

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

136<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SESSION



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**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE**

**Centralia/Chehalis, WA**

**June 25-29, 2025**



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

## 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		

## 2025-2026 OFFICERS

President	Tom Gwin	Gatekeeper	Jarrold Gardner
V. President	Rusty Hunt (Jacquie)	Ceres	Pam Mathews
Lecturer	Claudine Mincks	Pomona	Jordanne Webb
Steward	Tom Cullen	Flora	Jennifer Oliver (Marvin)
Asst. Steward	Jonny Pittman (Brittney)	Exec Committee	Rick Ferguson (Terry)
Lady Asst Steward	Alexis Kudsk	Exec Committee	Brittney Pittman (Jonny)
Chaplain	Carolyn Hojem (Kent)	Exec Committee	David Bryant (Mary)
Treasurer	Denise McCartan (Sean)	Family Living	Debbie Fisch (Mark)
Secretary	Isabella Lierman		

## 2024-2025 DEPUTIES

Janice Anderson	George Penner (Wilma)
Larry Auvil (Shirley)	Chuck Prochaska
Toni Blanchard	Bob Shea (Evelyn)
Karen Derrey	Michael Schwartz
Rick Ferguson (Terry)	Lucy Vest
Jim Lyle (Bonnie)	Sara Wade
Darell Myers	Jennifer Webb
Don Nilsson	Russell Weston (Bekki)
Rex Ogden (Phyllis)	Diane Williams
Jennifer Oliver (Marvin)	

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Nancy Drake

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#### Office Assistant:

Susie Kingsolver

#### Legislative Lobbyist:

Jesse Taylor

### LECTURER TEAM

State Lecturer – Leslie Wells  
Sherry Cummins  
Anita Mastin  
Claudine Mincks

### FAMILY LIVING TEAM

State Director – Helen Berg (Chuck)  
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 – Claudine Mincks

### LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

# DELEGATES TO THE 136<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SESSION

## POMONA DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE

1 – Clark	Janice Anderson & Don Kapitanovich
3 – Lewis	Ed & Marilyn Armit
4 – Spokane	Susan Hegney & Bob Shea
5 – Klickitat	Claudine Mincks
6 – Whatcom	Scott & Melanie Hackett
7 – Cowlitz	Rex & Phyllis Ogden
8 – Thurston	Shavanna May & Diane Williams
10 – Skagit	Debbie Riegel-Yates & Steve Yates
11 – Yakima Valley	Lawrence Meeker & Tom Cullen
12 – Snohomish	Isabella Lierman & Steve Dalton
13 – King	Bob McLean & Maggie Bradley
16 – Pierce	Jarrold Gardner & Andrea Wilbur
20 – Mason	Bernie Games & Michael Parker
21 – Kitsap	Toni Blanchard
23 – Chelan	Ed Potter
28 – Grays Harbor/Pacific	Lucy Vest & Lillie Savage
29 – Pend Oreille	Sherry Cummins
31 – Callam	Emil & Judy Moilanen
49 – Douglas	Rusty & Jacquie Hunt
50 – Island	Roland Prochaska & Kara Mathenia
56 – Columbia	Terry Ferguson

## SUBORDINATE DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE

1 – Waitsburg	Lauren Rohde & Heather Ferguson
33 – Fords Prairie	Carol Johnstone & Rico Barrientes
49 – Goldendale	Jim Ogden
79 – Mountain Valley	Georgene Neal & Dave Stiles
81 – Centerville	Lucille Bevis & Sara Wadde
82 – Washington	Rodger Lance & Ruth Anne Lance
87 – Columbia	Charlie Deach & Kathi Green
114 – Whelan-Ewartsville	Amanda Brozana
115 – Pine Grove	Scott Lyle
129 – Sunnyside	Butch & Florence Ogden
136 – Kellogg Marsh	David & Dianne George
163 – Brighton Park	Rita Klein
164 – Minnehaha	Pam & Ed Carter
169 – Haynie	Cindy Kudsk & Alexis Kudsk

183 – Satsop  
198 – Newaukum  
199 – Catlin  
201 – North Bellingham

Bruce Niemi  
Kent & Carolyn Hojem  
Annie & Lonnie Scott  
Aaron Brand & Bekki Weston

## SUBORDINATE DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE CONTINUED

226 – Rome  
265 – Meridian  
280 – Garden City  
284 – Tualco  
300 – Green Bluff  
306 – Cedar Valley  
311 – Oakview  
322 – Happy Valley  
355 – Mossyrock  
357 – Matlock  
383 – McLane  
385 – Bee Hive  
399 – Ten Mile  
545 – Fredonia  
571 – Barberton  
581 – Issaquah Valley  
584 – Skookumchuck  
586 – Terrace Heights  
608 – Selah Heights  
610 – Tyler  
646 – Dry Creek  
667 – Long Beach  
687 – Camden  
690 – South Lake Stevens  
702 – Roy  
730 – Humptulips  
737 – Cowlitz Prairie  
774 – Olympic View  
780 – Inland  
782 – Elk Plain  
786 – East Hill  
800 – Sharon  
815 – Rexville  
832 – Saint Andrews  
836 – Buena  
846 – Deer Lagoon  
848 – McMillin  
849 – Salmon Creek  
853 – Fargher Lake  
857 – Granville  
860 – South Union  
861 – Black Lake  
866 – Fern Prairie  
879 – Silverdale

Andy Snow  
Rod Alex  
Warren Lewis  
Marg Ohlsen & Leslie Wells  
Jim Lahde  
Robert Reichle  
Marcy Belles  
Duane & Joanne Isackson  
Darell Myers & Janice Greene  
Syn Omega & Jeff Prowse  
Pat Veleke  
Debbie & Mark Fisch  
Peter Hauck & Oren Gaskill  
Jill Weber  
Matt & Tammie Hodges  
Alan & JoAnn Anderson  
Barbara Roderick  
Pam Bright & Sue Branch  
Bob & Jane Hutchison  
Evelyn Shea  
Cindy Kelly  
Sheryl Reynolds  
Elver Williams  
James & Vicki Loomer  
Betty Garrison & Leanne Oxborough  
Jerry Gwin & Davona Gwin  
Nora Davis & Jennifer Davis  
Judy Heath & Kendal Harner  
Lois Cummins  
Mary & David Bryant  
Terri Flores & Beth Bradly  
Shirley George  
Mary Celia  
Terry & Mary Hunt  
Karen Derrey & Joyce Meeker  
Tony & Linda Gill  
Steve Hall & John Gardner  
Melinda Merrick  
Michael & Debra Kadow  
Mark & Robbie Liechty  
Christie Vintilo & Pam Mathews  
Denise McCartan & Shawn Donnelly  
Kirk Van Gelder & Tom Hann  
Tabatha Graham

893 – Collins  
905 – Five Mile Prairie  
909 – Spring Hill  
926 – Samish Valley  
938 – Columbia Valley

Ron Schaefer & Marvin Oliver  
Duane & Christine Hamp  
Mitch Clouse  
Sue Palmer & Mark Sniffen  
Laura Lyle

## SUBORDINATE DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE CONTINUED

941 – Rimrock  
946 – North River  
965 – Horseshoe  
966 – San Juan Island  
996 – Violet Prairie  
999 – Fruitland  
1047 – Riverside Valley  
1056 – Stillaguamish  
1067 – Prospect Point  
1069 – Molson  
1086 – Logan Hill  
1101 – Manor  
1108 – Sequim Prairie  
1111 – Waller Road  
1123 – Crescent  
1151 – Moses Lake

Jennifer Webb & Jordanne Webb  
Bob & Haldis Sholes  
Janelle Lierman & Brady Lierman  
Allison Longley  
Alice Swidecki & Billie-Jean Williams  
Cheryl, Saiz & Cathy Warren  
Anita Mastin  
Steve & Clarene Ricarte  
Rick Ferguson  
George & Wilma Penner  
Fred Harnishfeger  
Calvin Russel & Ann Van Antwerp  
Steven & Ann Johnson  
Sheila Wynn & Mike Smith  
Ron Frisch & Trisha Lovgren  
Jonathan & Brittney Pittman



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# WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE

## 136<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SESSION

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON FAIRGROUNDS  
CENTRALIA/CHEHALIS, WASHINGTON  
JUNE 25-29, 2025

### TUESDAY, JUNE 24

2:00pm-5:00pm	Contest Entry Check In – Lecturer and Family Living, Departments	Grandstand
2:00pm-5:00pm	Contest Entry Check In – Youth Educational Posters	Grandstand

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25 Grange Attire Day

8:00am-5:00pm	Delegate Registration Open	Grandstand
8:00am-7:00pm	Non-Delegate Registration	Grandstand
	-Fifth & Sixth-Degree Ticket Sales	
8:00am-1:00pm	Contest Entry Check In – Lecturer, Family Living, and <b>Junior</b> Departments	Grandstand
8:00am-1:00pm	Contest Entry Check In – Youth Educational Posters	Grandstand
9:00am-12:00pm	State Officer Practice – closed event	Comm Events Bldg
9:00am	Youth Group Meeting	Grandstand
10:00am	Credentials Committee Meeting	Comm Events Bldg
10:00am	Workshop – Promoting Your Grange's Programs Claudine Wade & Sara Wade	4-H Building
10:30am	Election Committee Meeting	Comm Events Bldg
11:00am	Workshop – 2026 Legislative Capital Budget Grant Requests Jesse Taylor	4-H Building
1:00pm	Youth Meeting -Get acquainted activities -Election of Youth Officers -Installation of Youth Officers -Youth Officer Practice	Grandstand
1:00pm	Workshop – National Grange Lecturer Contests and Programs Tom Gwin, National Grange Lecturer	4-H Building
1:00pm	Constitution & Bylaws Committee Meeting	Comm Events Bldg
2:00pm	Deputies Meeting	Comm Events Bldg
2:30pm	Delegate Orientation	Comm Events Bldg
3:00pm	Workshops – Water for Agriculture: Farm, Forest, Fish Connection Shelley Macy	4-H Building
3:00pm	Unlock Your Communication Potential – Jonny & Brittney Pittman	Comm Events Bldg

3:45pm	Workshops – Grange Youth Fairs Program – Tom Gwin & Tom Hann So You Want to Handle Money for Your Grange – Isabella Lierman	4-H Building Comm Events Bldg
4:30pm	Health, Healthcare & Safety Committee Meeting	4-H Building
4:30pm	Workshop – Engaging Youth Legislators - Jesse Taylor	Comm Events Bldg
7:00pm	Session Opens in the 6 <sup>th</sup> Degree -Credential Report -Adoption of Official Program -Welcome from Local Dignitaries	Comm Events Bldg
8:30pm	Close Session in the 4 <sup>th</sup> degree	
8:30pm	Welcome Reception	Comm Events Bldg

**THURSDAY, JUNE 26**  
**Tropical Day – Fun in the Sun**

8:00am-5:00pm	Delegate/Non-Delegate Registration Open	Grandstand
8:30am	Session Opens -Credential Report -Master/President Address -Committee Reports and Action -Election of Officers	Comm Events Bldg
8:30am	Youth Group Meeting	Grandstand
10:30am	Speaker – State Representative, Peter Abbarno, 20 <sup>th</sup> District	
11:00am	Speaker - State Representative, Ed Orcutt, 20 <sup>th</sup> District	
11:30am	Speaker – State Representative, Joel McEntire, 19 <sup>th</sup> District	
12:00pm	Session Recess – Lunch	
12:00pm	Family Living Luncheon -Family Living Department Award Presentations	Senior Center
1:00pm-5:30 pm	Department Displays Open	Grandstand
1:00pm-3:30 pm	Junior Activity	4-H Building
2:00pm	Session Reconvenes -Credential Report -Committee Reports -Election of Officers	Comm Events Bldg
2:00pm	Youth Drill Practice	Grandstand
5:30pm	Session Closes in the 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Dinner and Evening on Your Own	
5:45pm	Convention Group Photo	TBA

**FRIDAY, JUNE 27**  
**Junior Grange Red Tennis Shoe Day**

8:00am-6:00 pm	Non-Delegate Registration Open	Grandstand
8:30am	Session Opens -Credential Report, Committee Reports and Action -Election of Officers	Comm Events Bldg
8:30am	Youth Group Meeting	Grandstand

9:00am	Department Displays Open (until 6 pm)	Grandstand
10:00am	<b>Junior Activity</b>	<b>4-H Building</b>
11:30am	Junior Grange Ice Cream Social (until gone)	TBA
12:00pm	Session Recesses – lunch	
12:30pm	Meeting for 2025 Capital Budget Grant Recipients	Comm Events Bldg
2:00pm	Session Reconvenes	Comm Events Bldg
	-Committee Reports and Action	
	-Election of Officers	
2:00pm-4:00 pm	<b>Youth and Junior Bowling</b> Activity	Fairway Lanes
3:00pm	Speaker - National Grange Representative Christopher Johnston, National Grange Steward	
5:00pm	Session Closes in the 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree	
6:00pm	Grange BBQ Dinner (tickets required), followed by Live Auction to Benefit Grange Departments	Comm Events Bldg

**SATURDAY, JUNE 28**  
**Western Attire Day**

8:00am-6:00 pm	Registration (Non-Delegate) Open	Grandstand
9:00am	Department Displays Open (until 5:30 pm)	Grandstand
9:00am	Session Opens in the 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree	Comm Events Bldg
	-Final Credential Report	
	-Committee Reports and Action	
9:00am	<b>Youth Workshop – Youth Livestock Judging and Oral Reasons – Becky Meats</b>	<b>Grandstand</b>
11:00am	Quilts of Valor Presentation	Comm Events Bldg
11:45am	Presentation of State Grange Leadership Award	Comm Events Bldg
12:00pm	Session Recesses – Lunch	
12:30pm	Workshop -Engaging Sponsors for Your Grange Events Jesse Taylor	4-H Building
1:00pm	<b>Youth Department Public Speaking Contest</b>	<b>Comm Events Bldg</b>
1:00pm-3:30pm	<b>Junior Activity</b>	<b>4-H Building</b>
2:00pm	Exemplification of the Fifth Degree	Comm Events Bldg
2:00pm	<b>Youth Workshop – Livestock Bingo and Other Games Becky Meats</b>	<b>Grandstand</b>
3:00pm	Exemplification of the Sixth Degree	Comm Events Bldg
5:00pm	Session Closes in the 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree	
6:00pm	Celebration Banquet (tickets required) Followed By: Award Presentations	Senior Center
	-Recognition of 100-, 125-, and 150-Year Granges	
	-Hall Improvement Contest Awards	
	-State Grange Foundation Scholarship Awards	
	-Community Service Awards	
	-Lecturer Awards	
	-Membership Awards	

## SUNDAY, JUNE 29

8:30am-12:00 pm	Registration (Non-Delegate) Open	Grandstand
9:00am	Memorial Service/Worship Service	Comm Events Bldg
10:00am	<b>Junior Activity</b>	<b>4-H Building</b>
10:30am	Session Opens in the 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree -Committee Reports and Action	Comm Events Bldg
11:00am	<b>Youth Group Meeting</b>	<b>Dog/Cat Barn</b>
11:30am	Session Recesses for Lunch	
12:00pm	Silent Auctions Close	
12:00pm	Check Out Department Contest Entries	Exhibit Bldg
1:30pm	Session Reconvenes -Youth Program -Junior Grange Program	Comm Events Bldg
3:00pm	Installation of Officers	Comm Events Bldg
4:00pm	Session Reconvenes -Any Unfinished Business -Host Committee Recognition -Invitation for 2026 State Grange Session	Comm Events Bldg
5:00pm	Closing of the 136 <sup>th</sup> Annual Session in the Fourth Degree	

# MINUTES OF THE 136TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WASHIGTON STATE GRANGE

### **Wednesday June 25, 2025**

The 136th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange held at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Centralia/Chehalis, opened in full form in the Sixth Degree at 7:10 p.m., Wednesday, June 25th with Worthy President Tom Gwin in the chair.

The Grange was lowered to the fourth degree.

The Roll Call of Officers found all officers present except for Jacob Gwin, State Steward, with Tom Cullen acting Pro tem.

### **Credential Committee Report (First Partial)**

As of 5:00 p.m. June 25th, 2025, we find 72 Subordinate Granges with 118 voting delegates and 20 Pomona Granges with 36 voting delegates, making a total of 154 voting delegates present which constitutes a quorum. Credential Committee Report (First Partial), adopted.

Worthy President Tom Gwin recognized the following honored guests for some opening remarks:

- Christopher Johnston, National Grange Steward and Michigan State Grange President, and wife Connie Johnston.
- Joe Stefenoni, National Grange Executive Committee Member and California State Grange President.

- Martha Stefenoni, Priestess Annalist of the Assembly of Demeter.
- Joyce Bilquist, President of the Montana State Grange, and husband Marty Bilquist.
- Christine Hamp, President of the National Grange, and husband Duane Hamp, Washington State Grange Executive Committee Member.

Sister Christine Hamp shared her annual National President's remarks, encouraging Washington State Grangers to be Grange Strong together.

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

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

It was moved and seconded to adopt the Official Program of the 136th Annual Session. Adopted.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the Officers and Directors Reports as they appear in the Official Program. Adopted.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the Executive Committee Minutes as they appear 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 the following representatives from the Lewis County Area, to present a few remarks:

- Dr. Lindsey Pollock, Lewis County Commissioner.
- Michael Thomas, City Manager of the City of Centralia.
- Fionna Velazquez, Southwest Washington Fair Manager.

Worthy President Tom Gwin welcomed Sister Phyllis Ogden, Chair of the host steering committee, to make a few welcoming remarks. Sister Phyllis welcomed members to the 136th Washington State Grange Session and reviewed logistical procedures.

The Worthy President announced session will open Thursday, June 26th at 8:30 a.m. The Grange closed in full form in the fourth degree at 8:02 p.m. A welcome reception with refreshments and fellowship followed the closing of the Grange.

#### **Thursday, June 26, 2025**

The second day of the 136th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange held at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Centralia/Chehalis opened in full form in the Fourth Degree at 8:40 a.m., Thursday, June 26th, 2025, with Worthy President Tom Gwin in the chair.

The Roll Call of Officers found all officers present except Jacob Gwin, State Steward, with Tom Cullen acting Pro tem.

### **Credential Committee Report (Second Partial)**

As of 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 26th, 2025, we find 74 Subordinate Granges with 121 delegates and 21 Pomona Granges with 37 delegates, making a total of 158 voting delegates present which constitutes a quorum. Credentials Committee Report (Second Partial), adopted.

The Grange was put at ease. Worthy President Tom Gwin presented his 2025 External and Internal President's Address. Copies of the External President's Address are available in the official docket. Copies of the Internal Address were distributed.

The Assistant Steward closed the Bible for a short break at 10:25. Session reconvened at 10:41 a.m.

Worthy President Tom Gwin welcomed State Representative Peter Abbarno of the 20th Legislative District to make some remarks. He spoke about how they are supporting funding for the fairgrounds for improvement projects. Representative Abbarno spoke on the betterment of the lives of his community and family members and how he supports in giving them opportunities to learn and grow. He also mentioned how the Capital Budget gives opportunities for towns in rural Washington to preserve the agricultural grassroots of their communities. He thanked Grangers for their commitment to the community and the positive impact we have on the community. Worthy President thanked Mr. Abbarno for his support of the Grange and for his continued support as well.

Election of Officers: Nominations were opened for President/Master. Nominees: Tom Gwin, Rusty Hunt.

Worthy Vice President, David Bryant welcomed the next speaker, State Representative Ed Orcutt from the 20th Legislative District. He was impressed by what he heard in conversation this morning. He commented on the efforts of the Grange to benefit communities in Washington State. Mr. Orcutt appreciated the opportunity to be involved with some Granges that applied for the Capital Improvement Grants. He currently serves on the Financial, Transportation, and Agriculture and Natural Resources committees. Mr. Orcutt shared his concerns about the budget. He spoke about fees that will be increasing regarding transportation, hoping these fee increases will lead to roadway improvements. He spoke about making legislators more accountable to the people and appropriately using and budgeting taxpayer dollars. Representative Orcutt thanked the members of the Grange for all the work they do for their communities.

Election committee report - Tom Gwin was elected State President/Master.

Election - Nominations opened for State Vice President/Overseer. Nominees: Scott Lyle, David Bryant, Rusty Hunt.

### **Agriculture Committee (Final):**

#### **Agriculture Standing Committee Report:**

- Agricultural Education - Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.
- Bees and Pollinators - Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Dairy - Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.
- General Issues - Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Livestock and Poultry - Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Research and Science - Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Resolutions:

- Resolution - 2025-06-0101 - entitled - "Hay" - Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.
- Agriculture Committee Report, as a whole, adopted.

Election Committee report - Rusty Hunt was elected Vice President/Overseer.

The Grange Camper Club Association drawing was won by Cheryl Saiz from Fruitland #999.

The Assistant Stewards closed the Bible, and the Grange was recessed at 11:47 a.m. for lunch break.

The Grange reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

The Roll Call of Officers found all officers present except for Jacob Gwin, State Steward, with Tom Cullen acting Pro tem, and Helen Berg, State Family Living Director, with Jacquie Hunt acting Pro tem.

Elections - Nominations opened for Secretary. Nominees: Isabella Lierman.

Worthy President Tom Gwin recognized the past State Presidents that are present with us today. Past State Presidents include Duane Hamp, Terry Hunt, and Bob Clark.

**Grange Law Committee (Final):**

Grange Law Standing Committee Report:

- Recommendation #1 - Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Recommendation #2 - Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Election Committee Report - Isabella Lierman was elected State Secretary.

Election - Nominations opened for Executive Committee – 3-Year. Nominees: Tom Cullen, David Bryant, Duane Hamp (declined).

Grange Law – continued:

- Recommendation #3 - Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Recommendation #4 - Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Recommendation #5 - Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Recommendation #6 - Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Election Committee Report - David Bryant was elected Executive Committee – 3-Year.

Elections - Nominations opened for State Lecturer. Nominees: Claudine Mincks.

- Recommendation #7 - Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Report from Special Committee on State Officers Elections

Committee recommends adoption as amended. It was moved and seconded to add the words "Digest of Laws" after the words "National Grange" on line 18. Amendment carried. It was moved and

seconded to amend line 20 to State "Master/President". Amendment failed. It was moved and seconded to amend line 20, striking "not more than," and insert "an additional". Amendment carried. Grange Law Special Committee Report, adopted as amended.

Election Committee Report - Claudine Mincks was elected State Lecturer.

Election - Nominations for Director of Family Living. Nominees: Debbie Fisch, Jeff Prowse.

Grange Law – continued:

Resolutions:

- Resolution 2025-05-1101 - entitled - "Rename Women's Activities to Family Living in Subordinate Grange Bylaws" - Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2025-19-1102 - entitled - "Resolution Regarding Subordinate Grange Names" - Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2025-28-1103 - entitled - "Term of Subordinate Grange Officers" - Committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2025-39-1104 - entitled - "Officer Titles" - Committee recommends rejection. It was moved and seconded to substitute resolution for committee report. Motion failed. Committee report adopted.

Election Committee Report - Debbie Fisch was elected Director of Family Living.

The Assistant Stewards closed the Bible, and the Grange was put at ease at 3:15 p.m. for a Lecturers Program and a short break. Entertainment was provided by Bob Rogers and Donna Smith. The two are brother and sister who have been playing music together at the South Union Grange Hall for 65 years.

The Grange was reconvened at 4:05 p.m.

Elections - Nominations opened for State Steward. Nominee: Tom Cullen.

Grange Law – continued:

- Resolution 2025-40-1105 - entitled - "Retaining Grange Membership Years" - Committee recommends rejection. It was moved and seconded to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded to refer the resolution back to committee. Motion carried.

Election Committee Report - Tom Cullen was elected State Steward.

Elections - Nominations opened for Assistant Steward. Nominees: Jonny Pittman, Steve Hall.

**Fish and Wildlife (Final):**

Fish and Wildlife Standing Committee:

- General Issues - Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Election Committee Report - Jonny Pittman was elected State Assistant Steward.

Election - Nominations opened for Lady Assistant Steward. Nominee: Alexis Kudsk.

#### Resolutions:

- Resolution 2025-12-0901- entitled “Delisting Grizzly Bears from the Endangered Species Act of 1973” - Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

The Fish and Wildlife Committee report, as a whole, adopted.

#### **State Legislative (Final)**

##### State Issues Standing Committee Report:

- Firearms - committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.
- Insurance - committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Election Committee Report - Alexis Kudsk was elected State Lady Assistant Steward.

Elections - Nominations opened for Chaplain. Nominations: Carolyn Hojem, Pam Mathews.

#### State Legislative – continued:

- Land Use - Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Miscellaneous - Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Regulatory Reform - Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- State Agency Rules - Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

#### Resolutions:

- Resolution 2025-13-1401 - entitled “Oppose Ending Vote by Mail” - Committee recommends adoption as amended. By common consent, the wording on line 19 will be changed from “federal” to “federally”. It was moved and seconded to call for the previous question. Committee report adopted.

Election Committee Report - Carolyn Hojem was elected State Chaplain.

The Grange Camper Club Association drawing was won by Terri Flores of East Hill Grange #786.

The Grange closed in full form in the fourth degree at 5:22 p.m.

#### **Friday June 27, 2025**

The third day of the 136th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange held at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Centralia/Chehalis opened in full form in the Fourth Degree at 8:40 a.m., with Worthy President Tom Gwin in the chair.

The Roll Call of Officers found all officers present except for Jacob Gwin, State Steward, with Tom Cullen acting Pro tem, and Helen Berg, Director of Family Living, with Mark Fisch acting Pro tem.

#### **Credentials Committee Report (Third Partial):**

As of 8:00 a.m. on Friday, June 27, 2025, we find 81 Subordinate Granges with 135 delegates and 21 Pomona Granges with 37 delegates, making a total of 172 voting delegates present which constitutes a quorum. Credentials Committee report (Third Partial) adopted.

Election - Nominations opened for State Treasurer. Nominees: Denise McCartan and Annie Scott.

State Legislative – continued:

**Resolutions:**

- Resolution 2025-21-1402 - entitled - “Preserving the Initiative Process” - committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2025-35-1403 - entitled - “State vs. Federal” - committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2025-36-1404 - entitled - “Background Checks for Firearms” - committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Committee Resolution #1 - entitled - “Oppose Federal Legislation to Limit Vote by Mail” - committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

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

Election Committee Report - Denise McCartan was elected State Treasurer.

Elections - Nominations opened for State Gatekeeper. Nominees: Jarrod Gardner and Steve Hall.

**Grange Law (Final) Continued:**

**Resolutions:**

- Resolution 2025-40-1105 - entitled - “Retaining Grange Membership Years” - committee recommends adoption as amended. By common consent, the word “upon” will be added after the word “dependent”. By common consent, the word “recognizes” was changed to the word “recognize”. Committee report adopted.

Grange Law Committee report, as a whole, as amended, adopted.

Election Committee Report - Jarrod Gardner was elected State Gatekeeper.

Elections - Nominations opened for State Flora. Nominees: Trisha Lovgren (declined), Jennifer Oliver.

**National Legislative (Final)**

**National Issues Standing Committee Report:**

- Banking, Budget, and Finance - committee recommends adoption. It was moved and seconded to separate paragraphs 1 and 2 under the Banking, Budget, and Finance for individual votes. Motion carried.
- Committee report for paragraph 1 under Banking, Budget, and Finance, adopted.
- It was moved and seconded to strike paragraph 2 under Banking, Budget, and Finance in its entirety from the Legislative Policy Handbook. Motion Failed. It was moved and seconded to delete the word “mining” from paragraph number 2 under Banking, Budget, and Finance. Motion carried. Committee report adopted as amended.

Election Committee Report - Jennifer Oliver was elected State Flora.

Election - Nominations opened for State Ceres. Nominations: Pam Mathews and Helen Gardner.

National Legislative – continued:

- Land Use - committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

- Telephone Service - committee recommends adoption. It was moved and seconded to separate paragraphs 1, 5, and 6 under Telephone Service for individual votes. Motion carried.
- Committee recommends the deletion of paragraph 1 under Telephone Service from the Legislative Handbook, adopted.
- The committee recommends the deletion of paragraph 5 under Telephone Service from the Legislative Handbook, rejected.

Election Committee Report - Pam Mathews was elected State Ceres.

Election - Nominations opened for State Pomona. Nominees: Andrea Wilbur, Jordanne Webb and Sheryl Reynolds (declined).

National Legislative – continued:

- The committee recommends striking paragraph 6 from the Legislative Handbook, rejected.

The Lecturer's Program was provided by Jim Ogden (Goldendale) and Gideon Jones (Five Mile Prairie) who played songs on their accordions.

Election Committee Report - Jordanne Webb was elected State Pomona.

The Assistant Stewards closed the Bible and the Grange recessed for a short break at 10:38 and reconvened at 11:03 a.m.

National Legislative – continued:

#### Resolutions:

- Resolution 2025-03-1301 - entitled - "Saving Time, No More" - committee recommends rejection. It was moved and seconded to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Motion failed. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2025-09-1302 - entitled - "Right to Repair" - committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2025-11-1303 - entitled - "Social Security Insurance Resource Limits" - committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2025-18-1304 - entitled - "Resolution Regarding National Anthem" - committee recommends rejection. It was moved and seconded to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Motion failed. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2025-24-1305 - entitled - "Calling on Congress to Balance and Provide a Check on the Executive Branch of the Federal Government" - committee recommends rejection. It was moved and seconded to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Motion failed. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2025-29-1306 - Entitled - "Raise Social Security Maximum Taxable Earnings" - committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2025-32-1307 - entitled - "Resolution to Prohibit Social Media Accounts for Minors under the Age of 18" - committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2025-33-1308 - entitled - "Protect Fairness in Sports by Maintaining Fender at Birth Based Decisions" - committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.

National Legislative Committee report, as a whole, as amended, adopted.

The Grange Camper Club Association drawing was won by Andy Snow of Rome Grange #226. The second Grange Camper Club Association drawing was won by Mark Sniffen of Samish Valley Grange #929.

The Assistant Stewards closed the Bible, and the Grange recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

The Roll Call of Officers found all officers present except for Jacob Gwin, State Steward, with Tom Cullen acting Pro tem, and Leslie Wells, State Lecturer, with Pam Mathews acting Pro tem.

### **Transportation (Final):**

#### **Transportation Standing Committee Report:**

- Alternative Fuels - Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Safety - General - Committee recommends rejection. Committee report rejected.
- Moved and seconded to amend the Legislative Handbook, Safety – General, Paragraph 2, after the word “ADD” insert the words “including the matrix system,”. Motion carried.

#### **Resolutions:**

- Resolution 2025-02-1601 - entitled - “Automated and Self Driving Vehicle Driver License Endorsement” - committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2025-16-1602- entitled - “Higher-Speed Rail in Washington State” - committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2025-17-1603 - entitled - “Improving Railroad Passenger Travel in Washington” - committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2025-25-1604 - entitled - “Standardizing Seat Belt Buckle Mechanisms” - committee recommends adoption. It was moved and seconded to amend the title of the resolution by changing the word “mechanisms” to “mechanism” and add the word “operation” after the word “mechanisms” and on line 15, change the word “mechanisms” to “mechanism” and add the word “operation” after the word “mechanisms”.. Motion passed. Committee report, as amended, adopted.
- Committee Resolution #1 – “Funding for High-Speed Rail Safety” - committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

#### **Recommendations:**

- Recommendation #1 - In the Washington State Grange Legislative Handbook, Licensing, paragraph #1, on line 1, change “RCW 46.20-09”: to “RCW 46.20.031”. Committee recommendation adopted.
- Recommendation #2 - In the Washington State Grange Legislative Handbook, Licensing, paragraph #3 - delete in its entirety. Committee recommendation adopted.
- Recommendation #3 - In the Washington State Grange Legislative Handbook, Public Education, paragraph #1 – delete in its entirety. Committee recommendation adopted.
- Recommendation #4 - In the Washington State Grange Legislative Handbook, Rest Areas, paragraph #6 – delete in its entirety. Committee recommendation adopted.
- Recommendation #5 - In the Washington State Grange Legislative Handbook, Road Safety, paragraph #7 – delete in its entirety. Committee recommendation rejected.

- Recommendation #6 - In the Washington State Grange Legislative Handbook, Safety – General, paragraph #1 – delete in its entirety. Committee recommendation adopted.
- Transportation Committee Report, as a whole, as amended, adopted.

### **Taxation and Fiscal Policy (Final):**

#### **Taxation and Fiscal Policy Standing Committee Report:**

- Fuel Tax - committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Miscellaneous - committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Tax Levies and Mandates - committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

#### **Resolutions:**

- Resolution 2025-01-1501 - entitled - “Vehicles Miles Traveled Tax” - committee recommends adoption as amended. It was moved and seconded to refer this resolution back to the committee. Motion carried.

