of the Grange Youth Fairs Program to additional counties; Increasing the participation from our Granges; Identifying Granges where the fair has expressed interest in having Grange Youth involvement.
- ❖ Further integration of the youth fairs program activities into the fraternal Grange activities, and vice versa.
- ❖ Reintroduction of the Grange into communities where the Grange once thrived.
- ❖ Continued support and encourage for Granges desiring to participate apply for funds in the Legislative Capitol Budget Request Program.
- ❖ A comprehensive review for further development of the State Grange Property in Olympia. I am still looking for individuals to serve on this task force.

A PERSONAL NOTE

For the first time in over 30 years, I did not spend half of August and all of September in Puyallup at the Washington State Fair. It was nice being able to tackle additional Grange projects during this time.

I continue to stay in Olympia during the week. On weekends, I make my way back to Humptulips when I am not traveling the state meeting with Grange members and promoting our great organization and its wonderful programs.

I can't conclude this address without acknowledging the support given to me by my family. Mom and my brother Jerry, Aaron, Nikki, and Baby June, Kennedy, Jacob and Tessa – thank you for being a listening board and keeping me focused on the task at hand. To the members of my own Grange, Humptulips, and the members of Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona, thank you for understanding that I am not able to participate in all of your activities as I have other Granges that need my attention.

To the Grangers across the state, thank you for allowing me to serve as your State President, as we work to create programs and opportunities for increased visibility of this great organization.

CONCLUSION

Let us continue taking action to improve our Granges and our communities. The opportunities for success in every Grange is before us. We simply need to take action to move the Grange forward.

While we are the current caretakers of this great organization, it behooves us to prepare the organization for the future. One day, we will all be gone. But this organization can and will be here. There will be new leaders, new programs, and probably different activities.

If we continue taking appropriate action, the Grange will have a bright future. Let's not strangle our successors by placing limitations on their abilities to meet the needs of the citizens of Washington in the near future and over the long term.

Thank you for your attention. I hope you will join us next year at our 136th Annual State Session, scheduled for the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Chehalis.

Fraternally Submitted,
Tom Gwin
President, Washington State Grange

Officer & Department Reports

VICE PRESIDENT



Worthy President, Officers, and Members of the Washington State Grange,

Welcome to Colville and the 135th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange. I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Vice President this past year. It has been both an honor and a privilege.

The restoration of my Grange Hall was completed on the insert date here. To recap for those who did not read last year's officers report. On October 30, 2021, the Elk Plain Grange Hall sustained substantial fire damage resulting in requiring the demolition of the entire interior of the building.

This past November it was my great honor to be Washington State Grange's second Delegate to the 157th Annual Convention of the National Grange in Niagara Falls, New York where I served on the Grange Law Committee.

I want to acknowledge the staff of the Washington State Grange and thank them for their hard work. We are very fortunate to have such able, talented, and dedicated individuals working for us in the Olympia office.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve you as a state officer since 1996. Please use the time from now until next year's elections to find your next Vice President.

I hope you have a great session, and I look forward to seeing everyone once again.

Fraternally,
David Bryant

LECTURER

Worthy President, Brothers, and Sisters,

Thank you once again for the opportunity to serve as your Washington State Grange Lecturer/Program Director.

The position is one of challenges: developing information that can be used for programs at your meetings; overseeing the various contests that are part of this department, setting up the display area at convention; and writing a monthly article for the Grange News. I'm up for a challenge, now and again, and am fortunate to have Sherry Cummins, Brenda Lester, and Anita Mastin on my committee to assist with these activities. I am looking for more people to be involved on the Lecturer Committee – if you are interested, please let me know.



Fair Booth Results and Reports

2023 Fair Booth Contest Results:

The 22 entries representing 15 different Granges and participation at 12 different fairs for the 2023 fair season contest have been judged and resulted in the following:

Subordinate Grange:

Division I – Produce

1 st Place	\$100	Lower Naches #296	Central Washington State Fair
2 nd Place	\$75	Ohop #812	Washington State Fair
3 rd Place	\$50	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor County Fair

Additional entries were received from: McMillin #848 - King County Fair and WA State Fair

Division II – Project

1 st Place	\$100	Oakview #311	Southwest Washington Fair
2 nd Place	\$75	Adna #417	Southwest Washington Fair
3 rd Place	\$50	Washington #82	Clark County Fair

Additional entries were received from: Five Mile Prairie #905 - Spokane Interstate Fair, McMillin #848 - Pierce County Fair, Moses Lake #1151 – Grant County Fair and Othello Fair, Mountain Valley #79 – Clark County Fair, Olympic View #774 – Grays Harbor County Fair, Riverside Valley #1047 – King County Fair and Pierce County Fair, and Ten Mile #399, Northwest Washington Fair.

Pomona Grange:

Division II – Project

1 st Place	\$100	Columbia #56	Walla Walla Fair
2 nd Place	\$75	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28	Grays Harbor County Fair
3 rd Place	\$50	King #13	King County Fair

Youth Groups:

Division II - Project

1 st Place	\$50	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor County Fair
2 nd Place	\$30	Grays Harbor/ Pacific #28	Grays Harbor County Fair
3 rd Place	\$20	Humptulips #730	Cowlitz County Fair

An additional entry was received from: Prospect Point #1067 – Walla Walla County Fair

I would like to thank the following members who served as judges for this year's contest: Harriett Barr and Betty Meske from Tualco #284 and Janelle Lierman from Horseshoe #965. All have experience putting in booths and are qualified to judge these booths.

Creative Writing Contest

The entries for this contest are still being judged at the time of this report. The results will be in the next issue of Grange News.

Arts and Crafts and Photography Contests

The State results of these contests will be in the Convention Journal of Proceedings and will be published in the Grange News issue following Convention.

I hope you enjoy your visit to the Convention in Colville. Please take the opportunity to visit the departmental displays and the time to visit with your fellow Grangers that you don't see very often.

Fraternally,
Leslie Jo Wells

STEWARD



Worthy President, Officers, Brothers and Sisters of the Washington State Grange,

Welcome to the 2024 Washington State Grange Session in Colville. I'm excited for another warm convention. Please remember to drink water and stay hydrated, saying it will get hot is an understatement.

Both Tessa and I attended the National Grange Convention in Niagara Falls. In addition to visiting with her family, we were both selected to represent Washington as Youth Officers on the National Youth Officers Team. Tessa was Master/President, and I was Assistant Steward. It was again a great experience.

This was my first year being the Chairman of a State Session Committee, a very new and unique opportunity. One I very much enjoyed.

On a personal note, 2024 has been a lot more relaxing than the previous year. In August of last year, Tessa and I officially tied the knot. We had a great ceremony in the hay field on the family farm. I'm currently in the process of changing my career path and working for the United States Postal Service. This is a positive career move with opportunity for advancement. I'm very excited to get to talk with familiar faces and meet new ones.

I hope everyone has a wonderful time at our State Convention this year.

Fraternally,
Jacob Gwin

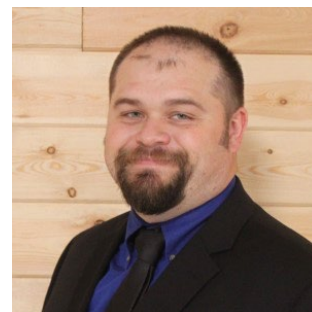
ASSISTANT STEWARD

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Washington State Grange,
Welcome to the 2024 Washington State Grange Convention in Colville, WA. Thank you for making the trip to the northeast corner of the state.

This past year the lesson of the 5th degree, perseverance, has been used in my local Grange, professional life, and personal life.

August and September of 2023 were filled with putting in the Moses Lake Grange seed display at the Grant County Fair and Othello Fair. Our Moses Lake Grange Youth Fairs program was on full display at both fairs with youth showing beef, goats, rabbits, sheep, and swine. Fast-forwarding to January, Moses Lake Grange members put in the time to paint our lovely peach colored kitchen, white, along with painting our hallway white to match the work done last year in the main hall. We added outdoor lighting for the parking lot and doors. Next January our members are planning on painting the pink and green bathrooms to complete painting the entire inside of our Grange Hall.

February, Brittney, and I took two youth to the Washington State Grange Legislative Day in Olympia. Once again, our lobbyist Jesse did an excellent job, giving a tour, lining up speakers, and connecting Grange members with their local representatives. If you have not attended a legislative day, I highly recommend you go to this next year.



March saw new young families joining Moses Lake Grange for the youth fairs program and another member returning to the Grange after being away a few years, while April was great seeing a ton of Grangers at the Western Regionals in Yakima. I grew up only two hours away from Yakima, but I learned more about the place in four days than I knew about it my entire life. Don't let those Yakima Grangers fool you, they know how to host a fun time.

Professionally I have been stretched the past year, directly supervising a young chemist, keeping my own projects on track moving forward, and learning how to deal with new to the company, but experienced chemists that resist adjusting to the company's processes.

Without going into too much detail, this past year, I experienced the mental health failings of the State of Washington. If you know someone that needs mental health help but does not want to admit it or want help, there is very little you can do to get them the help they need.

Thank you to the brothers and sisters of the Grange for being an extended family. Some of you, I have come to for serious advice and wisdom. Others I have enjoyed your fellowship and hearing your stories. To the members I have not met yet, please say hello this week, and let's find out what can bring us together.

Fraternally,
Jonny Pittman

LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD

To the Officers and Members of the 2024 Washington State Grange Convention,

Welcome to Colville, hopefully everyone is staying cool and enjoying the convention. It has been an honor to serve as your Lady Assistant Steward this past year.

I got the privilege of being able to attend both Mayfield Lake and Cornet Bay Junior Grange Camps last summer. It was nice to be able to come back and see the kids enjoy the week while learning about the Grange, making both new and old friends. I am sad that we had to cancel Cornet Bay Jr Grange camp for this summer due to staffing and date issues but look forward to hopefully coming back strong in 2025.

On a local level, at Haynie Grange, we are working toward creating more activities and events within the community and bringing in new members. We are in the position of needing major updates to our building to bring it to current codes including electrical and heating. We are now working on getting quotes on the repairs needed to determine the fundraising need.

Personally, not much exciting has happened, I am trying to decide on returning to college to finish my degree. I look forward to this next year and all the exciting new adventures ahead!

Fraternally,
Alexis Kudsk



CHAPLAIN

Dear Worthy President, Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters,



I have been looking forward to visiting Colville for the 135th Annual Convention. The Convention is such an exciting time. It brings an opportunity to renew old friendships. Additionally, I encourage each of you to take this occasion to visit with someone new and make sure everyone feels welcome.

As this was my first year as your State Chaplain, I've been blessed with new opportunities, experiences, and friendships. With this new position I had a lot to learn. Thanks to so many for sharing so much, I was able to get through without stumbling too much along the way. The support I've received from each of you reinforces how proud I am to be a Granger.

I felt sadness each time I received notification on the loss of a Grange past officer, spouse, or member. As I read their eulogies, I wished I had met each and everyone. This year we lost hundreds of years of combined Grange knowledge unless each of us took the time to listen and learn from our more experienced members. This is the only way we can ensure and retain the history of our Grange.

Thank you for all the notices and eulogies I received so that we can provide a dignified remembrance during the Memorial Service. I'm very grateful for all your assistance. I hope you all enjoy your time in Colville and the Convention.

Fraternally,
Carolyn Hojem

TREASURER

Worthy President, Officers, and Members of the Washington State Grange,
Greetings and Welcome to the 135th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange. It is an honor to be here with you and to serve this great organization.

This past year has been an exciting one for me as I have stepped into a new role as Master of Catlin Grange #199. I have served in many offices in Subordinate and Pomona Grange, but this is my first time as Master. I look forward to the challenge and am very thankful for this opportunity to learn even more.



This year I attended the Western Regionals Conference which was held in Yakima. It was my first time attending and it was a great learning experience. The workshops and information were very educational, not to mention, a ton of fun. It was wonderful to see friends and fellow Grangers from the western states and I am already looking forward to regionals next year in Montana.

Thank you all again for this opportunity to serve as your State Treasurer. I am truly blessed and look forward to seeing you all throughout this week.

Fraternally,
Annie Scott

SECRETARY



Greetings and Welcome to the 135th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange,

I'd like to extend a huge thank you to the steering committee for all their hard work in getting this convention prepared for us! Please be sure to take a moment and thank the team members for all their efforts in making this a tremendous event for us.

Grange has been such an integral part of my life from the time I joined Hope Junior Grange. I have seen and participated in Grange Degree work for over five decades and the words never fail to fill me with inspiration. I especially enjoy the Stewards charges starting with the Junior Degree where the Steward advises the new members to treat the animals and birds as our friends, teach them to love us and not to fear us. In the Subordinate Degree the Steward tells us that anyone that abuses animals has no place in the Grange. The 5th Degree is again the Steward that imparts such meaningful words as he has the capes and blinders removed from the candidates reminding them that it is not their appearance or dress, but their actions that are important. I just love the messages from the degree work.

Being part of this great Grange family, I feel comfortable sharing some personal things I've gone through over the last few years and give you some insight into why I have made some changes that will impact my time and ability to serve you here in Washington. In September of 2019 I made the decision to retire in 1 year. Then in November 2019 I was diagnosed with breast cancer and began a wild ride that would take me through surgery, and the follow-up treatments. I did retire in September 2020 and in October 2020 my father's health had declined to the point where he needed home care. He was fine physically but Alzheimer's is not an easy disease, and one that is unique to each victim. I am proud to say that his children stepped up and we were able to work out a rotating schedule, so we were able to provide his care for the rest of his life. He passed in July 2023, just the way he told us he wanted it: On his property, in his home, in his bed. Well done, good and faithful servant.

Now it was time for me to take care of myself. An opportunity came up rather quickly, fell into place, and this year I became a resident of Green Valley, Arizona and love it. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served Washington State as a member, a Subordinate Officer, a Deputy, and a State Officer. With technology and Zoom meetings I have been able to fulfill my obligations as your State Secretary, but I feel it prudent to resign. I wish you all the best and look forward to visiting Washington occasionally and seeing all your smiling faces.

On to the past year for growth in our Grange membership and Anniversaries that have been celebrated.

From January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, we have gained:

40 - Silver Star Members

75 - Golden Sheaf Members

8 - Members with 75 years

June Young	Adna #471	Barbara Hedden	East Hill #786
Helen Bucher	Sequim Prairie #1108	Beleta Stobaugh	Lower Naches #296
Jean Kosik	Lower Naches #296	Bernard Scott	Lower Naches #296
John Vetter	Olympic View #774	Glenn Rasmussen	Terrace Heights #586

1 – Member with 80 Years

Barbara Hagadorn Fargher Lake #853

Lifetime Members

Gained 22 in 2023 and 3 New Memorials, making a total of 778.

Total Membership Overall

Regular Members - 8310 which include: Individual, Family Members, Associate, and Affiliate Members

Golden Sheafs - 1604

Jr + 1's - 1112

Total Membership - 11,026

Fraternally,
Karen Jackson

GATEKEEPER



Worthy President, Officers, and members of Washington State Grange,

Welcome to the 135th Annual Convention. It is great to be here and to meet to continue our work. Being your State Gatekeeper has been both a great honor and a rewarding experience. Thank you for this opportunity.

I had the opportunity to attend this year's Western Regional Leaders Conference in Yakima this spring. Thank you to Yakima County for hosting such a great event. It was a great weekend of learning and sharing. I also had the opportunity to represent the State Grange at the 120th Anniversary of Hope Grange in Lewis County. Congratulations again and thank you for having me.

I am truly honored to be a part of this great organization. I wish you all an enjoyable and productive convention.

Fraternally,
Butch Ogden

CERES

Worthy President, Officers, Delegates, and Fellow Grange Members of the Washington State Grange,

I am so happy to welcome you to the 135th Annual Convention!

Mark and I are so excited to be joining you in Colville this year. We have good friends from here and have heard many stories about Colville! Now we all can make our own stories here as Grange members (Or again if you were fortunate enough to have been here in 2008 as well).

Convention is a wonderful time for meeting new Grangers and seeing old friends. It's a great time for fellowship and sharing ideas. It is a week to learn more about the Grange as well.

I wish you a happy convention and hope to meet each of you.

Thank you for letting me be part of this wonderful organization and being part of the State Officer team!

Fraternally,
Debbie Fisch



POMONA



To the Officers and Members of the Washington State Grange,

I would like to thank you for the honor and privilege to serve as the Washington State Pomona.

This was my first year as a State Officer and I truly enjoyed it. I started the summer off as an honored guest at Camp Wooten, where I was a camper many years ago. It was so fun to walk through the camp and look back on all the fond memories. It was so good to see all the new faces and speak as their honored guest about my time there and what the Grange meant to me.

I then continued my summer of fun and went to Camp Mayfield and Camp Cornet Bay where I was the nurse and adult leader at both camps. These camps were back-to-back, and while it was a crazy two weeks, it was so much fun to see all the kids and teach them about the Grange.

The summer came and went, and winter was fast upon us. I went to the State Grange kick off meeting with my mother Jennifer Webb, a Deputy of the Washington State Grange, as well as a Grange meeting in Ralston where we were recognized and honored. As winter ended and spring came, I helped at the Annual Ralston Jr. Grange Easter Egg Hunt. It was fun to watch the kids hunt for eggs and participate in a few indoor activities.

In September of 2023 I started a new job as a 911 Telecommunicator for Adams County WA. I enjoy my job, and on my weekends and any spare time I can I still volunteer as an EMT. I also enjoy this job and hope to continue working both jobs for years to come.

My hope this year is to participate in more Grange activities and go to more Grange meetings. Once again, I would like to thank you for the honor to serve as your Washington State Pomona

and I look forward to what this next year will bring. Hope to see you all at the convention this year.

Fraternally,
Jordanne Webb

FLORA

To the Officers and Members of the Washington State Grange,

Welcome to the 135th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange. I'm excited to see you in Colville this year and hope you will enjoy this beautiful portion of our state. I am honored to be a State Officer, and I take it very seriously.

My team and I are preparing to bring you a fun rose drill this year, and our young people are working hard at it.

It's my first year as a State Officer so I have had a bit of a learning curve in this position as it has been both challenging and awesome to see people step up to help. The Convention Committee has put their heart into making this convention a fun one for you and there will be opportunities for us to really get together for "conflab" as my daddy called it, I just call it sharing and caring with friends we don't always get to see every day.

I love the processes and deliberation we go through in accepting or rejecting ideas that are sent in via resolutions. God's Blessing to you all and looking forward to seeing you in Colville.

Fraternally,
Shavanna May

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER



To the Officers and Members of the Washington State Grange,

It's great to be back in sunny Colville! During the 2008 Colville convention, I was a highschooler, and part of our large state youth group. My hope is by welcoming the new Grange families involved in the Youth Fairs Program, we can build the state youth program again. I encourage all of you to attend and participate in the Livestock Judging Contest, Saturday morning before the session opens. It's an excellent opportunity to interact with our Juniors and Youth. I am excited for the updated convention schedule and am looking forward to more time for fellowship!

A significant amount of my time has been spent advocating and helping to improve our Grange Youth Fairs Program. Our committee worked to develop a template, that we feel is more user friendly for the kids and fits the needs of the local programs. Thank you to all who participated in those meetings, shared their expertise, and gave feedback: Ashlee Farrar (Manson), Ashley Pratt (Kettle River), Debbie Harbin (Addy), Jamie Sackmann (Moses Lake), and Kari Hann (Fern Prairie). Organizing and successfully implementing the Grange Youth Fairs Program is a team effort and a HUGE thank you to all our volunteers!

Locally, at Moses Lake Grange #1151, we have stayed busy. Our hall is rented out nearly every weekend. We continue to hold events for members and the local community. The youth fairs program has been a blessing to our Grange. By opening our doors and encouraging families to get involved we are truly serving our local communities.

I continue to work full time as a Professional Civil Engineer and Project Manager for Storhaug Engineering, based out of Spokane. In November, I was elected to the Warden City Council. This is an exciting new venture to utilize my knowledge and experience in development to navigate municipal codes.

Serving on the Washington State Executive Committee these last three years has been educational! I am amazed the Delegates of the Washington State Grange find me worthy to serve. I enjoy being intimately involved with the inner workings of the State Grange. With all the property and hall related items that are brought before the committee, I have helped by applying my professional experience in development, construction, municipal codes, and land use planning. I'm delighted to add a younger perspective. Thank you for trusting me to serve on the Washington State Grange Executive Committee.

As you welcome new members and families into your halls, continue to offer a safe, non-partisan environment for discussion and decision-making. Continuing to be the example within our communities, show today's youth that civility and fraternal friendships are possible.

I look forward to seeing everyone and hearing about all of your Grange successes this past year!

Fraternally,
Brittney Pittman

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER



To the Officers and Members of the Washington State Grange,

Welcome to Colville and the Eastern District. Chris and I look forward to a week of greeting, meeting, discussing, learning, doing, and most importantly, having fun! It is up to each one of us to ensure that the 135th Annual Convention of the Washington State Grange provides us with great memories for years to come.

I enjoy reading and hearing about, and continue to be impressed with, the projects and events our local Granges plan, coordinate, and collaborate on with others to make our communities stronger.

Let's be Grange Strong!

Fraternally yours,
Duane Hamp

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Worthy President, Officers, and Members of the Washington State Grange,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to Colville and the 135th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange,

Meeting with fellow Grangers, deliberating, acting on current issues and setting policy keeps the Grange strong and vital.

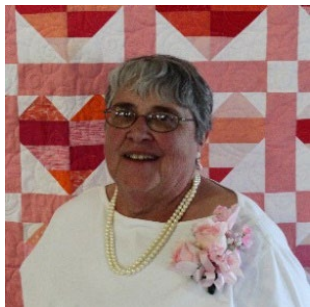
The Grange's basic beliefs in family and American values has made a huge impact on membership. A stronger membership brings new ideas, better communication, and lots of enthusiasm. The Grange Youth Fairs Program in Washington State continues to grow and better serve our communities.

Serving as a member of the Executive Committee this past year has been a privilege. Thank you to all Grangers for your continued leadership and participation.

Fraternally,
Rick Ferguson



FAMILY LIVING DIRECTOR



Worthy President, Fellow Officers, and Members of the Washington State Grange,

I count it a blessing to serve as your Family Living Director. We are a unique state as we are the only one to still elect a person to this position. There are challenges to the job but nothing that can't be overcome. I am responsible for an article in each edition of the Grange News. Sometimes it is hard to come up with a topic but that just makes me dig deep.

My other big duty is to organize the state contest. A big thank you to last year's team: Jim and Eileen Mobieus, Vicki Loomer, Florence Ogden, and Diane Cook. Also thank you to the youth who helped hang the quilts. Vicki Gilmour was a great help working with Jim and has agreed to be on our team this year. Jim and Eileen will be missed.

I thank all who sent in their year-end report. I love to see what each Grange is doing. Lastly, I thank my husband for his support. I could not do this job without him by my side.

I had the privilege to attend the Western Regional Conference in Yakima. I came home with so much in my brain that I am still sorting through it all. It was great to meet Grangers from other states in our region. I would encourage anyone to attend one of these conferences. I know I plan to go again.

Once again thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Fraternally,
Helen Berg

COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR

Worthy President, Officers, and Delegates of the Washington State Grange,



Community Service is such an important part of our organization. I am always so honored and amazed to see and hear the projects that our Grangers achieve. We really do make a difference in our communities.

In the Community Recognition Program, we were pleased to have Morgan Browning recognized as the 2023 National Grange Firefighter of the Year. Morgan was nominated for the award by Mossyrock Grange #355.

The state honorees in this year's Community Recognition Program are:

- Firefighter of the Year – Stephen Sandstrom of Grays Harbor Fire Protection District #17, nominated by Humptulips Grange #730
- Law Enforcement Officer of the Year – Columbia County Deputy Sheriff Rick Ferguson, nominated by Waitsburg Grange #1
- Volunteer Group of the Year – American Legion Tum Tum Post #168, nominated by Mountain Valley Grange #79.

The National Grange Community Service Contest was also a highlight for our states. Goldendale Grange #49 placed second in the national contest in 2023 contest for subordinate Granges, while Humptulips Junior Grange #376 placed second in the Junior Grange division.

Judging has been completed for this year's contest. The exact placings will be announced at the Celebration Banquet on Saturday evening. The top four in each class are:

Class I (up to 40 members)

Fredonia Grange #545
Greenwood Park Grange #590
McLane Grange #383
North River Grange #946

Class II (41 or more members)

Fruitland Grange #999
Humptulips Grange #730
Mossyrock Grange #355
Sequim Prairie Grange #1108

I need to thank all our Grangers for supporting this program, my committee and everyone who has helped me over the year. A special thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out their reports and submitted books. They are awesome, delegates make sure to take a look at them. I can't wait to see what is planned for next year.

Fraternally,
Heather Ferguson

JUNIOR GRANGE DIRECTOR

Worthy President, Officers, and Delegates of the Washington State Grange,

The opportunities my position gives me are always the highlight of my year. I have had the opportunity to meet new and see familiar faces, learn about your communities and about so many fantastic Junior activities. Like the rest of you, I am very excited about the growth of our organization and the new enthusiasm, ideas and opportunities that gives us. Change is always bittersweet for me; I love the tradition but am always excited for future possibilities.

Thank you to all of the Juniors who participate in the programs, the leaders, parents and fellow Grangers who help them and my Leadership team who are always there when called. Let this convention be one of the best and I can't wait to see all of you.

Fraternally,
Heather Ferguson

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Worthy President, Brothers and Sisters,

The State Grange Youth Department experienced a decrease in participation at the 2023 State Grange Session in Moses Lake. We have worked to turn those participation levels around. I am hopeful for increased participation this year in Colville.



The 2023 Western Regional Conference was held in August in Sacramento, California. Unfortunately, we were not represented at that conference due to conflicting events and the expense of traveling to Sacramento. With a change in dates to April, the 2024 Western Regional Conference was held in Yakima. Several youth attended the conference and participated in the activities. The State Youth Department sponsored and conducted the impromptu speaking contest at the conference. There was excellent participation from all age groups.

The 2023 National Grange Convention was held in November in Niagara Falls, New York. We were represented by Jacob and Tessa Gwin at the convention. Both were members of the National Grange Youth Officer Team, Tessa serving as the President and Jacob serving as the Assistant Steward.

We continue to hold the Annual Youth Department Raffle to raise funds to support the youth program. Thank you to those Granges and Grangers who supported us by purchasing and/or selling tickets. We will draw the winning tickets on Sunday afternoon.

The public speaking contest will be held on Saturday at 1 p.m. The Best of Show winner will qualify to represent our state at the National Grange Convention in November in Bettendorf, Iowa. You are welcome to join us for this exciting competition.

The Youth Fairs Program continues to bring young people into our Granges. Be sure to welcome the youth and their parents into your hall and encourage participation in your Grange activities. We hope you will review your current Grange programs and activities, being sure we are providing activities for this younger set of members.

Thank you for your support of our Grange youth!

Fraternally,
Jerry Gwin

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



Worthy President, Officers, and Delegates of the Washington State Grange,

It is exciting to once again be back in Colville for the 135th Annual Session. I cannot believe that this is my 21st State Grange Convention! I can't wait to see old friends and meet many more of you this year. It's always so nice to connect the faces with the voices on the phone. Please stop by the Progress Room and say hello or catch me as I'm running from one end of the fairgrounds to the other.

Let's all have a wonderful and productive convention!

Congratulations to our Granges who are continually recruiting new members and gaining membership. This year, at the Celebration Banquet on Saturday night, we will draw for our Subordinate and Junior membership gains. We will draw 6 - \$250 Visa gift cards for Subordinate Granges who added at least one new member this year, and 11 - \$25 Visa gift cards for the Junior Granges who added at least one new member this year. Good Luck to All!!!

Individual Grange Recruiter Recognition Program from July 2023 - June 2024. Thus far, the following members received the State Grange membership t-shirt for recruiting at least 3 new members. For every 5 new members, they also received at least one \$25 Amazon Gift Card:

Addy #603	Debbie Harbin – T-Shirt & 1 gift card
Bethel #404	Bruce Quintance – T-Shirt
Broadway #306	Shelly Jenkins – T-Shirt
Bryant #731	Matt Simonis – T-Shirt
Burbank #630	Roxie Kizanis – 1 gift card
Calispel #500	Patti Monk – T-Shirt
Chimacum #681	Al Latham – T-Shirt & 1 gift card
Deer Lagoon #846	Laura Rookstool – T-Shirt & 1 gift card
Fern Prairie #866	Kirk Van Gelder – T-Shirt Chanel Schonert – T-Shirt
Fords Prairie #33	Ricardo Barrientes – T-Shirt
Freedom #1152	James Giminez – T-Shirt & 1 gift card
Garden City #280	Andrew Teesdale – T-Shirt
Granville #857	Bryan Bechler – 1 gift card
Green Bluff #300	Brandy Sears – T-Shirt
Humptulips #730	Tiana Wynn – T-Shirt & 1 gift card
Kettle River #1120	Ashley Pratt – T-Shirt & 3 gift cards
Manastash #1054	Shannon Basterrechea – T-Shirt & 3 gift cards Holly Dempsey – T-Shirt Krystal Larimer – T-Shirt
Mansford #710	Savannah Richter – T-Shirt
Manson #796	Norm Manly – T-Shirt & 2 gift cards
Marion #276	Stephanie King – T-Shirt & 1 gift card Chris Entrop – T-Shirt
Matlock #357	Bernie Games – 1 gift card Chad Sweitzer – T-Shirt

McIntosh #1001	Kevin Fricke – T-Shirt Jeff LaShaw – T-Shirt Amanda LaShaw – T-Shirt
Moses Lake #1151	Carol Garneau – T-Shirt
Oakville #311	Alice Coakley – T-Shirt & 1 gift card
Oroville #985	Pati Burns – T-Shirt & 1 gift card Suzanne Cheney – T-Shirt
Rexville #815	Lori Buher – T-Shirt
Rome #226	Emma Hveljanovic
Rose Valley #953	Nicole Nickel – T-Shirt Jen Pfleeger – T-Shirt
Roy #702	Victor Stevens – T-Shirt & gift card Betty Garrison – T-Shirt Leanne Oxborough – T-Shirt
San Juan #966	Roger Ellison – 4 gift cards Bruce Robinson – T-Shirt
Sharon #800	Cindy Heller – T-Shirt
South Camano #930	Mike Nester – T-Shirt & 1 gift card
Swauk Teanaway #984	Patti Eidemiller – T-Shirt Claire Lucke – T-Shirt
Terrace Heights #586	Glenda Tjarnberg – T-Shirt
Tri Community #1008	Florence Robins – T-Shirt
Waller Road #1111	Danice Feller – T-Shirt
White Trail #1143	Rita Butler – T-Shirt
Williams Valley #452	Donna Russel – T-Shirt

To be eligible for these awards, you must be the first signer recommending members for membership. This information is taken directly from the New Member Report. Congratulations to all our winners and welcome to all of our new members!