Worthy President welcomed the National Grange Representative, Chris Johnston, who is the National Grange Steward and Michigan State President. Chris Johnston introduced himself and spoke about his own personal and Grange history. In addition to working as the Michigan State President, he is also a paid On-Call Volunteer Firefighter. He has held several State Offices within the Michigan State Grange and has been State President for the past 19 years. He was elected as one of the youngest State Presidents in the history of the National Grange. Brother Chris commented on how states conduct their state sessions differently, commenting that all are the correct way to conduct business. He encouraged us to think about the message we send to the community to ensure we are sending a positive message to encourage new members and the growth of our Granges. Brother Chris commented on how wonderful the youth representation is at this year’s state session this week and how we want to continue to encourage youth participation.

Connie Johnston, National Distinguished Grange Coordinator, spoke about the Distinguished Grange Program, encouraging Granges to apply. Subordinate, Pomona, State, and now Junior Granges can apply for the Distinguished Grange Award. Sister Connie presented Five Mile Prairie with a small prize for being the first Grange to submit a Distinguished Grange application.

The Assistant Stewards closed the Bible, and the Grange recessed for a break at 3:30. Lecturer’s Program to follow at 3:45. Entertainment for the Lecturer’s Program was provided by brother and sister music duo Bob Rogers and Donna Smith who sang and played guitar. Session reconvened at 4:30 p.m.

### **Constitution and Bylaws (Final):**

Proposed bylaws changes were read in at 4:40 p.m. on Friday, June 27, 2025. The changes must hold over for six hours before voting.

#### **Taxation and Fiscal Policy (Final) Continued:**

- Resolution 2025-01-1501 - entitled - “Vehicle Miles Traveled Tax” - committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2025-10-1502 - entitled - “Oppose Per-Mile Tax” - committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2025-26-1503 - entitled - “Wealth Tax” - committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.

Recommendation:

- Recommendation #1 - In the Washington State Grange Legislative Handbook, under Fuel Tax, the committee recommends deletion of paragraph 6 in its entirety. Committee recommendation adopted.

Taxation and Fiscal Policy Committee Report, as a whole, as amended, adopted.

The Grange Camper Club Association drawing was won by Diane Williams of Brighton Park #163. The second Grange Camper Club Association drawing was won by Steve Ricarte of Stillaguamish #1058.

The Grange closed in full form in the Fourth Degree at 5:01 p.m.

**Saturday June 28, 2025**

The fourth day of the 136th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange held at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Centralia/Chehalis opened in full form in the Fourth Degree at 9:10 a.m. with Worthy President Tom Gwin in the Chair.

The Roll Call of Officers found all officers present.

**Credentials Committee Report (Final):**

As of 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 28, 2025, we find 82 Subordinate Granges with 137 delegates and 21 Pomona Granges with 37 delegates, making a total of 174 voting delegates which constitutes a quorum. Committee report adopted. The Credentials Committee Report (Final), as a whole, adopted.

**Health, Healthcare, and Safety (First Partial):**

**Health, Healthcare, and Safety Standing Committee Report:**

- Professional Conduct - committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

**Resolutions:**

- Resolution 2025-07-1201 - entitled - "Medical Credit Cards" - committee recommends adoption. It was moved and seconded to amend the resolution. On line 15, after the word "patient" add the words "fill out a credit application prior to any procedures to be paid for with said credit". On line 16, after the word "anesthesia" delete the words "to fill out a credit application, not" and replace with the words "and that the application not be completed by". After the word "provider" add the words "without the patient's knowledge or consent". Motion carried. Committee report, as amended, adopted.
- Resolution 2025-14-1202 - entitled - "Long Term Insurance Costs" - committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2025-34-1205 - entitled - "Insurance Coverage of Infertility Treatment" - committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

### **Health, Healthcare, and Safety (Final)**

- Resolution 2025-30-1203 - entitled - "Support the Development of Pill-Form Treatments and Repeal of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Pill Penalty" - committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2025-31-1204 - entitled - "Pharmacy Benefit Manager Reform" - committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.

Health, Healthcare, and Safety Committee report, as a whole, as amended, adopted.

### **Conservation and Ecology (Final)**

#### **Conservation and Ecology Standing Committee Report:**

- Energy - Bonneville Power Administration - committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Water Resources and Water Rights - committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

#### **Resolutions:**

- Resolution 2025-15-0301 - entitled - "Camp Bonneville" - committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report rejected.
- Resolution 2025-37-0302 - entitled - "2025 Legislative Priorities Amendment" - committee recommends rejection. It was moved and seconded to postpone this resolution until after taking action on Resolution 2025-38-0303. Motion carried.
- Resolution 2025-38-0303 - entitled - "Snake River Dams Resolution" - committee recommends rejection. It was moved and seconded to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Motion failed. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2025-37-0302 - entitled - "2025 Legislative Priorities Amendment" - committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.

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

### **Election Committee Report (Final):**

- Committee report adopted.

Election Committee Report, as a whole, adopted.

### **Education Committee Report (Final):**

#### **Education Standing Committee Report:**

- Basic Education Funding - committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Homeschool Education - committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- K-12 Education - committee recommends adoption. It was moved to vote separately on each paragraph. Motion carried.
- K-12 Education, Paragraph 4 – committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- K-12 Education, Paragraph 5 – committee recommends adoption. Committee report rejected.
- K-12 Education, Paragraph 7 – committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- K-12 Education, Paragraph 8 – committee recommends adoption. Moved and seconded to amend on line 20, after the word "taught", add the words "and be displayed". Motion carried. Committee report, as amended, adopted.
- K-12 Education, Paragraph 9 – committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- K-12 Education, Paragraph 11 – committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

The Assistant Stewards closed the Bible, and the Grange recessed at 10:45.

The Quilts of Valor presentation began at 11:00 a.m. Quilts of Valor Representatives Laurie Leidahl and Cindy Hoover made some remarks, sharing how it is an honor to work with the Grange to honor veterans every year. The Quilts of Valor Foundation started in 2003, and since 2010, they have distributed 413,000 Quilts of Valor to service members. The Washington State Grange, partnering with the Quilts of Valor Foundation, honored five service members with quilts. Those honorees are Billy Max Boyer, Matt Hodges, Bernie Games, Charlie Deach, and John Cochran. The label of each quilt tells a story about the quilt, including who made it, the day it was given out, as well as the veteran's name who received it. All veterans were thanked for their service with a standing ovation.

The Assistant Stewards opened the Bible, and the Grange reconvened at 11:53 a.m.

Worthy President Tom Gwin awarded two Grange Leadership Awards. The 2025 Grange Leadership Recipients are Sister Lucille Bevis of Centerville #81, and Sister Davona Gwin of Humptulips #730.

Sister Leslie Wells shared the results of last night's live auction. Overall, the auction brought in \$9,545.00. The Junior Grange Department raised \$1,913.00, The Youth Department raised \$3,923.00, the Family Living Department raised \$1,693.00, and the Lecturer Department raised \$2013.00.

The Grange Camper Association drawing was won by Claudine Mincks of Centerville #81 and Terry Hunt of St. Andrews #832.

The Assistant Stewards closed the Bible, and the Grange recessed at 12:00 p.m. for lunch.

The Grange was at recess and called to order at 2:00 p.m. The Grange was raised to the Fifth Degree for the exemplification of the Fifth Degree. The exemplification was performed by a team from the Southwest District. The names of those participating will appear in the Journal of Proceedings.

Following the exemplification of the Fifth Degree, the Grange opened in full form in the Sixth Degree at 3:00 p.m. for the exemplification of the Sixth Degree and the presentation of the Rose Drill. The list of participants will appear in the Journal of Proceedings.

Upon completion of the Sixth Degree, the Grange was lowered to the Fourth Degree.

The Grange Camper Association drawing was won by Aaron Brand from North Bellingham #201 and Shirley George from Sharon #800.

The Grange closed in full form in the Fourth Degree at 4:40 p.m.

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

### **Sunday June 29, 2025**

The Memorial and Worship Service began at 9:00 a.m., led by State Chaplain Carolyn Hojem with the message given by guest Pastor, B.J. Kuykendall. Chris and Kaitlyn Guenther provided the music for the service. Eight past State Officers/Deputies or their spouses were eulogized during the memorial

service. The memorial roll was called for twenty-seven past Masters/spouses. The names and names of participants will appear in the Journal of Proceedings.

The fifth and final day of the 136th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange held at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Centala/Chehalis was opened in full form in the Fourth Degree at 10:20 a.m. with Worthy President Tom Gwin in the chair.

The Roll Call of Officers found all officers present, with the exception of Jacob Gwin, State Steward, with Tom Cullen acting Pro tem.

### **Education Committee (Final) Continued:**

#### **Education Committee Standing Committee Report**

- School Safety and Standards: committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.

#### **Resolutions**

- Resolution 2025-08-0701 - entitled - "Curriculum Mandated by State and Local Government" - committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2025-22-0702 - entitled - "Opposing the Promotion of Ideological Agendas in Public Schools" - committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.

#### **Recommendations:**

- Recommendation #1 - In the Washington State Grange Legislative Handbook, Educational Programs #1, on lines 1 and 4 after the word "programs", insert the words "and curriculum". Committee recommendation adopted.

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

### **Auditing Committee (Final)**

#### **Recommendations:**

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

#### **Acknowledgement:**

- Committee Acknowledgement adopted.

Auditing Committee report, as a whole, adopted.

### **Grange Activities (Final):**

#### **Grange Activities Standing Committee:**

- Recommendation #1 - committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Recommendation #2 - committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Recommendation #3 - committee recommends adoption as amended. It was moved and seconded to amend the Grange Activities final report on line 10 after the words "to the" delete the remainder of the sentence. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded to strike Committee Recommendation #3 and rewrite it to state "The Grange News will notify members of Bylaws changes one time free of charge." It was moved and seconded to amend the amendment and insert the word "proposed" before the word "Bylaws". Amendment carried. Amendment, as amended, adopted. Committee report, as amended, adopted.

#### **Resolutions:**

- Resolution 2025-04-1001 entitled - "Digital Communications Committee" – committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.

- Resolution 2025-20-1002 entitled - “Director of Family Living Installation Charge” – committee recommends adoption. It was moved and seconded to amend the resolution on lines 16 and 18 to State “Director/Chair of Family Living”. Motion carried. Committee report as amended, adopted.
- Resolution 2025-23-1003 entitled - “Specifying Subordinate Grange Bylaws Membership Dues” – committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2025-27-1004 entitled - “A Resolution Concerning the Annual Directory/Roster of the Washington State Grange” – committee recommends rejection. It was moved and seconded to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded to amend the resolution on line 19 to strike the words “gatekeeper, or greeter”. On line 21, after the word “version” add the words “of the roster”. On line 22 strike the words “and be it further”. Strike lines 24-25 in their entirety. Motion to amend failed. Resolution rejected.

Grange Activities Committee report, as amended, adopted.

Worthy President Tom Gwin recognized Brother Joe Stefenoni, California State President and National Executive Committeeman. He stated how it was a pleasure to be welcomed at the Washington State Grange and invited us to their 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Session in October. Sister Martha Stefenoni, National Priestess of Demeter, offered a few remarks as well. She offered continued wishes of success to the Washington State Grange. Worthy President Tom Gwin also recognized visitors from Oregon State Grange, Sister Joyce Parker, Oregon State Grange Executive Committee Member, and Sister Suzy Ramm, Oregon State Grange Bulletin Editor.

Sister Phyllis Ogden made some remarks thanking Fairview Lanes for their \$60.00 donation to the Youth and Junior Grangers for the shoe rental at their bowling activity.

The Assistant Stewards closed the Bible, and the Grange recessed for lunch at 11:30 a.m.

The Washington State Grange Youth team marched in with a drill and opened the Grange at 1:30 p.m. They also completed the Youth Roll Call of Officers. Names of the participants will be listed in the Journal of Proceedings.

Washington State Grange Junior Director, Sister Heather Ferguson handed out Junior Public Speaking Awards from the Junior Public Speaking Contests. Names of award winners will appear in the Journal of Proceedings. Sister Heather thanked all her department leaders for their help with making this week a successful week for our participating Juniors.

Youth Team Members, Brother and Sister Rick and Terry Ferguson thanked the Subordinate and Pomona Granges for their continued support of the youth program. Brother Rick and Sister Terry distributed various awards to outstanding youth program participants. Names of Award Winners will appear in the Journal of Proceedings.

Youth Raffle Drawing winners were drawn and will be listed in the Journal of Proceedings. Brother Rick Ferguson thanked everyone who bought raffle tickets to support the youth department.

To complete the youth and junior program, the youth presented a show drill.

The Grange was reconvened at 2:13 p.m.

## **Constitution and Bylaws Committee (Final):**

### **Bylaws Changes:**

- Grange Law Committee Recommendation #1 – Committee report adopted.
- Grange Law Committee Recommendation #2 – Committee report adopted.
- Grange Law Committee Recommendation #3 – Committee report adopted.
- Grange Law Committee Recommendation #4 - Committee report adopted.
- Grange Law Committee Recommendation #5 - Committee report adopted.
- State Officer Elections Special Committee Recommendation - Committee report adopted.
- Grange Law Committee Recommendation #7 - Committee report adopted.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report, as a whole, adopted.

Worthy President Tom Gwin welcomed Brother Chris Johnston and Sister Connie Johnston to the podium to thank them for attending the 136th Annual Washington State Grange Session this week. Sister Connie thanked everyone for being so welcoming and providing information and insight that they will be able to bring back to Michigan with them. Brother Chris thanked members for their hospitality.

Worthy President Tom Gwin welcomed Sister Phyllis Ogden as the chair of the host committee. She thanked her committee for their help in making this week so successful.

Worthy President Tom Gwin invited Sister Debbie Reigel-Yates, chairman for next year's host committee to the podium. She shared a few words and some brief information about next year's session. The 137th Annual Washington State Grange Session is currently scheduled for June 23-27, 2026 at the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Mount Vernon..

Sister Annie Scott announced that the Junior Grange Campship Fund raised \$155.

After collecting some additional donations, the new total from the auction amounted to \$10,400. The additional donations will be evenly distributed between the Junior, Youth, Lecturer, and Family Living departments.

It was moved and seconded that the Executive Committee approves the minutes of the session. Motion carried.

Worthy President Tom Gwin thanked the host Granges of the Southwest District for working together to put together a successful session this year.

Worthy President Tom Gwin thanked Brother John Gardner for his incredible talent and ability and willingness to operate the sound board again this year.

Worthy President Tom Gwin thanked the Officers, Deputies, and spouses on behalf of the Washington State Grange for their participation and continued hard work they put in to ensure session is as successful and productive as possible.

Worthy President Tom Gwin thanked Sister Tessa Gwin for taking the minutes.

Worthy President Tom Gwin thanked Sister Isabella Lierman for being the reader.

Worthy President Tom Gwin thanked Brother David Bryant and Sister Andrea Wilbur for operating the computer and running the projector.

Worthy President Tom Gwin thanked Brother Rex Ogden for serving as the Parliamentarian, and Sister Phyllis Ogden for serving as his Assistant throughout the session.

Worthy President Tom Gwin thanked Brother Jim Ogden for providing the music.

The Grange was recessed at 2:53 for a short break.

The Installation of Officers began at 3:15 p.m. The names of those who participated and were installed will appear in the Journal of Proceedings. Worthy President Tom Gwin again thanked the G.R.O.W. Club for putting on the installation ceremony.

The Grange was reconvened at 4:15 p.m. The Roll Call of Officers found all officers present.

The 136th Annual Convention of the Washington State Grange was closed in full form in the Fourth Degree at 4:35 p.m., followed by the Friendship Circle and singing of "God Be with You".



# GRANGE LEADERS OF THE YEAR AWARD

## LUCILLE BEVIS AND DAVONA GWIN

### 2025



With the 2021 State Grange Session cancelled due to Covid, the State Grange presented two leadership awards this year. The awards were presented to Lucille Bevis and Davona Gwin. Both longtime active Grange members.

Lucille Bevis is one of the recipients of the 2025 Washington State Grange Leadership Award. Originally from New York, Lucille joined Elmira Grange. She served in numerous offices, including Junior Grange Deputy, County Deputy, and State Grange Flora. Lucille moved to Washington in 2000, where she joined Centerville Grange #81 and affiliated with Goldendale Grange #49. Lucille attended her first Washington State Grange Convention in 2000 and was quickly appointed to be the Deputy State Master for Klickitat County. She served as the Klickitat County Deputy for 25 years, before retiring last winter. She has held numerous offices in the Subordinate and Pomona Granges, including Pomona Master for several years. Lucille can still be called upon to provide guidance and a clear mind on all issues Grange!

Davona Gwin is a 54 year member of Humptulips Grange. As a child, she recalls attending the meetings of Quinault Grange with her grandmother. Davona was part of a group of “young” people that joined Humptulips Grange in 1971 after years of sparse activity. A fourth generation Grange member, she became the Subordinate Grange Master in 1974 and quickly became active in the Pomona Grange. Her area of interest was the Women’s Activities Department, where she was the Pomona CWA, later becoming the Northwest District Director of Women’s Activities for 14 years. She

was elected to be the State Director of Women's Activities in 2007. She has served as the Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona Master sporadically for 12 years and been on several State Grange Committees. She was the Hospitality Committee Chair for the National Grange Convention in 2007 (Reno), 2012 (Boise), and 2017 (Spokane).

The awards were presented at the annual convention on Saturday, June 28. 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.

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.



## PREVIOUS GRANGE LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

1957 – W. T. Smith	1981 – Gerald Fenton	2005 – Jane Barfoot
1958 – Fred Nelson	1982 – Eleanor Dudonsky	2006 – Bill & Elnora Crow
1959 – Charles F. Keiser	1983 – Ray Schneider	2007 – Everett & Doris Cook
1960 – Horace W. Bozarth	1984 – Homer Trefry	2008 – Butch & Margaret Ohlsen
1961 – John Dobie	1985 – Mary Richmond	2009 – Bob & Glenda Clark
1962 – Charles Hodde	1986 – Jim Miller	2010 – Wayne & Peggy Miller
1963 – Max Schmuck	1987 – Vance Arter	2011 – Ruth Nelson
1964 – Ira E. Shea	1988 – Mabel Johnson	2012 – Dennis & Jeannine Hall
1965 – J. R. Ayers	1989 – Al Ost	2013 – Ed & Marilyn Armit
1966 – Adda Ruth Roberts	1990 – Dee L. McKern	2014 – Dave Howard
1967 – Frank O. Miller	1991 – Ray Kamerrer	2015 – Gene & Joan Frymire
1968 – J. T. Danaher	1992 – Ned Cullen	2016 – Jack & June Henrickson
1969 – Ted A. Lloyd	1993 – Anna & Dave Van Hulle	2017 – Elza & Dorothy Bryant
1970 – Lena Lloyd	1994 – Kay Bernethy	2018 – Mel & Rosetta Knott
1971 – Dan Jolly	1995 – Milt & Betty Perry	2019 – Shirley Ward
1972 – Ted F. Berry	1996 – Willetta Burns	2020 – No Award – Covid
1973 – Thora Dick	1997 – Lillian Callaway	2021 – No Award – Covid
1974 – Martin Auseth	1998 – Adrian & Betty Devries	2022 – David Schaefer
1975 – Avis Beam	1999 – Quintin & Marjorie Landreth	2023 – Terry & Mary Hunt
1976 – Irma Smith	2000 – Jack Silvers	2024 – Lynn Wells and Tom McKern
1977 – Agnes Johnson	2001 – Boots & Fred Fischer	2025 – Lucille Bevis and Davona Gwin
1978 – Chester Crandall	2002 – Shirley Johnson	
1979 – Bob Elwess	2003 – Bernard & Ida Laurie	
1980 – Frieda Berger	2004 – Les & Marie Snyder	

# 2025 PRESIDENTS ADDRESS

## TOM GWIN, 19<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT OF THE WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE

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

### **INTRODUCTION**

Can you hear it? For the past eight years, the Southwest District has been calling out the Grange name to bring our convention back to Southwest Washington. We tried to hold the 2021 Annual Convention in Port Townsend, but Covid and the subsequent governmental regulations interrupted our efforts.

The Southwest District of Granges heard that call when they recommended the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds to be the site of the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Washington State Grange. Lewis County, the home of this fairgrounds, is the only county in the Southwest District that is primarily landlocked. It does not border either the Pacific Ocean or the Columbia River.

Thank you to this year's Steering Committee Officers: Chairman Phyllis Ogden, Secretary Lucy Vest, and Treasurer Marilyn Armit. Thank you to this group for providing leadership in guiding the numerous committees necessary to host the convention.

### **HOST COUNTIES**

The Granges of the Southwest District have joined forces to host this year's convention. From the Olympic Peninsula counties of Mason, Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap; through the Coastal Southwest counties of Grays Harbor and Pacific; to the interior southwest counties of Thurston and Lewis; and the Columbia River counties of Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, and Clark; this region has everything from lush forests and mountains to fertile farmland.

Nearly 1.6 million people, nearly 16% of the total state population, call the Southwest District home. The breakdown of the counties in the Southwest District with their current population are as follows:

Populations Rank by County	County	Population	Largest Cities
5	Clark	521,150	Vancouver, Camas, Hazel Dell
6	Thurston	299,003	Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater
7	Kitsap	277,658	Bremerton, Silverdale
12	Cowlitz	112,864	Longview, Kelso
16	Lewis	86,154	Centralia, Chehalis
18	Clallam	77,616	Port Angeles, Sequim
19	Grays Harbor	77,290	Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Ocean Shores
20	Mason	68,389	Shelton
27	Jefferson	33,714	Port Townsend
28	Pacific	24,200	Raymond, South Bend, Long Beach
37	Wahkiakum	4,675	Cathlamet

While much of the Southwest District is considered rural, it truly is a diverse area. From the shores of the Pacific Ocean to the peaks of the Olympic and Cascade Mountains, this district includes large,

forested areas and rich fertile river valleys. The state's aquaculture industry is located here, along with a large Christmas tree industry. The cranberry industry, located primarily in Grays Harbor and Pacific counties, ranks our state fifth for cranberry production. A wide range of other crops are grown throughout southwest Washington. The once vibrant timber industry has been replaced with an eco-tourism industry that focuses on the forests, streams, mountains, and beaches.

The area has seen growth in population over the past several years. The Portland, Oregon suburbs reach across the Columbia River to include Vancouver and Clark County as part of the Portland metropolitan area. The Seattle suburbs reach across Puget Sound into Kitsap County and south into Thurston County and those areas are now a part of the Seattle metropolitan area. While many of the counties in the district have seen unprecedented growth over the past 30 years, there are several in this district who have seen a decline in population over the same period.

There are 63 Subordinate Granges, 8 Pomona Granges, and 10 Junior Granges within the Southwest District. The first Grange organized in the Southwest District was Olympia #10 in Thurston County, organized on January 27, 1874. LaCenter #48 in Clark County, having been organized on July 8, 1874, is the Grange with the longest continued period of existence. They will be recognized for 150 consecutive years at this session. The first Pomona Grange in our state, Clark County Pomona #1, was organized in 1902.

Many of our Granges in this district have seen their communities grow into small cities, creating a wide array of opportunities for the Grange to take on a more relevant role in their community. Other Granges in the district are finding their communities barely surviving as the population shifts toward the urban and suburban areas. Regardless of our location, it is vital that we take every opportunity to make the Grange a major player or stakeholder in our communities.

### **AGRICULTURE**

Agriculture, across our glorious state, is everchanging. Farmers and ranchers continue to adapt to changing economics, consumer tastes, and technology. According to the USDA Census of Agriculture, there were 32,076 farms in the State of Washington in 2022. This is further broken down as follows:

1-9 acres	9140 farms
10-49 acres	11,700 farms
50-179 acres	5136 farms
180-499 acres	2472 farms
500-999 acres	1255 farms
1000 or more acres	2373 farms

In Washington, we farm a total of 13,855,414 acres. The average farm size is 432 acres. The Net Cash Farm Income totals \$2,408,227,000 for an average Net Cash Farm Income of \$75,079.

Technology in agriculture continues to develop, however, it can be quite costly to implement that new technology. In many areas, it is becoming cost prohibitive to break into the agriculture business. Increased government regulations also contribute to the cost of farming, thus making it less attractive to the younger generation.

As an organization with a foundation based on agriculture, we must continue to work and fight for the small to mid-size farmers to ensure their continued existence well into the future.

### **2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

The 2025 Legislative Session wrapped up to a lot of fanfare and handwringing over the largest tax and spend budget in state history. The 2025 Washington State Legislative Session officially adjourned

on April 27, concluding 105 days of deliberations characterized by major policy changes and fiscal pressures. Under the leadership of newly inaugurated Governor Bob Ferguson, the legislature responded to a projected \$12 billion budget shortfall through a mix of record-setting tax increases, targeted spending cuts, and progressive reforms.

Governor Ferguson initially emphasized fiscal restraint, proposing \$4.4 billion in broad spending reductions, focusing on administrative overhead, travel, and non-essential services. However, key legislative leaders argued that cuts alone could not sustain critical public services. As a result, the final adopted budget deal relied heavily on increased tax revenues to close the gap.

The Legislature did pass some bills of interest to Grange members and the agriculture community, including the following:

- **HB 1141- Allows collective bargaining for agricultural cannabis workers. Establishes collective bargaining procedures for certain cannabis agricultural workers. Places cannabis agricultural worker collective bargaining under the jurisdiction of the Public Employment Relations Commission.** We opposed this bill and have concerns about the broader agriculture industry. The agriculture industry will continue to oppose the expansion of this into other sectors of Agriculture with cooperation from the WA State Grange.
- **E2SHB1912 - Establishes a process by which certain entities may voluntarily notify the Department of Ecology (DOE) of locations where agricultural fuels exempt from a compliance obligation under the Climate Commitment Act (exempt fuels) are available for purchase.** Requires DOE to publish, by October 1, 2025, information on its website to assist individuals seeking to purchase exempt fuels or obtain remittance from the Department of Licensing. It also extends the exemption for certain fuels used to transport agricultural products on public highways by two years. We will work over the next few years to get propane permanently exempted from CCA fees, which we thought we already had accomplished. Senate passed this bill 49-0.
- **HB 1553 - Relating to extending the dairy inspection program until June 30, 2031.** The bill does not change the current fee structure and the expiration date for the assessment on milk processed in the state is extended from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2031.
- **ESSB 5041 - Relating to unemployment insurance benefits for striking or lockout workers** – Allows individuals unemployed due to a labor strike to receive up to 12 weeks of unemployment insurance (UI) benefits following a specified disqualification period, from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2035. Removes the disqualification from UI benefits based on an employer-initiated lockout resulting from a strike against another employer in a multi-employer bargaining unit, from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2035. This was one of the most controversial votes in the House with the lower body passing it, 52-43.
- **ESHB 1644 - Relating to the safety and health of working minors** - Requires the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) to conduct a safety and health consultation at a worksite before granting a student learner variance allowing a minor to perform work typically prohibited based on the minor's age. Requires L&I to revoke an employer's minor work permit for certain violations of the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act or laws pertaining to the employment of minors.
- **HB 1261 - Providing tax relief for certain incidental uses on open space land.** Allows for certain agrotourism activities to take place on classified open space farm and agricultural land without classification removal. Reduces the classification removal penalty calculation for

classified open space farm and agricultural land to four years of back taxes. In simple terms, it allows "agrotourism" activities—like farm tours, events, or small-scale attractions—on these lands while keeping their special tax status. It also reduces the penalty for changing the land's classification by lowering the back taxes owed from seven years to four years. This encourages landowners to maintain open spaces while using them for low-impact tourism or similar activities.

- **HB 1163 - Enhancing requirements relating to the purchase, transfer, and possession of firearms** - The bill mandates that individuals obtain a permit before purchasing firearms, which necessitates completing a certified firearms safety training program. It also updates the components of these training programs and requires the Washington State Patrol to certify them.
- **ESB 1296 - Relating to promoting a safe and supportive public education system through student rights, parental and guardian rights, employee protections, and requirements for state and local education entities.** This bill revised elements of I-2081, which granted parents' rights to access their children's academic and medical records, review curriculum materials, and receive immediate notifications about incidents involving their child. It restricted parental access to certain student records, particularly mental health and medical information, if the student wished to keep such information private. It expanded protected classes under a new "Student Bill of Rights," including gender identity, neurodivergence, and immigration status. The bill included an emergency clause, making it effective immediately upon signing (May 20, 2025) and shielding it from potential voter referendums.
- **SSB 5165 – Concerning Compensation in Frontier One Counties for Deer and Elk Damager** - Reserves 20 percent of the available funds for damage caused to commercial crops by wild deer and elk for claims arising from frontier one counties.
- **SHB 1309 – Addressing the Impacts of Burrowing Shrimp on Bottom Culture Shellfish Farming through Integrated Pest Management Research** - Directs the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) to establish an integrated pest management research program to address the impacts of burrowing shrimp on bottom culture shellfish farming in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor. Establishes a governing board for reviewing research proposals, ensuring transparency and accountability, and guiding the WSDA on the expenditure of research grant funds.
- **SB 5343 – Concerning the Northeast Washington Wolf/Livestock Management Account** - Expands the uses of the Northeast Washington Wolf-Livestock Account for wolf-livestock management and grants to the sheriffs' offices of Stevens and Ferry counties to aid the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in the management of wolves. Creates an expiration date of July 1, 2031, for these expanded uses of the account.
- **SB 5391 – Concerning the Sustainable Farms and Fields Grant Program** - Amends allowable uses of funding, prioritization criteria, and timelines in the Sustainable Farms and Fields Grant Program.
- **SB 5485 – Concerning Livestock Identification** - Extends the current livestock identification fees, the Livestock Identification Advisory Committee, and the Livestock Identification Program report from July 1, 2026, to July 1, 2030.
- **HB 1167 – Directing the Statewide Career and Technical Education Task Force to Consider Educational Opportunities for Careers in Maritime Professions** - Directs the

Statewide Career and Technical Education Task Force to develop recommendations for expanding and strengthening opportunities that lead or articulate to public and private postsecondary education programs approved by the U.S. Coast Guard, for awarding the standards of training, certification, and watchkeeping credentials.

- **ESSB 5358 – Concerning Career and Technical Education in Sixth Grade** - Permits school districts to offer Career and Technical Education Program (CTE) courses to sixth graders in middle school. Provides that sixth grade student enrollment must be excluded when calculating CTE funding. • Requires middle and high school CTE courses to be treated as a single program for accounting purposes.
- **ESHB 1483 – Supporting the Servicing and Right to Repair Certain Products with Digital Electronics in a Secure and Reliable Manner to Increase Access and Affordability for Washingtonians** - Establishes the Right to Repair Act, which requires original manufacturers of digital electronic products to make available to independent repair providers on fair and reasonable terms certain parts, tools, and documentation for the diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of digital electronic products. Specifies exceptions for certain entities and goods as well as when parts, tools, and documentation do not have to be made available to independent repair providers. Provides for enforcement by the attorney general pursuant to the Consumer Protection Act.
- **SB 5375 – Concerning the Duty of Clergy to Report Child Abuse and Neglect** - Requires members of the clergy to be reporters of child abuse and neglect. Modifies the privileged communication exception for reporting child abuse and neglect to exclude members of the clergy.
- **ESSB 5014 – Concerning Election Security** - Requires Secretary of State approval on equipment and platforms used in the conduct of elections prior to use. Sets forth security breach disclosure requirements for organizations contracted to provide support to, or manufacturers or distributors of the voter registration database system or official voter list, or both. Mandates cybersecurity measures to be implemented by each county auditor, including partitioning, by July 1, 2027, unless after consultation, the deadline is extended by the secretary of state for a county auditor to comply with partitioning requirements.

Several agriculture-focused bills were introduced, with mixed results. The WSDA advocated for a state brand recognition program, noting that Washington is among just seven states without one. Though the proposal didn't pass, it gained momentum for reconsideration in 2026. Such a program could elevate the market profile of Washington's crops, from cherries to lentils, boosting global competitiveness.

The We Feed WA Pilot Program, which purchases local farm products for emergency food distribution, secured ongoing funding. This initiative was lauded for aiding farmers while addressing food insecurity. The WSDA also advanced efforts to support underrepresented farmers through tailored outreach, promoting inclusivity in the industry.