Fraternally,
Sophia Keller

Washington State Grange Executive Committee Minutes

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING JULY 5, 2023

President, Tom Gwin, called the zoom meeting to order. Roll call found all executive committee present. Tom Gwin, David Bryant, Karen Jackson, Brittney Pittman, Duane Hamp and Rick Ferguson.

Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by Duane Hamp, to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023, and June 6, 2023 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Request from Buena Grange #836 to use some of their property fund for roof repairs. Moved by Rick Ferguson, seconded by Duane Hamp to approve the request. Motion carried.

Adding extra day to Convention. Discussion followed regarding adding an extra day to the convention. Several ideas were brought to the table. Changes do not require by-laws vote by delegates.

Resolutions. Discussion followed regarding the date resolutions must be submitted to headquarters. Currently, the schedule is too tight causing struggles to get into the official docket. Motion made by Duane Hamp, seconded by Brittney Pittman, that resolution deadline to Headquarters be May 1st. Discussion followed, motion carried.

Motion made by Karen Jackson, seconded by Brittney Pittman to move convention registration processes to online. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

President Tom Gwin reviewed the 8 resolutions that will be moving forward to National Grange. Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by David Bryant, that David Bryant be second delegate to National Grange. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 6:36pm. Meeting resumed at 6:41pm.

Motion made by Karen Jackson, seconded by David Bryant, that materials be purchased for construction of new steps for the WA State Grange Semi Trailer. Motion carried.

Next convention planning meeting will be July 9th at Clayton Grange. Discussion followed on recent convention and how to assist for next year. It was reported that Brother Chuck Berg is recovering well.

Next Exec meeting date set for: Monday, September 11, 2023, at 9:00am at Headquarters. Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EMAIL MEETING
JULY 17, 2023**

Meeting opened with communication from President Tom Gwin sharing cash offer for Tieton Grange Hall. The offer is for a "short sale", all cash, no inspection, no title insurance and to be completed in 90 days. Deputy Lucille Bevis has reported continuing vandalism to the building that is costly to repair.

Moved by David Bryant, seconded by Brittney Pittman, to accept the cash offer for the sale of Tieton Grange Hall. Motion carried.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EMAIL MEETING
AUGUST 22, 2023**

Meeting opened on August 22, 2023, with an email from President Tom Gwin to all Executive Committee members. Subject: Sale of Hazel Dell Grange Hall.

Hall has been listed with a realtor. A cash offer has been received with a two-week discovery period. The buyer is asking if there are underground tanks and wants to look up in the attic.

Jill, the realtor, advised either accept or counteroffer.

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Brittney Pittman, to counteroffer. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned August 23, 2023.

Addendum to August 22, 2023, Executive Committee email meeting.

President Tom Gwin reports that the counteroffer has been accepted and the sale of Hazel Dell Grange Hall is moving forward.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

Attendance: Tom Gwin, President; David Bryant, Vice President; Karen Jackson, Secretary; Brittney Oliver, Exec 1; Duane Hamp, Exec 2; Rick Ferguson, Exec 3.

Guests for presentations: Terry Ferguson, Youth Committee, Heather Ferguson, Junior, and Community Service Director; Jesse Taylor, Legislative Lobbyist.

Meeting was called to order at 8:07am by President Tom Gwin.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Executive Committee Meetings; July 5, July 17, and August 22, 2023, were brought before the committee for corrections or approval. Noted to change July 5 meeting minutes, correct Brittany Pittman to Brittney Pittman. David Bryant moved, 2nd by Duane Hamp to accept minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Property Issues and Fund Requests:

Tieton Grange: Offer has been withdrawn. Property remains for sale.

Hazel Dell Grange: Discovery period was extended at buyers' request. Buyers are satisfied with the discovery and are ready to sign. Closing date is September 26, 2023. After expenses and property taxes funds revenue from sale will be placed in trust.

Ohop Grange: Property fund request to use \$8716.04 for electrical work. David Bryant moved, with 2nd by Brittney Pittman to approve request. Motion carried.

Barberton Grange: 3 requests totaling \$26,021.56 appliance and wiring, countertops and painting of building exterior from their property fund. Duane Hamp moved, 2nd by Rick Ferguson to approve the requests. Motion carried.

Palouse Grange Hall sale. Two offers have been made. Rick Ferguson moved, 2nd by Karen Jackson, to accept the 2nd offer. Motion carried.

Legislative Report:

Jesse reviewed changes on Committees and Committee chairs. Reported on gas tax issue involving farmers, agriculture, and co-ops. Drought: While we have not had rain in a record time, our aquifers are holding. 2024 Session: A general election year, so don't expect to see a lot happen. Spending will occur though as it keeps voters happy and at the polls in September.

Camping Programs:

Attendance at camp was dramatically lower than prior years as Covid lockdown broke the cycle of kids going to camp. Camps must work to spread information and build attendance. Director changes were covered. Site costs have Cornet Bay looking for a new facility. Overall, the camping program went well. Zoom meeting scheduled soon.

Youth Fairs:

14 Youth Fairs were held this year with no negative reports from any of the Fairs. The Clark County Fair manager reported he feels that going forward Grange will be the major exhibitor at their Fair. Program is working, need to continue to nurture it and encourage granges to work together regionally as well.

Junior Program at Convention:

There is a need for specific programs with time limits. Adults will be encouraged to have Juniors attend the activities during the timeline and picked up by adults once the activity is over. Activities are spread out over the day/week so that they can attend functions with their adults too. Many more group activities are planned for the 2024 convention.

Youth:

We are not experiencing the youth coming to convention with their parents as we have in the past. Youth are participating in Fairs. How can we transition Youth Fair participants into active Grangers? Involve them in attending other Granges and talking about their experiences in Youth Fairs and how to get them started at their Grange? Two applications for Youth Officer Team at National Grange. Looks like one of our youth members may be selected as Master for this year's convention in New York. Final information will be out next week.

Membership Report:

Very good progress on reducing the number of Granges that are delinquent in dues or reports. Only 3 Granges on the report at this time.

Resolutions being forwarded to National:

Wording on Snake River Dam resolution was reviewed. Rick Ferguson moved, 2nd by David Bryant to approve clarification of wording on resolution so it is easier to understand. Motion carried.

Parking Lot:

Sophia Keller reported on Chevron monitoring of the ecological tests. Results are passable and the lot can be paved. If plans are made to renovate the property, it must be run by Chevron monitoring service prior to any finalization.

McMillan Grange:

The Exec committee welcomed John and Helen Gardner, Steve Hall and Dave Scholz from McMillan Grange to share information on SR 162 project adding a roundabout that will impact their hall. After discussion, McMillan will contact Epic Land Management and meet with them on site to review the impact of adjacency of roundabout to their hall. A blueprint does not give a clear idea of how traffic and space will be affected. Options will be shared with State Grange.

Lecturer:

Leslie reported on her committee member changes. Program changes: adding basic information on parliamentary procedure as we have many new members who may not be familiar with the process of meetings. This will aid new members, refresh existing members, and aid our Youth Fair members. Add a Flag Etiquette program. Renew our commitment to mentoring new members and new Granges. Encourage members that travel to share their trip with members when they return. Not only pictures, maps, souvenirs but travel tips about what to pack, what to check, what to carry on, etc.

Contests: Creative writing changes include Essays have been deleted. Poetry topic is Zoom. Short Story is My First Ride. Arts and Crafts. Reviewed data on items entered in categories and eliminated, added or changes based on cross over with CFL, participation and requests.

New category. Painting Miniatures. Size 3"x3". Leather Craft. Quilling and Origami. Deleting Scrapbooking. In Nature Craft, floral arrangement, but no live floral. Grange Promo: Delete buttons and Posters. Replace with T-shirt category. Kids: 10-13 years old: Drawings can be any medium, 5-9 years old: Drawings can be any medium. Remove Crayon category. Add Lego's.

In Photography, removing building and structures class, adding recreational activities. Talent Contest eliminated due to lack of participation.

Family Living:

Helen joined us via zoom. In canning, recipes will need to accompany Salsa, Pickles, and Relishes. Adding Syrups. In baking, add Sourdough for breads, rolls and desserts. Counted Cross stitch must be open back. Food Auction will be changed with many items being eliminated due to food safety concerns. Quantities required for entry will be changed. Be sure to attend district meetings at the beginning of the year for full details. Added to the Auction will be some canned items, Salsa's being one. Anyone entering needlework or sewing items that may wish to contribute to the auction are encouraged to do so. This will help augment our funding for the CFL auction. Lastly, Helen suggested that the CFL breakfast and the Celebration Dinner and auction be on different days as currently the schedule calls for a very long day.

Convention Schedule Review and suggestions:

Due to the members voting to add another day to the convention schedule was reviewed, and suggestions made on how to add more group events, family events, fun and games.

Many suggestions were given for the 2024 schedule with continuing review and revision and ongoing process for the Executive Committee.

Some suggestions:

- Sunday morning non-denominational church service with memorial service immediately afterwards.
- 6th Degree moved to Saturday.
- Family fun night with hamburgers and hot dogs with yard games.
- One night dedicated to County/District gatherings or dinners.
- Livestock judging on Saturday Morning.

These are all suggestions, and the formal schedule will require much more discussion before it is finalized.

New business:

Capitol Grant submissions were reviewed with discussion following. Some requests may require more information.

Convention minutes from the June 2023 convention were brought to the table for corrections or additions to the minutes. Motion made by Rick Ferguson, 2nd by David Bryant that minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Western Regional Conference was held in August 2023. Discussion at the Conference included discussion of timing of Conference. Dates for 2024 Regional Conference will be April 25-27 with Washington to Host in Yakima. Yakima Valley Pomona Grange is willing to assist. Committee to develop program content. Suggested that we use the Regional Conference as the WA State Grange Deputy Conference. More information to follow.

Dates were discussed for Adult and Teen Legislative Days.

Exec Meeting recessed at 2:05pm for Foundation Meeting.

Exec Committee Meeting reconvened at 2:24pm

Building Pet Policy:

Sophia Keller reported on a tenant whose pet is causing damage to premises. After the board reviewed the lease contract it was determined, in accordance with the contract, to bill the tenant for the damage. All tenants have received a letter asking tenants for recommendations on pet policy as no current policy in Washington State Grange Building lease agreement exists. Sophia reported that feedback was 50\50 for no pet policy. Duane Hamp moved, 2nd by Rick Ferguson, that Washington State Grange work toward implementing a pet policy for the building. Motion carried.

Next meeting date is November 27 at 6pm via Zoom. Rick Ferguson made a motion, 2nd by Duane Hamp, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EMAIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

President Tom Gwin sent group email to Executive Committee members: Dave Bryant, Karen Jackson, Brittney Pittman, Duane Hamp and Rick Ferguson.

Communication from real estate agent Darcell explains the offers for the Palouse Grange Hall as:

- #1. offer, close ASAP, buyer will pay for land survey. Buyer is nearly complete with discovery period.
- #2. offer, home contingency offer, Buyers current home is not listed. No timeline for closing sale. Loan institutions will need a full inspection before granting loan.

Darcell recommends we reconsider our decision to accept offer #2 due to lack of time frame and that current home has not been listed. Offer #1 is the best recommendation.

Moved by Duane Hamp to rescind original motion and replace it with motion to accept Offer #1. Seconded by David Bryant. Motion carried.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EMAIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**

President Tom Gwin sent group email to Executive Committee members: Dave Bryant, Karen Jackson, Brittney Pittman, Duane Hamp, and Rick Ferguson.

Windsor Grange #980 has requested use of Windsor/Four Lakes Property fund for purchase of weather efficient modern doors for their hall. Total request: \$9270.76 There are ample funds in their account. Motion made by David Bryant to approve the request of \$9270.76 to Windsor Grange from the property account. Motion seconded by Duane Hamp.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EMAIL MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2023**

President Tom Gwin sent group email to Executive Committee members: Dave Bryant, Karen Jackson, Brittney Pittman, Duane Hamp, and Rick Ferguson.

The sale of the Palouse Grange Hall was terminated by the buyer before the end of the discovery phase. We have another offer. This is a cash offer, no contingencies and close within ten days. It was moved by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson, to accept the new cash offer for the Palouse Grange Hall. Motion carried.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EMAIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2023**

President Tom Gwin sent group emails to Executive Committee members: Dave Bryant, Karen Jackson, Brittney Pittman, Duane Hamp, and Rick Ferguson.

The Orondo School District is offering to take the former Orondo Grange Hall off our rolls for \$100. It was moved by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson, to reject Orondo School District's offer to assume ownership of the Orondo Grange Hall.

Delinquent Granges. It was moved by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson, to send letters to the Granges two or more quarters delinquent in both dues and reports; Satsop #183, Orchardvale #334, Greenwood Park #490, Long Beach #667, Mansford #710, Ohop #812, Horseshoe #965, The Valley #1048, and Moses Lake #1151 asking them to become current by December 1, 2023 or they will be placed on probation and have their 2024 annual dues sent to State Grange Headquarters. Motion carried.

St. Andrews Grange #832 is requesting property funds for the installation of new flooring in their hall. It was moved by David Bryant, seconded by Karen Jackson, to approve the St. Andrews Grange #832 request for \$6,812.83, tax included, to install new flooring, with the funds to come from St. Andrews #832/ Mansfield #883 property fund.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 6pm pm by President Tom Gwin. Upon roll call, all Executive members were found present. President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Karen Jackson, Executive Committee Brittney Pittman, Rick Ferguson, and Duane Hamp.

Minutes from prior meeting were corrected to reflect name of Dave Bryant changed to David Bryant, Brittney Oliver changed to Brittney Pittman. Minutes approved as corrected.

Property Issues: McMillan Grange Property sale. The offer from WSDOT is: \$54,200.00 for easement for new roundabout. David Bryant made a motion to approve the sale with the McMillin Grange Masters, John Gardner (2023) and Steve Hall (2024) listed as signers for McMillin Grange. 2nd by Brittney Pittman. Motion carried.

Orondo Grange: Orondo Grange has received an offer of \$25,000.00 for the building and property. The School District plans to demolish the building and create a turnaround for the school buses. Duane Hamp moved to accept the offer, 2nd by Karen Jackson. Motion carried.

Tieton Grange: Offer for Tieton Grange building. Moved by Karen Jackson to accept this offer, 2nd by David Bryant. Motion carried.

Humptulips Grange: Received letter requesting \$7537.74 from their property fund to make their annual mortgage payment. Moved by Rick Ferguson to approve request, 2nd by Duane Hamp. Motion carried.

San Juan Island Grange: Received letter requesting \$63,976.24 from their Spring Street Property fund for work on their Spring Street Property. Moved by David Bryant to approve their request, 2nd by Duane Hamp. Motion Carried.

Update on Western Regionals: Yakima Valley Pomona will provide food. Buses have been lined up for tours. Response has been positive so far.

Capital Budget Grants update: Jesse Taylor met with the Budget Committee. Request for 2024 is for each Grange to contact their local legislator personally. Many Granges are already meeting with theirs via zoom. New grant requests will be taken for the 2025 session.

Consolidation request received to consolidate Johnson Grange and Whelan-Ewartsville Granges. The President will write a letter to both Granges outlining the steps necessary to move forward toward consolidation, as outlined in the digest.

Office Personnel status and benefits. L&I notified State Grange that under new laws, part time employees are entitled to sick leave. As it is now the law, any of our part-time employees will now receive sick leave based on hours worked the previous year.

National Grange has added a new benefit with American Income Life for Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance. State Grange is asked to share information via mail with our members and has requested a mailing list. Discussion followed. It was determined that the best way to protect the members privacy, is to have American Income Life send WSG the information and it be mailed out from headquarters.

Mileage rate: Mileage rate has not increased in several years. Moved by Brittney Pittman that staff be paid mileage at the IRS rate beginning January 1, 2024. 2nd by Duane Hamp, motion carried. Moved by Duane Hamp that Officers, Directors, and Deputies mileage be increased to .50 per mile except for convention. 2nd by David Bryant and carried.

Resolutions were read into record, numbered, and assigned to committees:

- 2024-01 – Increased Distribution of the Salmon Runs, from Manor #1101 – refer to Fish & Wildlife
- 2024-02 – Supporting All Veterans Returning to Civilian Life, from Manor #1101 – refer to Health, Health Care & Safety
- 2024-03 – Washington State Grange Elections, from Manor #1101 – refer to Grange Law
- 2024-04 – State Grange Officers Election Reform, from Pierce County Pomona #16 – refer to Grange Law
- 2024-05 – Drug Offender Sentencing, from Klickitat County Pomona #5 – refer to Health, Health Care & Safety

Meeting put at recess for Foundation meeting.

Executive Committee meeting resumed at 8:26pm

Convention Kick Off Meeting will be January 28th.

Tom will be attending Pomona meetings to distribute Leadership Packets.

Menastash Grange has installed mini split heaters, updating their hall for winter weather and warmer meetings.

Elk Plain Grange has had insulation installed as part of the rebuild process. Sheet rock is installed and the mud and taping is done. Septic is installed.

Next meeting will be a Zoom meeting on January 24th at 6pm. Remember any information for Executive Committee meetings needs to be at Headquarters 1 week prior.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2024**

The first Executive Committee meeting of 2024 was called to order at 6 pm by President Tom Gwin. All members were present and accounted for. President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Karen Jackson, Executive Committee Brittney Pittman, Rick Ferguson and Duane Hamp.

The minutes of the December 13th meeting were corrected. David Bryant moved to accept the minutes as corrected. 2nd by Duane Hamp, motion carried.

Property Fund request: Fort Colville Grange has requested \$3288.00 from their property fund to purchase new flooring for their hall. Request will come later for installation as weather permits. Moved by David Bryant to approve the request. 2nd by Rick Ferguson, motion carried.

Western Regional Conference Agenda was reviewed. Tom Gwin report Yakima Valley Pomona has acquired sponsorship from local companies, Tree Top being one of them, to help offset cost of food for Conference. It is a full agenda with many offerings for Grangers including tours, classes, and recreational activities. Motion made by Duane Hamp to set registration fee at \$35.00. 2nd by Rick Ferguson, motion carried.

Delinquent Dues and Reports:

5 Granges remain on the delinquent list for dues or reports:

Silver Lake Grange	2 quarters of dues
Satsop Grange	3 quarters of dues and reports
East Oakville Grange	2 quarters of dues and reports
Collins Grange	2 quarters of dues and reports
Johnson Grange	4 quarters of dues and reports

Note: Johnson Grange needs to address delinquency of dues and reports prior to consolidation plans.

Steele Lake Highline Grange is the only other Grange outside of Satsop that does not utilize State Grange to send out their due's notices. A closer look at how they are doing is needed.

South Fork Grange and Hazel Dell Grange have surrendered their charters following the sale of their halls and closing their Granges last year.

Quillayute Valley is currently inactive. There is hope for re-organization in the future.

Long Beach Grange has had a change in leadership and has a new and learning member as President.

Capital Budget Requests. Less money is available for hall improvements than was originally thought. Many Granges have taken the advice from Headquarters to meet individually with their legislators and have been successful. Some have done nothing.

Next year, 2025, if requests are kept to a total under \$5 million, the chances are that they will be approved. Granges are encouraged to act now.

Convention 2024 Schedule was reviewed, and changes made to Friday and Saturday for a better flow. It is still a work in progress. State Officers will be manning the grills and buffet line to serve our members at the BBQ on Friday night. Discussion followed on activities for Juniors and Pre-teens during 6th degree. Again, a work in progress.

Fairground Proposal for 2025 convention. Chehalis Fairgrounds submitted a bid for use of their facility for convention. The bid was too high, so the convention committee met with County Commissioners and Fairgrounds liaison. A new bid was received of \$10,000.00. Still high. Negotiations and/or search for a site continue.

Resolutions: The only resolution received since the last meeting was from Whitman County Pomona, Resolution 2024-06- Small Gas Engines. Assigned to Conservation and Ecology Committee as these issues are already off the floor for this session. Jesse Taylor will watch for any action and if necessary, the Executive Committee can bring it back as an emergency resolution. So moved by Duane Hamp, 2nd by Rick Ferguson and carried.

Scholarship judging will be 10:00am Thursday April 25th in Yakima prior to the Regional Conference at the Hotel or Grange Hall.

David Bryant reported Elk Plain Grange Hall now has had the floors installed, kitchen cabinets are in and are waiting for completion of kitchen and bathrooms. Liability insurance and the cost of demolition have increased the overall cost of the rebuild. Furniture is yet to be purchased. The good news is ETA on occupancy permit 4-6 weeks away.

Brittney met with Grange Fair leaders to discuss how to make record books more user friendly. The objective is to get them updated and published for next year.

Tom reported Leadership conferences held at Pomona meetings have been a great success. Attendance is way up over prior meetings.

Granges wishing to change their Pomona affiliate were discussed.

Brittney broached the parking lot and Tom reported that Chevron has contractors out testing right now. It has caused a huge disruption in parking as the legislative session is going, but at least we can expect some answers soon.

Next Executive Meeting will be via Zoom on March 20th at 6pm.

David Bryant moved that meeting be adjourned. 2nd by Duane Hamp and carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EMAIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

President Tom Gwin emailed a property fund request from Waller Road Grange #1111. The Grange wishes to refinish the hardwood floors in their hall. Multiple bids were included. It was moved by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson, to approve Waller Road Grange #1111 request for \$11,725.65, including tax, to refinish their hardwood floor, with the funds to come from the Waller Road #1111 property fund. Motion carried.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRNGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING
MARCH 20, 2024**

President Tom Gwin called the meeting to order at 6:02pm with all officers present: President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Karen Jackson, and Executive Committee Brittney Pittman, Duane Hamp, and Rick Ferguson

Motion made by David Bryant to accept the minutes of the January 24th, and February 13th meeting minutes. 2nd by Rick Ferguson, motion carried.

Property fund request from Elna Grange #26 to cover cost of Building inspection and new lighting and bulbs for their Hall. Total requested \$820.00. Funds are available. Motion made by David Bryant, 2nd by Duane Hamp to approve the request. Motion carried.

President Tom Gwin reviewed status of Western Regional Conference. The host committee is performing well and as of today has 100 Grangers registered for the Conference. Auction items are still needed for silent auction.

Capital Budget Grants. 12 Granges will receive grants in 2024, listed as Local Projects section of the State budget. The following Legislative Districts and the Grange within district are listed below:

Legislative District 2	Ohop Grange	\$36,000
Legislative District 7	Oroville Grange	\$62,000
Legislative District 10	South Camano Grange	\$132,000
Legislative District 12	Manson Grange	\$193,000
Legislative District 13	Menastash Grange	\$85,000
Legislative District 14	Columbia Grange	\$25,000
Legislative District 14	Mountain View Grange	\$100,000
Legislative District 19	Lincoln Creek	\$81,000
Legislative District 20	Rose Valley Grange	\$40,000
Legislative District 24	Chimacum Grange	\$26,000
Legislative District 24	Crescent Grange	\$103,000
Legislative District 35	Matlock Grange	\$90,000

Total from the Washington State 2024 Supplemental Capital Budget for Granges: \$973,000.

Delinquent Granges: The following Granges are delinquent on 3rd and 4th Quarter Dues and Reports:

- LaCenter Grange #48.
- East Oakville Grange #902
- Collins Grange #893

- Garden City Grange #280

Motion made by David Bryant, 2nd by Duane Hamp to send letters to each Grange that they get dues and reports current by April 15th or lose their ability to send voting delegates to convention. Motion carried.

Membership Role report. President Tom Gwin reported that we had 95 new members in January, 63 in February and 43 so far in March. Not many drops have been reported this quarter.

Jr Camps: A Zoom meeting for Camps will be March 29, 2024. More information will be available after that meeting. Directors will be reporting on planning, facilities, dates, etc. Currently we know that Moorehead's dates have changed based on facility requirements. Cornet Bay needs a director.

Standing Committee Reports: Dates, times, Committees, and committee members have been posted in the Grange News.

New business:

Request received from Whelan Ewartsville Grange #114, to change the name of the Grange back to Whelan Grange #117. Motion made by David Bryant, 2nd by Brittney Pittman to allow the name change to Whelan Grange and #114 remain per National Grange Digest. Motion carried.

Resolution from Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Pomona #7 was numbered: 2024-7 – Small Gas Engines. Resolution was assigned to Conservation and Ecology Committee. Meeting placed at recess 6:39pm

Recess of Executive meeting ended, meeting called to order at 7:02pm.

Next Executive meeting was set for April 25th at 3pm. Scholarships will be judged.

David Bryant reported on the progress of Elk Plain Grange as it nears the end of reconstruction, more permits, and the punch list items. Tables and chairs will be ordered soon. Getting closer to Final Inspection.

Grange is asking FFA for the same partnership with FFA that 4-H has, a Memorandum of Understanding. This will help with our Fair programs.

Motion made by David Bryant, 2nd by Rick Ferguson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 25, 2024**

The meeting opened at 3:23pm in Yakima, Washington and via phone. Officers were all found present as follows; President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Karen Jackson, Executive Committee; Brittney Pittman, Duane Hamp, and Rick Ferguson.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion made by David Bryant and seconded by Duane Hamp to approve the minutes of the 3.20.2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Property Issues:

Chumstick Grange - Letter received from Chumstick Grange #819 was submitted into record. Chumstick is asking for long term lease on their hall to Upper Valley Historical Society. Discussion followed. Tom will be meeting with Paul Grey later this month and will gather more information as there are many questions that need to be answered.

Property Fund Requests:

Barberton Grange #571 is requesting \$4496.04 to upgrade their electrical panel. They have adequate funds to cover the request. Motion made by David Bryant to approve the request. Seconded by Rick Ferguson and motion carried.

Barberton Grange #571 is requesting \$1127.61 to cover additional expenses related to installation of cabinets and countertops. They have adequate funds to cover the request. Motion made by David Bryant to approve the request. Seconded by Karen Jackson, motion carried.

Elk Plain Grange#782 submitted a request, inclusive of breakdown of all expenses and income, for remodel/repair project from their fire. Request is for \$13,751.49. Motion made by Duane Hamp to approve request. Seconded by Brittney Pittman, motion carried. David reported that this is anticipated to be the next to last payment for this project.

Update on Capital Budget Grants:

Grays River Grange #124 has a grant approved from the Washington State Capital budget grants for \$17,000.00 to install a lift.

Jr Camping Report: Camp NEWA and Cornet Bay have chosen not to host camps this year.

Membership Report: March saw an increase of 125 new members, with 64 new members in April. Unfortunately, some Granges have suffered major membership losses.

Youth Fairs Program Report: New fair participants are Pend Oreille County Fair with Calispel Grange, San Poil Jr. Grange in Ferry County, Entiat Grange in Chelan County. Matlock is starting a Junior/Youth Fairs Program with 17 members and will participate in the Grays Harbor County Fair.

2025 State Convention Site: The Southwest District Pomona Masters met with and negotiated a new bid from the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Chehalis. The initial bid of \$16,000.00 has been dropped to \$9889,00. That fee still includes all tables and chairs, restroom cleaning, and garbage fees. Motion made by Karen Jackson to approve the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds as our site for the 2025 convention. Seconded by Duane Hamp, motion carried.

Delinquent Granges: LaCenter #48, East Oakville #902, and Collins Grange #893 remain on the list. Additional Granges now delinquent two or more quarters: Fern Prairie #866, Sallal #955, Bainbridge Island #1051, Skagit Valley #620, Horseshoe #965, Gardenspot #278, and Williams Valley #452. Moved by David Bryant that these Granges must bring their standings current, or their delegates will be inactive and forfeit the right to vote. Seconded by Karen Jackson, motion carried.