Two bills, however, failed to advance. HB 1019, introduced by Rep. Tom Dent (R-Moses Lake), proposed a permanent Pesticide Advisory Board to inform WSDA regulations but didn't clear the fiscal committee by February 28. Similarly, HB 1138, sponsored by Rep. Mike Chapman (D-Port Angeles), aimed to improve drought preparedness grants but stalled. These setbacks frustrated advocates who emphasized the need for proactive climate and regulatory solutions.

## **THE WASHINGTON STATE OPERATING BUDGET**

The end of the state fiscal biennium is coming quickly on June 30. Beginning July 1, we will be operating under a new state budget. As stated earlier, the enacted 2025–27 state operating budget totals \$77.872 billion—an increase of \$5.927 billion over the 2023–25 budget.

To make up for the proposed deficit, the legislature did make a few spending cuts, however the bulk of the deficit will be made up with a broad range of tax increases. Excluding transportation-related transfers, the revenue package is expected to generate nearly \$9.4 billion. Major components of this revenue package include:

- ❖ HB 2081 – increases to the Business & Occupation Tax
- ❖ SB 5814 – expansion of excise taxes
- ❖ SB 5813 – higher capital gains and estate taxes
- ❖ SB 5794 – the repeal of certain tax preferences
- ❖ HB 2077 – the establishment of a zero-emission vehicle program

Washington is one of 44 states that allow for line-item veto power in their state budget. This authority, granted by the state constitution, is used in times of budget deficits and when the governor believes the legislature has stepped outside of its bounds of discretion. Ferguson vetoed several dozen spending provisions within the 1,366-page operating budget, totaling approximately \$25 million in cuts, plus billions in future savings by delaying spending in other areas. These vetoes targeted programs deemed non-essential or unaffordable given the state's significant budget deficit and anticipated federal funding reductions. The vetoed items include:

- ✓ Mentor Washington (\$1.55 million): This program supports mentoring for at-risk youth through contracts with the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, with about half of the funds allocated to a pilot for foster youth.
- ✓ Hospitality Center of Excellence at Columbia Basin College (\$408,000): Launched in January 2025 with \$257,000, this center aimed to strengthen ties between culinary programs and hospitality businesses, developing workforce education strategies. The Legislature allocated \$408,000 for two years of operation.
- ✓ Forest Practices Board: \$1.1 million allocated for rulemaking was vetoed, as the board does not anticipate rulemaking in the next four years.
- ✓ Department of Agriculture: \$358,000 for a program promoting Washington-grown farm products was eliminated.
- ✓ Department of Agriculture (DEI Unit): \$258,000 for a vacant equity adviser position in the diversity, equity, and inclusion unit was not filled.
- ✓ State Conservation Commission: \$365,000 for a proposed tribal liaison position was not funded
- ✓ Offshore Wind Studies: \$816,000 for a study on offshore wind projects and \$731,000 for a tribal-state panel to study ecological impacts were canceled.
- ✓ Department of Health Warehouse Lease: \$2.4M over four years was saved by ending a pandemic-era lease on an unused warehouse.
- ✓ Special Commitment Center: \$4M was saved by closing a 24-bed unit at the Special Commitment Center on McNeil Island due to declining populations.
- ✓ Public Health Funding: Funding for foundational public health was reduced from \$155M to \$133M annually, saving tens of millions of dollars over four years.
- ✓ Childcare Rate Increases: A rate increase for childcare centers was phased in over four years instead of being implemented all at once, saving \$144M.
- ✓ TANF Program: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding was maintained, but the governor recommended limiting general fund investment to \$82 million for the next biennium, down from \$128 million in the previous biennium

## **THE BUDGET IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE**

Our state's agriculture industry employs 164,000 workers and generates \$49 billion, representing 13% of Washington's economy. The 105-day session navigated a projected \$8–16 billion budget deficit

while addressing agricultural policies, many of which are included in the WA State Grange Legislative Policy Handbook. Lawmakers worked to balance fiscal caution with support for a sector where 95% of our Washington State farms are family-run and 89% are small-scale.

The looming budget shortfall shaped the session, pushing legislators to make tough choices on funding priorities, including agriculture. The 2025–27 Operating, Capital, and Transportation budgets were passed, delivering targeted support for the sector despite budget constraints. A major victory was \$9.5 million allocated for pest control, specifically to tackle Japanese beetles, an invasive species threatening crop productivity and farm profitability.

Governor Ferguson’s plan to slash over \$4 billion in state spending raised fears about cuts to Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) programs. While specific reductions to agriculture weren’t outlined, farmers worried about impacts on services, such as soil conservation and market development. In the final version of the budget, funding was preserved essential agricultural programs, reflecting the sector’s critical role in the state’s economy.

### **STATE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET**

This year’s transportation budget includes a \$3.2 billion revenue (tax increase) package spread over six years, featuring a 6-cent-per-gallon fuel tax increase on both gasoline and diesel. While the new revenue will help fund upcoming infrastructure projects, the wide range of new fees will significantly affect both individuals and businesses. The most substantial impacts will likely come from the fuel tax increase, which includes a 2% annual inflation adjustment starting in July 2026, and higher truck weight fees.

Within the overall transportation budget, the state also allocated an additional \$60 million in federal match dollars to the Palouse Coulee City (PCC) grain rail system for upgrades. The PCC is a 300-mile short-line rail system used to move wheat and other grain commodities from the Palouse region to the barges on the Snake River.

### **AGRICULTURE’S DEPENDENCE ON THE COLUMBIA SNAKE RIVER SYSTEM**

The Columbia Snake River System is the network of federal dams and locks on the Columbia River and connected water bodies, including the Snake River. This system enables grain barges to carry wheat and other grains 360 miles from Lewiston ID to export elevators as far west as Longview WA.

Eight locks on the system allow barges to safely navigate the nearly 222-meter drop in elevation over that distance. The Columbia Snake River System serves as a superhighway of sorts for moving wheat and other agricultural products from farm to market. The ability to move such a large volume of grain efficiently makes the river system a very cost-effective and “green” logistical option. The Army Corps of Engineers maintains the lock system. And its history goes back to the 1930s when President Franklin Roosevelt personally inaugurated Bonneville, the first of the eight dams and locks east of Portland.

The rivers can move more volume at once, with greater fuel efficiency. A grain barge can hold 12,500 tons or 52,00 bushels of grain. One barge can carry the same amount of wheat as 35 rail cars or 134 trucks. A barge tow can carry more than one 100-unit train or 538 trucks. We no longer have ample railways through that portion of our state to effectively transport the grain down river. Nor do we have highways or trucking industry to effectively transport the grain to market.

The Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA) reports that barging is a very safe way to move cargo, with fewer injuries, fatalities and accidental spills than other transportation options.

This Columbia Snake River System allows for the transport of four classes of U.S. wheat grown by dependable farmers in 10 states. In addition, some of that wheat and other crops for export markets are irrigated with water from the system.

The Columbia Snake River System truly assists in connecting the US to its trading partners. The river system keeps U.S. wheat competitive by moving higher volumes more efficiently. The Washington State Grange will continue to support keeping the Columbia Snake River System intact for the benefit of both agriculture and the citizens of the Pacific Northwest.

### **LOOKING TO THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

The 2025 session highlighted agriculture's ability to adapt to economic and policy challenges. Funding for pest management and food security provided short-term wins, but unresolved issues like tax relief, state branding, and drought preparedness underscored ongoing needs.

As the 2026 session approaches, agriculture will likely remain a priority. Farmers will advocate for policies to lower costs, expand market access, and strengthen climate resilience. The WSDA's focus on small and diverse farmers, paired with potential progress on branding, could pave the way for a stronger industry. For now, Washington's agricultural community continues to tackle a complex economic and regulatory environment with determination.

### **EXTERNAL CONCLUSION**

While some take our political system for granted, we must be thankful for the opportunity to be able to express our opinions through the ballot box. There are many important issues affecting our state, county, and local communities. It is our responsibility, as Grangers and active citizens of this nation, to demand that our legislators work across party lines to continue to find solutions that will benefit our entire state and nation.

This concludes the external portion of this year's Master's Address. Thank you for your time in listening to this portion of the address.

## **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS – INTERNAL 2025**

**"Success is not how high you have climbed,  
but how you make a positive difference in the world."  
--Roy T. Bennett, American author and philosopher--**

The Washington State Grange develops opportunities for our Subordinate and Pomona Granges and their members to make an impact in their communities. We do this through a variety of programs and activities designed to serve our communities, build fellowship, educate our members, showcase the talents of our Granges and their members, and create a positive culture in every Grange, which in turn creates positivity in the communities we serve.

The National Grange Digest of Laws, the Declaration of Purposes, and the Washington State Grange Constitution and Bylaws are tools that define the framework of our Granges. We work within those guidelines to develop programs, policies, and activities to assist Granges in creating their local agenda to address local concerns and issues.

We currently have 214 Subordinate Granges in the State of Washington. While Granges are in each of our state's 39 counties, the 214 Granges are as varied as they can be. We have Granges scattered along the rural countryside, but we also have Granges in urban and suburban areas. As every Grange has their own personality, the programs we create must be adaptable to each Grange's individual situation. We work to develop programs where bits and pieces can be used in every Grange in our state. The days of one-size-fits-all are long gone. While all Granges follow the same basic guidelines and principles, we really are 214 different Grange organizations addressing the needs of each individual community and the members within that community.

**"Pursue what catches your heart, not what catches your eyes.**

**--Roy T. Bennett—**

### **UPDATING OUR REPORTING SYSTEM**

While keeping our basic principles in mind, we spent time this year updating our reports and other forms. The bulk of our report forms, including those in the lecturer and family living departments, are now available online in a pdf fillable format. Secretary report forms, new member reports, lecturer reports, family living reports and a whole host of other forms may be completed and submitted electronically to the State Grange office.

While we are moving more toward electronic reporting, we realize not every Grange has members with an electronic only capability. Thus, we are still printing one copy of each document for each Grange's use. We will continue our work in modernizing our reporting systems and providing additional opportunities for electronic submissions.

In 2024, the delegates decided to make the proceedings of our annual session available on our website and not send them out to each Grange. The printing of the proceedings and associated postage costs resulted in an expense reduction of nearly \$5000 for the Washington State Grange. The Grange Law Committee is recommending we make that change in our bylaws this year. The State Grange officers and staff will continue other cost-saving measures as we work for you.

### **ISOLATED GRANGES AND VISITATIONS**

Distance can be an issue for many of our Granges. We cannot forget the isolation felt by some of these Granges. Being from one of those isolated Granges (the next closest Grange is 50 minutes away), I assure you there are times when we feel a lack of support and understanding from the upper levels of the organization. While that is far from the truth, the feeling of isolation can be difficult to overcome.

**"One doesn't realize how important it is to believe that taking one step – and possibly a very uncomfortable step – at a time can ultimately add up to a great distance."**

A few weeks ago, I visited Clarkston Heights Grange, the only Grange in Asotin County. It is almost an hour to the next closest Grange. They have new members assuming the officer positions and an excellent variety of programs and activities, but they admit to lacking knowledge of Grange processes and procedures. I made a commitment to Clarkston Heights that we will be back to work with them several times over the next year, introducing them to proper Grange procedures and guiding them to continue impacting their community.

Clarkston Heights is not the only isolated Grange in our state. Do we need to talk about Alder Creek Grange in Bickleton, the newly organized Selkirk Valley Grange in Metalline Falls,

Quillayute Valley Grange in Forks, Long Beach Grange on the Long Beach Peninsula, all the Granges on the islands (San Juan Island, Lopez Island, Orcas Island, Lummi Island), or even Deer Lagoon Grange on Whidbey Island? The list goes on and on. Our isolated Granges play a major role in their communities. Oftentimes, these Grange Halls are one of the few places in their communities for public meetings or celebrations. We recognize their unique importance as these Granges continue providing opportunities in leadership training, fellowship opportunities, and rural development across the State of Washington.

At this year's Deputy, State Officer, and Pomona Master Conference, I made a list of Granges that I felt we needed to visit. That list included many of our isolated Granges but also included Granges that could use a little special attention from the State Grange. I challenged each Deputy and State Officer to visit two Granges before this convention,

with the thought that by the end of this year we will visit every Grange in the State. I created an assessment report to be completed and sent back to the office so we could get a better feeling as to what is happening in our Granges and what each Grange needed from the State Grange.

Thank you to those Deputies and Officers who followed through in making the visits and reporting back. Your thoughts and suggestions will guide us as we continue developing the agenda to meet your needs. For those of you that did not follow through, the role of the Deputy and State Officers is more than just filling a chair at this convention. We have work to do across the state, and you are an integral part of moving the Grange forward in every community.

We all visualize what we want for the future of the Grange. While we can envision where we want to be in two, five, ten, twenty, or more years, it is the actions we take today, tomorrow, next week, and next year that will allow us to make our Granges stronger tomorrow than they are today, which in turn will make our communities stronger and more vibrant.

**“Life is about accepting challenges along the way, choosing to keep moving forward, and savoring the journey.**

Every movement we make, every step forward we take, and the time we contribute are all factors in realizing our dreams and moving further into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Grange has a valuable history. We have great accomplishments in our 158-year history. Perhaps our biggest achievements are still ahead of us.

It is well past the time for all Granges to come together. We must share our vision for the Grange and then create opportunities toward making that vision a reality. The 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 help make their dreams a reality.

As we make decisions at this session, I ask that you dream about the future of our organization. Look at what best will 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 each dream that has been realized is a result of the strong combined efforts from 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 to realize our dreams over the past year.

### **DISTINGUISHED GRANGES**

We are excited to have two Subordinate Granges qualify as Distinguished Granges in 2023-2024. Congratulations to Goldendale #49, 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. We had 117 Granges (Pomona, Subordinate, and Junior) recognized as "Granges in Action" for 2024.

Thus far, 116 Granges have qualified as Granges in Action for 2025. Their posters are on display in the registration area. If desired, we can print copies of the posters from your area to be used for display at your county fair or other promotional events. It's not too late to submit your poster for recognition this year. Posters are due to the State Grange Office by September 1. The poster must have your Grange name, number, state, and 3-6 pictures of your Grange activities (with captions) since September 1, 2024.

I hope you will consider helping us surpass last year's number!

**"The hardest times often lead to the greatest moments of your life. Keep going. Tough situations build strong people in the end."**

### **MILESTONES**

We are pleased to have six more Granges join the Centennial Grange Club this year: Wilbur #798 (Lincoln County), Steele Lake Highline #805 (King County), Grand Coulee #807 (Lincoln County), Ohop #812 (Pierce County), Rexville #815 (Skagit County), and Chumstick #8719 (Chelan County).

Two Granges, Whelan Ewartsville #114 (Whitman County) and Silver Lake #105 (Cowlitz County) have reached 125 consecutive years of service to their communities, while LaCenter #48 (Clark County) is the first Grange in our state to hit the 150-year mark this year. Congratulations on reaching this amazing achievement.

In 2026, Grays River #124 (Wahkiakum County) will celebrate 125 consecutive years, while an additional eight Granges will celebrate 100 years.

### **NATIONAL RECOGNITIONS**

While at the National Grange Convention in Bettendorf, Iowa, several Granges and Grangers from our state were recognized for their outstanding work:

- Columbia County Deputy Sheriff Rick Ferguson (nominated by Waitsburg Grange) was named National Grange Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

- Volunteer Firefighter and Fire Commissioner Stephen Sandstrom (nominated by Humptulips Grange) was named National Grange Firefighter of the Year
- Humptulips Junior Grange #376 received first place in the Junior Grange Community Service Contest. Prospect Point Grange #1067 Youth/Juniors received third place in the same contest.
- The Hilpert Family (Oakview Grange) received designation as a Grange Legacy Family for six generations, while the Worley Family (Fertile Valley Grange) was recognized as a Grange Legacy Family for five generations.
- Kamryn Cable and Jacob Smith (both Humptulips Junior Grange) each received first place in the National Grange Virtual Photo Contest, while Heather Ferguson (Waitsburg Grange) and Jacob Smith received second place awards.
- Kathryn Hartley (Calispel Grange) received an honorable mention in the Quilt Block Contest.
- Bernie Games (Matlock Grange) was recognized with the State Grange Membership Cultivator Award.
- In the Junior Grange Creative Art Contest, Jax Berry and Paige Kurkjiah received first-place awards, Gracyn Payne and Zachary Heater received second-place awards, Jessica Start and David Gimenez received third-place awards. All are members of Camp Wooten Junior Grange.
- Five Mile Prairie Grange placed third and fourth in the Grange Publicity Contest, In-House Division.
- The Washington State Grange received first, third, and fourth place in the Grange Publicity Contest, Professional Division.
- Christine Hamp (Five Mile Prairie Grange) was recognized with Best of Show and the first-place award in the TikTok/Reels Contest, while the Counselors of Camp Wooten Junior Grange received first place in the Junior Division.

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

**“Do not let the memories of your past limit the potential of your future. There are no limits to what you can achieve on your journey through life, except in your mind.”**

## **DEPUTIES**

I appreciate the willingness of our deputy force to step forward to give their time and energy to our organization, which is indicative of their commitment to the Grange.

We have three new deputies joining the State Grange Deputy force. Darell Myers assumed the duties of Deputy for Lewis County, while Sara Wade is the new Deputy for Klickitat County and Bob Shea accepted the Deputy position for Spokane County. I cannot give enough thanks to those deputies who retired this year: Lucille Bevis (Klickitat County), Robert Knapp (Lewis County), and the late Lynn Wells (Stevens County). I expect additional retirements this year and am looking for interested members with the time and commitment to serve as my eyes and ears and to work with the Granges in their area with programs and membership development. Interested people should talk to me about the responsibilities and qualifications of serving in the State Deputy Master position.

**“Surround yourself with people who believe in your dreams, encourage your ideas, support your ambitions, and bring out the best in you.”**

The Annual Deputy, Pomona President and State Officer Conference was held in March in Mount Vernon. David Bryant led a team performing the exemplification of the Fifth Degree. More than ten members from Skagit County attended and received the degree at the conference. Workshops at this year's conference included:

- EIN's and the Grange's Non-Profit Status, presented by Tom Gwin
- Cash Handling in Our Granges, presented by Isabelle Lierman
- State Property Tax Exemptions for Public Meeting Facilities, presented by Sophia Keller
- Communicating with Different Personalities, presented by Jonny & Brittney Pittman
- Grange Month Programs and Activities, presented by Claudine Mincks and Sara Wade
- The Importance of Bylaws in Our Granges, presented by Tom Gwin
- An Update on Legislative Activity, presented by Jesse Taylor
- Assessing Our Granges; Getting a Handle on Each Grange's Programs and Activities, led by Tom Gwin
- Sponsorship for Our Grange Programs, led by Jesse Taylor

Some of these same workshops are being repeated at this convention to assist in educating all Grange members. We will be planning another conference for Deputies, State Officers, and Pomona Grange Presidents in the coming year. Thank you to our deputies and officers their assistance at this session and throughout the year.

### **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS**

Granges are eligible for a property tax exemption if the Grange Hall qualifies as a Public Assembly Hall. 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. Questions regarding the property tax exemption should be directed to your area representative with the WA State Department of Revenue. If you ask for any type of ruling from them, be sure to request the ruling in writing. If you forward a copy of that ruling to the State Grange Office, we will put a copy in your Grange's file to be accessible for future use.

In 2024, the delegates passed a resolution to increase the number of days a public assembly hall or meeting facility can be used for “profit making activities”. We now need a Grange or Grangers to make contact with their legislators asking for a bill to be created and introduced. Once introduced, we will vigorously lobby for its passage.

We did have one bill on a similar topic this year. SB 5252, which was introduced by State Senator Sharon Shewmake, would increase the amount of acreage for the exemption. The bill was moving through the legislature, getting approval at each level until it reached the State House Rules Committee. The legislature adjourned before final approval, thus the bill died. We will ask for the bill to be reintroduced again in 2026. Thank you to Russ Weston (North Bellingham Grange) for making contact with Senator Shewmake to get this bill introduced in the legislature.

**“At first people refuse to believe that a strange new thing can be done, then they begin to hope it can be done, then they can see it can be done – then it is done and all the world wonders why it was not done centuries ago,”**

## **GRANGE LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES**

Your State Grange held two separate legislative events this year. In January, we held the Junior/Youth Grange Legislative Experience focused on our young members. Nine-teen/preteen Grange members came to Olympia for two days of legislative learning, with workshops, speakers, and legislative meetings. The State Grange provided a t-shirt for each participant, while the State Grange Youth Department provided dinner for the participants and their chaperones. The conference went well, and we received positive feedback from the participants. We are planning to hold the Youth/Junior Legislative Experience in odd numbered years to coincide with the longer legislative session in those years. Of course, in even numbered years, the youth and juniors are always welcome to attend the regular legislative day.

The State Grange Legislative Day was held on February 4 in Olympia. We had nearly 90 attendees, representing over 40 Granges and 19 different legislative districts. Several of those present met with their legislators regarding their Capital Budget Requests.

This year's speakers included State Senator Mike Chapman of the 24<sup>th</sup> Legislative District who also serves as the Chair of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. Chapman spoke about the legislative process, WDFW commission, agriculture bills currently under consideration by the committee, and the experience of chairing a legislative committee.

The group also heard from Joel McEntire of the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative District. McEntire spoke to the group mostly about the capital budget process and discussed how sausage is made at the capital. He discussed bills before the House Education Committee, of which he is a member.

The delegation also heard from Evan Scheffles, WA State Department of Agriculture Policy Director. He reviewed who the main points of contact are at the WSDA and how to reach out to them. Scheffles also spoke about the budget process and how WSDA advocates for policy to the legislature while also being part of the Governor's cabinet.

While the long day was exhausting for many, it proved to be an excellent experience of lobbying and meeting with legislators.

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

Two years ago, we introduced the Capital Improvement Grant Program to our Granges. Prior to 2024, we would have one or two Granges work with their state legislators to obtain capital budget funding. In 2024, we were fortunate to have 13 Granges funded for a total amount just short of \$1,000,000.

At last year's state convention, we presented a workshop on the Capital Budget Funds and the application process. We distributed applications and had them returned by September 1. A committee met to review the applications and to compile the data. Your State Grange Executive Committee reviewed the data and decided to ask the legislature for \$6.5 million as a block grant to cover all the applications.

Jesse, our lobbyist, took that information to members of the Capital Budget Committee for their input. It was made clear to us that we would not get \$6.5 million to improve our Grange Halls. We would be lucky to have 15 or 20 Granges funded at a much lower level. It was further

recommended to us that each Grange should apply directly with the legislature for funding. This input led us to change our process mid-course.

Each Grange had to apply online directly with their legislators. We were given a deadline, and we notified the Granges of the changes. Nearly 70 Granges took our information and applied directly to the legislature.

The preliminary capital budget was released in early April. In the “Local Projects Section” for the Department of Commerce, we found 26 Granges listed for funding in 2025. Some were in the Senate version of the budget, some were in the State House version, and a few were in both versions.

After reconciling the budget, funding was approved for the following:

- Legislative District 4 – Inland Grange, Spokane County - \$98,000
- Legislative District 4 – Tri Community Grange, Spokane County - \$120,000
- Legislative District 6 – Five Mile Prairie Grange, Spokane County - \$23,000
- Legislative District 5 – Spring Hill Grange, Spokane County - \$155,000
- Legislative District 7 – Molson Grange, Okanogan County - \$117,000
- Legislative District 7 – Kettle River Grange, Stevens County - \$67,000
- Legislative District 9 – Rimrock Grange, Adams County - \$121,000
- Legislative District 17 – Fern Prairie Grange, Clark County - \$182,000
- Legislative District 19 - Baw Faw Grange, Lewis County - \$12,000
- Legislative District 20 - Mossyrock Grange, Lewis County - \$80,000
- Legislative District 22 - South Bay Grange, Thurston County \$91,000
- Legislative District 24 - Dry Creek Grange, Clallam County - \$28,000
- Legislative District 24 - Crescent Grange, Clallam County - \$300,000
- Legislative District 25 - Fruitland Grange, Pierce County - \$67,000
- Legislative District 25 - Collins Grange, Pierce County - \$150,000
- Legislative District 29 - Waller Road Grange, Pierce County - \$84,000
- Legislative District 31 - Edgewood Grange, Pierce County - \$217,000
- Legislative District 35 - Skokomish Grange, Mason County - \$103,000
- Legislative District 35 - Matlock Grange, Mason County - \$252,000
- Legislative District 39 - South Lake Stevens Grange, Snohomish County - \$160,000
- Legislative District 39 - Samish Valley Grange, Skagit County - \$54,000
- Legislative District 39 - Skagit Valley Grange, Skagit County - 48,000
- Legislative District 42 - Haynie Grange, Whatcom County - \$170,000
- Legislative District 42 - Lummi Island Grange, Whatcom County - \$77,000
- Legislative District 42 - North Bellingham Grange, Whatcom County - \$51,000
- Legislative District 47 - Meridian Grange, King County - \$155,000

Total Amount for Granges as approved by the State legislature - \$2.982 million.

The Governor signed the legislation, and funds will be available beginning in July. We scheduled a workshop at this session on Friday during lunch for these 26 Granges to ask questions and learn the next steps necessary to obtain the funds. Unfortunately, the representative from the Department of Commerce is now unable to attend, however, Jesse has met with him and will conduct the meeting.

It is important to note some Granges are disappointed they were not funded this year. We have stressed throughout the entire process that Granges must meet with their legislators to garner their support. Most Granges that did get funded invited their legislators into their halls throughout the summer and fall.

It is so much more than simply filling out an application. It is working through the legislative process, promoting your project, and demonstrating how your community will benefit from the proposed project.

Not every project gets funded on the first application. Many projects will take several years to get approval. It is fair for each Grange to contact their legislators to ask what we can do better to increase our chances of funding in the future.

The State Grange will continue our efforts again next year as we work to get another 10-15 Granges funded for the much-needed improvements to their community meeting facilities. The State Grange will guide you through the process, however each Grange must participate in the process to be successful in their endeavors.

### **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.

In prior years, Granges could apply for bonding coverage at any time. You would be covered until the end of the calendar year. The State Grange Office just received the information on the 2026 bonding program. We will send that information out to each Grange following this session. For 2026, all applications must be received in the State Grange Office no later than November 15. We will compile the applications and submit them to the National Grange Office before the December 1 deadline.

It is important to note that if a Grange was once enrolled in the program and chooses not to obtain bonding in any particular year, that Grange will be ineligible for bonding for a three-year period. The National Grange provided us with a list of those Granges and when they will again be eligible for coverage.

**“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--**

### **CAN THE GRANGE BE A CTSO?**

Last year, the delegates passed a recommendation from the Education Committee that the State Grange explore and pursue becoming a Career and Technical Student Organization with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Your State Grange Executive Committee approved the organization of a special committee to meet with OSPI to learn the role of CTSO's in our schools. Before making a final decision, we need to know the requirements and how that would work within our bylaws, what responsibilities will we have, and how it could interact with

current programs. I currently have three members for this special committee and am looking for two more members. Please contact me at this session if you are interested.

### **WORKING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

Granges in the State of Washington do not file annual reports with the Secretary of State's Office. Granges have an exemption as listed in the RCW's. It is, however, required that each Grange's current bylaws be filed with the Secretary of State's office. The Grange office staff are working with them to ensure they have the current bylaws for each Grange in our state. This effort coincides with each Grange being assigned a UBI number. If your Grange opens a new bank account, you will need that number as well as your federal EIN for account identification.

Because we don't have current bylaws on file for every Grange, we developed a new bylaws template for Subordinate and Pomona Granges. Those templates are only a template and are available on the State Grange website. You may make changes to the template to fit your Grange's needs. The Grange Law and Grange Activities Committees have recommendations for your consideration regarding the bylaws.

Once your Grange adopts new bylaws, they do not become effective until the completed and signed bylaws are filed with the State Grange. We will then provide copies of your bylaws to the Secretary of State to keep your Grange in compliance with their requirements.

### **THE STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION**

While researching the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation of the Washington State Grange Foundation, we found the original documents. Reading through the records, it appears there have been no changes to either document since their original organization.

The WA State Grange Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Several Subordinate and Pomona Granges have asked the foundation to be the receiver of grant funds for them. Upon discussing this with our auditors and legal representatives, we found it necessary to make minor changes in both documents. We added to our list of purposes to include "rural development" to both documents. This will better allow the foundation to serve the needs of our Granges.

### **GRANGE CAMPER ASSOCIATION**

The Grange Camper Association was organized in the 1970's to provide an opportunity for Grange members to create fellowship through camping activities and to provide an opportunity for membership development. Over the years, more than 30 chapters have been organized in the Grange Camper Association. Today, there are only six chapters remaining in the organization. The future of the Grange Camper Association is at stake. The current chapters need new members, while we need new chapters as well. Camper Association officers are present at this convention. I encourage you to visit with the camper club members present at this convention and determine if you may have an interest in your area to organize a new chapter.

The camper association holds an annual fun rally on the weekend following Memorial Day. The 2026 rally will be held May 30-June 1 in Ocean Shores. All Grange members are invited to attend the rally to experience the fellow, fun, and friendship of the event.

**"Try not to become a person of success,  
but rather try to become a person of value."**

**--Albert Einstein--**

## **THE WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE BUILDING**

The State Grange Office Building has been mostly rented out for the past four years. We have been able to fill any vacancies quickly without interruption. With a couple smaller offices available, we used our creativity to offer reasonably priced office and parking spaces available to other lobbyists desiring a prime location near the capitol campus. We were able to fill those vacancies through the legislative session. Some have even continued renting offices on a more year-round basis.

For years, we have been a “pet friendly” building, allowing renters to bring their pets with them to the office. Due to unfortunate situations and concerns with non-service animals in the building, the State Grange Executive Committee decided to work toward a “No Pet Policy” regarding pets in our building. Following legal advice, all renters were notified of our policy change. Rental contracts have been updated to reflect this new policy. Most rental contracts expire at the end of July. At that time, we will have a “No Pet Policy” included in their contracts and fully enforceable. Not all renters are in agreement with our change in policy. We have been notified of at least one renter who will not renew and is planning to move out of the building. Our rental revenues will show a temporary decline, but we hope to have them back up to the normal level shortly thereafter.

We have continued making improvements to our office building. Earlier this year, we replaced the archaic chiller to our HVAC system. Funds had been set aside through our maintenance service program to cover much of these costs. The sidewalk on Tenth Street along the parking lot has been redone. Rather than pieced together asphalt, we now have grass and trees in its place, thanks to a grant the City of Olympia received.

The office and parking lot are located on opposite sides of Tenth Street along Capitol Way in Olympia. There were gas stations with underground tanks on each parcel prior to Grange ownership of the property. This year, we received a complete clearance on the monitoring of the property where our building sits. We are still undergoing periodic testing on the wells in the parking lot.

**“You need to have faith in yourself. Be brave and take risks. You don’t have to have it all figured out to move forward.”**

## **YOUTH FAIRS PROGRAM**

We are in our fifth year of the Grange Youth Fairs Program in our state. The program continues to grow and spread to Granges in additional counties. We are continuing to promote this program to our Granges and the fairs. It can be a tedious task as our fairs operate in many different formats.

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

We must determine the fairs structure before moving forward. Their method and mode of operation will dictate how we approach the fair about including a Grange Youth Program in their event. The State Grange developed the basic Grange Youth Fairs Program Guidelines for our state. We will continue guiding the Subordinate and Pomona Granges in making contacts with

their local fair boards, staff, and fair associations to gain admission for Grange Youth participation in their fair.

We are up to 16 fairs with Youth Fairs Program participation of various levels in 2025. Those fairs and their participating Granges are:

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

While putting the original fairs program guidelines together, I stated the only way to make this a successful program would be to integrate the Grange Youth Fairs Program into our traditional Grange organization. We have done just that at this state session by including the following:

- 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 Grandstand.
- Livestock Judging Contest – we’ve had two successful livestock judging contests, with a high of 65 participants at the 2024 state session. This year’s convention host committee worked for five months trying to obtain animals in an area where we don’t have an active youth fairs program. Due to the inability to obtain animals, we cancelled the contest at this year’s state session but will be rescheduling our state contest for one of the area/county fairs in late summer. It is probably best to separate this event from our annual state session as many potential convention facilities cannot accommodate the needs of holding a judging contest and not all areas of the state have animals available to us for this purpose.
- Public Speaking – both the Youth and the Juniors will compete on Saturday afternoon with prepared speeches and impromptu speeches

Within the Grange, this year a committee met to revise the Youth Fairs Program Record Book. The committee met over several months and the final version was posted on our website last winter. Thank you to Brittney Pittman for her leadership in chairing the record book committee to better address the needs of our youth.