Resolutions: The following resolutions were read into record and assigned a number and Committee:

2024-08 Restaurant Swipe Fees, from Issaquah Valley #581 - State Legislative
2024-09 Chickens, from Whitman Co Pomona #2 - Agriculture
2024-10 Electric Vehicles, from Whitman Co Pomona #2 - Transportation

- 2024-11 Foreign Ownership, from Issaquah Valley #581 - State Legislative
- 2024-12 High Speed Rail, from Clark Co Pomona #1 - Transportation
- 2024-13 Land Line Maintenance, from North River #946 - National Legislative
- 2024-14 Increased Fundraising Limit, from Stillaguamish #1058 - Taxation
- 2024-15 Gluten in Food Labeling, from Five Mile Prairie #905 - Health & Healthcare
- 2024-16 US Dietary Guidelines Classification of Potatoes, from Humptulips #730 - Agriculture
- 2024-17 Opposition to the Collection of National Dues for Junior Grange Members, from Humptulips #730 - Grange Law
- 2024-18 The Effect of Jr Grange Dues on Family Memberships, from Humptulips #730 - Grange Law
- 2024-19 Washington State Grange Officer Residency, from Thurston Co Pomona #8 - Grange Law
- 2024-20 Support for Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling for Beef, from Clark Co Pomona #1 - National Legislature
- 2024-21 Amend the Washington State Grange Bylaws Regarding State Officer Elections, from Clark Co Pomona #1 - Grange Law
- 2024-22 Labeling of Naturally Produced Meat, from Clark Co Pomona #1 - Agriculture
- 2024-23 Halt Ongoing Injury to the US Sheep Industry, from Clark County Pomona #1 – Agriculture
- 2024-24 Opt In or Opt Out, from Clallam Co Pomona #31 - National Legislative
- 2024-25 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, from Cowlitz Co Pomona #7 - Transportation
- 2024-26 Manual Switches and Controls, from Cowlitz Co Pomona #7 - Transportation
- 2024-27 Registration of Electric Bikes, from Whatcom Co Pomona #6 - Transportation
- 2024-28 First Class Postage Rates, from Whatcom Co Pomona #6 - National Legislature
- 2024-29 State Grange Proceedings in Electronic Format, from Whatcom Co Pomona #6 - Grange Activities
- 2024-30 Resolution to be Submitted from Pomona, from Whatcom Co Pomona #6 – Grange Law
- 2024-31 Keep Zoning Local, from Moses Lake #1151 - State Legislature

Next regular meeting: May 8th @ 5:30pm via zoom. Watch for details to sign in.
 David Bryant moved meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Duane Hamp, motion carried.
 Meeting adjourned at 4:18pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING
 MAY 8, 2024**

Meeting opened at 5:30pm with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Rollcall found all officers present: President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Karen Jackson, Executive Committee; Brittney Pittman, Duane Hamp, and Rick Ferguson.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Moved by David Bryant to approve the minutes of the April 25th meeting. 2nd by Rick Ferguson, motion carried.

Updates: The Regional Conference went well with a very good attendance, at some events as high as 170 members in attendance. Feedback has been good and social media has been positive as well. Silent Auction raised \$2000 to be split between State Grange and Yakima Valley Pomona. Live Auction raised \$1800 for Western Region Host Committee for National Session.

Resolutions: The following resolutions were read into record and referred to session committees as follows:

- 2024-33 Tire Chains on all Vehicles, from Sunnyside #129 - Transportation
- 2024-34 Term Limits, from Kellog Marsh #136 - National Legislature
- 2024-35 Public Lands, from Kellog Marsh #136 - Conservation and Ecology
- 2024-36 Tires, from Kellog Marsh #136 - Transportation
- 2024-37 Competency Testing, from Kellog Marsh #136 - National Legislature
- 2024-38 Anti-Regionalization, from Kellog Marsh #136 - State Legislature
- 2024-39 Encourage and Support Congress Codifying into Law Fundamental Parents Rights to Direct the Upbringing and Education of their Children in the United States of America, from Deer Lagoon #846 - National Legislature
- 2024-40 Encourage and Support the Legislature Codifying into Law Fundamental Parents Rights to Direct the Upbringing and Education of their Children in the State of Washington, from Deer Lagoon #846 - State Legislature
- 2024-41 Encourage & Support the Legislature to Provide Parents and their Children with School Choice through School Property Tax Following the Student in the State of Washington, from Deer Lagoon #846 - Education
- 2024-42 Encourage and Support Food Sovereignty through Local Control and Rural Economic Development of Direct Produce to Consumer Foods in Washington State, from Deer Lagoon #846 - Agriculture
- 2024-43 Officer Titles, from San Juan Island #966 - Grange Law
- 2024-44 Restoring a Free-Flowing Snake River to Save Money, Salmon, Orca and More, from San Juan Island #966 - Conservation and Ecology

Motion made by Duane Hamp to declare Resolution from Thurston County Pomona re: 6th Degree Robes, received after the deadline, be presented to Grange Law Committee for consideration as a Committee Resolution. Seconded by Rick Ferguson, motion carried.

Resolution from Eastern District Convention Committee read into record as communication only.

Meeting recessed for Foundation meetings. Meeting reconvened at 6:02pm.

Leadership Awards for Colville Convention were discussed as well as necessity for Executive Committee meetings prior to convention and availability of committee members.

President Tom Gwin reported that Session Committee dates have been set and will begin May 22nd. Committee assignments and other Convention information will be available in Grange News which has already gone to print.

Meeting adjourned at 6:14pm

FOUNDATION MINUTES

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES EMAIL MEETING JUNE 27, 2023

Via e-mail. President Tom Gwin shared a request from Manson Grange #796 to use the Foundation EIN for Digital Navigator Training at their Grange Hall. Manson Grange would receive \$9,500.00 for hosting the event. Tom Gwin stated it would include the standard 5% fee to State Grange for use of the EIN.

Motion made by Karen Jackson to allow Manson Grange the use of the EIN number, on a one time only basis. Seconded by Dave Bryant. Motion passed with a majority.

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES ZOOM MEETING JULY 5, 2023

President Tom Gwin called Foundation Board Meeting to order at 6:41 pm.

Members present: President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant; Trustees Karen Jackson, Brittany Pittman, Duane Hamp, and Rick Ferguson.

Moved by David Bryant, seconded by Duane Hamp to approve minutes of May 25th and June 27th minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Duane Hamp, seconded by Karen Jackson to remove Terry Abbott, and add Karen Jackson to Foundation Board of Trustees. Motion carried.

David Bryant moved, seconded by Duane Hamp to establish officers of the board as:

President:	Tm Gwin
V. President:	David Bryant
Secretary:	Karen Jackson
Trustees:	Brittney Pittman
	Duane Hamp
	Rick Ferguson

Motion carried.

Rick Ferguson moved, seconded by Brittney Pittman, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

President Tom Gwin called Foundation Board Meeting to order at 2:05 pm. Members present: President: Tom Gwin. Vice President: David Bryant; Members: Karen Jackson, Brittany Pittman, Duane Hamp, and Rick Ferguson.

David Bryant made motion, 2nd by Duane Hamp, to approve minutes of July 5, 2023, Foundation zoom meeting. Motion carried.

Thank you cards for scholarships were read into record from: Sophia Klein, Linsey Scarlett, Katherine Gould, Oliver Eades, Bailey Sherley, Sophia Klein, Michelle Brooks and Lexis Brooks.

The Capitol Budget request from Manson Grange was reviewed. Brittney Pittman moved, 2nd by David Bryant, to be the Sponsor for Community Foundation of North Central Washington Grant. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:24pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2023**

The Foundation Board Meeting called to order at 8:04pm with President Tom Gwin and all trustees present: David Bryant, Karen Jackson, Brittney Pittman, Rick Ferguson and Duane Hamp.

David Bryant moved to accept the minutes of the September 11th Foundation meeting. 2nd by Rick Ferguson. Motion carried

White Trail Grange requested use of EIN number to use in grant request for their new roof. Motion made by Duane Hamp to approve the request with the normal 5% fee payable to the Foundation. 2nd by David Bryant and carried.

Waller Road Grange requested to use EIN number for grants for educational programs. Motion made by Karen Jackson, 2nd by David Bryant that Waller Road provide Letter will be sent to them more specific information on what programs, what grants, rather than a generic request. Motion carried.

Fruitland Grange requested information on how to use the EIN number. Letter will be sent to them with guidelines and information on writing a request to the foundation for same.

The meeting was adjourned.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES EMAIL MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2023**

President Tom Gwin emailed to the board a letter from Molson Grange #1069 requesting the foundation be the receiver of grant funds for necessary improvements to their Grange Hall. There are tight deadlines for the request of funds, thus the need for the board of trustees to act now.

It was moved by Rick Ferguson, seconded by David Bryant, that Molson Grange #1069 be allowed to use WA State Grange Foundation as receiver of the grant for which they are applying, subject to the usual 5% administrative fee. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ZOOM MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2024**

Meeting called to order by President Tom Gwin with the following Executive Committee members present and accounted for: Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Karen Jackson, Executive Committee Members Brittney Pittman, Rick Ferguson, and Duane Hamp.

Note that minutes need to be changed to reflect the current 5% fee for use of Foundation EIN #. David Bryant made a motion to approve the Foundation Meeting minutes from December 13, 2023, & December 17, 2023, as corrected. 2nd by Duane Hamp and carried.

Thank you notes received from scholarship recipients Jill Adolphson and Nickolas Bowdish were read into record by Tom Gwin.

Skokomish Grange building foundation. Request from Skokomish Grange to use Foundation EIN number to seek grants for replacement of their building foundation washed out in the flooding. Duane Hamp so moved noting the usual 5% fee for use of EIN number. 2nd by David Bryant and carried.

Sharon Grange Cemetery project. Request to use Foundation 501c3 EIN number to pay fees for survey cemetery, plot, road map and corner markers so cemetery can be used for cremation interment. Money would be paid to the Foundation by Jim Beerbower. David Bryant moved that Sharon Grange be allowed to use the Foundation 501c3 EIN number as a pass through with no fee. 2nd by Rick Ferguson and carried.

With no further business to be brought before the Foundation, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES EMAIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2024**

President Tom Gwin forwarded an email from Calispel Grange #500 regarding the request to use the foundation as a receiver of a grant from the Innovia Foundation. The grant would be used to repair the Grange's Bingo Booth at the Pend Oreille County Fairgrounds in Cusick, which is the primary source of funds to support the Grange and its activities.

It was moved by David Bryant, seconded by Rock Ferguson, to allow Calispel Grange #500 the use of the Foundation's EIN for the purpose of obtaining a grant, with 5% administrative fee. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES EMAIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

President Tom Gwin emailed the trustees with a letter of request from Oroville Grange #985 asking the foundation to receive grant monies on their behalf for improvements to their hall. It was moved by Rock Ferguson, seconded by David Bryant, to allow Oroville Grange #985 the use of the Washington State Grange Foundation to receive grant funds for improvements to their hall, subject to the usual terms. Motion carried.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ZOOM MEETING
MARCH 20, 2024**

The Washington State Grange Foundation meeting was called to order, President Tom Gwin presiding. All officers were found present.

David Bryant moved, 2nd by Duane Hamp, to accept the minutes of the meetings from January 24, February 4, and February 11, 2024. Motion Carried.

A request from Prospect Grange #1067 to use Foundation EIN number to seek grants for Hall Improvements. Motion made by Duane Hamp, 2nd by Brittney Pittman to approve the request with the normal 5% fee for use of EIN Number. Motion carried.

Discussion followed on program handbook section: Washington State Grange Foundation. Items discussed were Memorial Record book, and Wills and Bequeaths. All agreed that more information on how to include Washington State Grange, or Local Grange in members will or how to bequeath funds to aforementioned. Included in the discussion was how to record such donations into our Memorial Records book. More research needs to be done and will be brought up again at the next Foundation Meeting.

The Foundation Meeting adjourned at 701pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
APRIL 25, 2024**

Meeting was called to order by President Tom Gwin. Officers were all present: President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Karen Jackson, and Trustees Brittney Pittman, Duane Hamp, and Rick Ferguson.

David Bryant moved the Foundation minutes from the 3/20/2024 meeting be approved. Motion seconded by Rick Ferguson; motion carried.

Request from Long Beach Grange #667 to use the foundation EIN for grant purposes was read into record. Motion made by Duane Hamp to allow Long Beach Grange #667 the use of the 501c3 number for grant purposes with the usual terms. Motion seconded by Brittney Pittman; motion carried.

Report of Scholarship Committee; 22 scholarship applications were received, reviewed and judged. The results are 19 scholarships will be awarded. Motion made by Rick Ferguson to approve the Scholarship Committee Report. Motion seconded by David Bryant; motion carried.

SCHOLARSHIP	AMOUNT	NAME OF RECIPIENT	GRANGE
BEAR CREEK/ HORSESHOE GRANGE	\$1250	Justin Klein	Prospect Point #1057 Walla Walla County
NORMAN BUCCHOLZ SCHOLARSHIP	\$1500	Bailey Sherley	Menastash #1054 Kittitas County
DELPHA GOUDE MEMORIAL	\$1500	Sophia Klein	Prospect Point #1067 Walla Walla County
	\$1250	Linsey Scarlett	Green Bluff #300 Spokane County
	\$1000	Madison Stockler	Fords Prairie #33 Lewis County
ADRIAN & BETTY DEVRIES MEMORIAL	\$1000	Marguerite Bailey	McIntosh #1001 Spokane County
FIEDLITY GRANGE	\$1000	Melissa Kudsk	Haynie #169 Whatcom County
MARTIN & GRANGE FORRY MEMORIAL	\$1500	Nickolas Bowdish	Centerville #81 Klickitat County
FOX ISLAND GRANGE	\$1000	Chloe Clyburn	Menastash #1054 Kittitas County
KEGLEY AGRICULTURAL	\$1000	Kadince Compton	Bee Hive #385 Chelan County
KITTLESON MEMORIAL	\$1000	Hannah Poland	East Wenatchee #1012 Douglas County
LONE YEW GRANGE	\$1000	Oliver Eades	Baw Faw #34 Lewis County
MCCLEARY GRANGE	\$1500	Tessa Gwin	Humptulips #730 Grays Harbor County
NOB HILL GRANGE	\$1250	Molly Sackman	Moses Lake #1151 Grant County
POMONA VILLA – GENERAL	\$1000	Regina Nelson	Prospect Point #1067 Walla Walla County
		Jacob Roibal	McIntosh #1001 Spokane County

POMONA VILLA – PIERCE COUNTY	\$1500	Victoree Stevens	Roy #702 Pierce County
RIVERVIEW GRANGE	\$1000	Alyson Stoller	Fargher Lake #853 Clark County
ROCK CREEK GRANGE	\$1500	Meredith Meats	Fargher Lake #853 Clark County

David Bryant moved that all judges be thanked for their time, hard work, and dedication in judging the applications. Motion was seconded by Karen Jackson; motion carried.

Thank you notes from the following were read into record: Walla Walla Fair Board, Prospect Point Grange, Justin Klein, Sierra C., and Charlie Thorsen.

The Foundation meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ZOOM MEETING
MAY 8, 2024**

Meeting called to order by President Tom Gwin at 5:53pm. Roll call found all trustees present: President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Karen Jackson, Trustees; Brittney Pittman, Duane Hamp, and Rick Ferguson.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Moved by Brittney Pittman to approve the minutes of the April 25th meeting as corrected. 2nd by Rick Ferguson, motion carried.

Request from South Camano Grange #930: Read into record was request from South Camano Grange #930. Request of ability to utilize the foundation 501c3 number to seek grants and donations. Motion made by Duane Hamp to allow use of 501c3 to seek grants in accordance with normal fees. 2nd by David Bryant, motion carried.

As no more business was brought before the Board, meeting was adjourned at 6:02pm.

2024 SESSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Agriculture

Carolyn Hojem – Newaukum #198– **Chair**
Alexis Kudsk – Haynie #169– **Vice Chair**
Larry Auvil – East Wenatchee #1012
Karen Derrey – Buena #836
Larry Farr – Pine Grove #115
Rex Ogden – Cowlitz Pomona #7
Michael Schwartz – Excelsior Pomona #37
Marcus Dingman – St. Andrews #832
Walt Radmer – Espanola #698
Robert Hutchison – Selah Heights #608
Tom Hann – Clark Pomona #1

Audit

Terry Ferguson – Columbia Pomona #56- **Chair**
David George – Kellogg Marsh #136 – **V. Chair**
Betty Garrison – Pierce Pomona #16
Laurel Jacobs – Fredonia #545
Ruth Anne Lance – Washington #82

Conservation & Ecology

Jacob Gwin – Humptulips #730- **Chair**
Bernard Ogden – Sunnyside #129– **Vice Chair**
Sara Nan Riordan – Williams Valley #452
Cathy Stordeur – Crescent #1123
Lynn Wells – Gardenspot #278
Chad Sweitzer – Matlock #357

Constitution & Bylaws

Shavanna May – Thurston Pomona #8- **Chair**
Phyllis Ogden – Cowlitz Pomona #7 – **Vice Chair**
Mary Bryant – Elk Plain #782
Ricardo Barrientes – Fords Prairie #33
Steve Dalton – Garden City #280
Russ Celia – Rexville #815

Credentials

Cindy Kudsk – Haynie #169 – **Chair**
Lucy Vest – Olympic View #774 – **Vice Chair**
Helen Gardner – McMillin #848
Marvin Oliver – Pierce Pomona #16
Mel Knott – King Pomona #13
Helen Berg – St Andrews #832
Ed Armit – Lewis Pomona #3
Jordanne Webb – Rimrock #941

Education

Isabella Lierman – Snohomish PO. #12 - **Chair**
Sara Wade – Columbia #87– **Vice Chair**
Ann Fackenthal – Gardenspot #278
Janice Lahde – Green Bluff #300
Isabella Lierman – Snohomish Pomona #12
Kent Hojem – Newaukum #198
Aaron Brand – North Bellingham #201
Shirley Auvil – East Wenatchee #1012
Marilyn Armit – Lewis Pomona #3
Mary Celia – Rexville #815
Laura Rookstool – Island Pomona #50

Election

Kendal Harner – Olympic View #774 – **Chair**
Jennifer Webb – Rimrock #941- **Vice Chair**
Lois Cummins – Inland #780
Paulette James – Mossyrock #355
Scott Lyle – Pine Grove #115
Jeff Prowse – Cedar Valley #306

Fish & Wildlife

Claudine Lefever – Columbia #87- **Chair**
Darell Meyers – Mossyrock #355– **Vice Chair**
Peter Hauck – Ten Mile #399
Steve Ricarte – Stillaguamish #1058
Alison Longley – San Juan Island #966
Duane Hamp – Five Mile Prairie #905
Tony Gill – Deer Lagoon #846
Jim Lahde – Greenbluff #300
David Stiles – Mt. Valley #79
James Loomer – South Lake Stevens #690
Steve Yates – Skagit Pomona #10
Jane Hutchinson – Selah Heights #608

Grange Activities

Debbie Riegel-Yates – Skagit PO. #10– **Chair**
Janice Anderson – Clark Pomona #1- **Vice Chair**
Vicky Loomer – South Lake Stevens #690
Cecelia Hamilton – Okanogan Pomona #53
Juanita Curnutt – Greenwood Park #590
Thelma Weiland – Pend Oreille Pomona #29
Janice Radmer – Espanola #698
Wilma Penner – Molson #1069
Georgene Neal – Mt. Valley #79
Melissa Johnston – Addy #603

Grange Law

Tom Cullen – Yakima Valley Pomona #11- **Chair**
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Bernie Games – Matlock #357
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Debbie Fisch – Bee Hive #385
Cheryl Saiz – Fruitland #999

Health Care & Safety

Victor Stevens – Roy #702- **Chair**
JoAnn Anderson–Issaquah Valley #581–**V Chair**
Ralph Allen – Williams Valley #452
Dianne George – Kellogg Marsh #136
Jerry Gwin – Humptulips #730
Mary Schwartz – Excelsior Pomona #37
Chris Hamp – Five Mile Prairie #905
Jacquie Hunt – Douglas Pomona #49
Judy Moilanen – Crescent #1123
Linda Morse Gill – Deer Lagoon #846
James Ogden – Goldendale #49
Linda Somerlott – Greenwood Park #590
Ann VanAntwerp – Manor #1101

National Legislative

Susan Hegney – Spokane Pomona #4 - **Chair**
Alan Anderson – Issaquah Valley #581– **V. Chair**
Rusty Hunt – Douglas Pomona #49
Sheyenne Koen – Snohomish Pomona #12
Jonathan Pittman – Moses Lake #1151
George Penner – Molson #1069
Karen Castello – Skagit Valley #620
Paul Gray – Chelan Pomona #23
Robert Reichle – Cedar Valley #306

State Legislative

Oren Gaskill – Ten Mile #399 - **Chair**
Bob Shea – Spokane Pomona #4 – **Vice Chair**
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Margaret Ohlsen – Tualco #284
Jean Swift – Skagit Valley #620
Rick Ferguson – Prospect Point #1067
Clarene Ricarte – Stillaguamish #1058
Joyce Meeker – Buena #836
Sheryl Reynolds – Long Beach #667
Carol Johnstone – Fords Prairie #33
Tharin Ward – Roy #702

Taxation & Fiscal Policy

Marcy Belles – Oakview #311- **Chair**
Scott Hackett – Whatcom Pomona #6 - **Vice Chair**
Lucille Bevis – Klickitat Pomona #5
Jill Michels – Fredonia #545
Rebecca Meats – Fargher Lake #853
Mark Fisch – Bee Hive #385
Fritz Flottman – Addy #603
Sue Branch – Terrace Heights #586
Keenan Berry – Long Beach #667
Warren Lewis – Garden City #280

Transportation

Christie Vintilo – South Union #860 - **Chair**
Bekki Weston – North Bellingham #201– **V Chair**
Rodger Lance – Washington #82
Lawrence Meeker – Yakima Valley Pomona #11
Dustin Ogden – Sunnyside #129
Brittney Pittman – Moses Lake #1151
John Hamilton – Okanogan Pomona #53
Steve Hall – McMillin #848
Larry Goble – Fargher Lake #853
Margaret Bradly – Meridian #265
Jeremy Bosworth – Tyler #610

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION – 2024

Resolution #	Resolution Title	By Grange	Committee
2024-01-0901	Increase destruction of the Salmon runs	Manor #1101	Fish & Wildlife
2024-02-1201	Supporting all Veterans returning to civilian life	Manor #1101	Health, Health Care & Safety
2024-03-1101	Washington State Grange Elections	Manor #1101	Grange Law
2024-04-1102	State Grange Officers Election Reform	Pierce Pomona #16	Grange Law
2024-05-1202	Drug Offender Sentencing	Klickitat Pomona #5	Health, Health Care & Safety
2024-06-0301	Small Gas Engines	Whitman Pomona #2	Conservation & Ecology
2024-07-0302	Small Gas Engines	Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Pomona #7	Conservation & Ecology
2024-08-1401	Restaurant Swipe Fees	Issaquah Valley #581	State Legislative
2024-09-0101	Chickens	Whitman Pomona #2	Agriculture
2024-10-1601	Electric Vehicles	Whitman Pomona #2	Transportation
2024-11-1402	Foreign Ownership of Real Property	Issaquah Valley #581	State Legislative
2024-12-1602	Higher-Speed Railroad in Washington	Clark Pomona #1	Transportation
2024-13-1301	Land Line Maintenance	North River #946	National Legislative
2024-14-1501	Increased Funding Limit	Stillaguamish #1058	Taxation
2024-15-1203	Gluten in Food Labeling	Five Mile Prairie #905	Health, Health Care & Safety
2024-16-0102	U.S. Dietary Guidelines Classification of Potatoes	Humptulips #730	Agriculture
2024-17-1103	Opposition to the Collection of National Dues for Junior Grange Members	Humptulips #730	Grange Law
2024-18-1104	The Effect of Junior Grange Dues on Family Memberships	Humptulips #730	Grange Law
2024-19-1105	Washington State Grange Officer Residency	Thurston Pomona #8	Grange Law

2024-20-1302	Support for Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling for Beef	Clark Pomona #1	National Legislative
2024-21-1106	Amend the WA State Grange Bylaws regarding State Officer Elections	Clark Pomona #1	Grange Law
2024-22-0103	Labeling of Naturally Produced Meat	Clark Pomona #1	Agriculture
2024-23-0104	Halt Ongoing Injury to the U.S. Sheep Industry	Clark Pomona #1	Agriculture
2024-24-1303	Opt In or Opt Out	Clallam Pomona #7	National Legislative
2024-25-1603	Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Pomona #7	Transportation
2024-26-1604	Manuel Switches and Controls	Cowlitz/Wahkiakum Pomona #7	Transportation
2024-27-1605	Registration of Electric Bikes	Whatcom Pomona #6	Transportation
2024-28-1304	First Class Mail Postage Rate	Whatcom Pomona #6	National Legislative
2024-29-1001	State Grange Proceedings in Electronic Format	Whatcom Pomona #6	Grange Activities
2024-30-1107	Resolution to be submitted from Pomona	Whatcom Pomona #6	Grange Law
2024-31-1403	Keep Zoning Local	Moses Lake #1151	State Legislative
2024-32-1606	Tire Chains in all Vehicles	Sunnyside #129	Transportation
2024-33-1607	Bicycle Safety	Sunnyside #129	Transportation
2024-34-1305	Term Limits	Kellogg Marsh #136	National Legislative
2024-35-0303	Public Lands	Kellogg Marsh #136	Conservation & Ecology
2024-36-1608	Tires	Kellogg Marsh #136	Transportation
2024-37-1306	Competency Testing	Kellogg Marsh #136	National Legislative
2024-38-1404	Anti – Regionalization	Kellogg Marsh #136	State Legislative
2024-39-1307	Encourage and Support Congress codifying into law fundamental Parent Rights to direct the upbringing and	Deer Lagoon #846	National Legislative

	education of children in the United States of America		
2024-40-1405	Encourage and support the legislature codifying into law fundamental Parental Rights to direct the upbringing and Education of their Children in the State of Washington	Deer Lagoon #846	State Legislative
2024-41-0701	Encourage & support the legislature to provide parents and their children with school choice through school property Tax following the student in State of Washington	Deer Lagoon #846	Education
2024-42-0105	Encourage and support food sovereignty through local control and rural economic development of direct producer to consumer foods in Washington State	Deer Lagoon #846	Agriculture
2024-43-1108	Officer Titles	San Juan Island #966	Grange Law
2024-44-0304	Restoring A Free-Flowing Snake River to Save Money, Salmon, Orca and More	San Juan Island #966	Conservation & Ecology

2024 COMMITTEE REPORTS & RESOLUTIONS

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

CHANGES TO THE LEGISLATIVE HANDBOOK:

Opening Statement

The Washington State Grange understands the importance and impact agriculture has on the vitality of our rural communities and the economy of Washington State.

Agriculture needs an adequate labor force to produce food and fiber for the public. We support property rights, water rights, and the right to farm. We oppose excessive regulations and fees that hinder the ability of farms to produce food and fiber. **As important as they are in the economy of Washington State, farms are more than agricultural businesses. They are homes for many of us, places where our care and hard work create livelihoods for ourselves and our neighbors, where our**

children learn the values and responsibilities that will make them good citizens. We will work toward more family farms, better access to land for more young people, and better support for farming from our governments.

Dairy

1. We encourage the distribution of surplus dairy commodities to underprivileged citizens **residents** of the United States.

Marketing & Trade

7. We encourage the **President, Congress, our Governor, and our State Legislature** President and Congress to devise a plan to ~~reduce the federal trade deficit by negotiation and development of realistic and workable international trade agreements~~ **expand the export of Washington products to help reduce the federal trade deficit.**

Production

7. We recommend the WSDA continue their efforts to control the Apple Maggot, Spangy (Gypsy) Moth, Asian Gypsy Moth, and other ~~contagious~~ infestations. (2022)

Research & Science

7. We support ~~increasing penalties to a class C felony when vandalism destroys~~ **agricultural** research laboratories. (2023)

Resolutions

Eggs

Resolution 2024-09-0101

Whereas, the new law that took effect in January 2024 that requires all chicken eggs sold in Washington State be from cage free chickens; and

Whereas, this has helped drive up the price of eggs; therefore be it

Resolved, the Washington State Grange support legislation that would give the consumers the option of whether to buy cage free chicken eggs or caged chicken eggs.

U.S. Dietary Guidelines Classification of Potatoes

Resolution 2024-16-0102

Whereas, the US Department of Health and Human Services and the US Department of Agriculture are responsible for developing the 2025-2030 Dietary Guidelines for Americans; and

Whereas, the federal Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee makes recommendations for the content of the dietary guidelines; and

Whereas, the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee is considering reclassifying the potato from vegetable to something else, possibly a grain; and

Whereas, reclassifying the potato could result in reduced usage in schools and other federal nutrition programs, and even the loss of specialty-crop status, a qualifier for USDA grants that help pay for research and marketing; and

Whereas, the nutritional value of potatoes is much different than other grains, which is a potential landing spot in the reclassification process; and

Whereas, anatomically the potato is a tuber, which is a vegetative part of the plant which classifies it as a vegetable; and

Whereas, there doesn't appear to be any scientific validity for the reclassification of potatoes; therefore be it

Resolved, that the National Grange and the Washington State Grange oppose attempts to reclassify the potato from a vegetable to any other food designated group in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Labeling of Naturally Produced Meat

Resolution – 2024-22-0103

Whereas, the current Washington State Grange Legislative Handbook reads: “We believe that only products derived from animals may be labeled as meat or meat products. (2020)”;

Whereas, lab grown animal cells are derived from cells removed from animals; and

Whereas, lab grown animal cells are grown in bioreactors and may or may not be cultivated in pharmaceutical grade growth media; therefore be it

Resolved, the Washington State Grange Legislative Handbook Agriculture, Food Standards #4 be revised to read, “We believe that only products naturally produced from animals may be labeled as meat or meat products.”; and be it further

Resolved, this resolution be sent to the National Grange for their consideration.