Every Grange needs to consider developing a Youth Fairs Program as an opportunity to increase your 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 must 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, 2024, the Washington State Grange demonstrated three consecutive years of membership growth. Thus far, we had excellent membership gains in the third and fourth quarters of 2024. The first quarter of 2025 showed several large membership losses. We expect the second quarter will be strong enough to keep us in the net gain column again this year.

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 2025 several Granges have been revitalized with new members and new activities. We have seen an influx of new members Fords Prairie #33, Marion #27, Matlock #357, Fort Colville #533, Addy #603, Dry Creek #646, Chimacum #681, Manson #796, Fern Prairie #866, and Menastash #1054.

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. We do have a few Junior Granges who have not submitted reports for two or more years. We will be dealing with those Junior Granges individually in determining whether they are still active.

On a positive note, Selkirk Valley Grange #1153 was organized in October. Marion Junior Grange #143 submitted their charter application in April of this year. We follow up on leads regularly and hope to have additional Granges organized over the next years.

Membership development will remain a priority in the coming year. While 113 Granges reported taking in new members in 2024, 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, completing projects, and making an impact on their community. Even the smallest of communities has potential Grange members. Each Grange must demonstrate the positive impact we have on our communities while enjoying the fellowship and fun in doing so. 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--

### **FUTURE GRANGE LEADERS**

It is not too early to begin preparing our future State Grange leaders. Many of our state officers, deputies, and committee members have been in place for many years. It is time for us to develop new energetic leaders, to share the duties and requirements of each position, and to provide an opportunity for new leaders to grow into our new generation of leaders.

I am planning to work with the State Grange Executive Committee and new department directors to create a State Grange Leadership Academy to provide information to our potential leaders to learn about the positions available. It will allow new department directors the opportunity to fill their teams. It will allow potential deputies not only to step forward, but to also learn the expectations of each position. This training will allow our next generation of state officers to learn about the duties and responsibilities of each office. Please keep in mind the purpose is not to determine who our officers will be, but to provide leadership training and development to interested individuals that will allow them to determine for themselves what types of leadership positions might be suitable,

Our preliminary plans call for two Leadership Academy Training Sessions, one in Eastern WA and the other in Western WA. The first weekend in October is a likely date, with locations to be announced. Anyone interested in a State Grange leadership position should plan to attend. Watch *The Grange News* for details on dates and locations.

### **YOUR STATE GRANGE DIRECTORS AND STAFF**

We continue to restructure staff duties. We continue to contract payroll services out to a private firm at minimal costs. In addition to her other duties, Sophia Keller oversees the payroll with this new firm. Nancy Drake has taken on the duties of accounts payable, accounts receivable, and assisting with other financial duties. Nancy still completes some of the membership records and the dues billings as well. Ferol Max has taken over the update of the membership database. She continues to coordinate the membership awards and works with IRS issues. Our new employee, Susie Kingsolver, has taken on the receptionist's duties and some of the clerical duties. I am deeply appreciative of the willingness of staff members to accept the additional duties.

I cannot forget to mention our appointed Directors, Heather Ferguson in the Junior Grange Department, Claudine Mincks in the Community Service Department, and Jerry Gwin in the Youth Department. Jesse Taylor does an excellent job as our Legislative Lobbyist.

Please join me in thanking your staff and directors for their long hours of hard work and dedication to the Grange.

### **WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**

As we dream about the future of the Washington State Grange, no stone needs left unturned. Specific actions in the next few years will include:

- ❖ Continuation of the face-to-face Grange visitation program, ensuring each Grange is visited by a State Grange representative annually.
- ❖ Provide guidance and training for newly elected and appointed department directors and state officers.
- ❖ Increased promotion and participation in the Youth and Junior Grange Legislative Experience in Olympia.
- ❖ A continued legislative presence in Olympia, lobbying for our interests and building relationships with other stakeholders.
- ❖ Continued 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 youth fairs program activities into the fraternal Grange activities, and vice versa.
- ❖ Reintroduction of the Grange into communities where the Grange once thrived.
- ❖ Development of the Capital Grants Program, with an emphasis on outside financial resources and funding opportunities.
- ❖ Increasing our use of electronic communication to assist Granges in their reporting processes. Expanding our pdf fillable forms to include department reports and contest entry forms.
- ❖ Development of stronger partnerships with the other youth programs, i.e. FFA, 4-H, scouts, boys and girls clubs, etc., beginning at the state level and encouraging joint participation between the Subordinate Granges and the local FFA chapters.
- ❖ Developing our leadership academy to gain interest of Grangers desiring to serve in leadership roles, including state officers, deputies, state committee members, etc., to allow for the next generation of leaders to express interest and grow into the leadership positions of the State Grange.

## **A PERSONAL NOTE**

Two years ago, I retired as the Manager of the Washington State 4-H Fair. I have been able to use the additional time tending to the business of the Washington State Grange. It is time well spent, allowing the completion of additional Grange tasks and the development of new 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 Babies June and Maisie, 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 your activities as I have other Granges that require a portion of 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.

**“Moving forward is one of the most important decisions we can make in life, because it allows us to grow, learn new lessons, have more energy, enjoying more peace, and overcome our adversities.”**

--Dr. Peter Nieman, pediatrician, marathoner, and author--

## **CONCLUSION**

Let us continue working toward making an impact in our communities. The opportunities for success in every Grange are before us. We simply need to take the actions necessary 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. We must provide our future leaders with a solid base in Grange processes and procedures. One day, we will all be gone. But this organization can and will still be here. There will be new leaders, new programs, and probably different activities. We must move forward with strong leaders willing to move the Grange to the next level of achievement and impact on our communities and entire state. If we dream it, we can do it, and we will achieve it! We have opportunities to make this Grange stronger and more impactful tomorrow than we are today.

Thank you for your attention. I hope you will join us next year at our 137<sup>th</sup> Annual State Session, scheduled for the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Mount Vernon.

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 Chehalis/Centralia and the 136th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange. I thank you for allowing me to serve you as a state officer since 1996. It has been both an honor and a privilege.

The second total restoration of my Grange Hall is finally complete. We received our certificate of occupancy on August 15, 2024. To recap for those who did not read last year's officer's 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.

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

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

Fraternally,  
David Bryant

## LECTURER

Worthy President and Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your WSG Lecturer/Program Director for this past year. I hope the program suggestions for our department were of use to you at your meetings. The contests within the Lecturer Department are still showing strong participation from many of you.



### **2024 Fair Booth Contest Results**

The 23 entries representing 16 different Granges for the 2024 fair season contest have been judged and resulted in the following:

#### **Subordinate Grange**

Division I – Produce (6 entries)

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$100	Humptulips #730	Washington State Fair
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$ 75	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor County Fair
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$ 50	Ohop #812	Washington State Fair

Other entries were received from: Elk Plain #782 – Washington State Fair, Fruitland #999 – Washington State Fair, and Kellogg Marsh #136 – Evergreen State Fair.

Division II – Project (8 entries)

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$100	Crescent #1123	Clallam County Fair
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$ 75	Washington #82	Clark County Fair
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$ 50	Adna #417	Southwest Washington Fair

Other entries were received from: Elk Plain #782 – Pierce County Fair, Fruitland #999 – Pierce County Fair, Riverside Valley #1047 – King County Fair, Riverside Valley #1047 – Pierce County Fair, and Ten Mile #399 – Northwest Washington Fair.

#### **Pomona Grange**

Division I – Produce (1 entry)

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$100	Grays Harbor Pacific #28	Grays Harbor County Fair
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Division II – Project (3 entries)

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$100	Columbia #56	Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$ 75	Lewis #3	Southwest Washington Fair
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$ 50	Pend Oreille #29	Spokane Interstate Fair

#### **Youth Group – Project** (5 entries)

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

Thanks to all these Granges for putting in the time and immense effort to enter booths in their local fairs. I know there were more displays entered in the fairs throughout the state, but for some reason their Grange chose not to enter this contest. Whether you did or didn't, this activity is a great way to put our Grange organization in front of the public.

### **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.

On a personal note, I will not be seeking an office this year. Between being the caregiver for my disabled brother and me getting older, I've decided that eight years is long enough. I have really enjoyed my time as Lecturer and could not have done it without the support of all of you. I would especially like to acknowledge and thank the following for serving on the Lecturer Committee during my time – Janice Anderson, Sherry Cummins, Carol Evans, Helen Gardner, Davonna Gwin, Brenda Lester, Anita Mastin, Claudine Mincks and Judy Steigman. I would also like to send a huge Thank You to Jennifer Oliver who has, for the past several years, marched and sat in for me during the business session at Convention. Thanks to all of you!

Fraternally,  
Leslie Jo Wells

## **STEWARD**

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



Welcome to the 2025 Washington State Grange Session, we are happy to see everyone here.

Although I am not able to attend the whole session this year, I am looking forward to hearing about a productive session.

In the past year, Tessa and I have slowly started taking over the Camp Moorehead Junior Grange Camp program. Unfortunately, we were not able to host a full week of camp at Moorehead last year as the facilities are not equipped for campers at this time. We did, however, host three days of day camp at Humptulips Grange #730 that was a success! This year, we will again be hosting three days of day camp at Humptulips Grange #730, and we are looking forward to three days full of fun activities and fellowship.

On a more personal note, I am not in attendance this year due to starting my job at the United States Postal Service. I have worked for the post office for almost a year, and I have to say I am really enjoying myself. It keeps me on my feet for sure!

As the work of a new year begins, I commend everyone's hard work to keep our organization thriving. Continue your good Grange spirit as we discuss all the resolutions and business put before us during this session.

It has been my honor to serve as your Worthy Steward, and I hope everyone has a wonderful week!

Fraternally,  
Jacob Gwin

## ASSISTANT STEWARD

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Washington State Grange,

Welcome to the 2025 Washington State Grange Convention in Chehalis/Centralia, WA.



In July, I attended the visitation night at Camp Wooton and presented camp awards while wearing the State Grange Sash. A month later at the Grant County Fair a young helper in a food booth stopped me and asked “aren’t you the Washington State Grange Assistant Steward that went to Camp Wooton? How can I become the State Grange Assistant Steward?” I can’t believe the changes in our Grange Youth Fairs Program members. One example is the child who, two years ago, hid behind her mother’s leg all meeting, to her now giving a presentation on her rabbit project to the entire group.

November, I attended National Grange convention in Bettendorf, Iowa. We took a paddlewheel boat ride on the Mississippi River, toured the John Deere factory, and visited a dairy where the cows’ milk themselves. While December wrapped up with a close Grange friend humbling herself enough to ask for help while moving out of her house of 20 years after her husband left her. Of course, we said how can we help, when do we need to be there?

January the pink walls of women’s bathroom at Moses Lake Grange 1151 were painted white, with the stalls being removed, and painted grey before reinstalling. And February, I attended the National Grange Leadership conference in Sonoma County California. One question at the conference was what is the best way to communicate? After thinking about the communication question, Brittney and I put together a workshop on different personalities and communication styles. We presented at the state officers and deputies conference. It will be presented again at this State Grange Convention.

The 1<sup>st</sup> of March Grange meeting was the last time I would see Grange member Mike Garneau on this earth. Mike was presented with a quilt of valor at the 2023 Moses Lake State Grange Convention. April 5<sup>th</sup>, Mike came in from caring for his sheep, sat down in his chair and was taken home in less than an hour. For such a sad time, the month of April brought out the best of Moses Lake Grange. The Grange officers took a Sunday afternoon to practice the draping the Charter. Members stepped forward to prepare a feast in honor of Mike’s life. We did the Grange burial service at the cemetery. For being an old service in the Grange handbook, it is still applicable. Mike was well known and respected in the Moses Lake area. Close to 200 people, mainly farmers and ranchers, mostly non-Grangers attended Mike’s celebration of life. Because of the hard work of the Grange members like Mike, we had the hall looking good on the inside. The month of April was a hard month, saying goodbye to Mike. But everyone coming together to help Carol at her lowest moment is what Grange is all about.

What have you done to help a Granger this year?

Fraternally,  
Jonny Pittman

## LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD

To the Officer and Members of the 2025 Washington State Convention,

Welcome to Chehalis/Centralia, it has been another fantastic year serving as your Lady Assistant Steward! Here is a recap of my year.

I again had the opportunity to be a leader at Mayfeild Lake Jr. Grange Camp and though we did not have camp last year I was elected to be a Co-Director for Cornet Bay Jr. Grange Camp for 2025. I am excited about this summer's camp season.

In February, I was able to travel to Olympia for Legislation Day. It was amazing to talk and advocate for our Granges with our legislators. I am excited that Haynie is set to receive one of the capital improvement grants. We thank our members, as well as our lobbyist and State Grange, for all of the hard work in helping to procure this grant. It will be great to be able to update the building to make it more accessible to our community.

April came with the adventure of a 2-week trip to Europe. Bella and I travelled to Paris and all throughout Germany. It was wonderful to see all the history and culture in all the places we visited. We made many amazing memories and had some good stories from our travel adventures. Including playing 'GO FISH' standing in the entry way of an overbooked train for the 2-hour journey from Nuremburg to Frankfurt.

I am excited to see what this upcoming year has to offer and all the new opportunities and travels to come.

Fraternally,  
Alexis Kudsk

## CHAPLAIN

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



I've been excited to have the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention here in Lewis County. I left Lewis County in 2006 when my husband's job took us to Puyallup. We recently returned to the home we built just outside Chehalis after his retirement.

I love the history here and suggest a visit to the Claquato Church. The Church is a historic Methodist church established in 1858, located off SR 6 at 125 Water Street. It is the oldest standing church building in the state of Washington with a crown of thorns atop the steeple. Additionally, the Church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Picnic tables are available and would be a lovely, peaceful place for you to enjoy your lunch.

This year concludes my second year as a state officer and Chaplain. It has certainly been my pleasure to serve the state Grange in this capacity. I'd like to thank everyone that has assisted me with kindness and generosity, I certainly can't accomplish my duties alone.



The Convention Committee has worked diligently to ensure a successful event, and I know you'll enjoy the results of all their hard work. At every opportunity show them your appreciation.

Fraternally,  
Carolyn Hojem

## TREASURER

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

Greetings and Welcome to the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Washington State Grange. It is an honor, once again, to be here with you in beautiful Southwest Washington.

This past year has been very exciting with lots of adventures. Last year my husband, Lonnie, and I celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and scratched the #1 off my bucket list with a trip across the country to Niagara Falls, New York. It was a childhood dream come true. We spent 3 weeks visiting many states I had not been to, as well as family along the way. On our way home, we stopped in Anaconda, Montana for a short visit to the Montana State Grange Convention in October and were delighted to see many friends from our state and the great state of Montana. It was like old home week since many of the Montana State Grange members have visited our state convention over the years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your continued support. It is truly an honor to serve as your State Treasurer in this great organization, and I look forward to seeing you all again at this years' session. I am truly blessed to call you all "My Grange Family".

Fraternally,  
Annie Scott

## SECRETARY

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



Welcome to the 2025 Washington State Grange Convention in Chehalis/Centralia, WA. It has been a pleasure to serve as your interim State Secretary for the past year. I enjoyed this experience immensely and have learned so much!

I have enjoyed attending Executive Committee Meetings and the National Leadership Conference as a representative of Washington State. It has been delightful to learn from other Grangers across our state and Country through my experience as State Secretary. I look forward to continuing to serve our Grange community in whatever capacity I can in the coming years.

I have had the opportunity to learn and grow in another leadership opportunity as Co-Director of the Northern District Junior Grange Camp at Cornet Bay with Alexis Kudsk. Camp is coming

soon, right after the Convention, in July! I hope you are as excited as I am to bring more campers to the Junior Program.

I have also had the opportunity to work with dedicated teams of Grangers in my home Grange, Horseshoe Grange, and in Snohomish County Pomona to rebuild our membership and fundraise our socks off. Most importantly, we have strived to get back to our purpose... to serve. Whether that is a Grange serving the local community or Pomona serving the local Granges. It has been a labor of love, but the spark is there, and we are growing!

As a teacher, I look for opportunities to grow, learn and be a better leader. The Grange continues to provide that opportunity, and I look forward to what the next season has to offer. I look forward to seeing everyone here and meeting many other members as well!

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

From January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, we have gained:

**16 - Silver Star Members, 83 - Golden Sheaf Members, and 2 - 75 years;**

Duane Olson – Adna Grange #417 & Jean M Johnson – N. Bellingham Grange #201

**2 – 80 Years;** Thelma Weiland – Fertile Valley Grange #1094 & Glenn Hawley – Rome Grange #226

**Lifetime Members** - Gained 10 in 2024 and 2 New Memorials, making a total of 790.

**Total Membership Overall** - Regular Members - 8385 (which include: Individual, Family Members, Associate, and Affiliate Members), Golden Sheafs – 1596 and Jr + 1's - 1017 for a

**Total Membership of** – 10,998

Fraternally,  
Isabella Lierman

## GATEKEEPER



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

Welcome to the 136<sup>th</sup> 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 the opportunity.

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 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention!

Mark and I are excited to be in the Chehalis/Centralia area this year and are really excited to explore the area 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 am so thankful to be a part of Washington State Grange and for the opportunity to meet new people and see new places. Thank you for letting me be part of this wonderful organization and being part of the State Officer team!

I wish you a happy convention and hope to meet each of you. Please stop and introduce yourself if I don't get a chance to meet you.

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 is my second year as a state officer, and it has been fun. This year I made a trip down to Camp Wooten to spend the day there and fulfill my promise of getting pied in the face if they doubled their campers from the year prior. I then went to Camp Mayfield where I was an adult leader and nurse for the week. I had so much fun seeing all the campers and teaching them about the Grange and even learning knowledge that I did not know. I helped with the Ralston Grange Fall Festival, as well as attending Grange meetings at Ralston, Columbia Valley, and Finley. I recently affiliated with the Ralston Grange, and I am excited to be with them.

This year my mom, Jennifer Webb, a Washington State Deputy, along with the help of other state officers, attempted to reorganize the Othello Grange. This will take a bit more work as we assess the needs of their community.

I am in my second year as a 911 dispatcher, which has been a humbling and unique experience.

This last year has been a crazy ride. I tried to make it to Grange events whenever I could, and my goal is to go to more this next year. I love visiting different Granges and hope to gather different experiences from each one I visit.

I look forward to seeing everyone and hope everyone has a great time.

Fraternally,  
Jordanne Webb



## FLORA

To the Officers and Members of the Washington State Grange,

Welcome to the Centralia/Chehalis area!

Our Host Committee has many great things for us to look forward to and I am excited for the fellowship our conventions offer.



It has been my honor to be involved with the officer team this year. I am so proud to be here as part of this wonderful organization. I am always amazed at the amount of talent of the members we have in our organization and the willingness to share them with others. It is stated best by the Secretary in the fourth degree "In our Fraternity there is work for all and those who reap the most abundant harvest of Grange benefits who contribute most liberally of their own time and talent."

The ritual and history are such a vital part of our organization, and I am honored to serve as your State Flora. Many thanks are needed as it takes a team to conduct the Sixth Degree, Rose Drill.

Thank you to our Rose Drill Captain, Kari Hann. She not only led the floral committee but has been essential for the success of this year's rose drill. I also want to thank our Soloist, Shawn Knott, for sharing with us his beautiful voice. Thank you to my son, Nicholas Oliver for producing our music and his creative ideas to improve the drill.

To the many other Grangers that have given advice and assistance whenever needed, Thank you! Finally, a huge thank you to the Rose Drill team. They have given up their weekends to ensure we have a successful drill. I hope you enjoy their Rose Drill presentation.

As well as being the Washington State Flora, I continue to function as the State Deputy for Pierce County, Overseer for Pierce County Pomona, Collins Grange Treasurer, Camp Mayfield Jr. Grange Director, Pierce County Pomona Kitchen Co. Director, and Jr Plus One Coordinator at Collins Grange. Also, for the last 28 years I have enjoyed working full-time as an LPN nurse with MultiCare in Puyallup and look forward to many more years there.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your Washington State Grange Flora and I look forward to a great convention!

Fraternally,  
Jennifer Oliver

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

To the Officers and Members of the Washington State Grange,



Chris and I look forward to our 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds – to speaking with each of you, to participating in our policy-making process, and to having fun.

I want to remind every Grange and Granger that relevance and fun are not optional – they're essential. If we want to grow, thrive, and truly serve our communities, our Granges must be places where people feel connected, inspired, and energized. That means hosting events that matter to your members and neighbors, tackling local issues with purpose, and creating an environment where people genuinely enjoy being involved. A relevant Grange is one that meets today's needs. A fun Grange is one people come back to. Let's be both. The future of our organization depends on it – and it starts with each of us bringing the energy, creativity, and joy that keeps the Grange spirit alive.

Fraternally yours,  
Duane Hamp

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

To the Officers and Members of the Washington State Grange:

Welcome to Chehalis/Centralia and the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Washington State Grange. Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve on your Executive Committee.

After last year's convention, Jonny and I visited Wooten Jr. Grange Camp in July, as honored guests at visitors' night. Having grown-up attending Jr. Grange Camps, it was great to see kids learning about Grange, working together, making memories, and most importantly having fun!



August and September brought fair season, Jonny and I kept busy helping Moses Lake Grange #1151 assemble a seed display at both the Grant County Fair and Othello Fair. I also serve as the Grant County Grange Youth Fairs Program Coordinator, where I organize the judging of the kids' educational posters and project record books.

The families involved in the Grange Youth Fairs program across our state are some of the most passionate and hardworking people I've met. Us established and/or long-term Grangers need to ensure these newer members, have a path forward to grow within the Grange.

In November I had the honor to serve as Washington State Grange's second Delegate to the 158<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the National Grange in Bettendorf, Iowa. It was my privilege to represent the Granges of Washington State, and serve on the Labor, Judiciary, Transportation Committee.

Jonny and I were approached by our Worthy National Grange President Chris Hamp and asked to volunteer to serve the National Grange as the Youth Fairs Program Coordinators. After much deliberating, we accepted the role. We hope that our experience of building a new Grange and

helping community Granges participate in local fairs, has brought us some wisdom that we can pass on to other Grangers looking to either start or rejuvenate their Grange Youth Fairs Program.

April is when the Grange Foundation awards their annual academic scholarships. Each year I've served on the executive committee, judging the scholarship applications is one of my favorite tasks. Its amazing to read all about what the applicants, who must be Grange members, have accomplished, how they have served their Granges, and their ambitions for the future.

I continue to work full time as a Professional Civil Engineer and Project Manager for Storhaug Engineering, based out of Spokane. I have been a licensed Professional Engineer in Washington State for several Years, and in March I spread my wings a bit and received my Professional Engineering License for the State of Idaho.

Thank you again for entrusting me to serve on the Washington State Grange Executive Committee. Not only do I enjoy being closely involved with the inner workings of the State Grange, I am delighted to have the opportunity to share my knowledge and professional experience in development, construction, municipal codes and land use planning; when we are faced with property and hall related matters.

May you have a productive and fun session. I look forward to seeing everyone and hearing all about your Grange successes this past year!

Fraternally,  
Brittney Pittman

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER



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

Welcome to the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Washington State Grange. And welcome to our new Grangers!

Those new Grange faces often question, suggest possibilities, and help our Granges focus on long term goals. A huge thank you to all Grange members for your leadership and participation in Grange at all levels.

Keeping Grange visible in our communities through Youth Fairs involvement, Community Service, fund raisers and a well-maintained hall grows our organization. Seeking community, corporate or individual sponsorships is also a valuable tool for Grange awareness. Together, we can all make a difference!

I look forward to deliberating and conducting our work as Grangers at this year's session in Chehalis.

Serving as an Executive Committeeman continues to be a privilege, thank you.

Fraternally,  
Rick Ferguson

## FAMILY LIVING DIRECTOR

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

I bring you greetings from my new home in Western Washington.

It is great to be closer to our kids but very stressful. I have re-established my place in my home Grange, Sunnyside #129.

I would like to thank those on my team: Vicki Gilmour, Vicki Loomer, and Florence Ogden. Without them I could not get this job done. Each of these ladies have a department they are responsible for, and they have stepped up to the plate and done a fantastic job.



It is with great sadness that I am announcing that I will not be running for re-election this year. It is time to pass the torch to someone else. I have really enjoyed the years I have served you. May the next Family Living Director have as much joy as I have had.

Fraternally,  
Helen Berg

## COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR

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



The Grange Community Service programs in the state of Washington are being excellently executed by Grangers in their local communities. The originality and growth of the projects put forth by the Subordinate Granges that serve the communities across the state are being rewarded. This is evident and very lovely in the reporting and social media posts both at the state and national levels of Grange.

In the Community Recognition Program, we are pleased to have Columbia County Deputy Sheriff, Rick Ferguson, recognized as the 2024 National Grange Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Rick was nominated for the award by Waitsburg Grange #1.

Also, Firefighter Stephen Sandstrom of the Grays Harbor Fire Protection District #17 was selected as the 2024 National Grange Firefighter/EMT of the Year. Stephen was nominated by Humptulips Grange #730.

The 2024 National Grange Community Service Contest was also a highlight for our state with Humptulips Junior Grange #376 placing first in the Junior Grange Division of the Community Service Contest. Sequim Prairie Grange #1108 did not place as our representative in the Subordinate Grange Division of the Community Service Contest.

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

- Volunteer Group of the Year – Lewis County A.B.A.T.E. nominated by Oakview #311
- Community Volunteers of the Year – Beverly McGuire, Barberton #571 & Bruce Bolme, Mt View #98

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 1 (up to 40 members)

- Horseshoe #965
- McLane #383
- North River #946
- Samish Valley #926

Class II (41 or more members)

- Barberton #571
- Five Mile Prairie #905
- Happy Valley #322
- Oakview #311

I would like to thank all Washington State Grangers for supporting the Community Service program, and especially those that took the time to complete their yearly reports, submit books, and nominate outstanding members of their communities in the service they gave selflessly. Delegates, please take the time to look through Community Service Department's booth to see for yourself the excellence of the Washington State Grange's!

Fraternally,  
Claudine Mincks

## 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 give 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 is 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 is working to improve participation in our youth activities both at this session and across the state in all Granges.

Unfortunately, we were forced to postpone this year's livestock judging contest due to the inability to obtain live animals. We thought this could be a problem as we don't have any Grange livestock programs in the immediate area. We are looking at rescheduling to one of the county fairs later in the year. Please pay attention to The Grange News for updated information.

At this session, we will still have the Youth Educational Posters judged and on display. The Youth Public Speaking Contest will be on Saturday at 1 p.m. as well.

The 2025 Western Regional Conference was held in May in Hamilton, Montana. I did attend, but unfortunately none of our youth were able to attend. The conference was well planned with a variety of workshops and activities.

The 2024 National Grange Convention was held in Bettendorf, Iowa. Melissa Kudsk of Haynie Grange represented our state in the National Grange Horizon Youth Ambassador Program. She was also a member of the National Grange Youth Officer Team. Melissa was an excellent representative of our state. We wish her the best as she continues her studies in Agriculture Education at WSU. The 2025 National Grange Convention will be aboard the Carnival Horizon on a cruise to the Southern Caribbean. We know of at least four youth members that are planning to represent our state. All have applied to be on the National Grange Youth Officer Team and are awaiting the results of that selection process.

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.

The Youth Fair Program continues to bring young people and their families into our Granges. Be sure to welcome them into your hall and encourage participation in all aspects of your Grange programming. Each Grange needs to review their current programming efforts, being sure they are welcoming to our young people. We may also need to review our programs to determine if young people (youth and their parents) are interested in what we offer. Let's spruce it up a bit and see who we can attract to our Granges.

Thank you for your support of our Grange Youth programs and activities!

Fraternally,  
Jerry Gwin

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

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



Welcome to the Centralia/Chehalis area for the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Session. I cannot believe that it is already time for another State Session!

State Session is such a wonderful time to see old friends and meet many more of you this year. It's always so nice to connect 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 fairground 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. We will draw 6 - \$250 Visa gift cards for Subordinate Granges who added at least one new member this year, and 4 - \$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 Katie Judd – T-Shirt Terrie Cooper – T-Shirt
Adna #417	Sonja Svenson – T-Shirt
BeeHive #385	Dan McCroskey – T-Shirt
Camden #687	Mary Lee Rozelle – T-Shirt
Crescent #1123	Emil Moilanen – T-Shirt
Deer Lagoon #846	Kara Mathenia – T-Shirt Tony Gill – T-Shirt Laura Rookstool – T-Shirt
Fargher Lake #853	Mike Gilmour – T-Shirt Chanel Schonert – T-Shirt
Fort Colville #533	Jayne Deardorff – T-Shirt
Fords Prairie #33	Ricardo Barrientes – T-Shirt
Fruitvale #348	Lenn Rickey – T-Shirt Ken Tolonen – T-Shirt
Granville #857	Bryan Bechler – T-Shirt
Horseshoe #955	Isabella Lierman – T-Shirt
Logan Hill #1086	Fred Richardson – T-Shirt
Long Beach #667	Blaine Gunkel – T-Shirt Gale Ahrens – T-Shirt Sheryl Reynolds – T-Shirt
Marion #276	Stephanie King – T-Shirt & 1 gift card Tonja Brillhante – T-Shirt & 4 gift cards
Matlock #357	Bernie Games – 1 gift card Chad Sweitzer – 2 gift cards Dale Hudson – T-Shirt Raini Fogel – T-Shirt Tiffany Vogland – T-Shirt
Menastash #1054	Ali Owens – T-Shirt & 1 gift card Joan Smith-Bator – T-Shirt Shannon Basterrechea – T-Shirt & 4 gift cards
Minnehaha #164	Debbie Witcher – T-Shirt
Moses Lake #1151	Tammy Williams – T-Shirt
Oakview #311	Alice Coakley – T-Shirt
Ollalla #1125	Marty Kellogg – T-Shirt & 1 \$25 Grange Bucks
Oroville #985	Joan Krajewski – T-Shirt
Rexville #815	Andy Snow – T-Shirt Anne Bayse – T-Shirt Cathy Savage – T-Shirt & 1 gift card
Rome #226	Theresa Sygitowicz – T-Shirt
Samish Valley #926	Mark Sniffen – T-Shirt
San Juan #966	Roger Ellison – 2 gift cards
Sequim Prairie #1108	Nancy Van Winkle – T-Shirt
Sharon #800	John Brumfield – T-Shirt
South Camano #930	Mike Nester – T-Shirt & 1 gift card

Swauk Teanaway #984	Patti Eidemiller – T-Shirt Claire Lucke – T-Shirt
Skagit Valley #620	Barbara Hawkins – T-Shirt Kim Hargrave – T-Shirt
South Bay #250	Jack Zeiger – T-Shirt Sandy Mode – T-Shirt
Stevenson #121	Mary Repar – T-Shirt
Triway #1093	Judy Corning– T-Shirt
Twisp Valley #482	Mary Jane Perry – 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 MEETING June 30, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm in Colville, Washington with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following officers present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Executive Committee; Duane Hamp, Rick Ferguson, and Brittney Pittman.

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes of 2024 Washington State Grange Convention will be sent via email for review prior to the next meeting and approval or correction at the next meeting.

#### **2026 Convention Site**

Proposal from the Mount Vernon Christian School for the use of their campus for the 2026 Convention site has been made. The cost for use is \$12,800. Discussion of campus layout and needs of different departments at convention. Discussion of average price of appropriate convention sites in this district with housing nearby. Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Brittney Pittman, that the Washington State Grange pay \$10,000 towards use of the 2026 Convention site, with the hosting district paying the remaining balance, and negotiate with Mount Vernon Christian School to lower the proposal price for use of the site from the current \$12,800. Discussion. Motion carried.

#### **Property Issues**

Motion made by Duane Hamp, seconded by Brittney Pittman, to approve property fund request made by St. Andrews Grange of \$9,190.67 from the St. Andrews 832/Mansfield 883 Grange Property Fund, and to send another copy of the appropriate procedure to apply for property funds with a reminder that this procedure needs to be followed in order to collect funds for property projects. Discussion. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 3:20 pm. Meeting resumed at 3:25 pm.

## **2024 National Convention**

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Duane Hamp, that Brittney Pittman be the second delegate for the 2024 National Convention. Discussion. Motion carried.

Next Executive Meeting will be Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 6:00 pm via Zoom. Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm

## **WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING August 21, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm via Zoom online platform with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following officers present: President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Executive Committee; Rick Ferguson, and Brittney Pittman. Guests: Jesse Taylor. Absent: Duane Hamp.

## **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson, that the Washington State Grange Executive Committee Minutes from May 8, 2024, and June 30, 2024, be approved as read via email. Motion carried.

## **Convention Minutes**

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Brittney Pittman, that the Washington State Grange Convention Minutes from June 26-30, 2024, be approved as read via email. Motion carried.