Halt Ongoing Injury to the U.S. Sheep Industry

Resolution 2024-23-0104

Whereas, sheep and lambs provide the economic cornerstone for western states' rural economies, supporting schools, places of worship, small town businesses, hospitals, and the social infrastructure of rural America; and

Whereas, sheep perform important environmental purposes by grazing and browsing through noxious and other undesirable and invasive weed species by reducing excess vegetation in fire prone areas; and

Whereas, under the Tariff Act of 1930, tariffs previously enacted in 1890, 1921, and 1922 were increased to \$3 for live sheep, 7 cents per pound for lamb meat, and 5 cents per pound for mutton; and

Whereas, since 1930, Congress has not adjusted tariffs on sheep or sheep meat for inflation, rendering them immaterial today; and

Whereas, adjusted for inflation, \$3 per head in 1930 is \$54 per head today, 7 cents per pound in 1930 is \$1.25 per pound today, and 5 cents per pound is \$0.89; and

Whereas, the U.S. sheep industry has not been protected from known and debilitating global market distortions for decades, resulting in the following consequences:

- The domestic sheep industry is non-competitive in the global export market.
- In four decades, the U.S. sheep inventory declined 62%, and at 5 million head is now at the lowest level in history.
- In four decades, the number of domestic sheep operations with over 100 head (commercial sheep operations) declined 60%.
- In just the past decade, consumption of sheep meat in America increased 62%.
- While consumption increased and production declined since 2012, imports surged 134%.
- By 2022, imported lamb and mutton captured 74% of the domestic market.
- The American sheep industry is the first U.S. livestock sector to be predominantly outsourced; and

Whereas, without some form of management over current import flows, by way of tariffs, tariff rate quotas, or quantity restrictions, the systemic, downward trajectories of every measure of the American sheep industry's viability foretells the commercial domestic sheep industry will soon become the first livestock industry in American to fall completely to import competition; and be it further

Resolved, the National Grange and the Washington State Grange urge the establishment of tariffs and a tariff rate quota system for the U.S. Sheep Industry.

Encourage and Support Food Sovereignty Resolution 2024-42-0105

Whereas, Washington State Grange supports the promotion of farming as a profitable and viable occupation with minimal regulations; and

Whereas, Washington State Grange encourages the development of home farm businesses; and

Whereas, small scale farming and food production ensure the preservation of family farms and traditional foodways; and

Whereas, health and well-being of citizens of the state is increased by food security and reducing hunger by improving access to wholesome, nutritious foods by supporting family farms and encouraging sustainable farming; and

Whereas, Washington State Grange supports the ability of individuals, families, and other entities to prepare, process, advertise, and sell foods directly to customers intended solely for consumption by the customers or their families; and

Whereas the response to the pandemic showed vulnerabilities in the big agriculture supply chain with massive disruptions; therefore be it

Resolved, the Washington State Grange supports food sovereignty and self-sufficiency for its citizens through local control of communities to produce, process, sell, purchase, and consume locally produced foods.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

Recommendations

1. We recommend the Washington State Grange make bookkeeping services a priority to bring the financial records current, which will allow for complete audit services for the 2022 fiscal year through the current year.
2. We recommend establishing an annual inventory process to include values of items at the State Grange Headquarters, in the convention trailer, and in the possession of Grange Departments, to include values for:
 - items for resale.
 - contest supplies, including display props.
 - general office supplies and other miscellaneous supplies.
 - office equipment.
 - convention supplies.
 - Regalia.

Acknowledgement

1. We acknowledge the efforts of the State Grange leadership and staff in manually maintaining the financial records, while finding and using a new payroll accounting system, and their commitment to obtaining and implementing user-friendly financial software to assist in electronically maintaining the financial records of the State Grange.

CONSERVATION & ECOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

Changes to the Legislative Handbook: Energy Resources, Research & Technology

6. We recommend that ~~electric~~ **utility** cooperatives also receive incentives for the development and use of renewable resources, clean energy technologies and internet utilities. (2009)

Environmental Regulation

4. When hazardous pollution is identified, all sources contributing to the ~~program~~ **situation** should be regulated equally.

Riparian Areas & Flooding

5. We recommend the Army Corps of Engineers and **Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE)** implement, as soon as possible, the facilitation of restorative dredging **sediment management practices** of rivers prone to flooding.

Water Resources and Water Rights

12. We support that permit exempt wells shall maintain the following: (2015)

- Provide water for livestock (no gallon per day limit or acre restriction).
- Watering a non-commercial lawn or garden ½ acre or less in size (no gallon per day limit).
- Provide water for a single use home or group of homes (limited to 5,000 gallons **per home** per day).
- Provide water for industrial purposes, including irrigation (limited to 5,000 gallons per day, no acre limit).

Recommendation

1. We recommend support for Initiative 2117, Prohibit Carbon Tax Credit Trading and Repeal Carbon Cap-and-Invest Program Measure (2024). As the original legislation (Climate Commitment Act of 2021) does not meet the criteria as approved by the Washington State Grange and listed in the 2024 Legislative Policy Handbook.

Resolutions

Small Gas Engines

Resolution 2024-07-0302

Whereas, we live in the Pacific Northwest; and

Whereas, we still have trees that must be fell with a chain saw; and

Whereas, there isn't any electric chain saws big enough to take down large trees; and

Whereas, landscapers use leaf blowers, weed eaters, lawn mowers, hedge trimmers, and other small equipment, and switching to battery powered equipment would be expensive and prohibitive; therefore be it

Resolved, that Washington State Grange opposed any legislative action banning the use of internal combustion engines under 25 horsepower.

Public Lands

Resolution 2024-35-0303

Whereas, the Washington State Grange legislative handbook, Public Lands, Section 7, currently reads, "We oppose all legislation that created additional wilderness, State & National Parks, National Monuments, or natural preserve areas in Washington State. (2021)"; and

Whereas, public outdoor spaces (i.e. parks, monuments, etc.) are important community and state resources as well as drawing tourists (both local and otherwise) to the nearby towns and communities which are dependent on the industry; and

Whereas, this includes local small agricultural businesses; therefore be it

Resolved, the Washington State Grange amend number 7 of the Public Lands section to read: "We oppose legislation that creates additional wilderness, State and National Parks, National Monuments, or other natural preserve designated areas in Washington State without proper purchase from and/or approval of the willing property owner".

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Grange Law Committee Recommendation #1 - Amend Bylaws, Article VII Section 1 (a) as follows:

- (a) Be received by the State Secretary at least ~~thirty (30)~~ **sixty (60)** days prior to the opening day of the annual session.

Good of the Order Standing Committee Recommendation #1 - Amend Bylaws Article VIII Section 1 as follows:

Sec. 1. ~~Charters.~~ **Organization.** Charters for Pomona Granges shall be issued from the National Grange.

Applications for charters shall be made to the Secretary of the National Grange and be signed by the persons applying for the same and be accompanied by a fee of \$5. The number shall not be less than thirteen persons of whom there shall not be less than four of either sex. All shall be Fourth Degree members in good standing in the district or county where the Grange is to be organized.

~~On such~~ **Upon** application being received and setting forth:

- (1) ~~t(a)~~ **T**hat the Good of the Order required the organization of a Pomona Grange in the county or district.
(2) ~~t(b)~~ **T**hat a suitable room will be provided, with the necessary paraphernalia for the convenience and work in such degree; it shall be the duty of the Master of the State Grange to provide for the organization and instruction of such Grange in accordance with the ritual of the Fifth Degree, adopted by the National Grange.

On the receipt of the certificate of **from** the **officer or** deputy perfecting the organization, a charter shall be issued in due form. The deputy **or other officer**, before completing the organization, shall see ~~that the room provided is in proper order and suitably arranged~~; that the officers are duly elected and installed; and that the membership fees are paid to the Secretary of the new organization. He/she shall also instruct all officers in their several duties.

Amend Bylaws Article VIII Section 2 as follows:

Sec. 2. Meetings. Pomona Granges shall meet at least once in ~~three months~~ **each calendar quarter** but may hold intermediate meetings.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

As of 10:00 a.m., June 29, 2024, we find 22 Pomona Granges with 39 delegates and 80 Subordinate Granges with 133 delegates, making a total of 172 voting delegates present, which constitutes a quorum.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Recommendation

We recommend the Washington State Grange investigate and pursue the process of establishing the Grange as a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) in the State of Washington.

ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Election of Officers was held in accordance with the Constitution & Bylaws, and the following patrons were elected to serve for the constitutional term:

Executive Committee, 3-year term
Secretary, 1-year unexpired term
Flora, 1-year unexpired term

Brittney Pittman
Isabella Lierman
Jennifer Oliver

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMITTEE REPORT

Changes to the Legislative Policy Handbook:

Predators

1. We oppose the planting and/or relocation of **predatory species** ~~wolves and grizzly bears~~ **into** the State of Washington. **We further oppose** the establishment of wildlife corridors to protect ~~them.~~ **these predators.**

General Issues

8. We support efforts to eradicate non-native harmful invasive species that threaten the native fish and wildlife of the State of Washington.

Resolutions

Increase Destruction of Salmon Runs

Resolution 2024-01-0901

Resolved, in the 2023 Legislative Handbook; under section: FISH and WILDLIFE; Subsection: GENERAL ISSUES; Paragraph 4, replace with the following paragraph with “That the Washington State Grange support federal legislation to tag and remove all seals and sea lions from the Columbia River, its tributaries, and the Puget Sound Basin to stop the destruction of the Washington State salmon runs, and be it further

Resolved, that any returning tagged seals and sea lions be removed a second time. If they return a third time they must be destroyed.

GRANGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Recommendations

1. We recommend the Washington State Grange Historical Committee consider purchasing the equipment necessary to scan their Grange records, allowing Subordinate and Pomona Granges to digitally store their records.

Resolutions

State Grange Session Proceedings in Electronic Format

Resolution 2024-29-1001

Whereas, currently the State Grange Convention Proceedings are mailed to every Subordinate & Pomona President & Secretary; and

Whereas, there is a significant cost for printing and postage to distribute the convention proceedings; and

Whereas, reading through the proceedings to find a specific topic is much more convenient on a computer with electronic word search capabilities to find and review convention outcomes; and

Whereas, the proceedings could be published as a secure PDF that cannot be altered; therefore be it

Resolved, each Pomona and Subordinate Grange President & Secretary shall be provided with the Washington State Grange Session Proceedings in a secure PDF format on the Washington State Grange website.

GRANGE LAW COMMITTEE REPORT

Recommendations

Recommendation #1: To conform with changes made at the 157th Annual Session of the National Grange to the Digest of Laws; amend Bylaws Article VIII as follows:
Sec. 1. ~~Charters.~~ **Organization.** Charters for Pomona Granges shall be issued from the National Grange.

Applications for charters shall be made to the Secretary of the National Grange and be signed by the persons applying for the same and be accompanied by a fee of \$5. The number shall not be less than thirteen persons of whom there shall not be less than four of either sex. All shall be Fourth Degree members in good standing in the district or county where the Grange is to be organized.

~~On such~~ **Upon** application being received and setting forth:

~~(1) **(a)** That the Good of the Order required the organization of a Pomona Grange in the county or district.~~

~~(2) **(b)** That a suitable room will be provided, with the necessary paraphernalia for the convenience and work in such degree; it shall be the duty of the Master of the State Grange to provide for the organization and instruction of such Grange in accordance with the ritual of the Fifth Degree, adopted by the National Grange.~~

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Sec. 2. Meetings. Pomona Granges shall meet at least once in ~~three months~~ **each calendar quarter** but may hold intermediate meetings.

Recommendation #2: We recommend that email be an approved form of communication when written member notification is required.

Recommendation #3: We recommend a special committee be appointed to review and make recommendations regarding State Officers Elections. (Bylaws Article 1, Section 6) The special committee shall report to the next regular session of the State Grange.

Grange Law Committee Recommendation #1:

Recommendation #1 – We recommend updating the Washington State Grange Bylaws, Article VII – Resolutions as follows:

Section 1. Resolutions in order to be presented to the State Grange Annual Session must:

- a. Be received by the State Secretary at least ~~thirty (30)~~ **sixty (60)** days prior to the opening day of the annual session

Resolutions

Opposition to the Collection of National Dues for Junior Grange Members

Resolution 2024-17-1103

Whereas, currently Junior Grange members do not pay dues to the National Grange, and

Whereas, the National Grange adopted Resolution 713-MD in 2023 asking for the collection of \$2.00 per year for National Grange dues for each member of a chartered Junior Grange and 1+ Junior Members of a Subordinate Grange beginning January 1, 2025, and

Whereas, the resolution calls for the dues funds to be “donated” to the National Grange Foundation Junior Grange Fund, and

Whereas, the cost of collection of these dues for the State Granges could far outweigh the total amount collected by the National Grange, and

Whereas, the bulk of Junior Grange programming is conducted by the State Granges, with several not participating in the limited National Junior Grange Programs being offered, and

Whereas, there does not appear to be any current plans for the use of the collected funds at the National Grange level, therefore be it

Resolved, we oppose the passage of 2023 Resolution 713-MD on its second vote at the 2024 National Grange Session.

The Effect of Junior Grange Dues on Family Memberships

Resolution 2024-18-1104

Whereas, for the purposes of a Grange Family Membership, the National Grange Digest of Laws, Chapter 4.6.6 (B) defines a family: “A family shall consist of a couple and their dependents, or a single person and their dependents. Dependents are defined as children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, foster, adopted or stepchildren, under the age of 23, who live as a member of the same household or in absence due to illness, education, or military service. Legal dependents of any age shall be considered part of their legal guardians’ family.”, and

Whereas, dues are collected for the entire family (adults and dependents) and not the individuals in a Grange Family Membership, and

Whereas, this has typically been applied to Subordinate Grange members, ages 14-23, and

Whereas, the Junior Grange Membership Program is designed for children, ages 5-14, and includes both chartered Junior Granges and 1+ Junior Grange Members, and

Whereas, the National Grange has a resolution up for a second vote this year (2024) calling for the collection of Junior Grange dues by the National Grange, and

Whereas, the complexities of the types of Grange membership are already difficult for some Grange Secretaries to understand, creating additional confusion at the Junior, Subordinate, State, and National Grange levels, and

Whereas, it would be beneficial to have these complexities discussed and worked out prior to the National Grange charging dues for Junior Grange members, therefore be it

Resolved, we request the National Grange to reject the resolution on collecting Junior Grange Dues at the national level until such time as a full discussion on the issues surrounding how Junior Grange dues affects Family Memberships can be held and satisfactorily addressed.

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HEALTH, HEALTH CARE & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Changes to the Legislative Policy Handbook:

Mental Health

1. We ask the legislature to reinstate or establish mental health (psychiatric) institutions and/or regional outpatient facilities. These institutions and/or outpatient facilities be

staffed with mental health professionals counselors to treat those with treatable mental problems. We also ask the legislature to fully fund these facilities. (2023)

Recommendation

RECOMMENDATION #1

We recommend the Washington State Grange goes on record in support of Initiative No. 2124, opt out of State-Run Long Term Care Coverage Act, as current Washington State Grange policy supports the repeal of the Washington Cares Program (Washington State Grange 2024 Legislative Policy Handbook, page 19, Health Care and Safety, Miscellaneous #2).

Resolutions

Supporting All Veterans Returning to Civilian Life Resolution 2024-02-1201

Whereas, there are half-way houses to support criminals who are transitioned from prison back to society, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Washington State Grange and the National Grange support legislation to provide available facilities with mental health support to all veterans transitioning from military life to civilian life if the veteran chooses to avail themselves of the opportunity.

Faith Based Chemical Dependency Recovery Programs Resolution 2024-05-1202

Whereas, the State licensing drug, alcohol treatment program, pertaining to drug offender sentencing alternatives, must meet the approval of the Department of Health, and

Whereas, the offender currently does not have any other options and enters a State certified treatment program for twelve months or less and upon release from the treatment program has no place to live or if living at home, will be in contact with former friends and commits drug crimes and winds back up in prison; and

Whereas, there are faith based programs, such as Mountain Ministries in Kelso, which is a yearlong drug and alcohol discipleship/treatment center that provides a home, work, daily prayer and reading and fellowship with other individuals for a period of one year

when the program is completed and you graduate or, you can stay another year and encouraged to obtain a job; therefore be it

Resolved, the Washington State Grange urge the Washington State Department of Health, to investigate and approve Faith Based Programs as an alternative to State licensed chemical dependency recovery programs.

Gluten in Food Labeling

Resolution 2024-15-1203

Whereas, celiac disease is a genetic autoimmune disorder triggered by gluten that causes damage to the lining of the small intestine that interferes with the absorption of vital nutrients that can lead to conditions such as anemia, infertility, osteoporosis, other autoimmune diseases, neurological disorders, and cancer, and

Whereas, an estimated 1% of American have celiac disease and an additional 6% have non-celiac gluten sensitivity, and

Whereas, the only treatment for celiac disease and non-celiac gluten sensitivity is a 100% gluten free diet, and

Whereas, gluten is a protein found in wheat, barley, rye, and crossbreeds of these grains, and

Whereas, the FDA guidelines for food labeling currently required wheat ingredients to be listed an allergen, but not barley or rye, and

Whereas, gluten from barley or rye can be hidden in food labeling such as “flavoring,” “seasoning,” or “coloring”, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Grange support legislation requiring all gluten-containing grains used to produce the ingredients of a food product to be declared in the ingredient list of the product, and be it further

Resolved, that the Grange supports adding gluten to the FDA list of major food allergens.

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Changes to the Legislative Policy Handbook: **Miscellaneous**

16. We support the Local Journalism Sustainability Act or similar legislation and ~~urge the National Grange to do the same.~~ (2020)
18. We oppose efforts to de-fund or disband ~~the police~~ **law enforcement**. (2020)

Recommendation

1. Due to changes in communications, telephone services, and artificial intelligence, we recommend a Special Committee be appointed to review and propose updates for the Telephone Service section on page 25 of the Washington State Grange Legislative Handbook; the report to be submitted for the 2025 State Grange Session.

Resolutions

Support for Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling for Beef Resolution 2024-20-1302

Whereas, Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (M-COOL) for beef enables United States cattle producers to compete in the retail grocery market by empowering consumers to choose to purchase their superior born, raised, and harvested in the USA beef product, or to choose a foreign beef product imported from any one of the approximately 20 countries from which the U.S. imports beef and/or cattle; and

Whereas, when U.S. consumers choose to purchase an exclusively U.S. beef product, the demand for cattle exclusively born and raised in the United States increases; and

Whereas, without M-COOL, multinational beef packers and other importers can manage the demand for cattle exclusively born and raised in the United States by offering consumers substitute beef products sourced from foreign sources without the consumer's knowledge; and

Whereas, such is the case in today's beef market as the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated in 2012 that 18% of the available beef in the U.S. market is sourced either as

an imported beef product or from imported cattle converted to beef in a U.S. packing plant.

Whereas, the 2022 Agricultural Census was just released. We've lost another 107,000 independent beef cattle farmers and ranches in just the past five years. And we've lost another 2.5 million mother cows, representing an 8% reduction of our nation's mother cow herd in five years.

Whereas, in 2023 the USDA reported that the U.S. is now a net importer for agricultural trade. The agricultural trade balance shifted from -2.414 billion in 2022 to -20.068 billion in 2023; therefore, be it

Resolved, the Washington State Grange supports the American Beef Labeling Act (S 52) and encourages Congress to quickly pass this legislation.

Opt In or Opt Out

Resolution 2024-24-1303

Whereas, merchant sites often automatically "opt in" consumers creating extra charges, subscriptions, or agreements for payment over time without the consumer's knowledge; and

Whereas, this creates opportunity for unsuspecting consumers to lose hundreds of dollars a year to unwanted charges and subscriptions; therefore, be it

Resolved, the Washington State Grange supports legislation to require all continuing online transactions to be opt in; and be it further

Resolved, that we support increased transparency by requiring the opt out process be as easy to access as the original opt in process.

STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Changes to the Legislative Policy Handbook:

Insurance

~~1. We believe a Proof of Premise Liability Certificate is required of those who operate adult care facilities.~~

Juvenile Justice

1. We recommend increasing parental right and responsibility over minors by:
a. Enabling parents of habitual runaways to place the runaway in a safe facility for as many as 180 **consecutive** days.

- b. Requiring the shelters to notify parents or guardians of a runaway child within a reasonable time, not to exceed eight hours after the identity of the child is known.
3. ~~We urge the State of Washington to reinstate funding for the operation of the Naselle Youth Camp. (2022)~~

Miscellaneous

6. ~~We oppose any efforts to limit sponsorships at family-oriented events. (2009)~~
10. We support a requirement that all public **construction** inspectors conduct inspections within 48 hours of scheduling and if this time frame cannot be met, the inspector must contact the contractor to schedule an inspection to be done within five working days of the original date. (2014)

State Government Operations

3. ~~We urge the review and repeal of obsolete laws.~~ **We urge the state legislature and state government agencies to periodically review state laws and repeal those declared obsolete.**

Welfare Reform

1. We support incentives, ~~rather than penalties,~~ for welfare recipients who are willing and able to work **or perform community service.**
7. ~~We support programs allowing welfare recipients to perform community service as a requirement for receiving aid.~~
8. ~~We urge our government to use all sources of information when tracking and enforcing child support obligations.~~

Resolutions

Restaurant Swipe Fees Resolution 2024-08-1401

Whereas, the use of credit cards has increased from 10 percent to over 90 percent at restaurants in recent years, and

Whereas, restaurants are charging 3 to 5 percent to patrons who use credit cards for payment, and

Whereas, passing the “swipe fee” to restaurant patrons discourages restaurants from negotiating with banks for lower “swipe fees” and thus raising costs to consumers, and

Whereas, three states, Maine, Massachusetts and Connecticut, have successfully instituted anti “swipe fee” legislation and other states have regulated it, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Washington State Grange encourage the state legislature to abolish “swipe fees” for using credit cards for the payment of restaurant meals, fast food, and home delivery of food items.

Keep Zoning Local
Resolution 2024-31-1403

Whereas, Zoning Classifications and Dwelling Unit allowances are not a one size fits all type of regulation. The larger suburban cities within our state are facing a different series of housing issues compared to the smaller cities and more rural counties, and

Whereas, recently passed legislation (HB 1337) mandates new minimum residential density standards to be applied across the state, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Washington State Grange oppose legislation that takes zoning regulation and residential density decision making power away from cities and counties.

TAXATION & FISCAL POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Changes to the Legislative Policy Handbook:

Miscellaneous Taxes

~~3. We support municipal taxes on public utility fees be limited to the rate on private utilities.~~

Property Tax

2. We oppose any increase in the property tax cap that would exceed the voter-approved amount of 1% per year. We support the use of the implicit **price** deflator (IPD) to define “inflation” as applied to property tax increases. (2023)

3. We support legislation that creates a tax exemption for real property held by fraternal organizations that provide financial support for charitable purposes and have been operating in Washington State for at least 100 years. (2023)

a. To qualify for the exemption, the fraternal organization must also qualify for exemption from federal income tax under 501 (c) (5), 501 (c) (8), or 501 (c) (10) of the Internal Revenue Code; such federal exemptions apply to labor, agricultural or horticultural organizations; fraternal beneficiary societies, order, or associations operating under the lodge system, for the exclusive benefit of the members of the fraternity itself or operating under the lodge system and providing for the payment of life, sick, accident, or other benefits to the members of the society, order, or association or their dependents; and domestic fraternal societies, orders, religious, charitable, scientific, literary, educational and fraternal purposes.

b. The exempted property must be used as a public assembly hall or meeting place of the fraternal organization.

c. ~~The exemption begins to apply for tax year 2025.~~

Sales and Use Tax

~~3. We believe that all purchases made in Washington State should be taxed at point of sale using point of sale rates. (2013)~~

~~4. We oppose implementation of a nationwide internet sales tax for Washington State. (2017)~~

Recommendation

We recommend the Washington State Grange go on record in support of Initiative No. 2109, Repeal the Capital Gains Tax, as current Washington State Grange policy supports the repeal of the state capital gains tax (Washington State Grange 2024 Legislative Policy Handbook, page 27, Miscellaneous Taxes #7).

Resolutions

Increased Fundraising Limit

Resolution 2024-14-1501

Whereas, Subordinate Granges are non-profit entities and receive a property tax exemption, and

Whereas, Subordinate Granges maintain safe and affordable rentals locally, and

Whereas, the property may NOT be used to promote business activity for more than 15 days per year, and

Whereas, other renters of Grange property, using said property for their own fundraising events, counts against the Subordinate Grange's 15-day limit to fundraise, therefore be it

Resolved, the Washington State Grange request the Washington State Legislature, and the Washington State Department of Revenue increase the property tax exemption in RCW 81.36.805 (Section 8) and RCW 84.36.037 regarding the condition for obtaining a property tax exemption for public assembly halls or meeting places of nonprofit organizations from fifteen (15) days to thirty (30) days.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Changes to the Legislative Policy Handbook:

Opening Statement

The Grange **continues to support and encourage** ~~has been a traditional supporter of~~ transportation facility development. Our focus is to ensure that the **state's transportation systems are** ~~system is~~ designed and operated to benefit all people who may need to use it. We recognize that citizens and our economy benefit from transportation infrastructure that is adequate, modern, and matched to our mobility needs across the state.

Alternative Fuel

4. We **oppose** ~~do not support~~ the use of corn as a primary source for biofuel. (2013)

Maintenance and Improvements

10. We encourage the State of Washington to **install** ~~create new~~ road signs at the entrances of all tunnels reminding drivers not to ~~cross~~ the center line; in the event of infraction, fines should be doubled. (2016)

Public Education

1. ~~We urge Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to develop and promote educational materials for drivers showing the damage done by studded tires and explaining the benefits of newer tire materials and siping.~~ (2013)

Public Safety

2. We recommend the standardizing of seat belt buckles. **mechanisms.**
4. ~~We support funding which would provide a publication to promote pedestrian safety to include walking facing traffic, wearing visible clothing, and carrying a flashlight or other visible lights.~~ (2015)

Rest Areas

3. We support the **re-establishment** ~~continuation~~ of the free coffee program, which allows nonprofit organizations to provide free coffee and cookies to travelers on our state highways and oppose any efforts to privatize this program.

Road Safety

3. ~~We support legislation that would mandate all vehicles to always travel with headlights on.~~ (2017)

Safety – General

1. ~~We support strict enforcement of truck safety laws.~~
2. ~~We support legislation that would require auto manufacturers to visibly label dashboards of "black box" (EDR) equipped vehicles.~~

Resolutions

Electric Vehicles

Resolution 2024-10-1601

Whereas, Electric Vehicles are a nice option when looking for vehicles, and

Whereas, Electric Vehicles do not work for all conditions, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Washington State Grange support legislation to repeal the 2030 Electric Vehicle mandate in the State of Washington.

Higher Speed Railroad in Washington

Resolution 2024-12-1602

Whereas, a “higher speed” train is considered to be a train that can travel up to 110 mph on current 136 lb/yd. rails, and

Whereas, a “high speed” train can travel over 110 mph and needs major improvements to the rail lines it travels on, and

Whereas, a higher-speed train can reduce the need for people to use individually owned vehicles to travel between Portland and Seattle lessening the burden on the I-5 corridor, and

Whereas, fuel, be it fossil fuel or electricity, is substantially reduced, and

Whereas, business can be conducted during a train ride without it being a safety issue, and

Whereas, by traveling up to 110mph, a person can reach their destination between Portland and Seattle in a shorter amount of time than they can by driving, and

Whereas, less carbon emissions are created by train travel than airplanes or other ground travel options, and

Whereas, the Biden Administration has committed billions of dollars to improve rail service throughout the United States, therefore be it

Resolved, the Washington State Grange supports any action to implement higher-speed train service (trains that can travel up to 110 mph) that would traverse the State of Washington from Portland, OR to Vancouver, BC, Canada, and be it further

Resolved, should higher-speed rail be created between Portland and Seattle, the Washington State Grange should take action to ensure a stop in Vancouver, WA be included, and be it further

Resolved, the State of Washington should actively pursue federal funding to create an efficient higher-speed rail service through the state.

Tires

Resolution 2024-36-1608

Whereas, legislation is being introduced to require that only certain types of tires be made available to consumers in Washington State, and

Whereas, this “rolling resistance regulation” legislation stated intent is to increase the energy efficiency of tires within the state, and

Whereas, it would actually reduce consumer ability to choose for themselves which tires they wish to purchase within the state, and

Whereas, the recommended regulations would result in tires being sold that have reduced safety and longevity, and

Whereas, the specific loss of safety is due to reduction of tread depth and decrease in wet traction performance which are both paramount to safety in the state, and

Whereas, this also places an undue burden of cost on consumers who cannot leave the state for freedom of choice, therefore be it

Resolved, the Washington State Grange oppose legislation which creates or supports rolling resistance regulation legislation, and be it further

Resolved, the Washington State Grange oppose legislation which creates regulations on tires for any purpose other than public safety.

Registration of Electric Bikes

Committee Resolution #1

Whereas, currently as per RCW 46.16A.080 (2) E-bikes (Electric-assisted bicycles) are exempt from requiring registration; and

Whereas, as the technology has improved for electric motors and batteries, they are being used more for powering bicycles than just assisting them on a steep hill; and

Whereas, there are three types of E-bikes:

- A. Type 1 is a pedaled assist bicycle where it only assists when the bicycle is being pedaled and cannot go over 20 mph.
- B. Type 2 E-bikes can operate without pedaling up to 20 mph
- C. Type 3 E-bikes are operated by a throttle and do not require any pedaling and can travel up to 28 mph; and

Whereas, we support modification of RCW 46.16A.080 to allow only type 1 E-bikes and reclassify type 2 and 3 E-bikes to the moped classification (RCW 46.04.304); therefore, be it

Resolved, that we support modification of RCW 46.16.080 (2) where the Exemption for E-bikes (Electric-assisted bicycles) applies only to a type 1 E-bike (a pedal assist bicycle that only assists when the bicycle is being pedaled and cannot go over 20 mph) when traveling on public roadways or bike lanes, and be it further

Resolved, that type 2, and 3 E-bikes are treated the same as a Moped under classified RCW 46.04.304 requiring licensing and insurance.