## **Capital Budget Requests**

Letter of Credit: Jesse Taylor led discussion on why Granges must provide a letter with proof of funds available in order to qualify for a Capital Budget Grant. The following Granges requested support from the Washington State Grange in producing proof of available funds to qualify for a Capital Budget Grant:

- Menastash # 1054 - \$15,000
- Ohop #812 - \$30,000
- South Camano #930 - \$128,040
- Columbia #87 - \$24,250
- Matlock #357 - 81,000

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson, that the Washington State Grange issue a line of credit to Menastash Grange #1054, Ohop Grange #812, South Camano Grange #930, Columbia Grange #87, and Matlock Grange #357. If funds are disbursed from the State Grange, there will be a 5% interest fee. Furthermore, balloon payment will be due July 31, 2025, and if the balloon payment is not paid before August 1, 2025, interest on the outstanding will be an additional 1% per month. Motion carried.

## **Legislative Report**

Jesse Taylor gave a legislative report. Discussion of potential changes in state legislators in the upcoming elections.

## **Membership Report**

Discussion of the update on membership referred to below:

- April- 72 new Subordinate members, 38 new Junior members
- May- 51 new Subordinate members, 17 new Junior members
- June- 67 new Subordinate members, 22 new Junior members
- July- 48 new Subordinate members, 8 new Junior members

The Washington State Grange will have a net gain for membership this year when the report is submitted to the National Grange.

### **Accounting Processes Update**

The staff at the Washington State Grange headquarters has started using the new accounting program and are updating our books steadily.

### **Personnel Update**

September 3, 2024, the Washington State Grange is hiring a full-time receptionist.

### **Delinquent Granges**

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Brittney Pittman, that the Washington State Grange send letters to the delinquent Granges placing them on probation and notifying them that their dues will be sent to Washington State Grange, if their Grange's due are not current by November 1, 2024. Motion carried.

### **Property Fund Requests**

Motion made by Brittany Pittman, seconded by David Bryant, to approve property fund request made by Buena Grange #836 of \$5,487.05 for Asbestos Removal and \$3,608. 65 for Retro-fitting Lights and Security Lights for a total of \$9,095.70 from the Buena #836 /Outlook #256 Property Fund. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by David Bryant, to approve property fund request made by Barberton Grange #571 of \$8,750.24 for Gutters from the Barberton #571/Fisher/Pioneer Property Fund. Motion carried.

### **Grange Issues**

Discussion of issues for the following Granges: Curly Creek #567, Alder Creek #890, Beacon Hill #389, Brewster #1018, East Hill #786, Garden City #280, Long Beach #667, Marion #276, Meridian #265, North Creek Valley #769, Sharon #800, Elk Plain #782

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson, that the Washington State Grange Executive Committee, acting on behalf of Brewster Grange #1018, update signatures on all bank accounts associated with Brewster Grange to include the following signers Glenn Fairington, George Penner and Brittney Pittman. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Review and Discussion of the Resolutions that will go on to the National Grange Convention from Washington State Grange Convention as read via email.

Discussion of meals served at Convention, cost and ticket collection. Discussion of grounds fee for all meals served at the 2025 Convention site.

Motion to recess at 7:35 pm. Motion carried. The meeting was reconvened at 7:50 pm following a Washington State Grange Foundation meeting.

Next Executive Meeting will be Wednesday September 18 at 7 pm via zoom. Moved by Isabella Lierman seconded Brittney Pittman to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

## **WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING September 18, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm via Zoom online platform with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following officers present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Executive Committee; Duane Hamp, Rick Ferguson, and Brittney Pittman. Guests: Jesse Taylor.

### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson, that the Washington State Grange Executive Committee Minutes from August 21, 2024, be approved as read via email. Motion carried.

### **2024 Capital Budget Requests Update**

Letters of Credit have been sent out to Granges receiving 2024 Capital Budget Grants that requested letters as voted on at the last meeting (August 21, 2024, Executive Committee minutes). The following Granges requested support from the Washington State Grange in producing proof of funds to qualify for a Capital Budget Grant: South Camano #930 requested a letter of credit for a portion of their \$132,000 capital budget grant to pay their contractors for the project. As referenced in the August 21, 2024, Executive Committee minutes, the Washington State Grange will issue a line of credit for the five Granges. If funds are disbursed from the State Grange, there will be a 5% interest fee. Furthermore, balloon payment will be due July 31, 2025, and if the balloon payment is not paid before August 1, 2025, interest on the outstanding will be an additional 1% per month.

### **2025 Capital Budget Requests Update**

There were 70 grant applications for approximately \$6,001,197 from the 2025 Capital budget requests. After adjustments to several applications, to better meet the qualifications set by the application, the total request is approximately \$5.7 million. Several applications were lacking details needed to be complete for submission to the legislature so the Washington State Grange will be reaching out for further information. Several applications were modified because they requested appliances which are not part of the grant parameters or made requests that could not be completed in a 2-year time period, which is also not within grant parameters. Duane Hamp moved, Isabella Lierman seconded, that the Washington State Grange ask the legislature for 6.5 million in Capital Budget Grants to fulfill as many of the Capital Budget Requests as possible, while keeping inflation in mind. Motion Carried.

### **Accounting Processes Update:**

The books have been completed for 2022 Grange Foundation and sent to the auditor. The 2023 foundation report will be completed shortly. The Washington State Grange contracted with Moss Adams LLP to complete our audit.

### **Personnel Update**

Washington State Grange headquarters hired a new receptionist that also does data entry and some online accounting entry. Duties have been reassigned for all employees.

### **Delinquent Granges Update**

Letters have been sent out to 6 delinquent Granges about being placed on probation if dues are not paid to date.

### **Property Fund Requests**

Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by Duane Hamp, to approve property fund request made by Barberton Grange #571 for \$699.23 for Lights, Batteries and Security/Fire Monitoring System from the Barberton #571/Fisher/Pioneer Property Fund. Discussion. Motion carried.

### **Grange Issues**

Discussion of issues with the following Granges:

- Bethel Grange #404
- Garden City Grange #280
- Marion #276
- Meridian #265
- Stevens County Pomona #17

### **New Business**

Duane Hamp moved, David Bryant seconded, that the Washington State Grange approve the proposed contract between the San Juan County Land Bank and San Juan Island Grange #966 to lease land for

agricultural purposes, provided that the Washington State Grange also be involved in approval of contract renewal when it next occurs. Motion Carried.

Othello Grange meetings to potentially reorganize will be held on October 16, 2024.

Brittany Pittman moved, David Bryant seconded, that for all credit card charges the Washington State Grange charges a 4% fee to the user to pay fees charged by credit card companies. Discussion. Motion carried.

#### **Washington State Grange Headquarters Building Update**

Chevron completed testing on the parking lot area by Washington State Grange headquarters and has now closed the case for that parcel of land. The city removed a tree and dug out a sidewalk and has hired a contractor to review the state of our driveway. Discussion of repeated issues with pets in State Grange headquarters building with renters. Discussion: Discuss potential no-pet policy being added to lease agreement with an attorney and refer back to the executive committee.

The next Executive Meeting will be November 20th, 2024, at 6 pm via zoom.

Moved by Isabella Lierman seconded Duane Hamp to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

### **WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING November 20, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm via Zoom online platform with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following officers present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Executive Committee; Duane Hamp, Rick Ferguson, and Brittney Pittman.

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Brittney Pittman, that the Washington State Grange Executive Committee Minutes from September 18, 2024, be approved as read via email. Motion carried.

#### **2025 Capital Budget Requests**

Update: Budget request applications are continuing to come in and will be added to the list. Letters have been sent out to remind Granges requesting capital budget that they need to meet with their state legislators.

#### **National Grange Session Report**

Update: The National Grange passed \$6.00 dues increase. It will come up for a second vote in 2025. The Washington State Grange sent eight resolutions to the National Grange Session. Rick Ferguson was named National Grange Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and Stephen Sandstrom was named National Grange Firefighter of the Year. There were many other awards and honors for our Granges in junior, youth and subordinate departments. Results of voting on these resolutions, and awards/honors received at the National Grange Convention will be featured in the upcoming Grange News.

#### **Delinquent Granges**

Discussion on Granges that are two or more quarters behind in dues and/or reports. Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Brittney Pittman, that the Washington State Grange send out notice to delinquent Granges that they have 30 days to pay their dues current or dues will be collected by the Washington State Grange. Motion carried.

#### **2026 State Grange Session Location**

Skagit County Fair Grounds in Mount Vernon has been proposed for \$6,000, which is less than the previously proposed Mount Vernon Christian School for \$12,000 and is being considered for 2026 State Grange Session Location.

## **2027 State Grange Session Location**

Update: Two facilities in Yakima County were toured as potential sites. Central Washington Fairgrounds in Yakima has been proposed for \$9,000. We are awaiting a final proposal.

## **Property Fund Requests**

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Duane Hamp, to approve property fund request made by Sallal Grange #955 for \$4,033.00 for Gutter Guards and \$599.00 plus tax for a leaf blower for a total of \$4,632.00 plus tax from the Sallal Grange #955 Property Fund. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by Brittney Pittman, to approve property fund request made by Elk Plain Grange #782 for \$12,767.35 for building restoration from the Elk Plain #782 Property Fund. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by David Bryant, to approve property fund request made by Barberton Grange #571 for \$18,266.52 for carpet and flooring from the Barberton #571/Fisher #211/Pioneer #901 Property Fund. Motion carried.

## **Grange Issues**

Discussion of issues for the following Granges:

- Meridian #265
- Stevens County Pomona #17
- Selkirk Valley #1153 (organized in October 2025)
- Rexville #815
- Garden City # 280
- Othello Grange Reorganization

## **Unfinished Business**

Headquarters Building Pet Policy: When our current rental contract expires, we will be adding a no pet policy and need to give 90 days' notice of this change to current renters.

Discussion of meals at State Convention and collection of funds. Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Brittney Pittman that the Washington State Grange pay \$575.00 owed to Five Mile Prairie Grange #905 for meals served at the 2024 Washington State Grange Convention, and that the WSG send an invoice to the Eastern District 2024 Convention Host Committee and notice that their books must be delivered to the Washington State Grange by December 1, 2024 for an audit. Discussion. Motion carried.

Discussion of Dormant Camp and Convention Host Committee Bank Accounts and ensuing Financial Reports. Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Brittney Pittman that the Washington State Grange request financial information including bank accounts, signers and EINs from Host Committees for State Convention and Junior Grange Camp Boards. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

Electronic Meeting Policy Update: Brittney Pittman and Isabella Lierman will review the policy and make recommendations to update it.

Youth Protection Policy Update: Tom Gwin and Rick Ferguson will review the policy and make recommendations to update it.

Procedures for Accessing Property Funds Update: David Bryant and Brittney Pittman will review the policy and make recommendations to update it.

Motion to recess 7:28pm. Motion carried.

Meeting reconvened at 7:48pm following the Washington State Grange Foundation Meeting.

Next Executive Committee Meetings will be December 18, 2024, at 6pm via zoom and January 15th, 2025, via zoom.

Moved by Isabella Lierman seconded David Bryant to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
December 18, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm via Zoom online platform with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following officers present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Executive Committee; Duane Hamp, Rick Ferguson, and Brittney Pittman.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Brittney Pittman, that the Washington State Grange Executive Committee Minutes from November 20, 2024, be approved as read via email. Motion carried.

**Delinquent Granges**

Letters have been sent out to Granges, giving them until the 15th of December 2024 to pay their dues or all dues will be directed to Washington State Grange headquarters. Awaiting potential dues payments in the mail.

**Property Fund Requests**

Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by Isabella Lierman, to approve property fund request made by Elk Plain Grange #782 for \$19,501.79 for renovation reimbursement from the Elk Plain #782 Property Fund. Motion carried.

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson, to approve the property fund request made by Humptulips Grange #730 for \$7,537.74 for mortgage payment from the Humptulips #730 Property Fund. Motion carried.

**Grange Issues**

Meridian #265 – Given that no action was requested, and steps are being taken by the members involved, no action is being taken by the Washington State Grange Executive Board. Tom Gwin will respond and refer the issue back to Meridian Grange's grievance committee with reference to the National Digest.

**Unfinished Business**

**Eastern District Convention Committee Financial Audit**

David Bryant will contact the Eastern District to collect more information on their books from the 2024 Washington State Grange Convention. Once this information is collected, a committee will be formed to audit the books.

**Virtual/Electronic Meeting Policy Update**

Motion made by Duane Hamp, seconded by David Bryant to approve the Virtual/Electronic Meeting Policy update. Motion Carried.

**Youth Protection Policy Update**

Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by Duane Hamp to approve the update to the Youth Protection Policy update. Motion Carried.

**Procedures for Accessing Property Funds Update**

Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by Isabella Lierman to approve the update to the Procedure for Accessing Property Funds update. Motion Carried.

## **New Business**

### **2024 Salaries Update**

Discussion of Office Staff salaries, Legislative Director salary and honorariums. Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Isabella Lierman to grant a 3% cost of living adjustment for the President of the Washington State Grange. Motion carried.

Motion to recess 7:05pm. Motion carried.

Meeting reconvened at 7:13 pm following a Washington State Grange Foundation Meeting.

Next Executive Committee Meeting will be January 15th, 2025, at 6pm via zoom.

Moved by Rick Ferguson, seconded by David Bryant to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

## **WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING January 15, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm via Zoom online platform with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following officers present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Executive Committee; Rick Ferguson, and Brittney Pittman. Guests: Jesse Taylor. Absent: Duane Hamp.

### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by David Bryant, that the Washington State Grange Executive Committee Minutes from December 18, 2024, be approved as read via email. Motion carried.

### **Updates**

Report given by David Bryant on the Eastern District Convention Committee Financial Audit. David Bryant will draft a written report of the records received and include notice that the records provided are not substantial enough.

The Washington State Grange Convention will no longer be offering large group meals at convention sites outside of the Banquet and the Officers Barbecue.

### **Grange Issues**

Discussion of issues for the following Granges:

Sunny Valley #870 - Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Brittney Pittman that the Washington State Grange will proceed with listing the Sunny Valley Grange #870 Property for sale. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

### **Legislative**

Report given by Jesse Taylor on SB 5252-Removing the Acreage Limit on Property Tax Exemption Nonprofit Public Assembly Halls and Meeting Places. Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by Brittney Pittman to support SB 5252 an act relating to removing the acreage limit on the property tax exemption for nonprofit public assembly halls and meeting places. Motion carried.

Report given by Jesse Taylor on Unionization of Agricultural Workers relating to HB 1141. Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson to oppose HB 1141 an act concerning collective bargaining for agricultural cannabis workers. Discussion. Motion carried.

### **Capital Budget**

Report by Jesse Taylor on Capital Budget requests. We will now be sending budget requests individually through the legislature's online application process, rather than as a block request from the Washington State Grange to increase likelihood of receiving funds.

Next Executive Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 6pm via zoom.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded Rick Ferguson to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
February 19, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm via Zoom online platform with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following officers present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Executive Committee; Duane Hamp, Rick Ferguson, and Brittney Pittman. Guests: Jesse Taylor.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson, that the Washington State Grange Executive Committee Minutes from January 15, 2025, be approved as read via email. Motion carried.

**Updates**

Legislative report given by Jesse Taylor. The report includes the following bills:

- HB 1912- Concerning the exemption for fuels used for agricultural purposes in the climate commitment act.
- HB 1311- Concerning the implementation of the recommendations of the department of fish and wildlife regarding the gray wolf.
- SB 5252-Removing The Acreage Limit on Property Tax Exemption Nonprofit Public Assembly Halls and Meeting Places SB 5726- Establishing new sources of transportation revenue based on motor vehicle use of public roadways.

Report given on the National Leaders Conference by Tom Gwin, Isabella Lierman, Brittney Pittman and Duane Hamp.

**Eastern District Financial Audit**

Report given by David Bryant on the Eastern District Convention Committee Financial Audit. Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by David Bryant to accept the Financial Audit Report for the Eastern District Convention Committee and invoice the Eastern District for the \$575.00 owed to the Washington State Grange. Rick Ferguson and Duane Hamp abstained from voting on this motion. Motion carried.

**2027 State Convention Site (Central District):**

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Isabella Lierman that the Washington State Grange adopt the recommendation of the Central District to accept the proposal of the State Fair Park and Event Center in Yakima for a \$9,000 flat rate for use of their facilities for the 2027 Washington State Grange Convention. Motion carried.

**Grange Issues**

Discussion of issues for the following Granges: Johnson Grange #118 and Barberton Grange #571.

Motion made by Duane Hamp, seconded by Rick Ferguson to table the property issue with Johnson Grange #571 until more information is recovered. Motion carried.

Discussion of the Barberton Grange request. More information requested by the Executive Committee prior to proceeding with action on this issue.

## **Resolutions**

2025-01-Vehicle Miles Traveled Tax, submitted by Whitman County Pomona. Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Rick Ferguson, that the Washington State Grange Executive Board not consider Resolution 2025-01-Vehicle Miles Traveled Tax an emergency resolution because we have current policy on this issue in our legislative handbook. Motion carried. A letter will be addressed to Whitman County Pomona addressing the non-emergency status of the resolution. Resolution to be referred to the Taxation Committee for the 2025 Annual Session.

## **New Business**

Deputy/State Officers/Pomona Presidents Conference: The Deputy/State Officers/Pomona Presidents Conference will be held March 28-29, 2025, in Mount Vernon, Washington. We will use the alternative manual for opening and closing. We will perform the 5th degree. Discussion of potential workshops for the Deputy/State Officers/Pomona Presidents Conference. Revision of Bylaws Template for Granges (both Pomona and Subordinate).

Motion to recess 7:25pm. Motion carried.

Meeting was reconvened at 7:30pm following a Washington State Grange Foundation Meeting.

Next Executive Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 6pm via zoom.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded Brittney Pittman to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

## **WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING March 19, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm via Zoom online platform with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following officers present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Executive Committee; Duane Hamp and Brittney Pittman. Guests: Jesse Taylor

Absent: Rick Ferguson, who was unable to attend as he was at work following a helicopter crash in his area earlier in the day.

## **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Brittney Pittman, that the Washington State Grange Executive Committee Minutes from February 19, 2025, be approved as read via email. Motion carried.

## **Legislative Update**

Legislative report given by Jesse Taylor. The report includes the following:

- Washington State Revenue Forecast
- HB 1141 - 2025-26: Concerning collective bargaining for agricultural cannabis workers.
- Capital Budget Applications Progress: The Budget should be released next week.
- Funding for Range Rider Programs concerning Wolves and Elk
- SB 5252 - 2025-26 Removing the acreage limit on the property tax exemption for nonprofit public assembly halls and meeting places.
- HB 1163 - 2025-26: Enhancing requirements relating to the purchase, transfer, and possession of firearms.
- HB 1296 - 2025-26 Promoting a safe and supportive public education system.
- The Transportation Budget is experiencing many cuts and maintaining as many current projects as possible.

## **Update on Officers, Deputies and Pomona Masters Conference**

Discussion of progress on workshops to be held at the conference.

### Grange Issues

Discussion of issues for the following Granges: Barberton Grange #571, Orchardvale Grange #334, Rome Grange #226, South Camano Grange #930, Fairview Grange #619, Roy Grange # 702, East Hill Grange #786.

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Duane Hamp, to approve Barberton Grange #571's request to reassign property funds to Granges in their county as outlined:

- Mountain Valley Grange #79 \$40,000
- Washington Grange #82 \$25,000
- Minnehaha Grange #164 \$25,000
- Salmon Creek Grange #849 \$25,000
- Fargher Lake Grange #853 \$40,000
- Fern Prairie Grange #866 \$40,000
- Manor Grange #1101 \$40,000

Noted that if Granges consolidate, the funds will transfer to the surviving Grange; if a Grange closes, the funds will revert to Barberton. Motion carried.

### Resolutions

- 2025-02-- Automated and Self Driving Vehicle Drivers' License Endorsement, from Matlock #357 was sent to the Transportation Committee
- 2025-03 - Saving Time No More, from Matlock #357 was sent to the National Legislative Committee.
- 2025-04 - Digital Communications Committee, from Matlock #357 was sent to the Grange Activities Committee.
- 2025-05 – Rename Woman's Activities to Family Living in Subordinate Grange Bylaws, from Matlock #357 was sent to the Grange Law Committee.

### Unfinished Business

Communication received from Eastern District Convention Committee

Review of the updated Bylaws Template – Motion made by Duane Hamp, seconded by Brittney Pittman to approve the Bylaws Template as amended. Motion carried.

### New Business

Snohomish County Pomona requests the use of Grange Emblem for Fundraising Purposes Motion made by Duane Hamp, seconded by David Bryant, to approve allowing Snohomish County Pomona to use the Grange images with the approved National logos and images for fundraising. Motion carried. Motion made by Duane Hamp, seconded by Brittney Pittman, to approve Steve Dalton to make a prototype coffee mug to present to the National Grange for approval of the appropriately trademarked logo for fundraising purposes. Motion carried.

Motion to recess 7:30pm. Motion carried. Meeting was reconvened at 8:00pm following a Washington State Grange Foundation Meeting.

Next Executive Committee Meeting will be Monday April 28th at 9 am at Washington State Grange headquarters in Olympia, Washington.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded David Bryant to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
April 28, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 9 am at Washington State Grange Headquarters in Olympia, Washington with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following officers present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Executive Committee; Duane Hamp (attended via Zoom), Rick Ferguson, and Brittney Pittman.

Guests: Jesse Taylor, Terry Ferguson, Jonny Pittman, Sophia Keller, Paul Gray, Christie Voos, Matt Cade,

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Brittney Pittman, that the Washington State Grange Executive Committee Minutes from March 19, 2025, be approved as read via email. Motion carried.

**Updates**

Legislative Report given by Jesse Taylor. The report includes the following:

- The Washington State Legislature closed session at 6pm, on Sunday April 27th.
- The Washington Operating Budget came in at 78 billion dollars, with an 8% increase in spending.
- The largest increase in the budget was in Education.
- Passed: HB 1163 Enhancing requirements relating to the purchase, transfer, and possession of firearms.
- Passed: HB1141 Concerning collective bargaining for agricultural cannabis workers.
- Died in Rules Committee: SB 5252 Removing the acreage limit on the property tax exemption for nonprofit public assembly halls and meeting places.
- Washington Legislature passed project funding for 24 Granges encompassing approximately \$2.7 million from the Capital Budget.

Membership Report given by Tom Gwin.

Building Report given by Sophia Keller.

- Tenants at the Washington State Grange Headquarters have been notified of the new pet policy.
- Leases will be up for renewal on August 1st. Discussion of potential leaving, continuing and new tenants.
- Washington State Grange Headquarters just got a new chiller.
- Discussion of repair and maintenance for the outside pillars of the building.
- Discussion of pressure washing and painting the building.

Report on Officer, Deputy, Master Visitations to Subordinate Granges given by Tom Gwin.

**Delinquent Granges**

Motion made by Duane Hamp, seconded by David Bryant, that the Washington State Grange notify the Granges 2 or more quarterly dues/reports behind, that they must become current, or they will not be entitled to delegates at this year's State Session. Motion carried. Granges delinquent for two or more quarters are: Fern Prairie #866, East Oakville #902, Steele Lake/Highline #805, Crystal #1126, Menastash #1054, Ohop #812, Orcas Island #964, Mansford #710, and Wilcox #141.

**Property Fund Requests**

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Isabella Lierman, to approve the property fund request made by Barberton Grange #571 for lighting, for a total of \$2,889.00 and sales tax from the Barberton #571/Fisher #211/Pioneer #901 Property Fund. Motion carried.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by David Bryant, to approve the property fund request made by Barberton Grange #571 for septic work and fire extinguishers, for a total of \$3,238.31 from the Barberton #571/Fisher #211/Pioneer #901 Property Fund. Motion carried.

Motion made by Duane Hamp, seconded by Rick Ferguson, to approve the property fund request made by Brighten Park Grange #163 to use the remainder of the Brighten Park #163/Chambers Prairie #191 property fund, for siding and painting. This will bring the Brighten Park #163/Chambers Prairie #191 property fund balance to \$0.00. Motion carried.

### **Grange Issues**

Discussion of issues for the following Granges:

Skookumchuck Grange #584

Prosperity Grange #315

Malo Grange #679

Curly Creek Grange #567

South Bay Grange #250

Garden City Grange #280

Marion Grange #276/Marion Jr. Grange

### **Resolutions**

- 2025-06- Hay, submitted by Whitman County Pomona #2, was referred to the Agriculture Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2026-07- Medical Credit Cards, submitted by Issaquah Valley #581, was referred to the Health, Healthcare and Safety Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-08-Curriculum Mandated by State and Local Government, submitted by Horseshoe #965, was referred to the Education Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-09- Right to Repair, submitted by Kellogg Marsh #136, was referred to the National Legislative Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-10- Oppose Per Mile Tax, submitted by Kellogg Marsh #136, was referred to the Taxation Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-11- Social Security Insurance Resource Limits, submitted by Kellogg Marsh #136, was referred to the National Legislative Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-12- Delisting Grizzly Bears from the Endangered Species Act of 1973, submitted by Humptulips #730, was referred to the Fish and Wildlife Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-13- Oppose Ending Vote by Mail, submitted by Kellogg Marsh #136, was referred to the State Legislative Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-14- Long Term Care Insurance Costs, submitted by Clark County Pomona #1, was referred to the Health, Healthcare and Safety Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-15- Camp Bonneville, submitted by Clark County Pomona #1, was referred to the Conservation and Ecology Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-16- Higher Speed Rail in Washington State, submitted by Clark County Pomona #1, was referred to the Transportation Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-17- Improving Railroad Passenger Travel in Washington, submitted by Clark County Pomona #1, was referred to the Transportation Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-18- Regarding National Anthem, submitted by Pierce County Pomona #16, was referred to the National Legislative Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-19- Subordinate Grange Names, submitted by Pierce County Pomona #16, was referred to the Grange Law Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-20- Director of Family Living Official Installation Charge, submitted by Pierce County Pomona #16, was referred to the Grange Activities Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.

- 2025-21-Preserving the Initiative Process, submitted by Humptulips #730, was referred to the State Legislative Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-22- Opposing the Promotion of Ideological Agendas in Public Schools, submitted by Clark County Pomona #1, was referred to the Education Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-23- Specifying Subordinate Grange Bylaws Membership Dues, submitted by Matlock #357, was referred to the Grange Activities Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-24-Calling on Congress to Balance and Provide a Check on the Executive Branch of the Federal Government, submitted by Whatcom County Pomona #6, was referred to the National Legislative Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-25- Standardizing of Seat Belt Buckle Mechanisms, submitted by Whatcom County Pomona #6, was referred to the Transportation Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-26- Wealth Tax, submitted by Whatcom County Pomona #6, was referred to the Taxation Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-27- Concerning the Annual Directory/Roster of the Washington State Grange, submitted by Whatcom County Pomona #6, was referred to the Grange Activities Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-28- Term of Subordinate Grange Officers, submitted by Whatcom County Pomona #6, was referred to the Grange Law Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-29- Raise the Social Security Maximum Taxable Earnings, submitted by Whatcom County Pomona #6, was referred to the National Legislative Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-30-Support the Development of Pill-Form Treatments and Repeal the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Pill Penalty, submitted by Five Mile Prairie #905, was referred to the Health, Healthcare and Safety Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-31- Pharmacy Benefit Manager Reforms, submitted by Five Mile Prairie #905, was referred to the Health, Healthcare and Safety Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-32- Prohibit Social Media Accounts for Minors Under the Age of 18, submitted by Barberton #571, was referred to the National Legislative Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-33- Protect Fairness in Sports by Maintaining Gender at Birth Based Divisions, submitted by Barberton #571, was referred to the National Legislative Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-34- Insurance Coverage of Infertility Treatment, submitted by Moses Lake #1151, was referred to the Health, Healthcare and Safety Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-35- State vs. Federal, submitted by Whitman County Pomona #2, was referred to the State Legislative Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-36- Background Checks for Firearms, submitted by Moses Lake #1151, was referred to the State Legislative Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-37- 2025 Legislative Priorities Amendment, submitted by San Juan Island #966, was referred to the Conservation and Ecology Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-38- Snake River Dams, submitted by San Juan Island #966, was referred to the Conservation and Ecology Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-39- Officer Titles, submitted by San Juan Island #966, was referred to the Grange Law Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.
- 2025-40- Retaining Grange Membership Years, submitted by St. Andrews #832, was referred to the Grange Law Committee for the 2025 Washington State Grange annual session.

### **Unfinished Business**

Discussion of Johnson Grange #118-Property Issue and Potential Closure/Merge. The Washington State Grange Executive Board will take no action pending a court decision.

Motion made by Duane Hamp, seconded by David Bryant, that the Washington State Grange Executive Committee accept the sale of the Fairview Grange #619 picnic grounds. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by Duane Hamp, to approve the request by Fairview Grange #619, for roof replacement for a total of \$49,663.51 from the balance of the sale of the Fairview Grange #619 Picnic Grounds. Motion carried.

Joint Presentation from Chumstick Grange #819 and Upper Valley Historical Society on the Proposed Hall and Property Improvements and the Proposed Lease Agreement.

Discussion of Chumstick Grange #819- Proposed Lease Agreement and Property/Hall Improvements. Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by Isabella Lierman, to reject the current proposal between Chumstick Grange #819 and the Upper Valley Historical Society (UVHS) based upon the option to purchase clause, the rental fees and because the lease appears to be beneficial to the UVHS but not necessarily beneficial to the current and future Grange organization. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Isabella Lierman, that the Washington State Grange housing cost reimbursement for those applicable be \$85.00 a night for hotel and \$40.00 at night for camping. Motion carried.

National Representatives for the 2025 Washington State Grange Convention Session will be Chris and Connie Jonhston (National Grange Steward and Spouse).

Discussion of 2025 Washington State Grange Convention Officer Attire. The agreed upon attire from the officer meeting will be emailed out shortly.

Discussion of potential 2025 Washington State Grange Convention speakers.

Discussion of the potential 2025 Washington State Grange Convention Schedule Adjustments.

Discussion of potential 2025 Washington State Grange Delegate Committee Assignments.

Motion to recess 12:05 pm. Motion carried.

Meeting reconvened at 12:30 pm following a Washington State Grange Foundation Meeting.

Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by David Bryant that the Washington State Grange establish a special committee to further pursue the steps necessary to establish a CTSO. Motion carried.

Next Executive Committee Meeting will be May 6 at 6pm and May 21, 2025, at 6pm via zoom.

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded Brittney Pittman to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:41pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 21, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm via Zoom online platform with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following officers present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Executive Committee; Duane Hamp, Rick Ferguson, and Brittney Pittman.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Duane Hamp, that the Washington State Grange Executive Committee Minutes from April 28, 2025, be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

**Property Fund Requests**

Motion made by Duane Hamp, seconded by Isabella Lierman, to approve the property fund request made by Washington Grange #82 for refinishing the floors, for a total of \$9,981.10 from the Washington Grange #82 Property Fund. Motion carried.

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson, to approve the property fund request made by Fargher Lake Grange #853 for a heat pump system, for a total of \$21,425.25 from the Fargher Lake Grange #853 Property Fund. Motion carried.

**New Business**

Report on Delegate Registration Report prior to the 2025 Annual Washington State Grange Session.  
Report on the State of Committee work prior to the 2025 Annual Washington State Grange Session.

Motion to recess 6:10 pm. Motion carried.

Meeting reconvened at 6:21pm following a Washington State Grange Foundation Meeting.

Next Executive Committee Meeting will be June 18, 2025, at 5:30 pm via Zoom.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded Duane Hamp to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

**FOUNDATION MINUTES**

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
JUNE 30, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 3:20 pm in Colville, Washington with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following members present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Trustees Isabella Lierman, Duane Hamp, Rick Ferguson, Brittney Pittman.

Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by David Bryant, to remove Karen Jackson from Washington State Grange Foundation Board and add Isabella Lierman. Motion carried.

Discussion of authorizing Granges to use the Washington State Grange Foundation (501c3) EIN when filling out paperwork for grants.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
August 21, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 7: 35 pm via Zoom online platform with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following members present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Trustees Rick Ferguson, Brittney Pittman. Absent: Duane Hamp.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by David Bryant, that the May 8, 2024, and June 30, 2024, Washington State Grange Foundation Meeting Minutes read via email be approved. Motion carried.

**Communications**

The following communications were read:

- Camp Wooten Junior Grange sent a Thank you card signed by all the campers.
- Gracyn Payne sent a Thank you card for a Junior Grange Campship.
- Oliver Eades sent a Thank you card for a 2024 Foundation scholarship he received.
- Bailey Sherley sent a Thank you card for a 2024 Foundation scholarship she received.
- Molly Sackmann sent a Thank you card for a 2024 Foundation scholarship she received.
- Sophia Klein sent a Thank you card for a 2024 Foundation scholarship she received.
- Justin Klein sent a Thank you card for a 2024 Foundation scholarship he received.