GRANGE MEMBERSHIP REPORT

JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023

NUMBER	NAME	COUNTY	AS OF 1/1/2023	AS OF 12/31/2023	AS OF 1/1/2023	AS OF 12/31/2023
1	Waitsburg	Columbia	25	26	2	1
26	Elma	Grays Harbor	23	22	7	7
33	Fords Prairie	Lewis	37	27		
34	Baw Faw	Lewis	53	49	1	
48	LaCenter	Clark	14	17	1	4
49	Goldendale	Klickitat	78	74		
79	Mountain Valley	Clark	40	37	2	3
81	Centerville	Klickitat	60	61	1	
82	Washington	Clark	50	73		1
87	Columbia	Klickitat	22	18		
94	Glenwood	Klickitat	18	15		
98	Mountain View	Klickitat	34	27		1
101	Pleasant Hill	Cowlitz	55	52		1
105	Silver Lake	Cowlitz	25	17	2	
114	Whelan/Ewartsville	Whitman	62	57		
115	Pine Grove	Whitman	26	27	2	1
118	Johnson	Whitman	31	29		

348	Fruitvale	Yakima	27	28		
355	Mossyrock	Lewis	48	43		
357	Matlock	Mason	25	48		21
372	Quillisascut	Stevens	32	32		
374	Stranger Creek	Stevens	45	43		
379	Skokomish	Mason	35	32		
383	McLane	Thurston	23	23		
385	Bee Hive	Chelan	40	38		
389	Beacon Hill	Chelan	18	18		
399	Ten Mile	Whatcom	40	34		
404	Bethel	Kitsap	13	13		
407	Lincoln Creek	Lewis	34	35		
414	Finley	Benton	18	13		
415	Buena Vista	Benton	10	7		
417	Adna	Lewis	32	29		
425	Skamokawa	Wahkiakum	18	20		
452	Williams Valley	Stevens	42	48	5	4
456	Clayton	Stevens	15	13		
482	Twisp Valley	Okanogan	27	31		
500	Calispell	Pend Oreille	17	18		
501	Davis Lake	Pend Oreille	45	38	3	1
506	Diamond Lake	Pend Oreille	20	21		
527	Willapa Valley	Pacific	33	29		
533	Fort Colville	Stevens	40	43	2	3
534	Cedar	King	43	46		
545	Fredonia	Skagit	19	18		
556	Kenova	Whitman	43	38		
571	Barberton	Clark	85	73	6	7
581	Issaquah Valley	King	33	29	2	3
584	Skookumchuck	Thurston	30	26		
586	Terrace Heights	Yakima	48	55	3	
590	Greenwood Park	Stevens	30	32	4	2
603	Addy	Stevens	120	96		24
608	Selah Heights	Yakima	40	39		
610	Tyler	Spokane	46	49	1	1
619	Fairview	Clallam	28	25		
620	Skagit Valley	Skagit	65	60		
630	Burbank	Walla Walla	33	35		
646	Dry Creek	Clallam	51	40	3	
647	Broadway	Yakima	70	61		
661	Quillayute Valley	Clallam	16	15		

1005	Steptoe	Whitman	17	12		
1008	Tri Community	Spokane	27	23		
1012	East Wenatchee	Douglas	96	106	18	15
1014	Entiat	Chelan	19	16		
1018	Brewster	Okanogan	30	28		
1019	Tunk Valley	Okanogan	43	45		
1035	Lind	Adams	9	9		
1039	Patit Valley	Columbia	13	13		
1047	Riverside Valley	Pierce	21	22	1	
1048	The Valley	Stevens	28	16	9	2
1051	Bainbridge Island	Kitsap	15	15		
1054	Menastash	Kittitas	131	145	52	81
1058	Stillaguamish	Snohomish	23	23		2
1060	Lopez Island	San Juan	35	33		
1067	Prospect Point	Walla Walla	86	96	32	27
1069	Molson	Okanogan	55	54		
1086	Logan Hill	Lewis	27	31		5
1093	Tri-Way	Snohomish	13	15		
1094	Fertile Valley	Pend Oreille	25	28		
1095	Stemilt Hill	Chelan	23	22		
1100	Newcastle	King	12	11		
1101	Manor	Clark	34	28	1	
1103	Okanogan	Okanogan	43	42		
1108	Sequim Prairie	Clallam	159	152	10	9
1111	Waller Road	Pierce	118	118	1	2
1118	Twanoh	Mason	15	14		
1120	Kettle River	Stevens	86	75	9	4
1123	Crescent	Clallam	71	66		
1124	Hazel Dell	Clark	43	7	2	0
1125	Olalla	Kitsap	37	23		
1126	Crystal	Kitsap	12	12		
1143	White Trail	Grant	54	65	12	7
1151	Moses Lake	Grant	70	81	21	19
1152	Freedom	Franklin	28	32	6	9
Jr 27	Haynie Jr	Whatcom			3	3
Jr 49	Fargher Lake Jr	Clark			37	37
Jr 156	The Valley Jr	Stevens			8	8
Jr 195	Ralston Jr	Adams			15	15
Jr 212	Columbia Valley Jr	Franklin			16	16
Jr 236	East Hill Jr	King			8	8

Jr 329	Horseshoe Jr	Snohomish				11	11
Jr 344	Deer Lagoon Jr	Island				14	14
Jr 366	Mossyrock Jr	Lewis				3	3
Jr 373	Green Bluff Jr	Spokane				15	14
Jr 376	Humptulips Jr	Grays Harbor				30	34
Jr 379	Greenwood Park Jr	Stevens				22	22
Jr 390	Addy Jr	Stevens				65	91
Jr 395	Camas Valley Jr	Stevens				13	8
Jr 400	Camp Wooten Jr	Garfield				128	34
Jr 401	Camp Morehead Jr	Pacific				43	26
Jr 402	Camp NEWA Jr	Stevens				42	42
Jr 403	Camp Mayfield Jr	Lewis				64	28
Jr 404	Camp Cornet Bay Jr	Island				38	28
Jr 406	Wilcox (Whitman Co) Jr	Whitman				12	12
Jr 407	Pleasant Hill Jr	Cowlitz				3	3
Jr 408	Clallam County Jr	Clallam				74	78
Jr 410	North River Jr	Pacific				5	8
Jr 412	Stranger Creek Jr	Stevens				19	24
Jr 413	Kettle River Jr	Stevens				75	70
Jr 414	Sharon Jr	Grays Harbor				15	12
Jr 2005	WA State Jr					15	10

TOTALS

8397

8233

1043

1047

CONTESTS AND AWARDS

GRANGE HALL IMPROVEMENT CONTEST

Plaques, Cash Awards, & Town Markers

First Place – Rose Valley #953

Second Place – Stillaguam9sh #1058

Third Place – Fargher Lake #853

Fourth Place – Moses Lake #1151

Honorable Mention – Five Mile Prairie #905, McLane #383, Waller Road #1111

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

BEAR CREEK/HORSESHOE GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP

Justin Klein – Prospect Point #1067

NORMAN BUCCHOLZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Bailey Sherley – Menastash #1054

ADRIAN & BETTY DEVRIES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Marguerite "Maggie" Bailey – McIntosh #1001

DELPHA GOUDE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Sophia Klein – Prospect Point #1067
Linsey Scarlett – Green Bluff #300
Madison Stoeckler – Fords Prairie #33

FIDELITY GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP
Melissa Kudsk – Haynie #169

MARTIN & GRACE FORRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Nickolas Bowdish – Centerville #81

FOX ISLAND GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP
Chloe Clyburn – Menastash #1054

KEGLEY AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP
Kadince Compton – Bee Hive #385

KITTLESON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Hannah Poland – East Wenatchee #1012

LONE YEW GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP
Oliver Eades – Baw Faw #34

MCCLEARY GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP
Tessa Gwin – Humptulips #730

NOB HILL GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP
Molly Sackmann – Moses Lake #1151

POMONA VILLA GENERAL SHOLARSHIP
Regina Nelson – Prospect Point #1067
Jacob Roibal – McIntosh #1001

POMONA VILLA PIERCE COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP
Victoree Stevens – Roy #702

RIVERVIEW GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP
Allyson Stoller – Fargher Lake #853

ROCK CREEK GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP
Meredith Meats – Fargher Lake #853

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year – Columbia County Deputy Sheriff Rick Ferguson,
nominated by Waitsburg #1

Firefighter of the Year – Stephen Sandstrom, nominated by Humptulips #730

Volunteer Group of the Year – American Legion Tum Tum Post #168,
nominated by Mountain Valley #79

Community Service Contest

Class 1 (up to 40 members)
First Place – North River #946
Second Place – Greenwood Park #590
Third Place – Fredonia #545
Fourth Place – McLane #383

Class 2 (41 or more members)
First Place – Sequim Prairie #1108
Second Place – Humptulips #730
Third Place – Mossyrock #355
Fourth Place – Fruitland #999

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Grange Month Display Contest

First Place – Fruitland #999
Second Place – Sharon #800
Third Place – Long Beach #667
Fourth Place – Menastash #1054

YOUTH DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Youth Ambassador 2024-2025

Melissa Kudsk, Haynie #169

Youth Boosters of the Year

David & Mary Bryant, Elk Plain #782

Pizzaz Awards

Addison Bowen, McIntosh #1001
Rorie O’Riordan, Williams Valley #452

Prepared Speeches

First Place, ages 13-20 – Lauren Rohde, Waitsburg #1
Second Place, ages 14-20 – Lucy Jones, Five Mile Prairie #905
Third Place, ages 14-20 – Addison Bowen, McIntosh #1001
First Place, age 26+ - Heather Ferguson, Waitsburg #1
Best of Show – Lauren Rohde, Waitsburg #1

Impromptu Speeches – Ages 14-19

First Place – Melissa Kudsk, Haynie #169
Second Place – Richard Simmons, Kettle River #1120
Third Place – Lauren Rohde, Waitsburg #1

Impromptu Speeches, Ages 20-35

First Place – Sheyenne Koen, Kellogg Marsh #136

Impromptu Speeches, Age 36 and Over

First Place – Mary Brouillard, South Union #860
Second Place – Heather Ferguson, Waitsburg #1
Third Place – tie between John Scherrer, Grangeville #857, and Greg Jones, North & South Palouse #1004

Youth Raffle

First Place - \$400 – Ann Fackenthall, Nine Mile Falls WA
Second Place - \$100 – Lauren Rohde, College Place WA
Third Place - \$60 – Scarlett Cochran, Connell WA
Fourth Place - \$40 – Clallam County Pomona Grange #31

YOUTH EDUCATIONAL POSTERS – 101 entries

Class 1 (Animals) – Beginners, Ages 5-7

First Place – Ashley Jachetta, Moses Lake #1151
Second Place – Aubree Judd, Addy #603
Third Place – Elena Thompson, Kettle River #1120

Class 2 (Plants) – Beginners, Ages 5-7

First Place – Nellie Deardorff, Kettle River #1120
Second Place – Elena Thompson, Kettle River #1120
Third Place – Aurora Kueck, Stranger Creek #372

Class 1 (Animals) – Juniors, ages 8-10

First Place – Korrol Landon, St Andrews #832
Second Place – J.J. Collier, Addy #603
Third Place - Remmi Baugh, Addy #603

Class 2 (Plants) – Juniors, ages 8-10

First Place – Paityn Deardorff, Kettle River #1120
Second Place – Kaiden Thompson, Kettle River #1120

Class 1 (Animals) – Pre Teens, ages 11-13

First Place – Shaylee Christenson, Prospect Point #1067
Second Place – Kya Paxton, Addy #603
Third Place – Amor Collier, Addy #603

Class 2 (Plants) – Pre Teens, ages 11-13

First Place – Sloane Dunn, Stranger Creek #372
Second Place – Lane Delp-Pratt, Kettle River #1120

Class 1 (Animals) – Teens, Ages 14-19

First Place – Justyce Paladin, Addy #603
Second Place – Meredith Meats, Fargher Lake #853
Third Place – Bree Paxton, Addy #603

Class 2 (Plants) – Teens, Ages 14-19

First Place – Sierra Christenson, Prospect Point #1067

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST – 65 total participants

Team Placings

First Place – Addy #603 – Abigail Syjut, Chali Thompson, Courtney Thompson, Clara Thompson
Second Place – Fargher Lake #853 – Sydney Boyse, Donna Kennedy, Hunter Shirley
Third Place – Fargher Lake #852 – Meredith Meats, Jenna Meats, Chance Shirley
Fourth Place – Addy #603 – Justyce Paladin, Bree Paxton, Matthew Harbin, Kya Paxton
Fifth Place – Kettle River #1120 – G.G. Simmons, Laci DeMartino, Richard Simmons

Beginners, age 5-7

First Place – Lael Drummond, San Poil #684
Second Place – Elena Thompson, Kettle River #1120

Juniors, ages 8-10

First Place – Adalyn Barth, East Wenatch3ee #1012
Second Place – Courtney Thompson, Addy #603

Third Place – Clara Thompson, Addy #603
Fourth Place – Kelby Barth, East Wenatchee #1012
Fifth Place – Eli Drummond, San Poil #684
Sixth Place – Kaiden Thompson, Kettle River #1120
Seventh Place – Garrett Thompson, Kettle River #1120

Pre Teens, ages 11-13

First Place – Dianna Chappell, Freedom #1152
Second Place – Lucille Thompson, Kettle River #1120
Third Place – G.G. Simmons, Kettle River #1120
Fourth Place – Laci DiMartino, Kettle River #1120
Fifth Place – Jacob Smith, Humptulips #730
Sixth Place – Kya Paxton, Addy #603
Seventh Place – Donna Kennedy, Fargher Lake #853
Eighth Place – Chance Shirley, Fargher Lake #853
Ninth Place – Kalev Midkiff, San Poil #684
Tenth Place – Jenna Meats, Fargher Lake #85

Teens, ages 14-19

First Place – Merdith Meats, Fargher Lake #853
Second Place – Abigail Syjut, Addy #603
Third Place – Sydney Boyse, Fargher Lake #853
Fourth Place – Justyce Paladin, Addy #603
Fifth Place – Hunter Shirley, Fargher Lake #853
Sixth Place – Riley Delp-Pratt, Kettle River #1120
Seventh Place – Melissa Kudsk, Haynie #169
Eighth Place – Bree Paxton, Addy #603
Ninth Place – Richard Simmons, Kettle River #1120
Tenth Place – Dustin Chappell, Freedom #1152

Adults, age 20 and over

First Place – Daria Chappell, Freedom #1152
Second Place – Hanna Brazington, Williams Valley #452
Third Place – Warren Lewis, Granville #857
Fourth Place – Cathy Scherrer, Granville #857
Fifth Place – Debbie Fisch, Bee Hive #385
Sixth Place – Jonny Pittman, Moses Lake #1151
Seventh Place – Hannah Midkiff, San Poil #684
Eighth Place – Heather Ferguson, Waitsburg #1
Ninth Place – John Scherrer, Granville #857
Tenth Place – Jennifer Kennedy, Fargher Lake #857

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Junior Leader of the Year- Debbie Harbin, Addy JG #390
Junior Granger of the Year- Kamryn Cable, Humptulips Jr Grange #376
Junior Grange Membership Building Award- Humptulips Junior Grange #376
Junior Grange Community Service – First Place: Humptulips Junior Grange #376;
Second Place – Prospect Point #1067
Ned Cullen Award- Fargher Lake Junior Grange #49

Junior Grange Fair Booth Awards

- 1st - Humptulips JG
- 2nd - Camp Morehead JG (GH Fair)
- 3rd – Camp Morehead JG (Cowlitz Fair)
- 4th – Fargher Lake JG

Art/Craft Contest

- Crafts - Group 1
- 1- Cassidy Walker, Fargher Lake JG
 - 2- Hannah Filzen, Fargher Lake JG
 - 3- Cassidy Walker, Fargher Lake JG
- Crafts - Group 2
- 1- Hank Goins, Fern Prairie
 - 2- Ryker Gaylor, Fargher Lake JG
 - 3- Lukus Gaylor, Fargher Lake JG
- Crafts - Group 3
- 1- Donna Kennedy, Fargher Lake JG
 - 2- Kallen Schonert, Fern Prairie
 - 3- Donna Kennedy, Fargher Lake JG
- JG Tri Boards - Group 4
- 1- Humptulips JG
 - 2- Camp Morehead, JG

Public Speaking Contest

- Prepared Speech
- 1- Kelby Barth, East Wenatchee
 - 2- Truman Jones, Five Mile Prairie, Five Mile Prairie
 - 3- Adeline Barth, East Wenatchee
- Short Story
- 1- Gideon Jones, Five Mile Prairie
 - 2- James Brouillard, South Union
- Impromptu
- 1- Jacob Smith, Humptulips JG
 - 2- Truman Jones, Five Mile Prairie
 - 3- Gideon Jones, Five Mile Prairie

LECTURER DEPARTMENT AWARDS

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Total entries pre-submitted: 202
Total entries received/judged: 234

GROUP I - Adults, age 20 and over

Best of Show: \$50 **Jenny Vincent** **East Hill #786** **King #13**
2nd Best of Show: \$25 **Pam Mathews** **South Union #860** **Thurston #8**

Best of Class Winners:

A. Scenic Photo	*****Not Recorded*****		
B. Washington My Home	Jenny Vincent	East Hill #786	King #13
C. Animals/Pets	Jenny Vincent	East Hill #786	King #13
D. Birds	Tom Cullen	Buena #836	Yakima Valley #11
E. People	Alice Coakley	Oakville #311	Lewis #3

F. Portraiture	*****Not Recorded*****		
G. Historical	Eric Olsen	Violet Prairie #996	Thurston #8
H. Agriculture/Farming	Chris Hamp	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
I. Celebration	Eric Rohde	Waitsburg #1	Columbia #56
J. Water	Jenny Vincent	East Hill #786	King #13
K. Flora	Pam Mathews	South Union #860	Thurston #8
L. Winter	Jessica Bates	Ten Mile #399	Whatcom #6
M. Spring	Paul James	Mossyrock #355	Lewis #3
N. Summer	Chris Hamp	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
O. Autumn/Fall	Chris Hamp	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
P. Insects & Bugs	Jenny Vincent	East Hill #786	King #13
Q. Grange Activities	Vickie Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
R. Recreational Activities	Julie Panuska	Mossyrock ##355	Lewis #3
S. Lines/Shapes/Forms	Becky Escober	Oakville #311	Lewis #3
T. Transportation	Haldis Sholes	North River #946	GraysHbr/Pacific #28
U. Gneral Interest	Debbie Reigel-Yates	Rexville #815	Skagit #10
V. Manipulated Photo	Dennis Lippert	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29

GROUP II - Youth, ages 14-19

Best of Show: \$25	April Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
2nd Best of Show: \$15	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4

Best of Class Winners:

BA. Scenic Photo	Jonathan Rookstool	Deer Lagoon #846	Island #50
BB. Animals/Pets	April Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
BC. People	Parker Hammons	Deer Lagoon #846	Island #50
BD. Food	Magnolia Goins	Fern Prairie #866	Clark #1
BE. General Interest	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
BF. Grange Activities	Lauren Rohde	Waitsburg #1	Columbia #56
BG. Water	Katie Marteny	Ten Mile #399	Whatcom #6
BH. Flora	Parker Hammons	Deer Lagoon #846	Island #50
BI. Recreational Activities	Parker Hammons	Deer Lagoon #846	Island #50
BJ. Manipulated Photo	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4

GROUP III - Juniors, ages 5-13

Best of Show: \$25	Jayden Robertson	Prospect Point #1067	Columbia #56
2nd Best of Show: \$15	Kaiden Thompson	Kettle River #1120	Stevens #17

Best of Class Winners:

CA. Scenic Photo	Jayden Robertson	Prospect Point #1067	Columbia #56
CB. Animals	Jayden Robertson	Prospect Point #1067	Columbia #56
CC. People	*****No Entries*****		
CD. Food	*****No Entries*****		
CE. General Interest	Morgan Arthur	Humptulips #730	GraysHbr/Pacific 28
CF. Grange Activities	*****No Entries*****		
CG. Water	Truman Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
CH. Flora	Kaiden Thompson	Kettle River #1120	Stevens #17
CI. Pets	Jayden Robertson	Prospect Point	Columbia #56

ARTS & CRAFTS CONTEST

Total entries pre-submitted: 251
Total entries received/judged: 230

Group A - Paintings and Drawings, Adults, ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Barry Benbow	Bee Hive #385	Chelan #23
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Deborah Casteel	Garden City #280	Snohomish #12

Best of Class Winners:

A-1 Oils	Deborah Casteel	Garden City #280	Snohomish #12
A-2 Acrylics	Barry Benbow	Bee Hive #385	Chelan #23
A-3 Watercolors	Jim Beerbower	Sharon #800	GraysHbr/Pacific #28
A-4 Mixed Medium	Deborah Casteel	Garden City #280	Snohomish #12
A-5 Drawings	Kaitlyn Graham	Addy #605	Stevens #17
A-6 Miniature	Matt Wyrick	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
A-7 Other	Susan Baughman	Bee Hive #385	Chelan #23

Group B - Fiber Craft/Needle Arts, Adults, ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Terry Shepler	Clayton #456	Excelsior #37
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Tim Reese	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29

Best of Class Winners:

B-1 Weaving	Geoff Ginter	Quillisascut #372	Stevens #17
B-2 Embroidery, Hand	Lois Cummins	Fertile Valley #1094	Pend Oreille #29
B-3 Knit, any item	Karen Castello	Skagit Valley #620	Skagit #10
B-4 Crochet, any item	Mark George	Sharon #800	GraysHbr/Pacific #28
B-5 Counted Cross Stitch (Framed)	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	GraysHbr/Pacific #28
B-6 Counted Cross Stitch (Unf'd)	Terry Shepler	Clayton #456	Excelsior #37
B-7 Plastic Canvas	Sherry Cummins	Fertile Valley #1094	Pend Oreille #29
B-8 Other Fiber Craft	Magnolia Goins	Fern Prairie #866	Clark #1
B-9 Other Needle Art	Tim Reese	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29

Group C - Holiday Crafts, Adults, ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50	Jill Michels	Fredonia #545	Skagit #10
2nd Best of Show: \$25	Rob Hegney	McIntosh #1001	Spokane #4

Best of Class Winners:

C-1 Christmas Ornament	Kirsten Sinkbeil	Prospect Point #1067	Columbia #56
C-2 Christmas Dec	Jill Michels	Fredonia #545	Skagit #10
C-3 Thanksgiving Dec	*****No Entries*****		
C-4 Halloween Dec	Lisa Harner	Olympic View #774	GraysHbr/Pacific #28
C-5 Other Holiday Dec	Grace Sunda	Fertile Valley #1094	Pend Oreille #29
C-6 Non-Holiday Dec	Rob Hegney	McIntosh #1001	Spokane #4
C-7 Seasonal Dec	Sharon Kosar	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
C-8 Other Décor	Sherry Cummins	Fertile Valley #1094	Pend Oreille #29

Group D - Wood Crafts, Adults, ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50 **Rodger Lance** **Washington #82** **Clark #1**
2nd Best of Show: \$25 **Ra[ph Rise** **Molson #269** **Okanogin #53**

Best of Class Winners:

D-1 Woodworking (with a finish) Rodger Lance Washington #82 Clark #1
D-2 Woodworking (w/o a finish) Rodger Lance Washington #82 Clark #1
D-3 Wood Birdhouse Brandi Ockenfels Roy #702 Pierce #16
D-4 Wooden Toy Audrey Spurlock Fern Prairie #996 Clark #1
D-5 Any Woodworking Item
(ages 14-19) Adrionna McClellan Fargher Lake #853 Clark #1
D-6 Other Wooden Item Tristen Otter. Addy #603 Stevens #17

Group E – Recycled Crafts, Adults, age 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50 **Mike Ohlsen** **Five Mile Prairie #905** **Spokane #4**
2nd Best of Show: \$25 **Chris Hamp** **Five Mile Prairie #905** **Spokane #4**

Best of Class Winners:

E-1 Recycled Fabric/Fiber Becky Escobar Oakview #311 Lewis #3
E-2 Recycled Wood Chris Hamp Five Mile Prairie #905 Spokane #4
E-3 Recycled Metal Mike Ohlsen Five Mile Prairie #905 Spokane #4
E-4 Recycled Plastic Lois Cummins Fertile Valley #1094 Pend Oreille #29
E-5 Recycled from Any
Other Item Mary Lee Rozelle Camden #687 Pend Oreille #29

Group F - Constructive Crafts, Adults, age 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50 **Elver Williams** **Greenwood Park #590** **Excelsior #37**
2nd Best of Show: \$25 **Steve Dalton** **Garden City #280** **Snohomish #12**

Best of Class Winners:

F-1 Glass Craft Kolton Funk Fargher Lake #853 Clark #1
F-2 Metal Craft *****No Entries*****
F-3 Sculpted Clay/Pottery Steve Dalton Garden City #280 Snohomish #12
F-4 Yard Art Phil Kuhnkey Green Bluff #300 Spokane #4
F-5 Ceramics, any item Julia Baeder Dry Creek #646 Clallam #31
F-6 Leather Craft Elver Williams Greenwood Park #590 Excelsior #37
F-7 Other Constructive JoAnn Becker Cedar Valley #306 Snohomish #12

Group G - Paper Crafts, Adults, age 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50 **Sherry Maupin** **Cedar Valley #306** **Snohomish #12**
2nd Best of Show: \$25 **Sherry Maupin** **Cedar Valley #306** **Snohomish #12**

Best of Class Winners:

G-1 Handmade Card (holiday) Sherry Maupin Cedar Valley #306 Snohomish #12
G-2 Handmade Card (all occ) Sherry Maupin Cedar Valley #306 Snohomish #12
G-3 Origami *****No Entries*****
G-4 Quilling *****No Entries*****
G-5 Adult Coloring *****No Entries*****

G-6 Other Paper Craft Item Bonnie Lyle Pine Grove #115 Whitman #2

Group H - General Crafts, Adult, Ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50 Jodi Ann Cameron Five Mile Prairie #905 Spokane #4
2nd Best of Show: \$25 Shereyl Hemp Kellogg Marsh #136 Snohomish #12

Best of Class Winners:

H-1 Beading	Adam Flore	East Hill #786	King #13
H-2 Jewelry	Kerry Rice	Greenwood Park #590	Excelsior #37
H-3 Decorative Painting	Jodi Ann Cameron	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
H-4 Wearable Art	Olivia Hollingworth	Barberton #571	Clark #1
H-5 Toys (other than wood)	Shereyl Hemp	Kellogg Marsh #136	Snohomish #12
H-6 Nature Craft	Lisa Harner	Olympic View #774	GraysHbr/Pacific #28
H-7 Flower Arrangement/ Corsage (dried or silk)	Glenda Tjarnberg	Terrace Heights #586	Yakima Valley #11
H-8 String, Cord, or Macrame	Miranda Panuska	Mossyrock #355	Lewis #3
H-9 Other General Craft Item	Grace Sunda	Fertile Valley #1094	Pend Oreille #29

Group I – Grange Promotional Art/Craft, Ages 14 and over

Best of Show: \$50 Sophie Jones Sharon #800 GraysHbr//Pacific #28
2nd Best of Show: \$25 Sharon #800 Sharon #800 GraysHbr/Pacific #28

Best of Class Winners:

I-1 Grange Promo Brochure	Brittney Pittman	Moses Lake #1151	Grant #59
I-2 Grange Event Flyer	Chris Hamp	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
I-3 Posters	Debbie Fische	Bee Hive #385	Chelan #29
I-4 Grange Promo T-Shirt Or Vest	Sharon #800	Sharon #800	GraysHbr/Pacific #28
I-5 Other Grange Promo Art/Craft Items	Sophie Jones	Sharon #800	Grays Hbr/Pacific#28

Group J - Arts & Crafts, Children, Ages 10-13

Best of Show: \$25 Melody Wyrick Five Mile Prairie #905 Spokane #4
2nd Best of Show: \$15 Jenna Meats Fargher Lake #853 Clark #1

Best of Class Winners:

J-1 Paintings	Melody Wyrick	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
J-2 Drawings	Melody Wyrick	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
J-3 Lego Item – from a Kit	Melody Wyrick	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
J-4 Lego Item – not a Kit	Melody Wyrick	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
J-5 Woodcrafts	Truman Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
J-6 Fabric/Fiber Craft	Melody Wyrick	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
J-7 Paper Craft	Melody Wyrick	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
J-8 Decorations	Melody Wyrick	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
J-9 Wearable Art	Donna Kennedy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1

J-10 Any Item made from a Kit –
 Other than Legos Avery Kemano Five Mile Prairie #905 Spokane #4
 J-11 Other Arts & Craft Items Jenna Meats Fargher Lake #853 Clark #1

Group K - Arts & Crafts, Children, Ages 5-9

Best of Show: \$25 Weston Sinkbeil Waitsburg #1 Columbia #56
2nd Best of Show: \$15 Sophia Griffith Fargher Lake #853 Clark #1

Best of Class Winners:

K-1 Paintings Weston Sinkbeil Waitsburg #1 Columbia #56
 K-2 Drawings Mary Wyrick Five Mile Prairie #905 Spokane #4
 K-3 Lego Item – from a Kit Dezlan Kemano Five Mile Prairie #905 Spokane #4
 K-4 Lego Item – not from a Kit Captain O’Riordan Williams Valley #452 Excelsior #37
 K-5 Woodcrafts Everlee Blackford Washington #82 Clark #1
 K-6 Fabric/Fiber Craft Savanna Murray Catlin #199 Cowlitz #7
 K-7 Paper Crafts Weston Sinkbeil Waitsburg #1 Columbia #56
 K-8 Decorations Gracyn Payne Waitsburg #1 Columbia #56
 K-9 Wearable Art Gracelyn Gilmour Fargher Lake #853 Clark #1
 K-10 Any Item made from a Kit -
 Other than Lego Gracyn Payne Waitsburg #1 Columbia #56
 K-11 Other Arts & Crafts Item Elanor Swidecki Violet Prairie #996 Thurston #8