**Book of Memories**

Donations William "Bill" Seymour from South Union Grange # 860. A \$50.00 donation to the Historical Fund was made in his honor. Helena Hail from Fruitland Grange # 999- \$100.00 A \$100.00 donation to the Historical Fund was made in her honor.

**Action Items**

Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by David Bryant, that Isabella Lierman be the Secretary of the Washington State Grange Foundation. Discussion. Motion carried.

Moved to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 pm via Zoom online platform with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following members present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Trustees Duane Hamp, Rick Ferguson, and Brittney Pittman.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Brittney Pittman, that the August 21, 2024, Washington State Grange Foundation Meeting Minutes be approved as read via email. Motion carried.

**Communications**

The following communications were read:

Regina Nelson sent a Thank you card for a 2024 Foundation scholarship she received.

**Action Items**

Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by Rick Ferguson, that Washington State Grange send a letter to Meridian Grange #265 requesting initial information for use of Washington State Grange Foundation tax ID number and provide them a copy of the general guidelines. Discussion. Motion carried.

### **2025 Scholarship Application review**

Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by Rick Ferguson, that the Washington State Grange investigate development of a 2025 Scholarship Application as a fillable PDF format, as alternative to a physical paper copy. Discussion. Motion carried.

Moved to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm

## **WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING December 18, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm via Zoom online platform with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following members present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Trustees Duane Hamp, Rick Ferguson, and Brittney Pittman.

### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Brittney Pittman, that the November 20th, 2024, Washington State Grange Foundation Meeting Minutes be approved as read via email. Motion carried.

### **Action Items**

#### **Meridian #265 request of EIN**

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Duane Hamp to approve the use of Foundation tax ID number (EIN) by Meridian Grange #265. Motion carried.

### **2025 Scholarship Application**

Update: Brittney Pittman created a fillable PDF of the 2025 scholarship application, and it is available on the Washington State Grange website. The next issue of the Grange News will announce that this format of application is available.

### **Twisp Valley Grange #484 Request to Waiver Fees for Parking Lot Purchase**

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Duane Hamp, to not waive fees for a Parking lot purchase as requested by Twisp Valley Grange #484. Motion carried.

Moved to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:12pm

## **WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING February 19, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 7:25pm via Zoom online platform with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following members present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Trustees Duane Hamp, Rick Ferguson, and Brittney Pittman.

### **Action Items:**

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Isabella Lierman, that the Washington State Grange Foundation does not take action on the Spring Hill Grange #909 request to use the Washington State Grange Foundation EIN until further investigation is completed. Motion carried.

Scholarships are due April 1st and will be judged April 27th and 28th of 2025.

Moved to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:30pm

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
March 19th, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm via Zoom online platform with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following members present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Trustees Duane Hamp and Brittney Pittman.

Absent: Rick Ferguson

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Duane Hamp, that the December 18th, 2024 and February 19th, 2025 Washington State Grange Foundation Meeting Minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

**Audit Review:** Discussion of progress in this area.

**Nonprofit Status-** Report from Auditor, Bylaws, and Articles of Incorporation.

Discussion of the function and purpose of the Foundation according to these documents and whether it needs to be updated.

Scholarship Judging will be Sunday April 27th at 1pm at Washington State Grange Headquarters in Olympia.

**Action Items**

**Request from Spring Hill Grange #909**

Motion made by Duane Hamp, seconded by David Bryant, to approve the request of Spring Hill Grange #909 to utilize the Foundation for receiving funds to make capital improvements to their hall, subject to the usual terms. Motion carried.

**Request from Okanogan Grange #1103**

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Brittney Pittman, to approve the request from Okanogan Grange #1103 to utilize the Foundation for receiving funds to make capital improvements to their hall, subject to the usual terms. Motion carried.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Brittney Pittman to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:00pm

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
April 28, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 pm at Washington State Grange Headquarters in Olympia, Washington with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following members present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Trustees Duane Hamp, Rick Ferguson, and Brittney Pittman.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Brittney Pittman, that the March 19th, 2025, Washington State Grange Foundation Meeting Minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

**Action Items**

**Scholarship Report**

The Scholarship Committee Report was read in by Tom Gwin, as completed on April 27th, 2025.

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson to adopt the Scholarship Committee Report and award scholarships as follows:

**BEAR CREEK/HORSESHOE GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP**

KAYLIANA BLACKMORE – MENASTASH GRANGE #1054, KITTITAS COUNTY - \$1000

**NORMAN BUCCHOLZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

BAILEY SHERLEY – MENASTASH GRANGE #1054, KITTITAS COUNTY - \$1500

**DELPHA GOUDE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

LUCY JONES – FIVE MILE PRAIRIE GRANGE #905, SPOKANE COUNTY – \$1500

TYLER SCHUYLEMAN – BEE HIVE GRANGE #385, CHELAN COUNTY – \$1250

KIERA SMITH – EAST WENATCHEE GRANGE #1012, DOUGLAS COUNTY – \$1000

MAGDALENE WYRICK – FIVE MILE PRAIRIE GRANGE #905, SPOKANE COUNTY - \$1250

**ADRIAN & BETTY DEVRIES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

BODE SHERLEY – MENASTASH GRANGE #1054, KITTITAS COUNTY - \$1000

**FORRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

NICKOLAS BOWDISH – CENTERVILLE GRANGE #81, KLINKITAT COUNTY – \$1500

**FOX ISLAND GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP**

MARGUERITE BAILEY – MCINTOSH GRANGE #1001, SPOKANE COUNTY – \$1000

**RAY & MARIAN KAMMERER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

ADDISON BOWEN – MCINTOSH GRANGE #1001, SPOKANE COUNTY - \$750

CHLOE CLYBURN – MENASTASH GRANGE #1054, KITTITAS COUNTY – \$1250

JOCELYN DEGROAT – FIVE MILE PRAIRIE GRANGE #905 SPOKANE COUNTY - \$1500

REGINA NELSON – PROSPECT POINT GRANGE #1067, WALLA WALLA COUNTY - \$1500

**NOB HILL GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP**

MELISSA KUDSK – HAYNIE GRANGE #168, WHATCOM COUNTY - \$750

**POMONA VILLA GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP**

TAYLOR ALDER – MENASTASH GRANGE #1054, KITTITAS COUNTY - \$1250

COLTON BARSNESS – MENASTASH GRANGE #1054, KITTITAS COUNTY – \$1000

MAYA HANKINS – MOSSYROCK GRANGE #355, LEWIS COUNTY - \$1500

**ROCK CREEK GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP**

MEREDITH MEATS – FARGHER LAKE GRANGE #853, CLARK COUNTY – \$1500

**HELEN MARIE SNYDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

DRAKE GLOYN – RIMROCK GRANGE #941, ADAMS COUNTY - \$1000

ZACHARY KLEIN – RALSTON GRANGE #943, ADAMS COUNTY - \$1000

**WA STATE GRANGE FAMILY LIVING VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

RUBY BARNTS – BAW FAW GRANGE #33, LEWIS COUNTY - \$1000

Motion carried.

Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by Isabella Lierman to approve the changes recommended by the scholarship committee to the scholarship application for 2026. Motion carried.

Motion made David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson to thank the scholarship committee judges for their efforts. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by Duane Hamp, that the Washington State Grange Foundation Board investigate how to include online students and international students in our scholarship process. Motion carried.

#### **Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation Update**

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Brittney Pittman, to vote on the proposed changes to the Washington State Grange Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation at the next Foundation meeting. Motion carried.

Moved to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:29 pm.

### **WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING May 21, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6:11pm via Zoom online platform with President Tom Gwin in the chair.

Roll call found the following officers present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President David Bryant, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Trustees Duane Hamp, Rick Ferguson, and Brittney Pittman.

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson, that the April 28, 2025, Washington State Grange Foundation Meeting Minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

#### **Action Items**

Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by Brittney Pittman, to adopt the recommended amendments to the Bylaws of the Washington State Grange Foundation. Motion carried.

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Isabella Lierman, to adopt the recommended amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Washington State Grange. Motion carried.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman to adjourn, seconded by Rick Ferguson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

#### ***Attachment #1:***

### **BYLAWS OF THE WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION**

#### **SECTION I – NAME AND PURPOSE**

1. The name of this corporation is WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION (herein referred to as “the Foundation”).
2. The purpose for which the Foundation is formed are as set forth in Article II of the Foundation’s Articles of Incorporation.

#### **SECTION II – MEMBERS**

1. The members of the Foundation shall be as stated in Article V of the Foundation’s Articles of Incorporation.
2. The interest of each member shall be equal to that of any other, and no member shall have or acquire any interest which will entitle him to any greater voice, vote, authority or interest in the Foundation than any other. Each member shall be bound by all of the rules and regulations and Bylaws of the Foundation now in effect or as hereafter amended.

#### **SECTION III – TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

1. Any member may voluntarily terminate his membership at any time.

2. So long as the Washington State Grange, or any successor organization exists, then if the members of the Foundation shall cease to be a member of the Executive Committee of the Washington State Grange, such member shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Foundation until such time, if any, as he shall again become a member of said Executive Committee.

#### SECTION IV – MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

1. The annual meeting of members shall be held at the office of the Foundation at ~~3104 Western Avenue, Seattle,~~ **924 Capitol Way S. #300, Olympia,** Washington, ~~on the second Monday of December~~ **in the month of June or July** of each year or at such other time and place as may be designated by the Board of Trustees. Special meetings of the members may be called from time to time at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.
2. At any meeting of the membership of the Foundation, fifty-one (51%) percent or more members shall constitute a quorum. Each member so present shall be entitled to one vote.
3. These Bylaws may be amended by vote of a majority of members at any annual or special meeting of the Foundation.

#### SECTION V – TRUSTEES

1. The management and control of the Foundation shall be vested in a Board of six (6) Trustees elected by the membership, all as provided in Article VI of the Articles of Incorporation.
2. The Board of Trustees shall hold its regular annual meeting immediately following the regular meeting of the members and may hold such additional special meetings as the President shall deem necessary for the competent management of the affairs of the Foundation.
3. Not less than five (5) days' notice by mail, ~~telegraph,~~ **electronic communication,** telephone or oral communication shall be given to each member of the Board of Trustees of each special meeting of said Board.
4. Vacancies on the Board of Trustees may be filled for the duration of the unexpired term by election by the remaining members of the Board.
5. Each member of the Board of Trustees shall have one vote in matters coming before the Board. Four (4) members of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum.

#### SECTION VI – OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

1. At the regular annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, the said Board shall elect a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Board may, at its option, also elect assistant secretaries, assistant treasurers and a manager.
2. The offices of President and Vice-President shall be held by members of the Board of Trustees but other officers need not be members of said Board. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.

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Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Washington State Grange Foundation, meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2025.

#### **Attachment #2:**

### **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION**

#### **ARTICLE I**

The name of the organization shall be WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION herein referred to as "the Foundation."

#### **ARTICLE II PURPOSES AND POWERS**

1. The purposes and powers of the Foundation are to receive, hold and distribute money and other property for religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes and for prevention of cruelty to children and animals, including but not limited to making gifts or contributions to one or more corporate and/or non-corporate organizations (other than organizations testing for public safety) described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as now enacted or hereinafter amended (herein designated "the Act"); and to do so primarily within the field of agriculture, farming, farmers, rural development, and farm/rural youth.

2. The Foundation shall have to power to acquire, own, hold, encumber, dispose of and otherwise deal in real and personal property and to engage in and do any and all kinds of activities which a natural person may engage in or do except activities white (a) are not permitted to exempt organizations under the Act, or (b) which are inconsistent with the special statutes under which the Foundation is incorporated.

3. The Foundation shall not: (a) engage in any trade or business for profit nor shall its assets or receipts be directly or indirectly for the benefit of any member, trustee, officer, organizer, incorporator or other private individual with any personal or private interest in the activities of the Foundation except to the extent required as a reasonable allowance for expenditures or services actually made or rendered to or for the benefit of the Foundation; nor (b) carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation, nor participate in any political campaign, nor make any gifts or contributions to persons or organizations which do so or which engage in testing for public safety; nor (c) do any act which prejudices its qualifications as an exempt organization under the Act. In the event of termination or dissolution of the Foundation, its remaining assets, if any, shall be distributed only for the purposes and within the limitations stated in this Article II.

### ARTICLE III PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principal office of the Foundation shall be located at ~~3104 Western Avenue Seattle, Washington~~ 924 Capitol Way S. #300, Olympia Washington USA.

### ARTICLE IV DURATION

The duration of the Foundation shall be perpetual.

### ARTICLE V MEMBERS

The members of the Foundation shall be those persons who are (from time to time and for as long only as they remain) members of the Executive Committee of the Washington State Grange (or any successor thereof); provided that if the same should cease to exist, then such members shall be eleven U.S. citizens interested in agriculture, farming, farmers, rural development, and farm/rural youth, selected (on a rotating basis as nearly, as may be) for terms of eleven (11) years by the Trustees of the Foundation.

### ARTICLE VI TRUSTEES

The number of Trustees of the Foundation shall be six (6). The names, post office addresses and terms of office of the Trustees who shall manage its affairs ~~until the annual meeting of its members in December 1963~~ are as set forth at and next to their respective signatures hereto affixed.

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We, the undersigned, being all of the ~~incorporators and original officers~~ and trustees of the WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION, for the purpose of incorporating said Foundation in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Washington relating to non-profit and non-stock corporations (Chapter 24.04 of the Revised Code of Washington)., do hereby certify that the attached Articles of Incorporation were duly and regularly adopted by all of the undersigned ~~incorporators~~ trustees at a meeting duly and regularly held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2025, after due and legal notice of the said meeting and of the terms and previsions of the said Articles of Incorporation had been given to all ~~incorporators~~ trustees in the manner provided by law.

# 2025 SESSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

## **AGRICULTURE**

Chair – Carolyn Hojem – Newaukum 198  
Vice Chair - Tom Hann – Fern Prairie 866  
Karen Derrey – Buena 836  
Ron Frisch – Crescent 1123  
Janice Greene – Mossyrock 355  
Mary Hunt – St. Andrews 832  
Michael Kadow – Fargher Lake 853  
Alexis Kudsk – Haynie 169  
Lawrence Meeker – Yakima Valley Pomona 11  
Rex Ogden – Cowlitz Pomona 7  
Mike Smith – Waller Road 1111

## **AUDITING**

Chair – Terry Ferguson – Columbia Co Pomona 56  
Vice Chair – Debbie Fisch – Beehive 385  
Pamela Carter – Minnehaha 164  
Betty Garrison – Roy 702  
David George – Kellogg Marsh 136  
Andrea Wilbur – Pierce Co Pomona 16

## **CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS –**

Chair – Steve Dalton – Snohomish Co Pomona 12  
Vice Chair - Shavanna May – Thurston Co Pomona 8  
Rod Alex – Meridian 265  
Helen Gardner – McMillin 848  
Kathi Green – Columbia 87  
Bob McClean – King Co Pomona 13  
Phyllis Ogden – Cowlitz Co Pomona 7  
Calvin Russell – Manor 1101

## **CONSERVATION & ECOLOGY**

Chair - Butch Ogden – Sunnyside 129  
Aaron Brand – North Bellingham 201  
Greg Jones – North & South Palouse 1004  
James Loomer – South Lake Stevens 690  
Jim Lyle – Whitman Co. Pomona 2  
Andy Snow – Rome 226  
Sheila Wynn – Waller Road 1111

## **CREDENTIALS**

Chair – Cindy Kudsk – Haynie 169  
Vice Chair – Lucy Vest – GH/Pacific Pomona 28  
Ed Armit – Lewis Co Pomona 3  
Don Kapitanovich – Clark Co Pomona a  
Lauren Rohde – Waitsburg 1

## **EDUCATION**

Chair – Susan Hegney – Spokane Co. Pomona #4  
Vice Chair – Sara Wade – Centerville 81  
Marilyn Armit – Lewis Co Pomona 3  
Amanda Brozana – Whelan Ewartsville 114  
Mary Celia – Rexville 815  
Sean Donelley – Black Lake 861  
Kent Hojem – Newaukum 198  
Jacquie Hunt – Douglas Co Pomona 49  
Isabella Lierman – Snohomish Co Pomona 12  
Joyce Meeker – Buena 836  
Georgene Neal – Mountain Valley 79  
Tharin Ward – Roy 702  
Jill Weber – Fredonia 545

## **ELECTIONS**

Chair – Kendal Harner – Olympia View 774  
Vice Chair – Jennifer Webb – Rimrock 941  
Lois Cummins – Inland 780  
Melanie Hackett – Whatcom Co Pomona 6  
Trisha Lovgren – Crescent 1123  
Emil Moilanen – Clallam Co Pomona 31

## **FISH & WILDLIFE**

Chair – Claudine Mincks – Klickitat Co. Pomona 5  
Vice Chair – Darell Myers – Mossyrock 355  
Steve Hall – McMillin 848  
Tammie Hodges – Barberton 571  
Rusty Hunt – Douglas Co Pomona 49  
Jim Lahde – Green Bluff 300  
Sheryl Reynolds – Long Beach 667  
Lonnie Scott – Catlin 199  
Dave Stiles – Mountain Valley 79  
Steve Yates – Skagit Co Pomona 10

## **GRANGE ACTIVITIES**

Chair – Debbie Riegel-Yates – Skagit Co Pomona 10  
Vice Chair – Diane Williams – Thurston Co. Pomona 8  
Ricardo Barrientes – Fords Prairie 33  
Shirley George – Sharon 800  
Davona Gwin – Humptulips 730  
Matt Hodges – Barberton 571  
Debra Kadow – Fargher Lake 853  
Janelle Lierman – Horseshoe 965  
Vicky Loomer – South Lake Stevens 690  
Janice Radmer – Espanola 698

## **GRANGE LAW**

Chair – Tom Cullen – Yakima Valley Pomona 11

Vice Chair – Jarrod Gardner – Pierce Co Pomona 16  
 Lucille Bevis – Centerville 81  
 David Bryant – Elk Plain 782  
 Bob Clouse – Spring Hill 909  
 Ruth Anne Lance – Washington 82  
 Cheryl Saiz – Fruitland 999  
 Ron Schaefer – Collins 893  
 Annie Scott – Catlin 199  
 Leslie Wells – Tualco 284

#### **HEALTH CARE & SAFETY**

Chair - Janice Anderson – Clark Co Pomona 1  
 Vice Chair - JoAnn Anderson – Issaquah Valley 581  
 Ed Carter – Minnehaha 164  
 Dianne George – Kellogg Marsh 136  
 Jerry Gwin – Humptulips 730  
 Christine Hamp – Five Mile Prairie 905  
 Bonnie Lyle – Whitman Co Pomona 2  
 Judith Moilanen – Clallam Co Pomona 31  
 Jim Ogden – Goldendale 49  
 Sue Palmer – Samish Valley 926  
 Wilma Penner – Molson 1069  
 Ann Van Antwerp – Manor 1101

#### **NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE**

Chair – Rick Ferguson – Prospect Point 1067  
 Vice Chair – Cindy Kelly – Dry Creek 646  
 Alan Anderson – Issaquah Valley 581  
 Charlie Deach – Columbia 87  
 Pam Mathews – South Union 860  
 George Penner – Molson 1069  
 Jonny Pittman – Moses Lake 1151  
 Bob Shea – Spokane Co Pomona 4

#### **STATE LEGISLATIVE**

Chair - Mitch Clouse – Spring Hill 909  
 Vice Chair - Oren Gaskill – Ten Mile 399  
 Scott Hackett – Whatcom Co Pomona 6  
 Duane Hamp – Five Mile Prairie 905  
 Terry Hunt – St. Andrews 832  
 Carol Johnstone – Fords Prairie 33  
 Warren Lewis – Garden City 280  
 Marg Ohlsen – Tualco 284  
 Lillie Savage – GH/Pacific Pomona 28  
 Mark Sniffen – Samish Valley 926  
 Kathy Warren – Fruitland 999

#### **TAXATION & FISCAL POLICY**

Chair – Denise McCartan – Black Lake 861  
 Vice Chair – Marcy Belles – Oakview 311  
 Taj Alex – Meridian 265  
 Mark Fisch – Beehive 385  
 Robbie Liechty – Granville 857  
 Scott Lyle – Pine Grove 115  
 Robert Reichle – Cedar Valley 306

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Chair – Christie Vintilo – South Union 860  
 Vice Chair – Peter Hauck – Ten Mile 399  
 Fred Harnishfeger – Logan Hill 1086  
 Rodger Lance – Washington 82  
 Syn Omega – Matlock 357  
 Ed Potter – Chelan Co Pomona 23  
 Kirk Van Gelder – Fern Prairie 866  
 Bekki Weston – North Bellingham 201

## **RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION – 2025**

<b>Resolution #</b>	<b>Resolution Title</b>	<b>By Grange</b>	<b>Committee</b>
<b>2025-01-1501</b>	Vehicle Miles Traveled Tax	Whitman Pomona #2	Taxation
<b>2025-02-1601</b>	Automated & Self-Driving Vehicle Driver License Endorsement	Matlock #357	Transportation
<b>2025-03-1301</b>	Saving Time No More	Matlock #357	National Legislative
<b>2025-04-1001</b>	Digital Communications Committee	Matlock #357	Grange Activities

<b>2025-05-1101</b>	Rename Women's Activities to Family Living in Subordinate Grange Bylaws	Matlock #357	Grange Law
<b>2025-06-0101</b>	Hay	Whitman Pomona #2	Agriculture
<b>2025-07-1201</b>	Medical Credit Cards	Issaquah Valley #581	Health Care & Safety
<b>2025-08-0701</b>	Curriculum Mandates by State and Local Government	Horseshoe #965	Education
<b>2025-09-1302</b>	Right to Repair	Kellogg Marsh #136	National Legislative
<b>2025-10-1502</b>	Oppose Per Mile Tax	Kellogg Marsh #136	Taxation
<b>2025-11-1303</b>	Social Security Insurance Resource Limits	Kellogg Marsh #136	National Legislative
<b>2025-12-0901</b>	Delisting Grizzly Bears from the Endangered Species Act of 1973	Humptulips #730	Fish & Wildlife
<b>2025-13-1401</b>	Oppose Ending Vote by Mail	Kellogg Marsh #136	State Legislative
<b>2025-14-1202</b>	Long Term Care Insurance Costs	Clark Pomona #1	Health Care & Safety
<b>2025-15-0301</b>	Camp Bonneville	Clark Pomona #1	Conservation & Ecology
<b>2025-16-1602</b>	Higher-Speed Rail in Washington State	Clark Pomona #1	Transportation
<b>2025-17-1603</b>	Improving Railroad Passenger Travel in Washington State	Clark Pomona #1	Transportation
<b>2025-18-1304</b>	National Anthem	Pierce Pomona #16	National Legislative
<b>2025-19-1102</b>	Subordinate Grange Names	Pierce Pomona #16	Grange Law
<b>2025-20-1002</b>	Director of Family Living Official Installation Charge	Pierce Pomona #16	Grange Activities
<b>2025-21-1402</b>	Preserving the Initiative Process	Humptulips #730	State Legislative
<b>2025-22-0702</b>	Opposing the Promotion Ideological Agendas in Public Schools	Clark Pomona #16	Education
<b>2025-23-1003</b>	Specifying Subordinate Grange Bylaws Membership Dues	Matlock #357	Grange Activities
<b>2025-24-1305</b>	Calling on Congress to Balance and Provide a Check on the Executive Branch of the Federal Government	Whatcom Pomona #6	National Legislative
<b>2025-25-1604</b>	Standardizing of Seat Belt Buckle Mechanisms	Whatcom Pomona #6	Transportation
<b>2025-26-1503</b>	Wealth Tax	Whatcom Pomona #6	Taxation

2025-27-1004	The Annual Directory/Roster of the Washington State Grange	Whatcom Pomona #6	Grange Activities
2025-28-1103	Term of Subordinate Grange Officers	Whatcom Pomona #6	Grange Law
2025-29-1306	Raise Social Security Maximum Taxable Earnings	Whatcom Pomona #6	National Legislative
2025-30-1203	The Development of Pill-Form Treatments and Repeal; of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Pill Penalty	Five Mile Prairie #905	Health Care & Safety
2025-31-1204	Pharmacy Benefit Manager Reform	Five Mile Prairie #905	Health Care & Safety
2025-32-1307	Prohibit Social Media Accounts for Minors Under the Age of 18	Barberton #571	National Legislative
2025-33-1308	Protect Fairness in Sports by Maintaining Gender at Birth Based Decisions	Barberton #571	National Legislative
2025-34-1205	Insurance Coverage of Infertility Treatment	Moses Lake #1152	Health Care & Safety
2025-35-1403	State vs. Federal	Whitman Pomona #2	State Legislative
2025-36-1404	Background Checks for Firearms	Moses Lake #1152	State Legislative
2025-37-0302	Legislative Priorities Amendment	San Juan Island #966	Conservation & Ecology
2025-38-0303	Snake River Dams	San Juan Island #966	Conservation & Ecology
2025-39-1104	Officer Titles	San Juan Island #966	Grange Law
2025-40-1105	Retaining Grange Membership Years	St. Andrews #832	Grange Law

## 2025 COMMITTEE REPORTS & RESOLUTIONS

### AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

#### **Changes to the 2025 Legislative Policy Handbook:**

#### **Agricultural Education:**

4. We encourage all schools to include basic agricultural subjects in their STEAM (**Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics**) curriculum **and/or CASE (Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education)**. (2017)

**Bees and Pollinators:**

~~6. We believe that pure honey should be defined as material produced by honeybees~~ **the definition of honey stipulates a pure product that does not allow the addition of any other substance.** (2019)

**Dairy:**

~~11. We support the Northwest Market Federation in their efforts to stabilize the fluid milk price.  
12. We recommend changing dairy license requirements for small operations, particularly those pertaining to goats and sheep, and provides equitable financial support for health tests that are necessary and/or required.~~ **We support the USDA Federal Milk Marketing Order (FMMO) in their efforts to stabilize the fluid milk price.**

**General Issues**

~~2. We support the Centennial Farm Program.~~ (2013)

**Livestock and Poultry:**

~~12. We oppose the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Food Safety Modernization Act that prevents the feeding of spent brewer's grains or other food processing byproducts to livestock.~~ (2014)

**Research and Science:**

4. We support research on biotechnology, **GMOs**, and genetic engineering in agriculture.

## Resolutions

### Hay

Resolution – 2025-06-0101

Whereas, hay is not listed as a program commodity in the current USDA Farm Bill; and

Whereas, hay is a major commodity with approximately 53 million acres grown nationwide; and

Whereas, the cost of production often exceeds the revenue received for the hay; and

Whereas, listing hay as a program commodity would make hay eligible for commodity assistance programs the same as corn, wheat, soybeans, dairy and other program commodities; therefore, be it

Resolved, the State and National Granges urge the United States Department of Agriculture to include Hay as a program commodity crop in the next USDA Farm Bill.

# AUDITING COMMITTEE

## Recommendations

We recommend the approval of the Annual Review of the Washington State Grange Foundation for the period ending December 31, 2022.

## Acknowledgement

We acknowledge and thank the staff of the Washington State Grange for their efforts in:

- Selecting a local firm (Advantos) to write a new accounting program for use by both the Washington State Grange and the Washington State Grange Foundation. The accounting program will meet the needs in accounts receivable, accounts payable, and tracking the numerous bank accounts of both organizations.
- Selecting and contracting with an auditing firm (Moss Adams) to complete the annual financial reviews of the Washington State Grange and the Washington State Grange Foundation. We acknowledge that Moss Adams merged/consolidated with Baker Tilly in June 2025.
- Continuing to move forward in completing the annual reviews of the Grange. The Annual Review of the WA State Grange Foundation for the period ending December 31, 2023, is in the final stages of completion. Upon that completion, we will immediately go into the Annual Review of the Washington State Grange for the period ending December 31, 2022.
- Training multiple staff members in preparing the financial records for the annual financial reviews.
- Conducting annual inventories of supplies and equipment.

# CONSERVATION & ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

## **Changes to the 2025 Legislative Policy Handbook:**

### **Energy – Bonneville Power Administration:**

**4. We believe the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) should remain an agency of the federal government.**

**Water Resources and Water Rights:**

15. We are opposed to government metering and/or taxation of **private and/or residential** water wells.

## CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE

**Grange Law Committee Recommendation #1** Amend Constitution Article IV as follows:

Amend Bylaws Article VI Section 3 paragraph 3 as follows: 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.
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.

**Grange Law Committee Recommendation #2** Amend Constitution Article V Section 3 as follows:

(e) He/she shall publish annually on or before October 1st, a complete journal of the proceedings of the State Grange meeting **on the Washington State Grange website**. He/she shall furnish copies to those desiring to purchase the same at a price fixed by the Executive Committee.

**Grange Law Committee Recommendation #3** Amend Bylaws Article IX Section 12 as follows:

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, 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 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.

**Grange Law Committee Recommendation #4** Amend Bylaws Article IX Section 13 as follows:

(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, by a majority vote of the Grange.

**Grange Law Committee Recommendation #5** Amend Bylaws Article IX Section 18 as follows:

(b) The election of officers shall take place at a regular meeting during October or November, either annually or biennially. 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.

**State Officer Elections Special Committee Recommendation** Amend Bylaws Article 1 Section 6 (c) as follows: 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 Digest of Laws. After the nominations for each office the candidates shall be presented from the platform and their names posted, then allowed **one minute** to state their name, Grange, occupation, and Grange experience. Candidates for Master will be allowed **an additional 3 minutes** to give their vision statement for the future of the Grange. Said statement shall 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.

**Grange Law Committee Recommendation #7** Amend Constitution Article II Sec. 8. as follows: All Subordinate Granges in this state shall operate under the general dues plan and shall pay to the State Grange quarterly dues of **\$7.50** plus the amount for National Grange dues for a regular member; **\$15.00** plus the amount for National Grange dues for each family membership; and **\$8.00** 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

Amend Bylaws Article IX Sec. 11. (a) as follows: The regular dues in any Subordinate Grange shall not be less than **\$30.00** 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 **\$60.00** 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.

Amend Bylaws Article IX Sec. 19 (e) paragraph 3 as follows: The Subordinate Secretary shall also pay to the Secretary of the State Grange quarterly dues of; **\$7.50** for each regular member, plus National Grange dues; **\$15.00** for each family membership, plus National Grange dues; **\$8.00** for each associate member, plus National Grange dues; or National Grange dues for each regular member under the age of nineteen (19).

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

As of 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 28, 2025, we find 83 Subordinate Granges with 137 delegates and 21 Pomona Granges with 37 delegates, making a total of 174 voting delegates present which constitutes a quorum.

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### Changes to the 2025 Legislative Policy Handbook:

#### Basic Education Funding

5. We support a simple majority for the passage of school ~~levies and~~ bond issues that support ~~new and/or upgraded~~ **construction and capital improvement projects for K-12** facilities. (2021)

#### Home School Education

1. We support home schooling as an alternative to traditional basic education. This may include hybrid programs, which include combinations of home school, **online school**, and public education. (2023)

#### K-12 Education

~~4. We support individual school districts evaluating district curriculum to meet state educational objectives. (2023)~~

~~7. We believe that the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution should be taught and displayed in our schools.~~

8. We believe that civics, **including the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution, should** be taught **and be displayed** throughout the educational system. (2023)

9. We believe that all schools in the Washington public education system are required to instruct all capable students in developing **printed and cursive** handwriting skills and those skills be reinforced through the entire educational process. (2023)

~~11. We recommend all Washingtons school district staff (teachers, paraeducators, administrators, etc.) be trained in ways to teach and support all students in a virtual and/or online format. (2020)~~

#### School Safety & Standards

4. We believe the Pledge of Allegiance should **continue to** be mandatory to open each day for all our schools.

# Resolutions

## Curriculum Mandated by State and Local Government

Resolution – 2025-08-0701

Whereas, precedent has shown that curriculum in education is primarily a state and local responsibility in the United States, executive and legislative branches of the federal government seek to challenge this through bills and executive orders; and

Whereas, it is states and communities, as well as public and private organizations of all kinds, that establish schools and colleges, develop curricula, and determine requirements for enrollment and graduation, according to the U.S. Department of Education; and

Whereas, in the school year 2020–21, nationwide elementary and secondary public-school revenues totaled \$954 billion in constant 2022–23 dollars. Of this total, 11 percent, or \$101 billion, were from federal sources, 46 percent, or \$437 billion, were from state sources, and 44 percent, or \$416 billion, were from local sources; and

Whereas, 68% of Washington State public school revenue came from state revenue in the school year 2020-21, indicating that funding for education comes primarily from local and state sources, not federal sources; and

Whereas, Section 3 of Executive Order: Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 Schooling aims to allow the President with the aid of various cabinet members to develop policy determining all Federal funding sources and streams, including grants or contracts, that directly or indirectly support or subsidize the instruction, advancement, or promotion of gender ideology or discriminatory equity ideology in K-12 curriculum, instruction, programs, or activities; and

Whereas, Bill S. 227: PEACE Act of 2025 prohibits the use of certain American History and Civics Education program funds for curriculum, or teaching or counseling, that promotes or compels a divisive concept; and

Whereas, the Department of Education distributes federal education funds but is prohibited by Congress from mandating curriculum, as it is primarily a state and local responsibility to do so, and this is in danger of being challenged by these executive orders and bills; therefore, be it

Resolved, we believe the ability to mandate and regulate curriculum should remain a local and state responsibility regardless of the funding source; and be it further

Resolved, we oppose any attempt by the federal government to use federal funding or lack thereof as a means to mandate or regulate curriculum.

## ELECTION COMMITTEE

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

Master/President	Tom Gwin
Overseer/Vice President	Rusty Hunt
Lecturer/Program Director	Claudine Mincks
Steward	Tom Cullen
Assistant Steward	Jonny Pittman
Lady Assistant Steward	Alexis Kudsk
Chaplain	Carolyn Hojem
Treasurer	Denise McCartan
Secretary	Isabella Lierman
Gatekeeper	Jarrold Gardner
Ceres	Pam Mathews
Pomona	Jordanne Webb
Flora	Jennifer Oliver
Executive Committee, 3-year term	David Bryant
Family Living Director	Debbie Fisch

## FISH & WILDLIFE COMMITTEE

### Changes to the 2025 Legislative Policy Handbook:

#### General Issues:

4. We support federal legislation to tag and remove all seals and sea lions from the Columbia River **and** its tributaries, and the Puget Sound Basin, **and the coastal rivers and harbors of Washington State** to stop the destruction of the Washington State salmon runs. Any returning tagged seals and sea lions will be removed a second time. If they return a third time, they must be destroyed. (2024)
- ~~5. We support the suspension of the Selkirk Elk Herd Management Plan in Game Unit 204. Future wildlife plans should involve property owners and managers.~~

## Resolutions

### Delisting Grizzly Bears from the Endangered Species Act of 1973

Resolution 2025-12-0901

Whereas, the Endangered Species Act of 1973 establishes protections for fish, wildlife, and plants that are listed as threatened or endangered; and provides for adding species to and removing them from the list of threatened and endangered species; and

Whereas, “Endangered” means a species is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range and “Threatened” means a species is likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future; and

Whereas, documentation indicates there are at least 1,923 Grizzly Bears, *Ursus arctos horribilis*, in the 48 contiguous states primarily in six designated recovery zones in the states of Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, and Washington; and

Whereas, according to US Fish and Wildlife experts, Grizzly bears are expanding on the landscape, can disperse large distances and are not easily detectable; and

Whereas, the Grizzly Bear can be considered a threat to humans and livestock; therefore, be it

Resolved, the Grange support legislation advocating for the delisting of the Grizzly Bear, *Ursus arctos horribilis*, from the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

## GRANGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

### Recommendations

**Recommendation #1:** Highlights of the Washington State Grange Executive Committee meetings be published in the Washington State Grange News.

**Recommendation #2:** All Subordinate/Community and Pomona Granges update their bylaws using the new bylaw template by the end of 2025.

**Recommendation #3:** The Grange News will notify members of proposed Bylaws changes one time free of charge.

### Resolutions

Director of Family Living Official Installation Charge  
Resolution 2025-20-1002

Whereas, the mission of the Family Living Department states. In part, the charge for installation of the Chairman of Family Living at all levels states, in part, “Just as the home is the center of family living, so should the Grange be the center of rural

community life. Your efforts should be directed towards making your meeting place truly a Grange home, radiating friendliness and hospitality to all who come within its doors. Every time the door of the Grange Hall is opened, and guests received, the Family Living Department is involved and the way your Grange is perceived is established. You perform a very important function for your Grange.”; and

Whereas, the complete text of the installation charge for the Director of Family Living used to be published annually in the Washington State Grange Program Handbook; therefore, be it

Resolved, the Washington State Grange adopt its official installation charge for the Director/Chair of Family Living the following: “Sister (Brother), I welcome you as the Director/Chair of Family Living which is of great importance to every active Grange. Your duties will be to ever strive for cooperation in your Grange, community and state. I present you with this Handbook [present handbook] in which you will find a suggested program to improve Grange property, to enrich home life and to promote some worthy project. Just as the home is the center of family living, so should the Grange be the center of rural community life. Your effort should be directed toward making your meeting place truly a Grange home, radiating friendliness and hospitality to all who come within its doors.”; and be it further

Resolved, that this official installation charge be published annually in the Washington State Grange Program Handbook.

## GRANGE LAW COMMITTEE

### Recommendations

#### **We recommend the following changes to the State Grange Bylaws:**

##### **Recommendation #1:** Amend Constitution Article IV as follows:

~~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.~~

##### **Recommendation #2:** Amend Constitution Article V Section 3 as follows:

(e) He/she shall publish annually on or before October 1st, a complete journal of the proceedings of the State Grange meeting on the Washington State Grange website; 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.

##### **Recommendation #3:** Amend Bylaws Article IX Section 12 as follows:

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.

**Recommendation #4:** Amend Bylaws Article IX Section 13 as follows:

(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.

**Recommendation #5:** Amend Bylaws Article IX Section 18 as follows:

(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.

**Recommendation #6:** Adopting the proposed National Grange six-dollar (\$6.00) dues increase.

**Recommendation #7:** Increasing the State Grange regular member dues to \$30.00 and family membership dues to \$60.00.

#### **REPORT FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON OFFICER ELECTIONS**

The committee reviewed Bylaws Article 1 Section 6, Resolutions 2024-03-1101 – Washington State Grange Elections, 2024-04-1102 – State Grange Officers Election Reform, and 2024-21-1106 – Amend the WA State Grange Bylaws regarding State Officer Elections.

The committee agreed that it would not be financially prudent to change the format of the printed perforated ballots currently used since each page of ballots cost the Grange \$.75 and we have about a 10-year supply. Covers 2024-03-1101 and 2024-04-1102.

The committee recommends that Bylaws Article 1 Section 6 paragraph (c) be amended as follows: "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 Digest of Laws. After the nominations for each office the candidates shall be presented from the platform and their names posted, then allowed **one minute** to state their name, Grange, occupation, and Grange experience. Candidates for Master/President will be allowed an additional 3 minutes to give their vision statement for the future of the Grange. Said statement shall 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." Covers 2024-21-1106.

## Resolutions

### Rename Women's Activities to Family Living in Subordinate Grange Bylaws

Resolution – 2025-05-1101

Whereas, The Washington State Grange and publication Washington State Grange News recognizes Family Living Committee Chair as CFL or Family Living; and

Whereas, Women's Activities has contests open to all for members and non-members as sponsored by Subordinate Grange Halls; and

Whereas, the most current bylaws form as a template from Washington State Grange website for Subordinate Grange Hall should reflect current information; and

Therefore, be it Resolved, to properly change occurrences in the Subordinate Grange Bylaws of Women's Activities Committee to "Family Living."

### Resolution Regarding Subordinate Grange Names

Resolution – 2025-19-1102

Whereas, consolidation of individual subordinate Granges has occurred with some regularity in Washington state for over one hundred years; and

Whereas, in some instances the resulting name has been a combination of more than one of the previous Grange names; and

Whereas, this causes some confusion because the combined Grange no longer has a physical presence in one of the communities named; and

Whereas, taken to its logical extreme, this would result in ridiculously unwieldy names; therefore, be it

Resolved, that future consolidations of Subordinate Granges be limited to an official singular name; and be it further

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

of one, being that of the number of the Grange chosen.

## Retaining Grange Membership Years

Resolution – 2025-40-1105

Whereas, current recognition of longevity of Grange service is dependent upon continuous service and any gap resets membership records, causing returning members to lose recognition, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Washington State Grange recognize years of Grange service based on total years rather than continuous years, and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be forwarded to the National Grange for reevaluation of Golden Sheaf and Silver Star policy.

## HEALTH, HEALTH CARE & SAFETY COMMITTEE

### **Changes to the Legislative Policy Handbook:**

#### **Professional Conduct**

~~1. To maintain health care costs,~~ we support limited liability for medical professionals to contain health care costs. (2023)

## Resolutions

### Medical Credit Cards

Resolution – 2025-07-1201

Whereas, Medical credit cards with deferred interest provisions are becoming more popular; and

Whereas, some provisions can be especially odious; and

Whereas, these are often third-party cards; and

Whereas, Patients/customers are often not in the best position to evaluate the deferred interest provisions; therefore, be it

Resolved, The Washington State Grange supports legislation that requires the patient fill out a credit application prior to any procedures to be paid for with credit, while not under anesthesia and the application not be completed by provider without the patient's knowledge or consent.

### Long Term Care Insurance Costs

#### Resolution – 2025-14-1202

Whereas, Long term Care Insurance is commonly sold stating rates will not increase because of age or medical conditions; and

Whereas, Insurance companies can, however, raise rates based off a class of insured without any regulation as to how much the rate can be increased creating a premium higher than the insured can afford to pay; and

Whereas, if an insured does not pay the new higher premium their policy lapses without an option to convert the policy to a paid-up policy based off the amount of premium they have paid to date; therefore, be it

Resolved, Legislation should be enacted to limit the amount of increase in premium an insurance company can apply to a long-term care insurance policy per the entire class of customers opposed to a rate increase based on an individual insurance age or health; and be it further

Resolved, all long-term care insurance policies should include a buyout option that would allow a client an option to use the premium paid to date to be applied to a paid-up policy.

### Support for the Development of Pill-Form Treatments and Repeal of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Pill Penalty

#### Resolution – 2025-30-1203

Whereas, the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) includes provisions that may unintentionally discourage the development of pill-form treatments by imposing greater price controls and penalties on oral medications compared to other forms of drug delivery; and

Whereas, pill-form medications are often more convenient, accessible, and cost- effective, particularly for patients in rural and small communities who may have limited access to infusion centers or specialty pharmacies; and

Whereas, discouraging investment in pill-form treatments may reduce innovation, limit treatment options, and worsen health disparities in rural and underserved populations; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Washington State Grange supports the development and accessibility of pill-form medications as a critical component of modern medicine and rural healthcare access; and be it further

Resolved, we urge Congress to amend or repeal the provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act that create a disincentive for the development of pill-form medications, ensuring equitable support for all drug delivery methods in federal pricing policy.

### **Pharmacy Benefit Manager Reform**

#### **Resolution – 2025-31-1204**

Whereas, Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) act as middlemen between drug manufacturers, health insurance companies, and pharmacies and serve to decide which prescription drugs are covered by insurance and how much pharmacies and patients pay; and

Whereas, originally, PBMs were meant to save money for consumers, but over time, they've started driving up costs instead - especially hurting local pharmacies; and

Whereas, in small towns and rural areas local pharmacies are a lifeline - but PBMs are making it difficult for them to survive by:

1. pushing up drug prices by keeping manufacturer rebates for themselves instead of passing savings to patients,
2. underpaying local pharmacies for prescriptions, forcing many to shut down, and
3. making it harder to get needed medications by limiting what drugs are covered and forcing patients into mail-order options, which aren't reliable in rural areas; and

Whereas, ensuring transparency and accountability in PBM operations would help lower prescription drug prices, increase fairness in pharmacy reimbursements, and protect patient access to essential medications; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Grange advocate for complete transparency and accurate accountability within the pharmacy benefit manager system to lower prescription drug prices for patients and to assure survival of our local pharmacies in rural communities.

## Insurance Coverage of Infertility Treatment

Resolution – 2025-34-1205

Whereas, Center of Disease Control (CDC), report that among married women age 18 to 49 with no prior birth, one in five are unable to get pregnant after one year of trying. This statistic does not include men, who also face forms of infertility disease; and

Whereas, as of 2025, more than 20 states have passed infertility insurance coverage laws. Washington State is not among them. Currently, in Washington State the majority of insurance companies offer some coverage for testing and determination of infertility disease. However, once it comes to family planning and actual treatment, these processes and procedures are not covered by insurance companies. Most companies classify fertility treatment as “elective”; and

Whereas, the most common procedure used to help successfully conceive, is IVF (in-vitro fertilization). In Washington State IVF costs typically range from \$12,000 to \$30,000 per cycle, including necessary medications. With most couples facing Infertility, needing to go through multiple rounds of IVF, the cost simply puts this treatment out of reach for most, and creates a large disparity; and

Whereas, Over the last couple of years there have been multiple senate and house bills presented on the subject of insurance coverage of infertility treatment, however they have not made it to the stage of becoming law; and

Resolved, the Washington State Grange supports legislation that mandates insurance companies to offer coverage of infertility treatments.

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

## **Changes to the Legislative Policy Handbook:**

### **Banking, Budget, and Finance**

1. We support **continued** federal funding of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.
2. We ~~oppose unregulated and secret~~ **support regulation of** cryptocurrency mining. (2022)

### **Land Use:**

2. We believe wetland preservation and wild and scenic designations ~~need constant work~~ **require annual review** to prevent wrongful treatment of landowners and infringement on private property rights.

### **Telephone Service:**

- ~~1. We favor adequate payments to local telephone exchange entities from interchange services, both toll and private line, to ensure full reimbursement for services rendered by the local entities.~~
- ~~5. We support the non-emergency call numbers to inform responsible agencies of lower priority hazards.~~

## Resolutions

### Right to Repair

Resolution – 2025-09-1302

Whereas, manufacturers are creating products with planned obsolescence or breakage much more frequently than in the past; and

Whereas, manufacturers are making products which can only be repaired by themselves or their “authorized representatives”, but they stop service to products when newer models have come out, even when older models could still be repaired, and stop allowing “authorized representatives” to do the same; and

Whereas, this includes cars, trucks, and farm equipment, and manufacturers are refusing to give or sell mechanics the manuals/information/brand specific tools necessary to make those repairs; therefore, be it

Resolved, the National Grange support legislation ensuring the consumers’ right to repair their items with the repair service of their choice, including going outside of the original manufacturer or dealership.

### Social Security Income Resources Limits

Resolution – 2025-11-1303

Whereas, those with limited income (frequently because of a permanent disability) who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments are not allowed to have “substantial resources” in their possessions; and

Whereas, this amount has not been raised in decades (since 1989), even for inflation; and

Whereas, while having a limit on available resources sounds reasonable in theory, that amount is \$2,000 for single adults and \$3,000 for married couples. This included money for emergencies, money being saved to purchase a car (even used), money set aside for car or house repairs, even money set aside to purchase or repair a mobility device such as a wheelchair or other medical devices (which is also not likely to be covered by insurance); therefore, be it

Resolved, the National Grange support legislation raising the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) resource limit.

## Raise Social Security Maximum Taxable Earnings

### Resolution 2025-29-1306

Whereas, the Social Security system is predicted to be under funded by 2035; and

Whereas, the 2024 Social Security maximum taxable earnings threshold was set at \$168,600; and

Whereas, the 2025 Social Security maximum taxable earnings threshold is set at \$176,100; and

Whereas. It is increased annually based upon the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers; therefore, be it

Resolved, the National Grange lobby to have the Social Security taxable earnings threshold be raised to \$600,000 with an annual adjustment for inflation.

## Sports Participation

### Resolution 2025-33-1308

Resolved, that the Washington State Grange oppose biological males in female sports,

## STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

### **Changes to the Legislative Policy Handbook:**

#### **Insurance:**

~~1. We believe insurance companies should be required to send checks exceeding \$500 as return receipt mail.~~

#### **Land Use:**

5. We believe land use regulations ~~and permits~~ should be consolidated and **the permit process** simplified and that applications should be acted upon in a timely manner.

**Miscellaneous:**

11. We urge the implementation of ~~either Daylight Saving Time or Standard Time on a year-round basis in the State of Washington.~~ (2021)

**Regulatory Reform:**

2. We believe that any citizen or group of citizens that wins a lawsuit in the State of Washington should be compensated by the losing government entity for their legal fees within **twelve (12) months** ~~a 12-month time frame.~~

**State Agency Rules:**

2. ~~We encourage that the State of Washington pass the state budget based on the preceding November economic forecast before considering any other legislation, and we support a constitutional amendment to accomplish this goal.~~ (2017)

## Resolutions

### Oppose Ending Vote by Mail

Resolution – 2025-13-1401

Whereas, efforts are being made to end vote by mail in Washington State; and

Whereas, vote by mail ensures access to voters who could not access a physical voting location or would face an undue burden to do so (such as farmers); therefore, be it

Resolved, the Washington State Grange oppose legislation reverting Washington to in person voting.

### Preserving the Initiative Process

Resolution – 2025-13-1402

Whereas, Chapter 29A.72 RCW clearly defines the process for filing initiatives and referendums in the State of Washington; and

Whereas, SB 5382 was introduced in the 2025 State Legislature to change the initiative and referendum process, requiring signature gatherers to verify the address provided on the petition matches the address on the signer's voter registration, while also requiring the Secretary of State to verify the address listed matches the voter registration as well; and

Whereas, sponsors of the legislation claim the changes “will bolster accountability and reduce the potential for bad actors to improperly influence the initiative process and will bring Washington in line with California and Idaho”; and

Whereas, additional changes in SB 5382 could make the initiative process increasingly difficult to maneuver, resulting in more authority to the legislature and less authority to the people of the State of Washington; and

Whereas, Secretary of State Steve Hobbs stated “Adding a voter’s residential address to the process of validating voters’ eligibility to sign an initiative petition is unnecessary and won’t help voters in any demonstrative way”; and

Whereas, the rules and guidelines for filing, validating, and certifying initiatives and referendums have been in process for several years and allow the citizens of the State of Washington a real opportunity to participate in the political process; therefore, be it

Resolved, the Washington State Grange oppose legislation which could limit the citizens of the State of Washington of their right to express their desires through the initiative and referendum filing process; and be it further

Resolved, this policy replaces Elections – Initiatives, Paragraph 1, in the Washington State Grange Legislative Policy Handbook.

## Background Checks for Firearms

Resolution – 2025-36-1404

Whereas, the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) database, operated and maintained by the FBI, sole purpose is to conduct background checks on people who want to own a firearm; and

Whereas, under the federal NICS process, the buyer of the firearms fills out the ATF form and the firearms seller (FFL) contacts NICS electronically or by phone and relays the information to NICS. The NICS staff then performs a background check on the buyer and verifies that the buyer does not have a criminal record or isn’t otherwise ineligible to purchase or own a firearm; and

Whereas, before 2014 firearms buyers and sellers in the State of Washington adhered to federal law and solely utilized the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). With the state now running additional background checks and serving as the point of contact for federal checks, significant state funds are being spent to duplicate a process that the federal government is already running. Additionally, firearms purchasers and sellers are experiencing unnecessary burdens of 10-30 day wait times among other delays and unnecessary added fees; therefore, be it

Resolved, the Washington State Grange urges Washington State to return to solely utilizing the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) for firearm

purchases, with the eligibility of purchase and immediate possession determined at the point of sale.

## Oppose Federal Legislation to Limit Vote by Mail

Committee Resolution #1

Whereas, efforts are being made to end vote by mail at the federal level; and  
Whereas, voting by mail ensures access to voters who could not access a physical voting location or would face an undue burden to do so (such as farmers); therefore, be it

Resolved, the National Grange opposes federal legislation forcing an end to vote by mail or creating undue burdens to access vote by mail; and be it further

Resolved, the use of vote by mail remains a decision of each individual state.

## TAXATION & FISCAL POLICY COMMITTEE

### **Changes to the Legislative Policy Handbook:**

#### **Fuel Tax:**

**2. We support the repeal of the Climate Commitment Act (CCA), and** We oppose **any future** carbon emission taxes.

#### **Miscellaneous Taxes:**

5. We oppose ~~efforts to impose~~ a State Income Tax on the people of Washington State. (2009)

#### **Tax Levies & Mandates:**

3. We support legislation making taxation based upon employee count (head tax) **and/or the amount of an employer's annual payroll** illegal and/or unconstitutional in the State of Washington. (2018)

## Resolutions

### Vehicle Miles Traveled Tax

Resolution – 2025-01-1501

Whereas, there is a bill in Washington State Legislature to tax vehicles for every mile travel and this would be an undue burden on rural areas; and

Whereas, the Washington State Grange Legislative Handbook on page 26 under Fuel Tax paragraph 6 needs to be more blunt; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Washington State Grange oppose any vehicle miles traveled tax.

## Wealth Tax

Resolution – 2025-26-1503

Whereas, the State of Washington legislature this year proposed a “Wealth Tax”; and

Whereas, the Governor took it off the table for this year, it might be proposed again in the future; and

Whereas, no other state or the federal government has a current way to accurately and easily calculate someone’s wealth, the State of Washington would have to develop the process; and

Whereas, this could be very costly to farmers and ranchers that hold large tracts of land as assets, or buildings that already have to pay property taxes on the value; therefore, be it

Resolved, the Washington State Grange oppose a “Wealth Tax”.

### Recommendations

**Recommendation #1** - In the Washington State Grange Legislative Handbook, under Fuel Tax, we recommend deletion of paragraph 6 in its entirety.

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

### **Changes to the 2025 Legislative Policy Handbook:**

#### **Alternative Fuel:**

~~5. We support the voluntary conversion of motor vehicles to natural gas.~~

#### **Licensing:**

1. We believe that RCW 46.20.094~~094~~**031** should be changed specifically to prevent the issuance of Washington State Drivers Licenses or Identification Cards in any form to any person without legal resident status. (2010)

~~3. We support legislation that requires applicants for Washington State Driver’s Licenses to provide their Social Security number. (2013)~~

#### **Public Education:**

~~1. We support educating the public on the dangers of sodium azide and advise on measures to protect themselves and others by properly disposing of unused airbags when scrapping a vehicle.~~

#### **Rest Areas:**

~~6. We support legislation that prohibits soliciting and panhandling in rest areas without a permit. (2015)~~

**Safety – General:**

~~1. We support the provision of special handicapped parking permits for companies transporting handicapped individuals.~~

2. We encourage the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to approve the use of Adaptive Driving Beam (ADB), including the matrix system, vehicle headlight dimming system with its advanced use of LED lights to make driving safer on U.S. Highways. (2019)

## Resolutions

### Higher-Speed Rail in Washington State

Resolution – 2025-16-1602

Whereas, The State of Washington has been awarded up to 50 million dollars to study the development of a high-speed rail-line in the State of Washington; and

Whereas, the project is being promoted as a High-speed rail which by definition is a train that can travel over 110 mph as opposed to a higher speed rail which by definition is a train that can travel up to 110 mph, and

Whereas, A Higher speed rail line is in the realm of reality and should be promoted instead of an unrealistic High-speed rail line that would require massive changes to our rail system, and

Whereas, A train traveling at 110 mph would have much of the same enhanced value as a train traveling over 110 mph without adding an undo amount of time to a trip through the State, and

Whereas, Trains in the U.S., generally speaking, can currently travel at speeds over 110 mph with the proper pounds per foot tracks and "cant" (one side of the rail raised on the outside of a curve). However, any trains traveling at speeds over 100 mph cannot share the tracks with freight trains because of the "cant" (freight trains cannot travel on a rail-line that has cant on it), and

Whereas, On the average passenger trains in the U.S. travel at 79 mph (at this speed they can share the tracks with freight trains). Anything traveling over 100 mph would need to be on separate tracks from freight trains and also might need to be spaced further apart in the same right-of-way, therefore, be it

Resolved, we urge the State of Washington use the definition as defined by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) of High-speed rail (trains that can travel over 110 mph) and Higher speed rail (trains that can travel up to 110 mph) to clarify the definition of the terms, and be it further

Resolved, the Washington State Grange support a higher speed railroad instead of an unrealistic High-speed railroad be built in the State of Washington.

## Improving Railroad Passenger Travel

Resolution – 2025-17-1603

Whereas, The Amtrak Act of 1973 states that passenger trains have the right-of-way over freight trains. This law has been ignored by the freight carriers, and

Whereas, because of freight traffic being given a priority, passenger trains have been delayed causing late arrivals over 50% of the time (2019 report on time performance delays for the Empire Builder between Seattle WA and Portland OR), and

Whereas, passenger train travel sharing the tracks with freight trains accounts for only 4% of the total rail-line use. Because of the low total use of passenger trains, it has been shown when rail-lines have given priority to passenger trains arrival times have immediately improved substantially without causing any negative impacts to the fluidity of America's freight rail network, therefore, be it

Resolved, that federal enforcement action be taken to force rail freight carriers to adhere to the law that has been in place since the Amtrak Act of 1973 which gives the right-of-way to passenger trains on shared railroad tracks.

## Standardizing of Seat Belt Buckle Mechanisms

Resolution – 2025-25-1604

Whereas, currently in the Washington State Grange Legislative Handbook, page 29, 3<sup>rd</sup> column under Public Safety, states “We recommend the standardizing of seat belt buckle mechanisms.”; and

Whereas, it is not in the current National Grange Legislative Handbook; and

Whereas, this is something that to be effective needs to be handled at the National level; therefore, be it

Resolved, the Washington State Grange submit for consideration to the National Grange that “We recommend the standardizing of seat belt buckle mechanism operation.

## Funding for High-Speed Rail Safety

Committee Resolution #1

Whereas, the State of Washington has been awarded up to 50 million dollars to study the development of a high-speed rail line in the State of Washington; therefore, be it

Resolved, we encourage the State of Washington to use a portion of the allocated funds to include research of the estimated cost of creating a high-speed railroad track between Portland, OR and Seattle, WA as a first phase to start the transition from current passenger train travel to future passenger train travel on separate tracks.

## GRANGE MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### JANUARY 1, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024

NUMBER	NAME	COUNTY	AS OF 1/1/2024	AS OF 12/31/2024	AS OF 1/1/2024	AS OF 12/31/2024
1	Waitsburg	Columbia	26	27	1	
26	Elma	Grays Harbor	22	23	7	7
33	Fords Prairie	Lewis	27	37		
34	Baw Faw	Lewis	49	40		
48	LaCenter	Clark	17	18	4	2
49	Goldendale	Klickitat	74	70		
79	Mountain Valley	Clark	37	44	3	3
81	Centerville	Klickitat	61	59		1
82	Washington	Clark	73	73	1	1
87	Columbia	Klickitat	18	16		
94	Glenwood	Klickitat	15	15		
98	Mountain View	Klickitat	27	24	1	
101	Pleasant Hill	Cowlitz	52	52	1	1
105	Silver Lake	Cowlitz	17	21		
114	Whelan/Ewartsville	Whitman	57	58		
115	Pine Grove	Whitman	27	30	1	1
118	Johnson	Whitman	29	27		
121	Stevenson	Skamania	17	14		
124	Grays River	Wahkiakum	63	61		
129	Sunnyside	Cowlitz	45	48	1	
133	Mayview	Garfield	4	4		
136	Kellogg Marsh	Snohomish	27	23		
141	Wilcox	Whitman	16	15		
148	East Spokane	Spokane	35	34		
150	Silver Creek/Ethel	Lewis	36	20		
153	Forest	Lewis	36	36		
155	Hope	Lewis	42	40		

161	Moran Prairie	Spokane	46	43		
163	Brighton Park	Thurston	42	43	2	1
164	Minnehaha	Clark	31	29		
169	Haynie	Whatcom	45	41		
178	Woodland	Cowlitz	20	16		
183	Satsop	Grays Harbor	19	10		
198	Newaukum	Lewis	48	48		
199	Catlin	Cowlitz	32	30		
201	North Bellingham	Whatcom	17	15		
208	Laurel	Whatcom	41	41		
210	Trout Lake	Klickitat	21	20		
220	South Fork	Stevens	5	Closed		
226	Rome	Whatcom	47	44		
250	South Bay	Thurston	17	17		
261	Summit Park	Skagit	28	24		
265	Meridian	King	51	47		
266	Edgewood	Pierce	41	39		
267	Fern Bluff	Snohomish	20	19		
275	The Agate	Mason	23	25	1	
276	Marion	Pierce	44	67	5	10
278	Gardenspot	Stevens	28	28		
280	Garden City	Snohomish	20	33		
284	Tualco	Snohomish	53	51		
286	Sammamish Valley	King	36	36		
296	Lower Naches	Yakima	30	31		
300	Green Bluff	Spokane	101	98	2	1
306	Cedar Valley	Snohomish	39	40		
311	Oakview	Lewis	62	68	2	1
315	Prosperity	Thurston	25	24		
322	Happy Valley	King	54	52		
334	Orchardvale	Yakima	14	14		
348	Fruitvale	Yakima	28	27		
355	Mossyrock	Lewis	43	43		
357	Matlock	Mason	48	63	21	20
372	Quillisascut	Stevens	32	32		
374	Stranger Creek	Stevens	43	46		
379	Skokomish	Mason	32	31		
383	McLane	Thurston	23	24		
385	Bee Hive	Chelan	38	40		
389	Beacon Hill	Chelan	18	18		
399	Ten Mile	Whatcom	34	31		

404	Bethel	Kitsap	13	16		
407	Lincoln Creek	Lewis	36	39		
414	Finley	Benton	13	11		
415	Buena Vista	Benton	7	8		
417	Adna	Lewis	29	29		
425	Skamokawa	Wahkiakum	20	22		
452	Williams Valley	Stevens	48	48	4	2
456	Clayton	Stevens	13	11		
482	Twisp Valley	Okanogan	31	31		
500	Calispell	Pend Oreille	18	24		
501	Davis Lake	Pend Oreille	38	29	1	
506	Diamond Lake	Pend Oreille	21	18		
527	Willapa Valley	Pacific	29	28		
533	Fort Colville	Stevens	43	54	3	5
534	Cedar	King	46	39		
545	Fredonia	Skagit	18	20		
556	Kenova	Whitman	38	38		
571	Barberton	Clark	73	79	7	7
581	Issaquah Valley	King	29	30	3	2
584	Skookumchuck	Thurston	26	26		
586	Terrace Heights	Yakima	55	55		2
590	Greenwood Park	Stevens	32	33	2	6
603	Addy	Stevens	96	129	24	46
608	Selah Heights	Yakima	39	40		
610	Tyler	Spokane	49	54	1	
619	Fairview	Clallam	25	25		
620	Skagit Valley	Skagit	60	59		
630	Burbank	Walla Walla	35	33		
646	Dry Creek	Clallam	40	46		6
647	Broadway	Yakima	61	56		1
661	Quillayute Valley	Clallam	15	15		
667	Long Beach	Pacific	44	36		
671	Nob Hill	Yakima	6	6		
679	Malo	Ferry	18	18		
681	Chimacum	Jefferson	43	51		1
684	San Poil	Ferry	24	27		4
687	Camden	Pend Oreille	32	37		
690	South Lake Stevens	Snohomish	49	48		
698	Espanola	Spokane	26	25		
702	Roy	Pierce	16	32	1	
710	Mansford	Snohomish	28	22		

712	Eagle Cliff	Ferry	16	9		
720	Quimper	Jefferson	32	31		
730	Humptulips	Grays Harbor	60	66	1	1
731	Kennewick Valley	Benton	24	24		
737	Cowlitz Prairie	Lewis	60	65		1
769	North Creek Valley	Snohomish	32	10		
774	Olympic View	Grays Harbor	37	36		
776	Bluestem	Lincoln	12	12		
780	Inland	Spokane	25	25	2	
782	Elk Plain	Pierce	35	39		
784	Enterprise	Stevens	19	19		
786	East Hill	King	51	54		
791	Bryant	Snohomish	27	30		
796	Manson	Chelan	99	117	34	16
798	Wilbur	Lincoln	14	11		
800	Sharon	Grays Harbor	43	37	3	
805	Steele Lk Highline	King	86	85		
807	Grand Coulee	Lincoln	8	8		
812	Ohop	Pierce	52	54	7	6
815	Rexville	Skagit	30	40		
819	Chumstick	Chelan	42	39	2	2
822	Mondovi	Lincoln	12	12		
831	Central	Spokane	29	27		
832	St. Andrews	Douglas	102	106	15	14
836	Buena	Yakima	65	64		
837	Canniwai	Lincoln	7	7		
842	Camas Valley	Stevens	48	49		
846	Deer Lagoon	Island	136	99	9	4
848	McMillin	Pierce	40	38		
849	Salmon Creek	Clark	51	49		
853	Fargher Lake	Clark	107	106	18	18
857	Granville	Snohomish	35	39		1
860	South Union	Thurston	39	39	3	4
861	Black Lake	Thurston	26	17		
866	Fern Prairie	Clark	51	64	1	5
870	Sunny Valley	Yakima	5	5		
875	Tieton	Yakima	10	7		
879	Silverdale	Kitsap	22	23		
885	East Cheney	Spokane	13	12		
890	Alder Creek	Klickitat	45	45		
893	Collins	Pierce	38	36	1	1