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

2024 Creative Writing Contest

Group A – Adult:

Best of Show: \$50 Nancy Hartley Camden #387 Pend Oreille #29
 Second Best of Show: \$25 Mary Lee Rozelle Camden #387 Pend Oreille #29

Group B – Youth:

Best of Show: \$50 Lucy Jones Five Mile Prairie #905 Spokane #4
 Second Best of Show: \$25 Lucy Jones Five Mile Prairie #905 Spokane #4

FAMILY LIVING DEPARTMENT AWARDS

CONTEST - ADULTS

Adult Best of Show Kerry Alexander South Lake Stevens #690 Snohomish #12
 Adult 2nd Best of Show Emil Moilanen Crescent #1123 Clallam Co #31
 Yeast Bread First Betty Garrison Roy #702 Pierce Co. #16
 Second Robin King South. Lake Stevens #690 Snohomish # 12
 Third Lori Buher Rexville #815 Skagit #10
 Quick Bread First Vicki Loomer South Lake Stevens #690 Snohomish #12
 Second Sheri Farr Pine Grove #115 Whitman #2
 Third Lannette Pinard Washington #82 Clark #1
 Other Dessert First Pete Hauck Ten Mile #399 Whatcom #6
 Cakes First Shelley Macy Ten Mile #399 Whatcom #6
 Cupcakes First Lisa Harner Olympic View #774 GH/Pacific #28
 Baked Cookies First Karen Arola Fargher Lake #853 Clark #1

Decorated Cookies	Second	Alexis Kudsk	Haynie #169	Whatcom #6
Other Cookies	First	Sue Hoerath	South Lake Stevens #690	Snohomish #12
Bar Cookies	First	Arin Hinman	Waller Road #1111	Pierce #16
	First	Kerry Alexander	South Lake Stevens #690	Snohomish #12

BAKING CONTEST - YOUTH

Youth Best of Show		Abi Syjut	Addy #603	Stevens #17
Youth 2 ND Best of Show		Ruth Goins	Fern Prairie #866	Clark #1
Yeast Bread	First	Abi Syjut	Addy #603	Stevens #17
Cupcakes	First	Ruth Goins	Fern Prairie #866	Clark #1

BAKING CONTEST - JUNIORS

Junior Best of Show		Lena Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
Junior 2 nd Best of Show		Inara Hinman	Waller Road #1111	Pierce #16
Yeast Bread	First	Emily Graham	Addy #603	Stevens #17
Baked Cookies	First	Lena Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
	Second	Inara Hinman	Waller Road #1111	Pierce #16
Unbaked Cookies	First	Hank Goins	Fern Prairie #866	Clark #1

CANDY CONTEST

Adult Best of Show		Priscilla Davis	Green Bluff #300	Spokane #4
Adult 2 nd Best of Show		Debbie Brooks	Ten Mile #399	Whatcom #6
Cooked Candy	First	Priscilla Davis	Green Bluff #300	Spokane #4
	Second	Debbie Brooks	Ten Mile #399	Whatcom #6
	Third	Marlys Arthur	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28

FOOD PRESERVATION - ADULT

Adult Best of Show		Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28
Adult 2 nd Best of Show		Christina Rogers	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28
Canned Fruit	First	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28
	Second	Debbie Riegel-Yates	Rexville #815	Skagit #10
	Third	Joy Longhurst	Fruitland #999	Pierce #16
Canned Vegetables	First	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28
	Second	Janette Cejka	Washington #82	Clark #1
	Third	Joy Longhurst	Fruitland #999	Pierce #16
Jam/Jelly	First	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28
	Second	Jeff Prowse	Cedar Valley #306	Snohomish #12
Meat/Fish	First	Davona Gwin	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28
	Second	Annie Scott	Catlin #199	Cowlitz #7
	Third	Debra Basquez	Fruitland #999	Pierce #16
Tomatoes	First	Debra Basquez	Fruitland #999	Pierce #16
	Second	Annie Scott	Catlin #199	Cowlitz #7
	Third	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28
Salsa	First	Tianna Wynn	HUmptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28
	Second	Debra Basquez	Fruitland #999	Pierce #16
	Thjrd	Janette Cejka	Washington #82	Clark #1
Pickles	First	Debbie Riegel-Yates	Rexville #815	Skagit #10
	Second	Karen Derrey	Buena #836	Yakima Valley #11
	Third	Judy Moilanen	Crescent #1123	Clallam #31

Vinegars	First	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28
	Second	Jeffrey Prowse	Cedar Valley #306	Snohomish #12
	Third	Jeffrey Prowse	Cedar Valley #306	Snohomish #12
Pie Filling	First	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28
	Second	Debra Bazquez	Fruitland #999	Pierce #16
Soup	First	Laura Rookstool	Deer Lagoon #846	Island #50
Syrup	First	Jeffrey Prowse	Cedar Valley #306	Snohomish #12
Other Canned	First	Karen Derrey	Buena #836	Yakima Valley #11
Dried Vegetables	First	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28
	Second	Rose Knott	East Hill #786	King #13
	Third	Jeffrey Prowse	Cedar Valley #306	Snohomish #12
Dried Fruit	First	Christine Hamp	Five Mile Prairie #906	Spokane #4
	Second	Jeffrey Prowse	Cedar Valley #306	Snohomish #12
	Third	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28
Dried Herbs	First	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28
	Second	Debra Basquez	Fruitland #999	Pierce #16
Fruit Leather	First	Debra Basquez	Fruitland #999	Pierce #16
Dried Meat	First	Steve Yates	Rexville #815	Skagit #10
Other Dried	First	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28
	Second	Judy Moilanen	Crescent #1123	Clallam #31
	Third	Jeffrey Prowse	Cedar Valley #306	Snohomish #12

FOOD PRESERVATION – YOUTH

Youth Best of Show		Jaelyn Jonson	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28
Youth 2 nd Best of Show		Jaelyn Jonson	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28
Jam/Jelly	First	Jaelyn Jonson	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28
Salsa	First	Jaelyn Jonson	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28
Pickles	First	Jaelyn Jonson	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28

FOOD PRESERVATION - JUNIORS

Junior Best of Show		Kamryn Cable	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28
Junior 2 nd Best of Show		Farren Yarmey-Stanley	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28
Jam/Jelly	First	Kamryn Cable	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28
Salsa	First	Karlei Schumacher	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28
Pickles	First	Farren Yarmey-Stanley	Humptulips #730	GH/Pacific #28

NEEDLEWORK CONTEST

Adult Best of Show		Terry Shepler	Clayton # 450	Excelsior #37
Adult 2 nd Best of Show		Mark George	Sharon #800	GH/Pacific #28
Crochet Large Item for House				
	First	Mark George	Sharon #800	GH/Pacific #28
	Second	Diana Engeseth	Horseshoe #965	Snohomish #12
Knit for the House				
	First	Maggie Bradley	Meridian #265	King #13
Crochet Small Item for House				
	First	Deb Clark	Buena #836	Yakima Valley #11
Crochet Item to Wear				
	First	Kyungsin Kim	Issaquah Valley #581	King #13
Knit Item to Wear				

First	Jim Bryant	Collins #893	Pierce #16
Three Piece Baby Set			
First	Ginger Sweet	Issaquah Valley #581	King #13
Counted Cross Stitch			
First	Terry Shepler	Clayton #456	Excelsior #37
Youth Best of Show	Ashlyn Bates	Moses Lake #1151	Grant #59

SEWING CONTEST

Adult Best of Show	Bonnie Mitson	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
Adult 2 nd Best of Show	Shereyl Hemp	Kellogg Marsh #136	Snohomish #12
Adult Clothing First	Joyce Kludt	Oakview #311	Lewis #3
Second	Shereyl Hemp	Kellogg Marsh #136	Snohomish #12
Pajamas First	Shereyl Hemp	Kellogg Marsh #136	Snohomish #12
Large Household Item			
First	Janette Cejka	Washington #82	Clakr #1
Second	Laurel Jacobs	Fredonia #545	Skagit #10
Medium Household Item			
First	Shelli Ackerman	Oakview #311	Lewis #3
Second	Denise Chapman	Fredonia #545	Skagit #10
Small Household Item			
First	Bev McGuire	Barberton #571	Clark #1
Second	Denise Chapman	Fredonia #545	Skagit #10
Aprons First	Marilyn Armit	Mossyrock #355	Lewis #3
Other Sewn Item			
First	Laurel Jacobs	Fredonia #545	Skagit #10
Second	Harriet Forbes	Barberton #571	Clark #1

QUILTING CONTEST

Adult Best of Show	Karen Richards	Clayton #456	Excelsior #37
Adult 2 nd Best of Show	Becky Meats	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
Junior Best of Show	Donna Kennedy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
Traditional Large Quilt			
First	Karen Richards	Clayton #456	Excelsior #37
Traditional Medium Quilt			
First	Becky Meats	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
Traditional Small Quilt			
First	Kim Jorgenson	St Andrews #@832	Douglas #49
Second	Chris Gamache	Terrace Heights #586	Yakima Valley #11
Traditional Lap Quilt			
First	Vicky Didenhover	Molson #1069	Okanogan #53
Traditional Wall Hanging			
First	Kim Jorgenson	St Andrews #832	Douglas #49
Traditional Other Item			
First	Sue Hoerath	South Lake Stevens #690	Snohomish #12
Non-Traditional Medium Quilt			
First	Carla Thorson	Prospect Point #1067	Columbia #56
Second	Ellen Kaufman	Catlin #199	Cowlitz #7
Non-Traditional Small Quilt			
First	Sue Rothfus	Catlin #199	Cowlitz #7
Non-Traditional Wall Hanging			
First	Deann Altree	Washington #82	Clark #1

Non-Traditional Household Item				
First	Jeri Bonser	Catlin #199	Cowlitz #7	
Non-Traditional Other Item				
First	Kari Justad	Issaquah Valley #581	King #13	
Hand Quilted Medium Quilt				
First	Sue Rothfud	Catlin #199	Cowlitz #7	
Hand Quilted Small Quilt				
First	Sue Rothfus	Catlin #199	Cowlitz #7	
Junior Tied Quilt				
First	Donna Kennedy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1	

CONVENTION ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Celebration Banquet and Department Auction	Ag/Trade Center
Community Service Displays	Zoo Barn
Delegate Orientation	Ag/Trade Ag/Trade Center
Delegate Sessions	Ag/Trade Center
Department Silen Auctions	Exhibit Building
Displays	Zoo Narn
Family Living Lunch	Center Stage
Hospitality	Ag/Trade Center Patio
Installation of Officers	Ag/Trade Center
Junior Grange Contest Displays	Exhibit Buidling
Junior Grange Ice Cream Social	Food Court
Junior Grange Meeting Room	Fiber Building
Lecturer and Family Living Contest displays	Exhibit Building
Live Auction (Friday Night)	Center Stage
Lunches	Food Court
Memorial Service	Ag/Trade Center
Progress Room	Ag/Trade Center Conf Room
Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song Contests	Fiber Building
Registration	Ag/Trade Center Foyer
Youth Group Meeting Room	Zoo Barn
Youth Livestock Judging Contest	Zoo, Swine, Beef Barns

OFFICIALS AND LEADERSHIP OF THE 2024 STATE SESSION

STEERING COMMITTEE

Chair – Michael Schwartz
Vice Chair – Matt Harbin
Secretary – Lynn Wells; Mary Schwartz Pro-tem
Treasurer – Walt Radmer

CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Banquets – Matt Harbin	Lecturer – Ann Fackenthal, Sherry Cummins
Degrees/Installation – Sherry Cummins	Memorial – Mary Schwartz
Family Living – Donna Russell, Ann Fackenthal	Publicity – Donna Russell
Flowers – Terry Ferguson	Registration – Lynn Wells
Furniture/Stage – Walt Radmer	Rose Drill – Susan Hegney, Lisa Bowen
Hospitality – Mary Schwartz, Juanita Curnett	RV's – Jim & Bonnie Lyle
Housing – Matt Harbin	Youth – Rick Ferguson
Juniors – Heather Ferguson	

CONVENTION PROGRESS COMMITTEE

Chair - Sophia Keller	Nancy Drake
Bekki Weston	Ferol Max
Mary Bryant	

Washington State Grange Memorial Service

Sunday, June 29, 2024

Prelude	Jim Odgen – State Musician
Entrance of Officers and Deputies	
Welcome	Carolyn Hojem – State Chaplain
Invocation	Carolyn Hojem – State Chaplain
Message	Pastor Blayne McCoy
Eulogies	State Officers
Song	Pastor Blayne McCoy
Memorial Roll	Karen Jackson – State Secretary
Placing Flowers	Shavanna May, Jordanne Webb, Alexis Kudsk
Song	Pastor Blayne McCoy
Postlude	Jim Odgen
Retirement of Officers and Deputies	



Eulogies of Past State Officers, Deputies, & Spouses

George Ohlsen
Past State Gatekeeper and Snohomish County Deputy

David Schaefer
Past Special Deputy and Past Lewis County Deputy

Robert Kraemer
Past Lewis County Deputy

Barbara Scherrer
Past State Pomona

Dan Hammock
Past Editor of The Grange News

Wayne Miller
Past State Overseer, Special Deputy, and Junior Grange Director

Judy Prochaska
Spouse of Island County Deputy

Larry Tanneberg
Past Douglas County Deputy

Carl Hagen
Past Grays Harbor County Deputy

Ala "June" Wachter-Busse
Spouse of Past State Gatekeeper

EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE FIFTH DEGREE

JUNE 28, 2024 - 2:00 P.M.

EASTERN DISTRICT FIFTH DEGREE TEAM

Fifth Degree Team Captain – Sherry Cummins

Master	Jennifer Webb	Pomona	Janice Radmer
Overseer	Bob Shea	Flora	Lois Cummins
Lecturer	Viola Christoph	Executive Committee	Mick Schwartz
Steward	Scott Lyle	Executive Committee	Walt Radmer
Assistant Steward	John Neff	Executive Committee	Larry Lawton
Lady Assistant Steward	Thelma Weiland		
Chaplain	Erik Neff	Spector	Ann Fackenthall
Treasurer	Mary Schwartz		
Secretary	Juanita Curnutt	Thunder and Lightning	James Cummins and
Gatekeeper	Dennis McGurk		Larry Lawton
Ceres	Sherry Cummins	Musician	Jim Ogden

CONFERRAL OF THE SIXTH DEGREE

Presented by the State Grange Officers under the Direction of Sixth Degree Directors, Rex & Phyllis Ogden

Master/President	Tom Gwin	Gatekeeper	Butch Ogden
Degree Master/President	Susan Hegney	Ceres	Debbie Fisch
Overseer/Vice President	David Bryant	Pomona	Jordanne Webb
Lecturer	Leslie Jo Wells	Flora	Shavanna May
Steward	Jacob Gwin	Executive Committee	Brittney Pittman
Assistant Steward	Jonny Pittman	Executive Committee	Duane Hamp
Lady Assistant Steward	Alexis Kudsk	Executive Committee	Rick Ferguson
Chaplain	Carolyn Hojem	Director of Family Living	Helen Berg,
Treasurer	Annie Scott		Mary Hunt pro-tem
Secretary	Karen Jackson	Musician	Dr. Jim Ogden

Feast Drill

Mary Bryant
Mark Fisch
Tessa Gwin
Christine Hamp
Florence Ogden
Lonnie Scott

SIXTH DEGREE CANDIDATES

Alex, Rod	Meridian #265	Harbin, Matthew	Addy #603
Baker, Seth	McIntosh #1001	Hegney, Jackson	McIntosh #1001
Bartsch, Sonja	Camden #687	Johnson, Duane	Addy #603
Berry, Keenan	Long Beach #667	Jones, Gideon	Five Mile Prairie #905
Bowen, Addison	McIntosh #1001	Langston, Cyndi	Moran Prairie #161
Bowen, Brady	McIntosh #1001	Lanston, David	Moran Prairie #161
Bright, Pam	Terrace Heights #586	Liechty, Mark	Granville #857
Celia, Mary	Rexville #815	Liechty, Robbie	Granville #857
Celia, Russell	Rexville #815	Lieske, Vicki	Cedar Valley #306
Chappel, Dana	Freedom #1152	Meats, Meredith	Fargher Lake #853
Chappel, Dustin	Freedom #1152	Meats, Rebecca	Fargher Lake #853
Clouse, Kari	Spring Hill #909	Morin, Madeline	McIntosh #1001
Curnett, Juanita	Greenwood Park 590	Morse-Gill, Linda R.	Deer Lagoon #846
Davis, Mary	San Poil #684	Neff, Erik	Moses Lake #1152
Farmer, Doris D.	Five Mile Prairie #905	O'Riordan, Rory	Williams Valley #452
Foster, Doug	Spring Hill #909	Omega, Synthicity	Cedar Valley #306
Foster, Karen	Spring Hill #909	Stiles, David	Mountain Valley #79
Gill, Tony L.	Deer Lagoon #846	Stoller, Michelle	Fargher Lake #853
Gilmour, Michael	Fargher Lake #853	Stordeur, Cathy	Crescent #1123
Gilmour, Vicki	Fargher Lake #853	Sweitzer, Chad	Matlock #357
Goble, Elizabeth	Mountain Valley #79	Ward, Tharin	Roy #702
Goble, Larry	Fargher Lake #853	Williams, Elver	Camden #687
Graham, Tabitha	Silverdale #879		

INSTALLATION TEAM FOR STATE OFFICERS

Master
Installing Officer
Chaplain

Rex Ogden
Tom Cullen
Christie Vintilo

Marshall
Regalia Bearer
Emblem Bearer

Christine Hamp
Terry Ferguson
Phyllis Ogden

This year's installation team is from the Washington State Grange GROW Club. Its members have represented the Washington State Grange as Youth Ambassador, Outstanding Young Granger, Outstanding Young Couple, Prince, or Princess. The purpose of the club is to help them keep in touch so they can Go Right on Working (GROW) in the Grange.

PAST STATE GRANGE SESSIONS

YEAR	SIXTH DEGREE CLASS	LOCATION/COUNTY
1889	None	LaCamas/Clark
1890	None	LaCamas/Clark
1891	107	Goldendale/Klickitat
1892	122	Vancouver/Clark
1893	29	White Salmon/Klickitat
1894	39	Fourth Plain/Clark
1895	13	Washougal/Clark
1896	11	Vancouver/Clark
1897	None	Lyle/Klickitat
1898	12	LaCenter/Clark
1899	19	Mount Pleasant/Skamania
1900	None	Tucker/Cowlitz
1901	11	Amboy/Clark
1902	43	Orchards/Clark
1903	86	Pullman/Whitman
1904	89	Centerville/Klickitat
1905	44	Toledo/Lewis
1906	56	Spokane/Spokane
1907	62	Lynden/Whatcom
1908	71	Vancouver/Clark
1909	89	Ellensburg/Kittitas
1910	85	Pullman/Whitman
1911	194	Snohomish/Snohomish
1912	132	Puyallup/Pierce
1913	192	Colville/Stevens
1914	72	National Grange/Spokane
1915	183	Centralia/Lewis
1916	146	Burlington/Skagit
1917	170	Wenatchee/Chelan
1918	None	Walla Walla/Walla Walla
1919	294	Port Angeles/Clallam
1920	252	Aberdeen/Grays Harbor
1921	246	Colville/Stevens
1922	189	Yakima/Yakima
1923	155	Bremerton/Kitsap
1924	266	Vancouver/Clark
1925	160	Pullman/Whitman
1926	269	Kennewick/Benton

1927	304	Auburn/King
1928	356	Chehalis/Lewis
1929	455	Spokane/Spokane
1930	1028	Special Sessions
1931	146	Wenatchee/Chelan
1932	250	Bellingham/Whatcom
1933	206	Tacoma/Pierce
1934	332	Pullman/Whitman
1935	339	Everett/Snohomish
1936	398	Aberdeen/Grays Harbor
1937	689	Walla Walla/Walla Walla
1938	1082	Spokane/Spokane
1938	1921	Special Sessions
1939	320	Vancouver/Clark
1940	428	Olympia/Thurston
1941	641	Ellensburg/Kittitas
1942	706	Wenatchee/Chelan
1942	893	National Grange/Wenatchee
1943	814	Yakima/Yakima
1944	955	Centralia/Lewis
1946	1832	Bellingham/Whatcom
1946	2665	Special Sessions
1947	389	Port Angeles/Clallam
1948	1391	Spokane/Spokane
1949	687	Pullman/Whitman
1950	1155	Evertt/Snohomish
1951	926	Longview/Cowlitz
1952	921	Yakima/Yakima
1953	758	Wenatchee/Chelan
1954	1296	Special Sessions
1955	432	Aberdeen/Grays Harbor
1956	279	Walla Walla/Walla Walla
1957	331	Spokane/Spokane
1958	705	Seattle/King
1959	932	Vancouver/Clark
1960	420	Pullman/Whitman
1961	575	Yakima/Yakima
1962	496	Bellingham/Whatcom
1963	1013	Special Sessions
1964	297	Wenatchee/Chelan
1965	277	Pasco/Franklin
1966	463	Everett/Snohomish
1967	540	Centralia-Chehalis/Lewis
1968	444	Spokane/Spokane
1969	218	Pullman/Whitman
1970	543	Vancouver/Clark
1971	288	Longview/Cowlitz
1972	365	Yakima/Yakima
1973	397	Wenatchee/Chelan
1974	417	Aberdeen/Grays Harbor
1975	448	Parkland/Pierce
1976	291	Pasco/Franklin

1977	426	Spokane/Spokane
1978	466	Bellingham/Whatcom
1979	408	Port Angeles/Clallam
1980	337	Pullman/Whitman
1981	389	Ellensburg/Kittitas
1981	693	Special Sessions
1981	444	National Grange/Spokane
1982	127	Vancouver/Clark
1983	235	Everett/Snohomish
1984	214	Wenatchee/Chelan
1985	194	Pasco/Franklin
1986	210	Chehalis/Lewis
1987	222	Port Angeles/Clallam
1988	175	Spokane/Spokane
1989	134	Brush Prairie/Clark
1990	178	Sedro Woolley/Skagit
1991	113	Pullman/Whitman
1992	162	Sunnyside/Yakima
1993	203	Tacoma/Pierce
1994	190	Hoquiam/Grays Harbor
1995	126	Wenatchee/Chelan
1996	97	Kennewick/Benton
1996	130	Special Sessions and National Grange/Spokane
1997	45	Poulsbo/Kitsap
1998	75	Olympia/Thurston
1999	72	Spokane Valley/Spokane
2000	59	Sunnyside/Yakima
2001	56	Kelso-Longview/Cowlitz
2002	76	Everett/Snohomish
2003	52	Okanogan/Okanogan
2004	40	Pullman/Whitman
2005	72	Bellingham/Whatcom
2006	75	Puyallup/Pierce
2007	33	Moses Lake/Grant/Central District
2008	96	Colville/Stevens/Eastern District
2009	106	Kelso-Longview/Cowlitz/Southwest District
2010	82	Bellingham/Whatcom/Northern District
2011	40	Moses Lake/Grant/Central District
2012	93	Spokane/Spokane/Eastern District
2013	61	Ocean Shores/Grays Harbor/Southwest District
2014	52	Vancouver/Clark/Southwest District
2015	30	Ellensburg/Kittitas/Central District
2016	16	Spokane/Spokane/Eastern District
2017	45	Ocean Shores/Grays Harbor/Southwest District
2018	36	Mount Vernon/Skagit/Northern District
2019	18	Okanogan/Okanogan/Central District
2020	None – Covid Pandemic	Long Beach/Pacific, Addy/Stevens, Langlely/Island, Cle Elum/Kittitas
2021	None – Covid Pandemic	Port Townsend/Jefferson & Bee Hive/Chelan
2022	38	Puyallup/Pierce/Northern District
2023	23	Moses Lake/Grant/Central District
2024	47	Colville/Stevens/Eastern District

FUTURE LOCATIONS FOR STATE GRANGE CONVENTION

2025 – Chehalis/Lewis/Southwest District
2026 – Mount Vernon/Skagit/Northern District

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE MASTERS

*David L. Russell	1889-1895	Washougal Grange #69	Clark County
*Augustus High	1895-1901	Fruit Valley Grange #80	Clark County
*Jesse O. Wing	1901-1905	Mount Pleasant Grange #73	Skamania County
*Carey B. Kegley	1905-1917	Palouse Grange #177	Whitman County
*William Bouck	1917-1921	Skiyou Grange #235	Skagit County
*Fred Nelson	1921-1922	White River Grange #238	King County
*Albert S. Goss	1922-1933	Finley Grange #414	Benton County
*Ervin E. King	1933-1941	Whelan Grange #117	Whitman County
*Henry P. Carstensen	1941-1953	Grand Coulee Grange #807	Lincoln County
*A. Lars Nelson	1953-1971	Wheatland Grange #952	Whitman County
*Jack Silvers	1971-1983	Buena Grange #836	Yakima County
*Ray Hill	1983-1989	Goldendale Grange #49	Klickitat County
Robert J. Clark	1989-1995	Sequim Prairie Grange #1108	Clallam County
Bob Joy	1995-1999	Brewster Grange #1018	Okanogan County
Terry Hunt	1999-2007	St. Andrews Grange #832	Douglas County
Rob Horgen	2007-2008	Laurel Grange #208	Whatcom County
*June F. Hendrickson	2008-2011	Steele Lake/Highline Grange #805	King County
Duane Hamp	2011-2015	Five Mile Prairie Grange #905	Spokane County
Tom Gwin	2015- Present	Humptulips Grange #730	Grays Harbor County

*Deceased

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE



2024 CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I -- NAME

Sec. 1. This Grange shall be known as the Washington State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

Sec. 2. In all its acts the Washington State Grange shall be subject to, and controlled by, the constitution, laws, and regulations of the National Grange.

ARTICLE II -- MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. The membership of the Washington State Grange shall consist of voting members, honorary members, and supportive members.

Sec. 2. Voting Members. Voting members in this State Grange shall consist of Masters and their spouses of Pomona and Subordinate Granges of this state which have duly transmitted all reports to the Secretary of the State Grange and paid all sums due the State Grange to the end of the quarter next preceding the meeting of the State Grange. Provided that any such Grange may elect any members as its delegate whenever the Master or spouse is unable to serve. A Grange shall be entitled to two votes in the State Grange. Provided further, that, whenever the same person shall hold the office of Master in both the Pomona and Subordinate Granges such person shall represent either the Pomona or Subordinate Grange but not both. In the case of a Master or spouse present at session who also serves as a Deputy Master in any capacity, state director, district director or advisor and whose duties preclude him/her from exercising his/her voting privilege, an alternate may be elected.

Sec. 3. Honorary Members. Honorary members shall be officers of the Washington State Grange and their wives or husbands, its past Masters and their wives or husbands, who are not voting members. They may participate in the discussions and serve on committees in the State Grange.

Sec. 4. State Supportive Members. A person with an interest in the advancement of agriculture and improvement of rural life may become a Supportive member.

(a) Supportive membership will be gained by individuals by a contractual agreement between the National Grange and a business entity providing a service to those individuals.

(b) Supportive Business Class Membership by paying annually to the Washington State Grange or Subordinate/Community Grange a fee to be a Business Supportive Member. They will support the policies of the Washington State Grange, Subordinate/Community Granges.

(c) Such supportive members shall be entitled to benefits from the State Grange; provided, however, that supportive members shall not be entitled to attend regular Grange meetings, vote on matters of Grange policy or participate in Grange sponsored contests that are designed for Grange Members only.

Sec. 5. State E-Members. A person with an interest in the advancement of agriculture, improvement of rural life, and policies and principles of the organization may become an E-member.

(a) E-Membership will be gained by individuals completing an on-line application form and paying the National Grange annual dues for this class of membership.

(b) E-Members will receive all information and benefits via electronic means. The National Grange shall provide electronic publications and benefits. The E-Member shall not be entitled to vote on matters of Grange policy or participate in Grange sponsored contests that are designed for Grange Members only.

Sec. 6. Sixth Degree. Any member in good standing in the Fourth Degree who has received the Degree of Pomona is entitled to receive the Degree of Flora upon proper application and initiation as defined by National Grange law.

Sec. 7. At the close of each quarter each Subordinate Grange shall pay to the Secretary of the State Grange the fee of \$1 for all members voted into membership during such quarter.

Sec. 8. All Subordinate Granges in this state shall operate under the general dues plan and shall pay to the State Grange quarterly dues of \$6.75 plus the amount for National Grange dues for a regular member; \$13.50 plus the amount for National Grange dues for each family membership; and \$7.25 plus the amount for National Grange dues for each associate member; except if the member is under the age of nineteen (19) the quarterly dues shall be the amount owed for National Grange dues. The State Grange shall transmit quarterly to the respective Pomona Granges twenty-five cents per regular Subordinate member and fifty cents per family Subordinate member in their jurisdiction. Such payments by the State Grange to the Pomona Grange shall be in lieu of all Pomona dues.

ARTICLE III -- OFFICERS

Sec. 1. The officers of this State Grange shall consist of and rank as follows: Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Lady Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Gatekeeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora, Executive Committee and Director of Family Living. The following alternative titles may be used: President for Master, Vice-President for Overseer, Program Director for Lecturer, Greeter for Gatekeeper, and Board of Directors for Executive Committee. It is understood that these titles are interchangeable within the printed materials of the Grange.

Sec. 2. The regular election of officers shall take place at the annual meeting held in odd numbered years, excepting Executive Committeemen who shall be elected for three-year terms in such a manner that one shall be elected at each annual session.

Sec. 3. Vacancies shall be filled by the State Grange, if in session. Vacancies occurring between annual meetings, except for the Office of Master, may be filled by appointment of the Master, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, provided whenever an officer of the State Grange is absent from an annual meeting except for some cause which is acceptable to a majority of the delegates present, the Master shall declare the office vacant.

Sec. 4. All officers are amenable to this State Grange and in case charges are brought against them, such charges shall be tried by the State Grange, except that charges brought against the Master of this Grange and his/her spouse, shall be tried by the National Grange.

ARTICLE IV -- MEETINGS

Sec. 1. The Grange shall start its annual meeting as close to the end of June as possible.

Sec. 2. In case the Grange does not select a place for its annual meeting, or some extraordinary circumstances shall make it not desirable to hold the meeting where chosen, the Executive Committee shall determine where such meeting shall be held.

Sec. 3. Special meetings may be called by the Master or Secretary upon request of the Executive Committee or the written request of 10% of the total of Subordinate and Pomona Granges.

Sec. 4. When a special meeting is to be held, the Secretary shall give at least thirty day's notice of the same to the Masters and Secretaries of all Pomona and Subordinate Granges.

Sec. 5. Seventy-five delegates shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a lesser number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is secured.

Sec. 6. The Master and Secretary shall arrange for the registration of all delegates and visiting Grangers.

ARTICLE V -- DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1. Master. It shall be the duty of the Master to preside at all meetings of the Grange; to see that the officers and members of committees properly perform their respective duties; to see that the constitution and bylaws of the National Grange, the constitution and bylaws of the State Grange, and the rules and regulations of the Order are obeyed; to sign all orders upon the treasury and to perform such other duties as pertain to his/her office or are required by these articles and the usages of the Order. In addition to the Master's Address, he/she shall report to each session rulings made since his/her last report.

Sec. 2. Overseer. It shall be the duty of the Overseer to assist the Master; to preside over the Grange in the absence of the Master; and, in case the office of Master shall be vacant, he/she shall be installed and fill it until the next annual meeting.

Sec. 3. Secretary.

a) 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 Executive Committee. He/she

shall make all necessary returns to the National Grange. He/she shall keep the accounts of the Pomona, Subordinate, and Junior Granges with the State Grange and all moneys belonging to the State Grange.

(b) He/she shall deposit in a bank or banks, designated by the Executive Committee and Treasurer, all moneys coming into his/her hands and shall advise the Treasurer of the amount belonging to each fund. He/she shall draw and countersign all orders upon the Treasurer.

(c) He/she shall furnish Pomona, Subordinate, and Junior Granges with blanks upon which to make necessary reports.

(d) He/she shall publish annually a complete roster or register of the names and numbers of all Pomona, Subordinate, and Junior Granges of this state, together with the names and addresses of key officer contacts of each Grange, and furnish copies to the state officers, state directors, district directors or advisors and deputies of the State Grange, Master and Secretary of each Subordinate and Pomona Grange and to Junior Leaders.

(e) He/she shall publish annually on or before October 1st, a complete journal of the proceedings of the State Grange meeting, and furnish copies to the state officers, state directors, district directors or advisors and deputies of the State Grange and Masters of each Subordinate and Pomona Grange. He/she shall furnish copies to those desiring to purchase the same at a price fixed by the Executive Committee.

(f) He/she shall see that the dues payable to the State Grange are promptly paid, and in case the dues of a Subordinate Grange remain delinquent for two quarters, he/she shall report the delinquent Subordinate Grange to the State Master.

(g) He/she shall, before the annual meeting, prepare the roll of Granges with their Masters and alternate delegates.

h) He/She shall mail out each year to all Subordinate and Pomona Granges a copy of the annual budget along with the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting during which the budget was adopted.

Sec.4. Treasurer. All moneys of the State Grange shall be deposited in the bank or banks to the credit of the Treasurer. He/she shall keep an account of all moneys received and shall pay from same all orders signed by the Master and the Secretary. Provided that, the Executive Committee may direct the Master and the Secretary to draw an order on the Treasurer for a sum not to exceed one half the Secretary's bond to be placed in the Secretary's revolving fund for the payment of current expense. The Treasurer shall give a full statement of the condition of the treasury at each annual meeting and whenever called upon to do so by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 5. Other Officers. The duties of these officers shall be as defined by the manual and/or the current Digest of Laws of the National Grange.

Sec. 6. All state officers shall file their reports with the State Grange at least 30 days prior to the opening day of the annual session. These reports shall be published in the official program.

ARTICLE VI -- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1. The Executive Committee of this Grange shall consist of three elective members and the Master, Overseer, and Secretary who shall be members ex officio with voting rights.

Sec. 2. The term of office for Executive Committeemen shall be three years, and one shall be elected annually, except the Master, Overseer, and Secretary who shall be elected in each odd numbered year.

Sec. 3. The Executive Committee shall attend to the general and specific business of the State Grange, as directed by delegate action at each State Grange convention, exercising supervision over the affairs of the Order during a recess of the Grange, order formal professional reviews of the Secretary, Treasurer and other accounts by a state licensed or bonded auditor certified public accounting firm that specializes in non-profits, until the Executive Committee calls for a full audit of the Washington State Grange and the Washington State Grange Foundation, approve all official bonds and report all its actions in detail to the State Grange at each annual meeting.

Sec. 4. The Executive Committee shall, budget such moneys from the general fund as are necessary for the various programs or departments.

ARTICLE VII -- COMMITTEE ON FAMILY LIVING

Sec. 1. The Committee on Family Living of this Grange shall consist of an elected state director and such assistants as may be appointed by the Master and the Executive Committee.

The duties of this committee shall be such as may properly come before its members, or such matters which may be referred to them.

Sec. 2. Pomona and Subordinate Granges may authorize a Committee on Family Living composed of Grange members only, which may hold separate meetings. The chairman of the Committee on Family Living shall make a report to each regular meeting of their Grange.

ARTICLE VIII -- SUSPENSIONS

Except the Master, who is amenable to the National Grange, any officer of this State Grange who may neglect or refuse to perform the duties of his/her office, may be suspended from office by a two thirds majority vote of the Executive Committee after a fair and impartial trial by said Committee.

ARTICLE IX -- FISCAL YEAR

Sec. 1. The fiscal year of this State Grange shall end on the 31st day of December pending IRS approval; the fiscal year for Pomona, Subordinate, and Junior Granges shall end on the 31st day of December of each year.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee, Secretaries, and Treasurers of all Granges to make their reports, including therein all business transactions up to the close of the year, ready for presentation to the auditing committees.

ARTICLE X -- NON-PROFIT STATUS

The Washington State Grange is a non-profit tax-exempt organization and meets the requirements of the Internal Revenue Service Code [501 (C)(8)] for non-profit fraternal organizations.

ARTICLE XI -- AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1. The provisions of this constitution may be changed, provided the proposed change is not in conflict with National Grange law, upon written notice giving full text of amendment in proper legislative markup style, (~~deleted text struck through~~ and new text underlined), introduced in the State Grange in annual session at least 6 hours prior to its consideration, upon two-thirds vote of the members voting. Provided that the total number voting upon the amendment shall be not less than two-thirds of the registered delegates.

Sec. 2. Any proposed amendment can be amended on the floor by one or more amendments, but if amended, final action of the amended amendment shall be deferred for not less than 6 hours.

Sec. 3. All proposed amendments shall be printed and presented to the delegates before action is taken on the proposed amendments.

Sec. 4. The State Secretary shall send the text of all changes to the Constitution to each Pomona and Subordinate Grange after the State Grange Session.

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ARTICLE I -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 1. Bonds. The Secretary and the Treasurer of the State, Pomona, and Subordinate Granges shall each provide bonds in such sum as the Executive Committee of the various bodies may deem adequate, payable to the Executive Committee. In case of forfeiture, the amount collected on such bonds shall be held in trust by the Committee until the proper officer is installed. The bonds shall be held by the Master. It is further provided that the State Grange may arrange for a blanket bond which shall be held by the Executive Committee of the State Grange.

Sec. 2. Background Checks. All State and District Directors or Advisors of Youth and Junior Departments and all State Officers will complete a background check utilizing the Washington State Patrol non-profit no-fee background check within 30 days of appointment or installation.

Sec. 3. Regalia. It shall be the duty of all members of State, Pomona, Subordinate, and Junior Granges to be clothed in proper regalia while in attendance at meetings. It is further provided that all officers carry the emblems of their respective offices as provided by National Grange law and usage, during meetings.

Sec. 4. Unwritten Work. Only Granges, open in due form and working under a charter, or members of the Order called together by the Master of the State Grange, his/her deputies, or the Master of their respective Granges for instruction, shall be permitted to use the unwritten work of the Order.

Sec. 5. Elections. Elections in all Granges shall be by paper ballot and a majority of all ballots cast shall be necessary to elect. Nominations may be made from the floor if the Grange desires. A motion to close nominations is never in order and members may vote for any member whether the name has been placed in nomination or not.

Sec. 6 Election of State Grange Officers. Elections in the State Grange shall be conducted in the following manner:

- (a) The election shall be in the charge of an election committee who shall be appointed annually by the Master. This committee shall conduct the election, prepare and tabulate the ballots and report the results as hereinafter provided.

(b) Each ballot shall have printed on it the year, office and be numbered and color coded.

(c) Election to office must be by ballot, and nominations shall be made from the floor. Each officer shall be elected upon a separate ballot according to name and rank as provided for in the National Grange. After the nominations for each office the candidates shall be presented from the platform and their names posted, then allowed to state their name, Grange, occupation, and Grange experience. Candidates for Master will be allowed not more than 3 minutes to give their vision statement for the future of the Grange. Said statement shall only include only the candidate's vision and goals. The delegates will then vote. The election committee shall arrange for sufficient teller tables and tellers to facilitate the rapid counting of the ballots.

(d) Ballots shall ONLY be cast from the delegate floor. No ballots shall be collected from any other location. No ballots shall be cast by cell phone, proxy, or any other method.

(e) The election committee will then proceed to collect and count the ballots, announcing the result to the assembly in regular session only.

(f) The candidates receiving a majority of all votes cast for the respective offices shall be declared elected; provided that, if no candidate receives the majority of all votes cast for an office, the names of the candidates who's combined votes for the office equals the majority of all votes cast in the previous ballot shall be voted on as above.

(g) If, at the completion of the second ballot, no candidate has a majority of all ballots cast, the vote shall be taken as heretofore provided until some candidate receives a majority of all votes cast.

Sec. 7. Claims. No claim against any Grange will be allowed or paid unless the same shall have been presented for audit or payment within one year from the time the same shall have accrued.

Sec. 8. Grange Property. Each officer of every Grange shall, at the expiration of his/her term of office, deliver to his/her successor, when duly installed, all books, papers, moneys, implements, or other property of any description pertaining to his/her office or belonging to the Grange.

Sec. 9. Funds. All funds belonging to the State Grange shall be deposited in some reliable bank or banks, approved by the Executive Committee of the State Grange, in the name of the State Grange. All moneys received by the State Grange shall be segregated into different funds as follows:

(a) Subordinate Grange Fees -- all moneys received as initiation fees from Subordinate Granges shall be deposited in the general fund of the State Grange.

(b) Sixth Degree Fees -- all moneys received for initiation fees to the sixth degree. This fund shall be divided, \$2.50 to be transmitted to the Secretary of the National Grange, the remaining to be transferred to the general fund of the State Grange.

(c) Convention Registration Fee -- a registration fee of \$20 per Grange shall be collected prior to the registration of the delegate(s) of said Grange. The monies received from the registration fee shall be deposited in the general fund of the State Grange and be used to offset the costs of holding the convention.

(d) Inactive Grange Custodial Account -- all moneys received from the sale of custodial account properties held in the custodial account of an Inactive Grange. Custodial accounts of Inactive Granges shall be administered pursuant to Chapter 4 Article XII Digest of Laws.

(e) Property Fund:

(1) The net proceeds from the sale of real property shall be held in a custodial account for the selling Grange pursuant to Chapter 4, Article XI Digest of Laws. All earned income derived from such custodial account shall be the property of the selling Grange and this income shall be returned to such Grange annually, provided however, a custodial fee of 5% of the earned income shall be paid to the State Grange.

(2) The net proceeds from insurance settlements and claims shall be held in a custodial account for the insured Grange pursuant to Chapter 4, Article XI Digest of Laws. All earned income derived from such custodial account shall be the property of the insured Grange and this income shall be returned to such Grange annually, provided however, a custodial fee of 5% of the earned income shall be paid to the state Grange.

(f) Kegley Memorial Fund -- all moneys received from any source for subscription to such fund, and all repayments of loans made from such fund, and all interest on such loans or on investments of such fund. The interest from the Kegley Memorial Fund shall be split fifty percent (50%) to the Washington State Grange Foundation General Fund and fifty percent (50%) to the Washington State Grange Foundation Historical Fund.

(g) Life Membership Fund -- All moneys received from life membership fees, including the income therefrom, shall be maintained by the Washington State Grange as follows:

(1) All sums collected by Subordinate Granges from life membership fees shall be immediately remitted to the State Secretary who shall place such sums in the Life Membership Fund (the "Fund").

(2) The principal amount of the Fund shall constitute, be, and remain a permanent trust fund.

(3) The income from the Fund (less five percent (5%), which shall be retained by the Washington State Grange to defray the expenses of maintaining the Fund) shall be distributed, during the first quarter of each year, to the patron's Subordinate Grange unless that patron wishes the income to be equally distributed between the patron's Subordinate Grange and the Washington State Grange or the entire income be given to the Washington State Grange.

(4) The holder of a life membership certificate may voluntarily transfer to another Subordinate Grange in Washington, whereupon the State Secretary, upon notice thereof, shall transfer on the books of the Fund, so that the same is attributable to the new Subordinate Grange of membership, the fee received for the holder's life membership.

(5) All money in the Fund attributable to two or more Subordinate Granges which consolidate shall be combined and deemed attributable to the consolidated Subordinate Grange.

(6) A holder's life membership rights shall not be transferred if he/she demits to any other Subordinate Grange in another state. The fee paid for his/her life membership shall remain in the Fund and continue to be attributable to his/her former Subordinate Grange.

(7) Any income otherwise distributable hereunder to a Subordinate Grange which has dissolved, shall be added to the principal amount of the Fund as of December 31 except to the extent the holder of a life membership certificate in such dissolved Grange has affiliated with another Subordinate Grange in Washington prior to December 31, in which case, and to such extent, such income shall be distributable to such holder's new Subordinate Grange.

(8) The holder of a life membership certificate in a Subordinate Grange which becomes dissolved shall, upon affiliation with another Subordinate Grange in Washington, have his/her life membership transferred in the same manner as for a voluntary transfer.

(h) General Fund -- all other receipts, except such as may be credited to special funds which may be set up from time to time, under the direction of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 10. Flag Ceremonial. The Grange Flag Ceremonial shall consist of the presentation and retirement of the National Flag at all Grange meetings and each daily meeting of the State Grange session. The flag shall be presented immediately after the proclamation of the Overseer in the opening ceremony and retired immediately after the salutation in the closing ceremony.

Sec. 11. Outside Speakers. Outside speakers by invitation of the Washington State Grange delegates, or the Executive Committee prior to the session, will be allowed to speak on policies only that are in sympathy with Grange principles and non-political. This shall not apply to National Grange officers, nor to officers from other state Granges. Provided that visiting Grangers shall be extended the courtesy of the floor at the discretion of the State Master and within reason.

Sec. 12. File Bylaws. Duly authenticated copies of the constitution and bylaws adopted by newly organized Pomona, Subordinate, and Junior Granges shall be filed with the Secretary of the State Grange before any regular meetings, other than the organization meeting to adopt such constitution and bylaws, are held. Any subsequent amendments to any Grange bylaws shall be filed with the Secretary of the State Grange before becoming effective.

Sec. 13. Grange Meeting Halls. No portion of a Grange meeting hall may be used as a personal residence, unless that portion of the Grange meeting hall has been specifically designed and designated for that purpose.

Sec. 14. Alcoholic Beverages. All Granges are prohibited from having alcoholic beverages either in the Grange Hall or on any Grange property during any Grange meeting, except as provided in sub section (b). Granges meeting in buildings or on property not owned by the Grange may not allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages during any Grange meeting.

(a) A Grange may allow the use of alcoholic beverages at Grange sponsored activities. The individual Grange shall obtain host liquor or liquor liability coverage if it sponsors any events where alcohol will be served.

(b) All Granges may have sealed containers of alcoholic beverages at Grange meetings and activities for use as demonstration aids, gifts, or fund raisers. Such containers shall remain sealed at such Grange meeting or activity.

(c) The use of alcoholic beverages at functions sponsored by non-Grange groups that rent or lease Grange property is allowed. Such renters shall provide proof of host liquor or liquor liability coverage.

(d) No Grange on any level shall apply for or hold a liquor license except for temporary permits for special events.

Sec. 15. Illegal Drugs. All Granges are prohibited from allowing Schedule I drugs, as defined by the federal Controlled Substances Act (CSA), in a Grange Hall or on any Grange Property or at any Grange meeting in buildings or on property not owned by the Grange.

(a) This section shall apply to all Schedule II to V drugs as defined by the CSA, except those held in lawful possession as prescribed by a licensed physician.

(b) No Grange shall allow on Grange property any other person to engage in activities that circumvent this section or encourages the disregard of the CSA.

Sec. 16. Membership Card. A valid, signed by secretary, membership card may be used in all Subordinate and Pomona Granges as proof of membership.

Sec. 17. Probation. The remedy of placing a Grange on Probation is intended to be used when in the judgement of the State Master, the deficiencies in these criteria do not warrant suspending the Grange's charter and may be remedied in a reasonable time. The duration and conditions of a Probation shall be established by the State Master with the advice of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE II -- DEPUTIES

Sec. 1. Supervising Deputy. The Master may appoint a general deputy to have supervision of the field work, and when in his/her judgement and that of the Executive Committee the occasion warrants it, may make suitable financial arrangements with such deputy other than such as herein set forth.

Sec. 2. Deputies at Large. The Master may appoint any member as a deputy at large, whose jurisdiction shall reach over the entire state. Provided the deputy at large shall be expected to cooperate with, and work in harmony with, the county deputy, wherever such an official shall exist.

Sec. 3. County Deputies. The Master may appoint, not to exceed, an average of one deputy for each county. Provided, counties with more than one Pomona Grange may have one deputy for each Pomona. It is further provided, counties or Pomona jurisdictions with more than 10 Granges may have a deputy for each 10 Granges.

Sec. 4. Special deputies may be appointed for special purposes.

Sec. 5. Term of Office. The term of office of any deputy shall not exceed that of the appointing Master.

Sec. 6. Reports. All deputies shall make a detailed report to the State Master at least once each quarter.

ARTICLE III -- COMMITTEES

Sec. 1. Session Committees. Preceding the state session each year the State Master shall send a questionnaire with a list of the session committees to the voting delegates of each Pomona and Subordinate Grange and shall fill the committees from such voting delegates and officers, wives or husbands of the Washington State Grange. The session committees shall be as follows:

Agriculture	Grange Activities
Auditing	Grange Law
Conservation and Ecology	Health, Health Care, and Safety
Constitution and Bylaws	Legislative, National
Credentials	Legislative, State
Education	Taxation and Fiscal Policy
Fish and Wildlife	Transportation

The Master with the consent of the Executive Committee may add temporary session committees as the need arises.

Each committee shall consist of not less than five members and may be increased by the State Master.

Each session committee shall include a representative of the corresponding standing committee, provided there are delegates present at the convention who are also members of the standing committee. The Master shall fill committee vacancies from the delegates present.

Sec. 2. Auditing Committee. The auditing committee shall examine and check the audit of the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Committee. It shall report its findings to the session.

Sec. 3. Standing Intersessions Committees. Standing committees are raised for the general Good of the Order and may continue in existence until the next regular installation of officers. The Master, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint the Standing Committees.

These committees shall report in writing 30 days prior to the opening day of the annual session, so that this material may be included with the resolutions given to each registered delegate.

The Intersession Committee reports shall be submitted to the Subordinate and Pomona Granges in the same manner as resolutions are sent out prior to the Washington State Grange Convention.

Standing committees shall report to the annual session in writing. The standing committees shall be as follows:

Agriculture (9 members)
Conservation and Ecology
Education
Fish and Wildlife
Good of the Order
Health, Health Care, and Safety

Junior Grange
Membership
State and National Issues
Transportation/Taxation
Family Living
Youth/Young Adults

(a) Agriculture Committee. The Agriculture Committee shall consist of nine members. These members shall be comprised of one member from each of the following areas: Animal Agriculture, Commodities, Conservation and Ecology, Land Use, Natural Resources, Water, Small Farms serving local communities and two (2) at large in Agricultural Industries.

(b) Fish and Wildlife Committee. The scope of this committee shall include all wildlife.

(c) Junior Grange, Family Living, and Youth/Young Adults Committees. These committees shall consist of the state directors as chairmen, and the district directors or advisors as members.

Sec. 4. Special Committees. Special committees are raised for a particular purpose and are considered discharged when the purpose is served. Special committees may be appointed from time to time as the State Grange may order. Three members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Special committees shall report in writing 30 days prior to the opening day of the annual session, so that this material may be included with the resolutions given to each registered delegate.

Sec. 5. Progress Committee. The Master shall appoint a Progress Committee to serve during the annual session for the purpose of expediting and aiding the procedure of the session.

Sec. 6. All standing committees shall receive authorized actual expenses while on duty, and any additional remuneration that the Executive Committee shall see fit.

ARTICLE IV – COMPENSATION

Sec. 1.

(a) The Master shall receive such compensation as the Executive Committee may determine, with all necessary expenses of the office.

(b) The Secretary shall receive such compensation as the Executive Committee may determine, with all necessary expenses of the office.

(c) The Lecturer shall receive such compensation as the Executive Committee may determine, with all the necessary expenses of the office.

Sec. 2. The Executive Committee shall receive \$35 per day and necessary expenses while in attendance upon the work of the State Grange, except that the Master shall receive expenses only.

Sec. 3. The State Grange shall provide 50% of the cost of hotel, motel or other sleeping accommodations for all officers, state directors, district directors or advisors, and deputies, while attending the annual session, and in addition, they shall receive the same mileage as allowed duly elected delegates.

Sec. 4. One duly elected delegate from each Subordinate and Pomona Grange in good standing, as shown by roll call of delegates prepared by the Secretary, or by the report of the Committee on Credentials, shall receive thirty cents per mile for the distance one way traveled by the most usual route, plus boat fare paid, if any, while attending the State Grange, and per diem expense as the Executive Committee may determine; provided: Such delegate shall report to all regular sessions and shall remain to the close of the session and all such payments shall be made at the close of the session unless written excuse, endorsed by the State Master, is filed with the Secretary.

If the Subordinate or Pomona Grange shall elect to send two delegates, other than a married couple, the existing remuneration shall be divided equally between the two delegates.

Sec. 5. Special and other committees not otherwise provided for shall receive such compensation or expense allowance as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V -- DEGREES

Sec. 1. Pomona. Any Fourth-Degree member in good standing may receive the Degree of Pomona from this Grange at the time of its annual meeting, upon the payment of a fee of \$1, which shall be turned over to the Pomona to which the member will belong.

Sec. 2. Flora. Any Fifth-Degree member may receive the Degree of Flora during the annual session of this Grange upon the payment of a ten dollar fee.

ARTICLE VI -- QUORUM AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Sec. 1. Quorum. Seventy-five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a lesser number may adjourn from day to day.

Sec. 2. At the time of electing alternate delegates to the State Grange by the Subordinate and Pomona Granges, the Secretary of such Grange shall make out credentials in duplicate and shall send one copy to the State Secretary, who shall, before the time of meeting, make out a roll of Granges with their Masters and alternate delegates.

The Credentials Committee shall, before the opening of the Grange on the first day, examine the registration and if they find a quorum present, they shall so report at the opening of the Grange and shall from time to time during the session make additional reports as advisable.

Sec. 3. Order of Business. The order of business for each annual session shall be, as nearly as possible, as follows:

Opening 1st day in the 6th degree and lower to the 4th degree after report of the Credentials Committee. Each day thereafter, will open and close in the 4th degree.
During the session, the following items are recommended to be done:

1. Hear report of all Grange sponsored cooperatives.
2. Receive and act upon the Master's Address.

3. Have election of officers, when their term expires, and select meeting place.
4. Receive and act upon reports of committees.
5. Junior Grange program.
6. Youth program.
7. Confer the 6th degree.
8. Memorial Service.
9. Install state officers.

ARTICLE VII -- RESOLUTIONS

Sec. 1. Resolutions in order to be presented to the State Grange Annual Session must:

- (a) be received by the State Secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the opening day of the annual session.
- (b) be typed or plainly written in ink on a separate sheet.
- (c) have a title which shall be in accord with the resolve, and
- (d) be signed by the Master and Secretary.

Sec. 2. Local or Obsolete Resolutions. The Executive Committee may delete any resolution from referral to the Annual Session that pertains to a local problem or has become obsolete. The title of all resolutions deleted, together with the name and number of the originating Grange and the action of the Executive Committee shall be with the resolutions. The originating Grange shall be notified as to this action of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 3. Emergency Resolutions. The Executive Committee may, if circumstances warrant, take immediate action to adopt any resolution. The title of all resolutions adopted, together with the name and number of the originating Grange and the action of the Executive Committee shall be included with the resolutions. The originating Grange shall be notified as to this action of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 4. Substituted or Consolidated Resolutions. The State Master, Executive Committee, or the committee concerned may prepare a substitute or may consolidate resolutions covering the same subject. The title of all resolutions substituted or consolidated, together with the name and number of the originating Grange and the action of the Executive Committee shall be included with the resolutions. The originating Grange shall be notified as to this action of the Executive Committee. All original resolutions, substituted or consolidated, shall be made available to the chairman of the session committee to which the substituted or consolidated resolution was referred.

Sec. 5. Referred Resolutions. All referred resolutions shall be given an appropriate number, place on the calendar by number, title, originating Grange and committee referred and shall bear, under the title, the following: "Unofficial - Not for Publication."

Sec. 6. Late Resolutions. Resolutions which are determined to be of an emergency nature, by the Executive Committee, may be introduced for reference by two thirds vote of the delegates voting. In any event this action shall not be later than noon of the second day of the Convention.

Sec. 7. Resolutions or motions of the State Grange affecting Grange laws or usages are not in force beyond the next session unless made a part of the Constitution or the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII -- POMONA GRANGES
PREAMBLE

The organization of Pomona Grange is intended and designed to "strengthen, support and aid" the Subordinate or Fourth Degree Granges. While the beautiful and instructive lessons of this degree cannot fail to broaden the understanding and cultivate the moral and intellectual nature of all who receive it, at the same time the knowledge and culture there gained should be used by every member of the Degree of Pomona to strengthen and advance the interests of the Subordinate Granges.

Pomona Granges should take special interest in assisting, supporting and aiding the business interests of the Order of Subordinate/Community Granges within their several districts. These interests are of vast importance, and daily growing in magnitude, requiring the best wisdom of those to whom they are entrusted.

Sec. 1. Organization. Charters for Pomona Granges shall be issued from the National Grange.

Applications for charters shall be made to the Secretary of the National Grange and be signed by the persons applying for the same, and be accompanied by a fee of \$5. The number shall not be less than thirteen persons of whom there shall not be less than four of either sex. All shall be Fourth Degree members in good standing in the district or county where the Grange is to be organized.

Upon application being received and setting forth:

(a) That the Good of the Order required the organization of a Pomona Grange in the county or district.

(b) That a suitable room will be provided, with the necessary paraphernalia for the convenience and work in such degree; it shall be the duty of the Master of the State Grange to provide for the organization and instruction of such Grange in accordance with the ritual of the Fifth Degree, adopted by the National Grange.

On the receipt of the certificate from the officer or deputy perfecting the organization, a charter shall be issued in due form. The deputy or other officer, before completing the organization, shall see that the officers are duly elected and installed; and that the membership fees are paid to the Secretary of the new organization. He/she shall also instruct all officers in their several duties.

Sec. 2. Meetings. Pomona Granges shall meet at least once in each calendar quarter but may hold intermediate meetings.

Sec. 3. Members. Any Fourth-Degree member in good standing shall be eligible for membership in the Pomona Grange in whose jurisdiction he/she resides.

Sec. 4. Fees. The fee for an applicant shall not be less than \$1 but may otherwise be prescribed at a higher rate under the bylaws of the Pomona Grange.

Sec. 5. Dues. The State Grange shall transmit quarterly to the respective Pomona Granges twenty-five cents (\$.25) per regular Subordinate member and fifty cents (\$.50) per family

Subordinate member in their jurisdiction. Such payments by the State Grange to the Pomona Grange shall be in lieu of all Pomona dues.

Sec. 6. Election. On receiving an application for membership, the Pomona Grange, being satisfied that the applicant is worthy and eligible, may elect such applicant to membership by adopting a favorable report of its Credentials Committee.

Sec. 7. Officers. The officers of a Pomona Grange shall be of the same number, name, and rank as those of the State Grange. They shall be elected during the last quarter of the year, either annually or biennially, as determined by the Pomona bylaws, and installed at the same meeting or as soon thereafter as practical.

Election to office must be by written ballot but nominations may be made by the members if the Grange so chooses, but no nominating speeches may be made, and the nominations may not be closed. Any member may vote for anyone he/she desires whether nominated or not.

Sec. 8. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee of Pomona Grange shall consist of three elective members and Master, Overseer, and Secretary, who shall be members ex officio. Of the elected members, one shall be elected each year to serve for a three-year term.

Sec. 9. Reports.

(a) As soon as the election of officers takes place, the Secretary shall send the names of the officers, with post office address of each, to the State Secretary, and shall also report at once whenever any change occurs in any office. Granges failing to report by the first day of December of each year, the names and addresses of their officers will be left blank in the roster for the year.

(b) The Secretary shall report annually to the Secretary of the State Grange on blanks furnished therefore, giving the number of members in good standing and a list of members added to the rolls during the year. It shall be the duty of Pomona Secretaries to clear their rolls once each year, and report to the State Secretary on or before January 1st of each year.

Sec. 10. Installation of Officers. Any officer of the State Grange or any member of a Pomona Grange who has been a voting member of the State Grange may install the officers of a Pomona Grange.

Sec. 11. General.

(a) In the absence of the Master, the highest ranking officer of a Pomona Grange shall take his/her place and fill all vacancies by appointment.

(b) Each Pomona Grange shall appoint a press agent who shall furnish to the press, actions of the Grange which may properly be publicized.

(c) Pomona Grange shall open in the Fifth Degree but may hold sessions in the Fourth Degree to which all Fourth-Degree members may be admitted as visitors.

(d) All laws and rulings which relate to the jurisdiction of Subordinate Granges in the state shall, so far as practicable, apply to Pomona Granges.

(e) Sectarian, religious, and partisan political questions will not be tolerated as subjects of discussions in the Pomona Grange, and no religious or political test for members shall be applied.

Sec. 12. Discipline. The same rules of discipline in Subordinate Granges shall apply to Pomona Granges, except that their jurisdiction shall only apply to Fifth Degree members, against whom charges shall have been duly preferred, in accordance with the usage of the Order.

Sec. 13. Membership in Good Standing. To be members in good standing in a Pomona Grange, they must be in good standing in the Subordinate Grange. Members who drop their standing in the Subordinate Grange shall automatically lose their good standing in the Pomona Grange, provided that reinstatement in the Subordinate Grange shall automatically reinstate them in the Pomona Grange without vote of the Pomona. Members must remain in good standing to vote or hold office. It is further provided that, to facilitate the work of the Pomona Secretary, a list of Subordinate members in good standing in the various Subordinate Granges shall be furnished the Pomona Secretary by the Subordinate or State Grange Secretary.

Sec. 14. Affiliation. Inasmuch as the Fifth Degree is conferred at the State Grange, it is provided that such Fifth-Degree members shall be affiliated with the Pomona within whose jurisdiction his/her Subordinate is located.

Sec. 15. Pomona members who have or will demit or reinstate from any Subordinate Grange to any Washington State Subordinate Grange that is affiliated with a different Pomona Grange will automatically be transferred to the Pomona that their new Subordinate Grange is affiliated with, without vote of the new Pomona. The only exception being that they can retain their membership in the original Pomona, in a Washington State Pomona Grange, by writing a letter to both the Secretary of the original Pomona and to the Secretary of the Pomona whose jurisdiction their new Subordinate Grange is under, stating that he or she wishes to remain a Pomona member in the original Pomona.

Sec. 16. A Pomona Grange may organize members from the Junior Granges under its jurisdiction into an organization for Junior Grangers.

Sec. 17. Granges in Unorganized Counties. A Grange located in a county having no Pomona Grange and wishing to affiliate with a Pomona Grange in an adjoining county, shall first obtain the consent of the Executive Committee of the State Grange. Should said county afterward be organized, any Subordinate Grange holding membership in adjoining county or counties, may have its members of Pomona Grange transferred to the new Pomona without the payment of the usual fee.

Sec. 18. Bylaws. Each Pomona Grange may make such bylaws for its own government as it may deem best, but such bylaws must not conflict with the laws of the National Grange or the Constitution or Bylaws of the State Grange.

ARTICLE IX -- SUBORDINATE GRANGES

Sec. 1. Charters. Charters for Subordinate Granges shall be issued from the National Grange.

Sec. 2. Organization. Application for Charter shall be made to the Secretary of the National Grange and be signed by the persons applying for the same, accompanied by a fee of \$50. The number shall be not less than thirteen persons of whom there shall be not less than four of either sex.

Sec. 3. Individual Membership. The membership of Subordinate Granges shall be composed of persons interested in agricultural pursuits and having no interests in conflict with our purposes, of the age of fourteen years, duly proposed, elected, and complying with the rules and regulations of the Order, who shall be entitled to membership and the benefits of the degrees taken. Each application must be accompanied by the fee of membership, plus annual dues. If rejected, the money will be refunded, and no petition shall be received from a rejected applicant until six months shall have elapsed after such rejection.

Applications must be certified by one member of the Grange to which application is directed and balloted for at a regular meeting. It shall require a simple majority of those voting.

At such time as an individual qualifies for the family membership the status of the member shall be changed to family membership with no interruption of their membership.

Sec. 4. Family Membership. A family whose members are fourteen years of age with an interest in the purposes of the Order may be proposed as candidates and elected to membership in a Subordinate Grange as follows:

(a) The process of election to membership and becoming a full member for all members of the family shall be the same as for an individual.

(b) A family shall consist of a couple and their dependents, or a single person and their dependents. Dependents are defined as children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren, foster, adopted or step-children under the age of 23, who live as a member of the same household or in absence due to illness, education or military service. Legal dependents of any age shall be considered part of their legal guardians' family.

(c) Family Memberships shall be available in all Granges under the jurisdiction of the Washington State Grange.

(d) The amount of dues for a family membership in a Subordinate Grange shall be two times the amount of the dues of an individual membership in the same Grange.

At such time as a member no longer qualifies as a dependent or becomes a single member the status of the member shall be as an individual with no interruption of their membership.

Sec. 5. Affiliate Member. 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. A proposal for Affiliate Membership and election thereto shall be the same as that of a Regular member. Such Affiliate member shall pay the applicable dues and be entitled to hold office and vote in the additional Subordinate Grange, provided that Affiliate members are clearly designated as such in reports to the Secretary of the State Grange.

Sec. 6. Associate Member. A person or business with an interest in the advancement of agriculture and improvement of rural life may become an associate member. Such a member shall pay dues as prescribed below and 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 or participate in National or State Grange sponsored contests that are designed for regular Grange members only.

An application for associate membership shall be received and voted upon the same as a regular member. The application for associate membership shall be accompanied by annual dues.

The associate member will not be required to appear in order to receive the four degrees or the Fourth-Degree obligation. The associate member is not eligible to take the Pomona, state, or national degrees or attend the meetings. The associate member, however, is subject to all laws, rules, and regulations as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the State and National Grange and may lose membership by suspension or expulsion.

The associate member except a business, may request to be received as a regular member in the Subordinate Grange and to receive the four degrees or the Fourth Degree obligation, and upon receiving them, the member will then be a regular member, having all the privileges and rights of a regular member and will pay regular dues, the regular dues starting as of January 1st of the next year after taking the degrees or obligation.

Sec. 7. Honorary Members. A Subordinate Grange may grant an honorary membership to any of its members for especially noteworthy or long continued service to the Order, under such rules as it may adopt in its bylaws. Provided, that the Subordinate Grange shall pay the usual State Grange dues upon honorary members as on other members; provided further, that golden sheaf members shall be relieved of all dues, local, state, and national as provided under Sections 6.6.3 and 8.6.1(A) Digest of Laws.

Honorary members shall have the right to vote, hold office, and any other privileges of membership so long as the Subordinate Grange maintains his/her state dues excepting Golden Sheaf members as provided hereinbefore in this section.

The State Grange shall use General Fund moneys to pay the National Grange Dues of Honorary Members who receive their Golden Sheaf after January 1, 2001.

Sec. 8. Life Membership. Any member in good standing of a Subordinate Grange may purchase a life membership therein through the State Grange sponsored Life Membership Plan (the "Plan") and thereby be relieved from further payment of dues, but not assessments. Provisions of the Plan are as follows:

- (a) The fee for a life membership shall not be less than \$500, regardless of age.
- (b) A Subordinate Grange may adopt a fee greater than the minimum specified above.
- (c) An applicant for a life membership may at his/her option, in order to enlarge his/her Subordinate Grange's participation in the income of the Life Membership Fund (the "Fund"), contribute a larger sum than is required.

- (d) All checks for life memberships should be made payable to the Washington State Grange, to avoid distorting a Subordinate Grange's financial account.
- (e) A Subordinate Grange may collect, and retain from each applicant for life membership, in addition to the fee thereof, his/her regular dues for the first year of enrollment in the Plan.
- (f) All sums received by Subordinate Granges for life memberships under the Plan shall be immediately transmitted to the State Secretary, who shall issue to each Grange a certificate declaring that each life membership fee is held by the Washington State Grange in trust pursuant to the terms of the Fund.
- (g) The Subordinate Grange member paying the required fee shall receive immediately from the State Secretary a life membership certificate.
- (h) The holder of a life membership certificate may voluntarily transfer to another Subordinate Grange in Washington, whereupon the State Secretary, upon notice thereof, shall transfer on the books of the Fund, so that the same is attributable to the new Subordinate Grange of membership, the fee received for the holder's life membership.
- (i) All money in the Fund attributable to two or more Subordinate Granges which consolidate shall be combined and deemed attributable to the consolidated Subordinate Grange.
- (j) A holder's life membership rights shall not be transferred if he/she demits to any other Subordinate Grange in another state. The fee paid for his/her life membership shall remain in the Fund and continue to be attributable to his/her former Subordinate Grange.
- (k) Any income otherwise distributable hereunder to a Subordinate Grange which has dissolved, shall be added to the principal amount of the Fund as of December 31 except to the extent the holder of a life membership certificate in such dissolved Grange has affiliated with another Subordinate Grange in Washington prior to December 31, in which case, and to such extent, such income shall be distributable to such holder's new Subordinate Grange.
- (l) The holder of a life membership certificate in a Subordinate Grange which becomes dissolved shall, upon affiliation with another Subordinate Grange in Washington, have his/her life membership transferred in the same manner as for a voluntary transfer.
- (m) A Subordinate Grange may vote to purchase with its funds a life membership for one of its members, paying the fee specified.
- (n) Memorial. An individual or Subordinate Grange may purchase in the name of a deceased Grange member or a deceased couple who were Grange members, a memorial certificate, at the minimum cost of \$200. This memorial fund will be included with, and handled the same as, the Life Memberships, except it can not be transferred to another Grange, unless the Grange combines.
- (o) The holder of a life membership certificate is subject to all the laws, rules, and regulations as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws of the National, State, Pomona, and Subordinate Granges, and loss of membership by suspension or expulsion shall

automatically abrogate his/her life membership and any claim to any portion of any fee paid for such life membership. Notwithstanding this, the Subordinate Grange of which he/she was last a member shall continue to receive its distributable share of the income from the Fund.

Sec. 9. Election to Membership. All applications for membership shall be made on forms prescribed by the National Grange.

(a) When an application as provided in Section 3 shall have been received it shall be recorded and reported in open Grange. An application may be balloted upon at the same meeting at which it is received.

(b) An application may be withdrawn any time before the ballot thereon, but after election no application can be withdrawn except by a majority vote of those present. In either case the fee may be returned.

(c) A ballot must be taken upon the application, unless withdrawn. Election to membership shall be made by paper ballot (yes for acceptance; no for rejection) at a regular meeting at which a quorum is present and election to membership will thereby be made by majority of paper ballots cast. The Master will appoint at least two members to count the ballots and report the outcome to the Grange, stating only acceptance or rejection. A person once rejected cannot apply for membership in any Grange for six months thereafter.

(d) After an eligible candidate, except an associate member, has been legally elected he/she is entitled to initiation, and the degrees must be conferred unless objection is made, the nature of the objection stated and the objection sustained by a majority of the Grange; or an objection thereto in writing, signed by three members of the Grange, filed with the Secretary, which objection must state that the cause thereof has arisen since the date of the applicant's election.

(e) From and after the date of acceptance by ballot, all applications for membership except associate membership in any Subordinate Grange or Pomona Grange shall be held, pending initiation of the candidate, for a period not exceeding one year, at the end of which time said applicant shall be notified on formal notice that unless valid excuse for not having appeared is filed the application will be destroyed and its approval considered null and void and that the fee will be forfeited.

(f) In cases of two or more candidates, the ballot may be cast for the whole group. If the ballot fails, then each candidate must be voted upon separately.

Sec. 10. Fees.

(a) The regular membership fee in any Subordinate Grange shall not be less than three dollars (\$3), nor more than ten dollars (\$10) and shall be specifically fixed by the Subordinate bylaws, except Granges may lower the fee for Junior Grangers graduating into a Subordinate.

(b) The family membership fee in any Subordinate Grange shall not be less than six dollars (\$6), nor more than twelve dollars (\$12) and shall be specifically fixed by the local bylaws.

- (c) The reinstatement fee in any Subordinate Grange shall be two dollars (\$2), provided one year has elapsed since the member was suspended for nonpayment of dues.
- (d) The former member fee in any Subordinate Grange shall be one dollar (\$1).

Sec. 11. Dues.

- (a) The regular dues in any Subordinate Grange shall not be less than \$27.00 per year plus the amount owed for National Grange dues. The dues of a regular member under the age of nineteen (19) for the Subordinate Grange shall not be less than the amount owed for National Grange dues. The family membership dues in any Subordinate Grange shall not be less than \$54.00 per year plus the amount owed for National Grange dues. All dues shall be specifically fixed by the local bylaws. The associate member's dues in any Subordinate Grange shall be \$54.00 plus the amount owed for National Grange dues.
- (b) All dues are payable in advance by the first of January. No regular member shall be entitled to receive the annual word whose dues are not paid to the end of the year in which the word is given.
- (c) Teen membership (a regular member under the age of nineteen (19) of a Subordinate Grange) shall terminate at the end of the Grange year in which the member reaches the age of 19.
- (d) Family membership dependency shall terminate at the end of the Grange year in which the family member dependent reaches the age of 23.
- (e) A Subordinate Grange, by majority vote at a regular meeting, may suspend a member who is delinquent in the payment of dues for one quarter or more. Such action shall be taken upon report of the Secretary, showing the amount of the delinquency and showing the delinquent member has been contacted at least twice, with at least once being in writing, before the vote to suspend. The Secretary may read and the Grange may act upon a member's written request to be dropped from the rolls at any regular meeting.

Sec. 12. Suspended Members.

- (a) A suspended member is not entitled to vote or hold office.
- b) A suspended member may be reinstated within one year by a majority vote of the Grange by paying annual dues. The Grange will forward the back dues owed to the State Grange for proper distribution. After one year has elapsed, a member suspended for nonpayment of dues may apply for reinstatement in any Grange in whose jurisdiction he/she may reside, such formal application to be accompanied by proof of former membership and a reinstatement fee of \$2.00, half of which shall be remitted to the State Grange plus annual dues. The application and proof of previous membership shall be referred to a committee who will report at a subsequent regular meeting. The vote shall be taken by paper ballot, and a majority vote of members present shall elect. Provided further, that this section shall not apply to members who have been indefinitely suspended after due trial for cause, the member having been convicted.

Sec. 13. Demits.

(a) A demit simply severs connections with the particular Grange to which the applicant was affiliated, still leaving him a member of the Order until the end of the calendar year, unless issued after October 1st, in which case it shall be valid for three months from the date of issue and shall show the date to which dues have been paid. A member holding an expired demit becomes a former member.

(b) A demit must be granted as a matter of right if the member making application for a demit is in good standing and has his/her dues paid to the end of the current year.

(c) Applications for demits must be made in writing at a regular meeting of the Grange, and if the fees and dues are paid, as required, and no charges preferred against the applicant, the Grange cannot legally refuse to grant the same.

(d) A demitted member cannot receive the Annual Word except by virtue of holding a traveler's card. While holding a demit, he/she cannot receive any degree instructions. Members who have affiliated with a Grange by application and presentation of the demit held by him, under the form prescribed by the National Grange law, shall have all the rights and privileges of Grange membership. The method of election shall be by paper ballot, majority elects or rejects.

Demitting members do not pay an initiation fee or take the obligation. The receiving Grange may make requisition on the issuing Grange for any unearned dues from the beginning of the quarter next succeeding the acceptance of the demit.

(e) Charges may be preferred against a member of the Order holding a demit, by any member in good standing, and the Grange having jurisdiction must try the case and declare a verdict.

(f) Members of the Order holding demits shall be known as unaffiliated members during the life of the demit. Upon the expiration of the demit or failure to rejoin, they shall be known as former members.

(g) Former members may, upon application, accompanied by proof of previous membership, and the payment of the prescribed fee, be admitted to membership in any Subordinate Grange in whose jurisdiction they may reside, by a majority vote of the Grange.

Sec. 14. Traveling Cards. Traveling cards shall be issued upon request and in accordance with the Digest.

Sec. 15. Divulging Action of Grange. No member or visitor shall divulge improperly the rejection of a candidate under penalty to members of suspension; or to visitors of not being allowed to again visit the Grange and being reported to the Grange in which they belong. It shall be the duty of the Master to read this section immediately after the rejection of a candidate.

Sec. 16. Meetings.

(a) A regular meeting is any meeting fixed by the bylaws of the Grange. A Grange must hold at least one regular meeting each month. The bylaws must fix definitely the day and hour for all regular meetings.

(b) Special meetings may be called by the Master with concurrence of a majority of the Executive Committee or by vote of the Grange for special purposes named in the call and no business can be legally transacted thereat unless so specified in the call.

Sec. 17. Quorum. Eight members shall constitute a quorum. No Grange can be opened in due form with less, but a lesser number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is present.

Sec. 18. Election and Installation.

(a) The officers of a Subordinate Grange shall be of the same number, name, and rank as those provided for in the State Grange.

(b) The election of officers shall take place at a regular meeting during October or November, either annually or biennially. Granges electing biennially shall elect in the odd numbered years. Election to office must be by ballot, but nominations may be made from the floor if the Grange so desires. No nominating speeches may be made and the nominations shall not be closed. Any member may vote for anyone he/she desires whether nominated or not.

(c) The installation of officers shall take place at the first regular meeting in December, or as soon thereafter as practicable, provided that the newly elected officers shall assume their respective offices on the first meeting in January of the new year.

Sec. 19. Duties of Officers. The duties of the officers of a Subordinate Grange are defined by the ritual and constitution of the Order, the digest of the National Grange, and the bylaws of the State Grange. The bylaws of the Subordinate Grange must not conflict therewith.

(a) The Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grange and conduct the same to the best of his/her ability, under the rules of the order and general parliamentary laws. He/she shall open and close the meetings in due form, and decide all questions arising in the Grange, subject to appeal. He/she shall also see that all reports required by the State Grange from his/her Grange are promptly made. At the close of his/her term of office, the Master shall make an annual report, recapitulating the work of the past year, and recommending measures for the year to come.

(b) The Overseer shall assist the Master in his/her duties, and in his/her absence shall take the Master's place and duties.

(c) Lecturer. It shall be the duty of the Lecturer to have charge of the literary exercises of the Grange; to provide useful information to be read or distributed among the members; to prepare literary programs and appoint members for special literary work, and perform all other duties required by the ritual and laws of the Order. The Lecturer shall also report to the Lecturer of the State Grange, upon blanks provided for that purpose, giving full information in regard to the work that is being carried on in his/her Grange.

(d) The Steward has charge of the inner gate, in which as in all other duties, he/she is assisted by the Assistant Stewards.

(e) Secretary. The Subordinate Secretary shall notify each member of the amount of the annual dues to be paid not less than 30 days, nor more than 60 days prior to January 1st of each year.

The Secretary of each Subordinate Grange shall report to the Secretary of the State Grange promptly at the end of each quarter, on forms supplied by the state office, the number and names of all members admitted or lost for any reason during such a quarter. He/she shall pay to the Secretary of the State Grange a fee of \$1.00 for each member voted into membership as a regular or associate member; and a fee of \$2.00 for each new family membership.

The Subordinate Secretary shall also pay to the Secretary of the State Grange quarterly dues of; \$6.75 for each regular member, plus National Grange dues; \$13.50 for each family membership, plus National Grange dues; \$7.25 for each associate member, plus National Grange dues; or National Grange dues for each regular member under the age of nineteen (19).

The report of the Secretary must have the approval of the Master of the Subordinate Grange.

Each Secretary shall also report on or before the first day of December of each year, to the Secretary of the State Grange, the names and addresses of all officers elected, using the form provided for the regular election, and reporting also any elections held to fill vacancies caused by any reason. He/she shall also report other information requested. Granges failing to report by the above date, names and addresses of officers will be left blank in the roster for the year.

The Secretary shall cooperate at all times, so far as possible, with the Secretary of the State Grange and the Secretary of the Pomona Grange within whose jurisdiction his/her Grange may be located.

The Secretary is the custodian of the seal of the Grange and is responsible for its use and safe keeping. It must never be used for private or individual purposes. In case his/her Grange becomes inactive, he/she shall return the seal, charter, manuals, records, and all properties including moneys, to the Secretary of the State Grange, who shall care for them in trust as provided under National Grange Law.

The Secretary of the Grange should immediately report to the Secretary of each neighboring Grange every instance of suspension or expulsion of a member who has been tried or convicted upon charges; and in case of removal of the member, the Grange nearest his/her new residence should be notified.

Sec. 20 – Delinquent Granges

(a) Subordinate Granges are to report and pay dues to the State Grange on a quarterly basis. In case the dues and/or reports remain delinquent two quarters, the State Master with the advice of the Executive Committee may place the delinquent Grange on “probation”.

- (b) Written notification will be provided to the Subordinate Grange when the probationary status is implemented and when the probationary status is lifted.
- (c) If the dues of a Grange are delinquent two quarters at the time dues notices are to be sent, the annual dues for that Subordinate Grange will be sent directly to the State Grange, and held until all reports become current, and all bills owed by that Subordinate Grange to the State Grange have been paid.
- (d) Interest at 1.5% per month may be charged on the amount of late dues on all Subordinate Granges that are delinquent in the payment of their quarterly dues.
- (e) If annual dues are collected by the Washington State Grange a \$5 charge will be assessed per member.
- (f) A Grange whose charter is in the probationary status may petition the State Grange for reinstatement.

Sec. 21. Bylaws. Each Subordinate Grange may make such bylaws for its own government as it may deem best, but such bylaws must not conflict with the laws of the National Grange or the Constitution or Bylaws of the State Grange.

Sec. 22. Vacancies. Should any office become vacant, it shall be filled by election at a subsequent meeting. Any member in good standing in the Fourth Degree may be elected to fill the vacancy as provided by National Grange Law.

Sec. 23. Appeal. Any member of a Subordinate Grange has the right to appeal the decision of the Master to the Grange, but if the Grange sustains the Master, no appeal to the State Grange can be taken. If the Grange does not sustain the Master, he/she (the Master) may appeal such decision of the Grange; or if the Master refuses to obey the decision of the Grange, the Grange may by a majority vote appeal such action to the Master of the State Grange.

During the pendency of any appeal, the decision of the Master is supreme law of the Grange and is to be respected as such until the same has been overruled by the Master of the State Grange.

Sec. 24. Trials. All trials shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the National Grange, but no charges may be brought into any Grange in this State, against any member of the Order, until all other possible means have been used to settle the difficulty.

Sec. 25. Claims. No claim against a Grange will be allowed or paid unless the same be presented for audit or payment within one year from the time the same shall have accrued.

ARTICLE X -- JUNIOR GRANGES

Sec. 1. Organization. Junior Granges may be organized within the jurisdiction of the State Grange by the State Master or by someone designated by him under such regulations as the State Grange may provide. They shall not conflict with the Constitution, rules, and regulations of the National Grange. Each Junior Grange shall be within the jurisdiction of a Grange, whose duty it shall be to provide a suitable meeting place and such equipment as may be necessary.

Sec. 2. Membership.

(a) Children of all persons eligible to membership in a Subordinate Grange, over five and under fourteen years of age, are eligible to join a Junior Grange. The rejection or undesirability of an eligible parent will not affect the eligibility of a child to join a Junior Grange.

(b) If no Junior Grange is available, an individual between five and fourteen years of age may be proposed as a candidate for membership and elected an individual Junior member of a Subordinate/Community Grange pursuant to 4.6.2 of the National Digest of Laws.

(c) Junior Grange membership shall terminate when the Junior member reaches age 14, provided, however, that an officer of a Junior Grange who turns 14 shall be permitted to remain a member until the expiration of their term of office.

(d) Honorary Membership. When members attain the age of fourteen years, they cease to be regular members and become honorary members without fee, but may be required to pay dues provided they affiliate with some Subordinate Grange. Patrons of Husbandry may become honorary members by paying the regular fee and on receiving such other instructions as to enable them to enter a Junior Grange. They shall be required to pay dues as prescribed in Article X, Section 4, of these bylaws.

Sec. 3. Fees.

(a) The membership fee shall be one dollar. The minimum admission fee for former members shall be ten cents.

(b) Junior and honorary Junior members in good standing are entitled to attend any Junior ceremonial. Applicants for honorary membership shall pay the membership fee of one dollar for which a receipt shall be issued before the Junior degree work is conferred on them.

Fourth Degree members may attend the Junior ceremonial by payment of a ten-cent fee to the sponsoring Grange for each Junior ceremonial attended. The fee shall be used exclusively for the Junior Grange program.

Sec. 4. Dues. Minimum annual dues shall be \$2. Junior Granges may require dues from their honorary members.

Sec. 5. Officers. The officers of a Junior Grange shall consist of and rank as follows: Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Lady Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Gatekeeper, Ceres, Pomona and Flora. They shall be elected annually in the same manner as in Subordinate Granges and continue in office until their successors are elected and installed. The Subordinate Grange shall select a Leader to supervise the work of the Junior Grange.

Sec. 6. Duties of Officers. It shall be the duty of the Master to preside at all meetings of the Grange. He/she shall preserve order, exercise kindness to all, rule impartially, and thus command a willing obedience to rules of the Grange.

It shall be the duty of the Overseer to assist the Master at all times necessary and to assume the Master's duties in his/her absence.

It shall be the duty of the Lecturer to arrange and conduct the literary work of the Junior Grange, under the supervision of the Leader.

It shall be the duty of the Steward to guard the inner gate and report all signals to the Overseer. He/she shall permit none to enter unless duly qualified. His/her emblem of office is a dark red rod.

It shall be the duty of the Assistant and Lady Assistant Stewards to assist the Steward and arrange the hall under his/her supervision. They shall have charge of the wardrobe, emblems, and other articles used in the conduct of the Grange. They shall make examination at the opening of the Grange, collect the manuals, regalia, and other properties at the close of the Grange. They shall conduct the candidates in initiation and act as marshals on public occasions. Their emblems shall be dark red rods.

The duties of the Chaplain are indicated in the manual.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of, and keep safely, the funds of the Grange, issuing a receipt to the Secretary for the same. He/she shall pay money out only on written orders signed by both the Master and Secretary.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a careful and complete record of all the proceedings of the Grange, receiving the fees and dues of the members, deposit the same with the Treasurer, taking and preserving his/her receipt therefor. He/she shall also send an annual report giving the name(s) of any member(s) added or lost during the year to the State Grange Secretary on forms provided.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to send in a list of officers to the State Grange Secretary on or before the first day of December of each year. Granges failing to report by above date, names and addresses will be left blank in the roster for the year.

It shall be the duty of the Gatekeeper to guard the outer gate. The emblem of his office shall be a dark red rod.

The official duties of Ceres, Pomona, and Flora are indicated chiefly in the initiation work of the Junior Grange. They shall cooperate with other officers at all times.

The Leader has general supervision over the Junior Grange, assisting the officers and caring for the welfare and comfort of the members. The Leader shall take special care that the annual report of the Secretary shall be forwarded to the State Grange office.

The Leader shall select his or her own assistant.

Sec. 7. Officer's Regalia. The proper regalia for Junior Grange officers shall consist of a collar made of dark red velvet trimmed with gold braid. The collar shall be not more than one yard long, not more than two inches at its narrowest part, and not more than three inches at the widest part, fastened with a hook and eye at a point making the inner line of the collar not more than 27 inches in length. From the point of fastening, the collar shall flare on straight lines to the outer edges, finishing in two points. Officers' initial letter shall be embroidered in gold.

Sec. 8. General Regulations. A Junior Grange will take the same name as the Grange to which it is attached but will be numbered in order in which it is organized.

An inactive Junior Grange may be reorganized by the State Master or by someone delegated by him, when less than thirteen of the old members desire to do so, by admitting a sufficient number of others eligible to become members, residing within the jurisdiction of such Grange.

New members shall be obligated and instructed in the same manner as at an organization of a new Grange when taken into the reorganization of an inactive Grange.

The minimum number of members for reorganization of a Grange shall be thirteen.

Granges that have failed to submit annual reports for two or more years are considered inactive Granges and may be reorganized in the same manner. The organizing officer shall forward the same blanks containing a list of officers and members, as required upon organization of a new Grange.

Charters shall be issued by the National Grange and signed by the Master and Secretary of the State Grange. The ritualistic work shall be the same as prescribed by the National Grange.

In all matters not herein provided, the Junior Grange must be governed by the rules and bylaws of the Grange under which jurisdiction it is organized.

A Pomona Grange may organize members from the Junior Granges under its jurisdiction into an organization for Junior Grangers.

ARTICLE XI -- AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1. The provisions of these bylaws may be changed, provided the proposed change is not in conflict with National Grange Law, upon written notice giving full text of amendment in proper legislative markup style, (~~deleted text struck through~~ and new text underlined) introduced in the State Grange in annual session, at least six hours prior to its consideration, upon a two-thirds vote of the members voting, provided, that the total number voting upon an amendment shall be not less than two-thirds of the registered delegates.

Sec. 2. Any proposed amendment can be amended on the floor by one or more amendments, but if amended, final action on the amended amendment shall be deferred for not less than six hours.

Sec. 3. All proposed amendments shall be printed and presented to the delegates before action is taken on the proposed amendments.

Sec. 4. The State Secretary shall send the text of all changes to the bylaws to each Subordinate and Pomona Grange after the State Grange session.



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