902	East Oakville	Grays Harbor	29	30	2	
905	Five Mile Prairie	Spokane	42	44	7	8
909	Spring Hill	Spokane	44	43		
925	Lummi Island	Whatcom	73	64		
926	Samish Valley	Skagit	26	26		
927	Triangle	Spokane	8	8		
930	South Camano	Island	13	13		
931	Odessa	Lincoln	20	20		
938	Columbia Valley	Franklin	67	59		
941	Rimrock	Adams	21	22		
943	Ralston	Adams	105	102	2	1
946	North River	Pacific	15	18		
947	No. Willapa Harbor	Pacific	20	17		
951	Spring Creek	Lincoln	43	41		
952	Wheatland	Whitman	46	43		
953	Rose Valley	Cowlitz	37	34		
955	Sallal	King	25	23		
964	Orcas Island	San Juan	36	26		
965	Horseshoe	Snohomish	33	30		
966	San Juan Island	San Juan	231	241		
978	Pleasant Grove	Garfield	8	8		
980	Windsor	Spokane	14	14		
982	Clarkston Heights	Asotin	31	33		
984	Swauk Teanaway	Kittitas	98	109	1	1
985	Oroville	Okanogan	30	40		
986	Mt. Olive	Okanogan	35	31		
996	Violet Prairie	Thurston	35	37	2	1
999	Fruitland	Pierce	44	49	1	2
1001	McIntosh	Spokane	37	58	3	5
1004	N. & S, Palouse	Whitman	36	33		
1005	Steptoe	Whitman	12	12		
1008	Tri Community	Spokane	23	28		
1012	East Wenatchee	Douglas	106	96	15	8
1014	Entiat	Chelan	16	21	4	5
1018	Brewster	Okanogan	28	20		
1019	Tunk Valley	Okanogan	45	44		
1035	Lind	Adams	9	8		
1039	Patit Valley	Columbia	13	12		
1047	Riverside Valley	Pierce	22	22		
1048	The Valley	Stevens	156	15	2	
1051	Bainbridge Island	Kitsap	15	13		

1054	Menastash	Kittitas	145	231		81	47
1058	Stillaguamish	Snohomish	23	24		2	
1060	Lopez Island	San Juan	33	33			
1067	Prospect Point	Walla Walla	96	69		27	17
1069	Molson	Okanogan	54	53			1
1086	Logan Hill	Lewis	31	34		5	4
1093	Tri-Way	Snohomish	15	13			
1094	Fertile Valley	Pend Oreille	28	31			
1095	Stemilt Hill	Chelan	22	20			
1100	Newcastle	King	11	11			
1101	Manor	Clark	28	24			
1103	Okanogan	Okanogan	42	42			
1108	Sequim Prairie	Clallam	152	158		9	6
1111	Waller Road	Pierce	118	109		2	1
1118	Twanoh	Mason	14	11			
1120	Kettle River	Stevens	75	83		4	3
1123	Crescent	Clallam	66	68			
1124	Hazel Dell	Clark	7	Closed			
1125	Olalla	Kitsap	23	19			
1126	Crystal	Kitsap	12	12			
1143	White Trail	Grant	65	77		7	2
1151	Moses Lake	Grant	81	79		19	22
1152	Freedom	Franklin	32	22		9	3
1153	Selkirk Valley	Pend Oreille		Opened			12
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	12
Jr 236	East Hill Jr	King				8	8
Jr 329	Horseshoe Jr	Snohomish				11	11
Jr 344	Deer Lagoon Jr	Island				14	10
Jr 366	Mossyrock Jr	Lewis				3	3
Jr 373	Green Bluff Jr	Spokane				15	14
Jr 376	Humptulips Jr	Grays Harbor				34	24
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				34	43
Jr 401	Camp Morehead Jr	Pacific				26	20

Jr 402	Camp NEWA Jr	Stevens				42	42
Jr 403	Camp Mayfield Jr	Lewis				28	73
Jr 404	Camp Cornet Bay Jr	Island				28	42
Jr 406	Wilcox (Whitman Co) Jr	Whitman				12	10
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				24	24
Jr 413	Kettle River Jr	Stevens				70	70
Jr 414	Sharon Jr	Grays Harbor				12	10
Jr 2005	WA State Jr					10	10

TOTALS

8233

8312

1112

1163

## CONTESTS AND AWARDS

### **GRANGE HALL IMPROVEMENT CONTEST**

Plaques, Cash Awards, & Town Markers

First Place – Sequim Prairie #1108

Second Place – South Camano #930

Third Place – Violet Prairie #996

Fourth Place – Moses Lake #1151

Honorable Mention – McLane #383, North Bellingham #201

### **WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

BEAR CREEK/HORSESHOE GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP

Kayliana Blackmore – Menastash #1054

NORMAN BUCCHOLZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Bailey Sherley – Menastash #1054

ADRIAN & BETTY DEVRIES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Bode Sherley – Menastash #1054

DELPHA GOUDE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Lucy Jones – Five Mile Prairie #905

Tyler Schuyleman – Bee Hive #385

Kiera Smith – East Wenatchee #10112

Magdalene Wyrick – Five Mile Prairie #905

MARTIN & GRACE FORRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Nickolas Bowdish – Centerville #81

FOX ISLAND GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP  
Marguerite Bailey – McIntosh #1001

RAY & MARIAN KAMMERER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Addison Bowen – McIntosh #1001  
Chloe Clyburn – Menastash #1054  
Jocelyn DeGroat – Five Mile Prairie #905  
Regina Nelson – Prospect Point #1067

NOB HILL GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP  
Melissa Kudsk - Haynie #169

POMONA VILLA GENERAL SHOLARSHIP  
Taylor Alder – Menastash #1054  
Colton Barsness – Menastash #1054  
Maya Hankins – Mossyrock #355

ROCK CREEK GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP  
Meredith Meats – Fargher Lake #853

HELEN MARIE SNYDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Drake Gloyn – Rimrock #941  
Zachary Klein – Ralston #943

WA STATE GRANGE FAMILY LIVING VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Ruby Barnts – Baw Faw #33

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS**

Community Volunteers of the Year  
Beverly McGuire, Barberton #571  
Bruce Bolme – Mountain View #98

Volunteer Group of the Year – Lewis County ABATE,  
nominated by Oakview #311

### **Community Service Contest**

Class 1 (up to 40 members)  
First Place – North River #946  
Second Place – Horseshoe #965  
Third Place – McLane #383  
Fourth Place – Samish Valley #926

Class 2 (41 or more members)  
First Place – Barberton #571  
Second Place – Happy Valley #322  
Third Place – Five Mile Prairie #905  
Fourth Place – Oakview #311

### **MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

#### **New Member Recruitment Drawing**

Junior Grange Membership - \$25 cash awards  
Camp Cornet Bay Junior Grange #404  
Dry Creek Grange #646

Humptulips Jr Grange #376  
Camp Wooten Junior Grange #

Subordinate Grange Membership = \$250 Cash Awards

San Juan Island #966  
Menastash #1054  
Long Beach #667  
East Wenatchee #10121  
Marion #276  
Matlock #357

Grange Recognition

150 Years  
LaCenter #48

125 Years  
Whelan Ewartsville #114  
Silver Lake #105

100 Years  
Wilbur #798  
Steele Lake Highline #805  
Grand Coulee #807  
Ohop #812  
Rexville #815  
Chumstick #819

**YOUTH DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

Youth Boosters of the Year

Marvin & Jennifer Oliver, Collins #893

Pizzaz Awards

Lauren Rohde, Waitsburg #1  
Keyalei Compton, Mossyrock #355

Prepared Speeches

First Place, ages 13-20 – Lauren Rohde, Waitsburg  
#1

First Place (Video Submission) – Gideon Jones,  
Five Mile Prairie #905

First Place, age 26+ - Heather Ferguson,  
Waitsburg #1

PUBLIC SPEAKING – IMPROMPTU

First Place, ages 14-20 – Lauren Rohde, Waitsburg  
#1

Second Place, ages 14-20 – Melissa Kudsk,  
Haynie #169

Third Place, ages 14-20 – Keyalei Compton,  
Mossyrock #355

First Place, ages 21-30 – Brittney Gordon, Rimrock  
#941

Second Place, ages 21-30 – Sheyenne Koen,  
Kellogg Marsh #136

First Place, age 31 and over – Heather Ferguson,  
Waitsburg #1, and Andy Barth, East  
Wenatchee #1012

Second Place, age 31 and over – Mary Brouillard,  
South Union #860

Third Place, age 31 and over – Rick Ferguson,  
Waitsburg #1

YOUTH EDUCATIONAL POSTERS

Animal Science – Ages 5-7

First Place – Faustina Boshart, Prospect Point  
#1067

Second Place – Asheley Juchetta, Moses Lake  
#1151

Animal Science – Ages 8-10

First Place – Garrett Thurton, Prospect Point #1067

Second Place – Owen Boshart, Prospect Point  
#1067

Third Place – Maggie Winona, Prospect Point  
#1067

**Animal Science – Ages 11-13**

First Place – Byron Boshart, Prospect Point #1067

Second Place – Shelby Manderville, Moses Lake #1151

Third Place – David Williams, Moses Lake #1151

**Animal Science – Ages 14-19**

First Place – Cheyenne Boshart, Prospect Point #1067

Second Place – Jacob Bauder, Fargher Lake #853

Third Place – Lila Sackmann, Moses Lake #1151

**Plant Science – Ages 8-10**

First Place – Jenna Meats, Fargher Lake #853

**Youth Raffle**

First Place - \$400 – Chumstick Grange #819

Second Place - \$100 – Moses Lake Grange #1151

Third Place - \$60 – Janice Radmer

Fourth Place - \$40 – Buena Grange #836

**JUNIOR DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

**Junior Grange Community Service** – First Place: Humptulips Junior Grange #376;  
**Ned Cullen Award-** Humptulips Junior Grange #376

Results of the remaining Junior Grange awards were not provided.

**Art/Craft Contest**

Crafts - Group 1

Crafts - Group 2

Crafts - Group 3

JG Tri Boards - Group 4

**Public Speaking Contest**

Prepared Speech

Short Story

Impromptu

**LECTURER DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

**PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

Total entries pre-submitted: 277

Total entries received/judged: 254

**GROUP I - Adults, age 20 and over**

**Best of Show: \$50**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Best of Show: \$25**

**Best of Class Winners:**

A. Scenic Photo

B. Washington My Home

C. Animals/Pets

D. Birds

E. People

F. Portraiture

G. Historical

H. Agriculture/Farming

I. Celebration

J. Water

K. Flora

L. Winter

M. Spring

N. Summer

**Kathy Brumfield**

**Jennifer Taylor**

Carolyn Hojem

Jenny Vincent

Mike Ohlsen

Lloyd Wilbur

Patti Tuller

Kathy Brumfield

Chris Hamp

Denny Lippert

Jennifer Webb

Lew Gaskill

Vicki Gilmour

Jennifer Taylor

Rebecca Jones

Kathy Brumfield

**Sharon #800**

**Brighton Park #163**

Newaukum #198

East Hill #786

Tualco #284

Elk Plain #782

Washington #82

Sharon #800

Five Mile Prairie #905

Camden #687

Rimrock #941

Ten Mile #399

Fargher Lake #853

Brighton Park #163

Five Mile Prairie #905

Sharon #800

**Grays Hbr/Pacific #28**

**Thurston #8**

Lewis #3

King #13

Snohomish #12

Pierce #16

Clark #1

Grays Hbr/Pacific #28

Spokane #4

Pend Oreille #29

Whitman #2

Whatcom #6

Clark #1

Thurston #8

Spokane #4

Grays Hbr/Pacific #28

O. Autumn/Fall	Debi Brooks	Ten Mile #399	Whatcom #6
P. Insects & Bugs	Tena Hedges	Catlin #199	Cowlitz #7
Q. Grange Activities	Vickie Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
R. Recreational Activities	Chad Sweitzer	Matlock #357	Mason #20
S. Lines/Shapes/Forms	Elizabeth Hogan	Crescent #1123	Clallam #31
T. Transportation	Dianne George	Kellogg Marsh #136	Snohomish #12
U. Gneral Interest	Brenda Ohlsen	Tualco #284	Snohomish #12
V. Manipulated Photo	Lloyd Wilbur	Elk Plain #782	Pierce #16

## **GROUP II - Youth, ages 14-19**

**Best of Show: \$25**      **Martin Taylor**      **Brighton Park #163**      **Thurston #8**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Best of Show: \$15**      **Jacob Smith**      **Humptulips #730**      **Grays Hbr/Pacific #28**

### **Best of Class Winners:**

BA. Scenic Photo	Laura Klein	Prospect Point #1067	Columbia #56
BB. Animals/Pets	Martin Taylor	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8
BC. People	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Hbr/Pacific #28
BD. Food	Lauren Rohde	Waitsburg #1	Columbia #56
BE. General Interest	Martin Taylor	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8
BF. Grange Activities	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Hbr/Pacific #28
BG. Water	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Hbr/Pacific #28
BH. Flora	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Hbr/Pacific #28
BI. Recreational Activities	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Hbr/Pacific #28
BJ. Manipulated Photo	*****no entries*****		

## **GROUP III - Juniors, ages 5-13**

**Best of Show: \$25**      **Donna Kennedy**      **Fargher Lake #853**      **Clark #1**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Best of Show: \$15**      **Collin Taylor**      **Brighton Park #163**      **Thurston #8**

### **Best of Class Winners:**

CA. Scenic Photo	Kamryn Cable	Humptulips #730	Grays Hbr/Pacific #28
CB. Animals	Donna Kennedy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
CC. People	*****No Entries*****		
CD. Food	Collin Taylor	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8
CE. General Interest	Kamryn Cable	Humptulips #730	GraysHbr/Pacific 28
CF. Grange Activities	*****No Entries*****		
CG. Water	Donna Kennedy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
CH. Flora	Donna Kennedy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
CI. Pets	*****No Entries*****		

## **ARTS & CRAFTS CONTEST**

Total entries pre-submitted: 260  
Total entries received/judged: 214

## **Group A - Paintings and Drawings, Adults, ages 14 and over**

**Best of Show: \$50**      **Jim Beerbower**      **Sharon #800**      **Grays Hbr/Pacific #28**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Best of Show: \$25**      **Willow Cook**      **Molson #1069**      **Okanogan #53**

### **Best of Class Winners:**

A-1 Oils	Janice Johnson	Kellogg Marsh #136	Snohomish #12
A-2 Acrylics	Willow Cook	Molson #1069	Okanogan #53

A-3 Watercolors	Jim Beerbower	Sharon #800	GraysHbr/Pacific #28
A-4 Mixed Medium	Cheryl Britton	Central #831	Spokane #4
A-5 Drawings	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
A-6 Miniature	Mary Lee Rozelle	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29
A-7 Other	Dianne George	Kellogg Marsh #136	Snohomish #12

#### **Group B - Fiber Craft/Needle Arts, Adults, ages 14 and over**

<b>Best of Show: \$50</b>	<b>Janice Kay</b>	<b>Green Bluff #300</b>	<b>Spokane #4</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Best of Show: \$25</b>	<b>Becky Escobar</b>	<b>Oakview #311</b>	<b>Lewis #3</b>

#### **Best of Class Winners:**

B-1 Weaving	Becky Escobar	Oakview #311	Lewis #3
B-2 Embroidery, Hand	Lois Cummins	Fertile Valley #1094	Pend Oreille #29
B-3 Knit, any item	Betty Reed	Williams Valley #452	Excelsior #37
B-4 Crochet, any item	Becky Escobar	Oakview #311	Lewis #3
B-5 Counted Cross Stitch (Framed)	Janine Kay	Green Bluff #300	Spokane #4
B-6 Counted Cross Stitch (Unframed)	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Hbr/Pacific#28
B-7 Plastic Canvas	Sherry Cummins	Fertile Valley #1094	Pend Oreille #29
B-8 Other Fiber Craft	Not Recorded		
B-9 Other Needle Art	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Hbr/Pacific#28

#### **Group C - Holiday Crafts, Adults, ages 14 and over**

<b>Best of Show: \$50</b>	<b>Rodger Lance</b>	<b>Washington #82</b>	<b>Clark #1</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Best of Show: \$25</b>	<b>Steve Tjarnberg</b>	<b>Terrace Heights #586</b>	<b>Yakima Valley #11</b>

#### **Best of Class Winners:**

C-1 Christmas Ornament	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Hbr/Pacific#28
C-2 Christmas Dec	Steve Tjarnberg	Terrace Heights #586	Yakima Valley #11
C-3 Thanksgiving Dec	*****No Entries*****		
C-4 Halloween Dec	Rodger Lance	Washington #82	Clark #1
C-5 Other Holiday Dec	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Hbr/Pacific#28
C-6 Non-Holiday Dec	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Hbr/Pacific#28
C-7 Seasonal Dec	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Hbr/Pacific#28
C-8 Other Décor	Debbie Riegel-Yates	Rexville #815	Skagit #10

#### **Group D - Wood Crafts, Adults, ages 14 and over**

<b>Best of Show: \$50</b>	<b>Denis Gamache</b>	<b>Terrace Heights #586</b>	<b>Yakima Valley #11</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Best of Show: \$25</b>	<b>Julia Chege</b>	<b>East Hill #785</b>	<b>King #13</b>

#### **Best of Class Winners:**

D-1 Woodworking (with a finish)	Denis Gamache	Terrace Heights #586	Yakima Valley #11
D-2 Woodworking (w/o a finish)	Rodger Lance	Washington #82	Clark #1
D-3 Wood Birdhouse	Karri March	McMillin #848	Pierce #16
D-4 Wooden Toy	*****No Entries*****		
D-5 Any Woodworking Item	Marvin Oliver	Collins #893	Pierce #16

D-6 Other Wooden Item	Julie Chege	East Hill #786	King #13
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**Group E – Recycled Crafts, Adults, age 14 and over**

<b>Best of Show: \$50</b>	<b>Jodi Ann Cameron</b>	<b>Five Mile Prairie #905</b>	<b>Spokane #4</b>
<b>2nd Best of Show: \$25</b>	<b>Lily Oswalt</b>	<b>Moses Lake #1151</b>	<b>Grant</b>

**Best of Class Winners:**

E-1 Recycled Fabric/Fiber	Lily Oswalt	Moses Lake #1151	Grant
E-2 Recycled Wood	Hannah Patching	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
E-3 Recycled Metal	Jodi Ann Cameron	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
E-4 Recycled Plastic	Syn Omega	Matlock #357	Mason #20
E-5 Recycled from Any Other Item	Chris Hamp	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4

**Group F - Constructive Crafts, Adults, age 14 and over**

<b>Best of Show: \$50</b>	<b>Ted Vander Hauwen</b>	<b>Lower Naches #296</b>	<b>Yakima Valley #11</b>
<b>2nd Best of Show: \$25</b>	<b>Steve Dalton</b>	<b>Horseshoe #965</b>	<b>Snohomish #12</b>

**Best of Class Winners:**

F-1 Glass Craft	Adriana McClellan	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
F-2 Metal Craft	Chase Metzger	Long Beach #667	Grays Hbr/Pacific#28
F-3 Sculpted Clay/Pottery	Steve Dalton	Garden City #280	Snohomish #12
F-4 Yard Art	*****No Entries*****		
F-5 Ceramics, any item	*****No Entries*****		
F-6 Leather Craft	Ted Vander Hauwen	Lower Naches #296	Yakima Valley #11
F-7 Other Constructive	Debi Tusken	Williams Valley #452	Excelsior #37

**Group G - Paper Crafts, Adults, age 14 and over**

<b>Best of Show: \$50</b>	<b>April Jones</b>	<b>Five Mile Prairie #905</b>	<b>Spokane #4</b>
<b>2nd Best of Show: \$25</b>	<b>Michelle Nicolson</b>	<b>Camden #687</b>	<b>Pend Oreille #29</b>

**Best of Class Winners:**

G-1 Handmade Card (holiday)	Michelle Nicolson	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #687
G-2 Handmade Card (all occ)	Michelle Nicolson	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #687
G-3 Origami	*****No Entries*****		
G-4 Quilling	April Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
G-5 Adult Coloring	April Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
G-6 Other Paper Craft Item	April Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4

**Group H - General Crafts, Adult, Ages 14 and over**

<b>Best of Show: \$50</b>	<b>Cheryl Britton</b>	<b>Central #831</b>	<b>Spokane #4</b>
<b>2nd Best of Show: \$25</b>	<b>Lloyd Misner</b>	<b>East Hill #786</b>	<b>King #13</b>

**Best of Class Winners:**

H-1 Beading	Nadra Betcher	Molson #1069	Okanogan #53
H-2 Jewelry	Jane Hutchison	Selah Heights #608	Yakima Valley #608
H-3 Decorative Painting	Cheryl Britton	Central #831	Spokane #4
H-4 Wearable Art	Tracey Brownrigg	Humptulips #730	Grays Hbr/Pacific#28

H-5 Toys (other than wood)	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
H-6 Nature Craft	Davona Gwin	Humptulips #730	GraysHbr/Pacific #28
H-7 Flower Arrangement/ Corsage (dried or silk)	Debbie Riegel-Yates	Rexville #815	Skagit #815
H-8 String, Cord, or Macrame	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Hbr/Pacific#28
H-9 Other General Craft Item	Lloyd Misnar	East Hill #786	King #13

**Group I – Grange Promotional Art/Craft, Ages 14 and over**

<b>Best of Show: \$50</b>	<b>Janice Anderson</b>	<b>Washington #82</b>	<b>Clark #1</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Best of Show: \$25</b>	<b>Ralph Rise</b>	<b>Molson #1069</b>	<b>Okanogan #53</b>

Best of Class Winners:

I-1 Grange Promo Brochure	Chris Harris	East Hill #786	King #13
I-2 Grange Event Flyer	Connie Hauver	Terrace Heights #786	Yakima Valley #11
I-3 Posters	South Union #860	South Union #860	Thurston #8
I-4 Grange Promo T-Shirt Or Vest	*****No Entries*****		
I-5 Other Grange Promo Art/Craft Items	Janice Anderson	Washington #82	Clark #1

**Group J - Arts & Crafts, Children, Ages 10-13**

<b>Best of Show: \$25</b>	<b>Byron Boshart</b>	<b>Prospect Point #1067</b>	<b>Columbia #56</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Best of Show: \$15</b>	<b>Ella Sargeant</b>	<b>Camden #687</b>	<b>Pend Oreille #29</b>

Best of Class Winners:

J-1 Paintings	Ella Sargeant	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29
J-2 Drawings	Tristen McClellan	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
J-3 Lego Item – from a Kit	Donna Kennedy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
J-4 Lego Item – not a Kit	Colt Sinkbeil	Waitsburg #1	Columbia #56
J-5 Woodcrafts	Byron Boshart	Prospect Point #1067	Columbia #56
J-6 Fabric/Fiber Craft	Donna Kennedy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
J-7 Paper Craft	*****No Entries*****		
J-8 Decorations	Donna Kennedy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
J-9 Wearable Art	Donna Kennedy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
J-10 Any Item made from a Kit – Other than Legos	Truman Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
J-11 Other Arts & Craft Items	Byrion Boshart	Prospect Point #1067	Columbia #56

**Group K - Arts & Crafts, Children, Ages 5-9**

<b>Best of Show: \$25</b>	<b>Addy Wilcox</b>	<b>Molson #1069</b>	<b>Okanogan #53</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Best of Show: \$15</b>	<b>Teagan Gilmour</b>	<b>Fargher Lake #853</b>	<b>Clark #1</b>

Best of Class Winners:

K-1 Paintings	Addy Wilcox	Molson #1069	Okanogan #53
K-2 Drawings	Rhiannoin Kemano	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
K-3 Lego Item – from a Kit	Declan Kemano	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
K-4 Lego Item – not from a Kit	*****No Entries*****		
K-5 Woodcrafts	Teagan Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
K-6 Fabric/Fiber Craft	Garrett Thorson	Prospect Point #1067	Columbia #56
K-7 Paper Crafts	*****No Entries*****		

K-8 Decorations	James Stinebaugh	Prospect Point #1067	Columbia #56
K-9 Wearable Art	Gracyn Payne	Waitsburg #1	Columbia #56
K-10 Any Item made from a Kit - Other than Lego	Weston Sinkbeil	Waitsburg #1	Columbia #56
K-11 Other Arts & Crafts Item	Addy Wilcox	Molson #1069	Okanogan #53

### **CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST**

#### **2025 Creative Writing Contest**

##### **Group A – Adults**

Best of Show	Jarrold Gardner	McMillin #848	Pierce #16
Second Best of Show	Stephen Johnston	Logan Hill #1068	Lewis #3

##### **Class A1 – Poetry, Metered; Topic: The Grange of the Future**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Jarrold Gardner	McMillin #848	Pierce #16
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Larry Houch	Sallal #955	King #13

##### **Class A2 – Poetry, Free Verse; Topic: The Grange of the Future**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Mary Lee Rozelle	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Larry Houch	Sallal #955	King #13
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Mary Lee Rozelle	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29

##### **Class A3 – Short Story; Topic: My Garden Grows...**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Stephen Johnston	Logan Hill #1086	Lewis #3
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Sonja Bartsch	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Mary Lee Rozelle	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29

### **OUTSTANDING LECTURER AWARDS 2024-2025**

<u>Pomona Granges</u>	Steve Singhose – Crescent #1123
Brenda Lester – Clark County Pomona #1	Valerie Gibson – Fruitland #999
Tom Gwin – Grays Hbr/Pacific Pomona #28/	Joanie Raymond – Molson #1069
	Beverly York – South Union #860
<u>Subordinate Granges</u>	Lorell Fisher – Stranger Creek #374
Jim McGinty – Camden #687	Patti Tuller – Washington #82

### **FAMILY LIVING DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

#### **WHEAT GROWERS AWARD**

Adult – Susan Baughman, BeeHive Grange #385, Chelan County #23  
 Juniors 2 Ages 9-14 – Morgan Arthur, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28  
 Juniors 2 Ages 9-14 – Donna Kennedy, Fargher Lake #853, Clark #1

#### **GROUP 1 BAKING CONTESTS – ADULTS AGES OVER 19**

Best of Show - Susan Baughman, BeeHive Grange #385, Chelan Co #23  
 Second Best of Show – Dianne Johnson, McLane Grange #383, Thurstan Co #8  
 Second Best of Show – Marlys Arthur, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

**First Place Winners:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Grange</b>	<b>Pomona</b>
Yeast Breads	Susan Baughman	BeeHive #385	Chelan #23
Quick Breads	Carol Brent	Rose Valley #953	Cowlitz #7
Quick Bread, Muffins	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Gray's Harbor/Pacific #28
Sourdough Bread & Rolls	Lillie Savage	Olympic View #774	Gray's Harbor/Pacific #28
Frosted Cakes	Carol Brent	Rose Valley #953	Cowlitz #7
Frosted Cupcakes	Tyler Boyce	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
Other	Lora Eckert	Tenmile #399	Whatcom #6
Cookies, Baked	Dianne Johnson	McLane #383	Thurston #8
Cookies, Gluten Free	Karen Crombie	Edgewood #266	Thurston #8
Cookies, Gluten Free	Marlys Arthur	Humptulips #730	Gray's Harbor/Pacific #28
Bars, Brownies	Lisa Harner	Olympic View #774	Gray's Harbor/Pacific #28
Bars, Other	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Gray's Harbor/Pacific #28

**BAKING CONTEST – JUNIOR 1 AGES 5-8**

Best of Show – Collen Taylor, Brighton Park #163, Thurston #8

Second Best of Show – Lena Gilmour, Fargher Lake #853, Clark #1

**First Place Winners:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Grange</b>	<b>Pomona</b>
Frosted Cupcakes	Lena Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
Cookies, Baked	Sophie Griffith	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
Cookies, Cake Mix	Collen Taylor	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8

**BAKING CONTEST – JUNIOR 2 AGES 9-13**

Best of Show – Morgan Arthur, Humptulips #730, Gray's Harbor/Pacific #28

Second Best of Show – Donna Kennedy, Fargher Lake #853, Clark #1

**First Place Winners:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Grange</b>	<b>Pomona</b>
Cookies, Baked	Morgan Arthur	Humptulips #730	Gray's Harbor/Pacific #28
Cookies, Non-Baked	Martin Taylor	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8
Cookies, Cake Mix	Elizabeth Entrop	Marion # 276	Pierce #16

Bars, Brownies	Morgan Arthur	Humptulips #730	Gray's Harbor/Pacific #28
Bars, Other	Donna Kennedy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1

### GROUP 2 CANDY – ADULTS

Best of Show – Becky Meats, Fargher Lake #853, Clark #1

Second Best of Show – Eve Rogers, Fruitland #999, Pierce #16

#### First Place Winners:

Description	Name	Grange	Pomona
Candy, Cooked	Eve Rogers	Fruitland #999	Pierce #16
Candy, Uncooked	Becky Meats	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1

### GROUP 2 CANDY – YOUTH AGES 14-19

Best of Show – Aiyana Hann, Fern Prairie # 866, Clark #1

#### First Place Winners:

Description	Name	Grange	Pomona
Candy, Cooked	Aiyana Hann	Fern Prairie #866	Clark #1

### GROUP 2 CANDY – JUNIOR 1 AGES 5-8

Best of Show – Pearle Hanson, Marian #276, Pierce #16

#### First Place Winners:

Description	Name	Grange	Pomona
Candy, Uncooked	Pearle Hanson	Marion #276	Pierce #16

### GROUP 2 CANDY – JUNIOR 2 AGES 9-13

Best of Show – Donna Kennedy, Fargher Lake #853, Clark #1

#### First Place Winners:

Description	Name	Grange	Pomona
Candy, Cooked	Donna Kennedy	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1

### GROUP 3 FOOD PRESERVATION – ADULTS

Best of Show – Tom Gwin, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

Second Best of Show – Gary Kimura, Cedar Valley #306, Snohomish #12

#### First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Fruits	Barbara Wilburn	Catlin #199	Cowlitz #7
Vegetables	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Jams, Jellies, & Preserves	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

Meat	Carol Courtney	Mossyrock #355	Lewis #3
Tomato Products	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Pickles & Relishes	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Vinegars	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Juices	Mary Hursh	Fruitland #999	Pierce #16
Pie Fillings	Karen Derry	Buena #836	Yakima Valley #11
Soups	Syn Omega	Matlock #357	Mason #20
Syrups	Jeff Prowse	Cedar Valley #306	Snohomish #12
Other	Syn Omega	Matlock #357	Mason #20
Dried, Vegetables	Phyllis Ogden	Sunnyside #129	Cowlitz #7
Dried, Fruits	Gary Kimura	Cedar Valley #306	Snohomish #12
Dried, Soup Mixes	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried, Herbs	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried, Fruit Leather	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried, Jerky	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried, Other	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

### GROUP 3 FOOD PRESERVATION – YOUTH AGES 14 to 18

Best of Show – Jacob Smith, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

Second Best of Show – Jacob Smith, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

#### First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Fruits	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Jams, Jellies, & Preserves	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Tomato Products	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Salsa	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Other	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried, Vegetables	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried, Fruits	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried, Herbs	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

### GROUP 3 FOOD PRESERVATION – JUNIOR 1 AGES 5-8

Best of Show – Lilliana Brownrigg, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

Second Best of Show – Hunter Brownrigg, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

#### First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Dried, Fruits	Lilliana Brownrigg	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried, Herbs	Hunter Brownrigg	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

## **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 2025 STATE SESSION**

### **STEERING COMMITTEE**

Chair – Phyllis Ogden  
Secretary – Lucy Vest  
Treasurer – Marilyn Armit

### **CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Banquets – Marilyn Armit	Lecturer – Denise McCartan
Community Service – Lark Schwartz, Alice Coakley	Memorial – Carolyn Hojem
Degrees/Installation – Christie Vintilo, Shavanna May	Novelties – Kendal Harner
Family Living – Florence Ogden, Diane Williams	Publicity – Paulette James
Flowers – Kari Hann	Registration – Lucy Vest
Furniture/Stage – Butch Ogden, Phyllis Ogden	Rose Drill – Kari Hann
Hospitality – Judy Steigman	RV's – Ed & Marilyn Armit
Housing – Annie Scott	Transportation – Darell Myers, Lonnie Scott
Juniors – Mike Golmour	Youth – Mike Gilmour, Becky Meats

### **CONVENTION PROGRESS COMMITTEE**

Chair - Sophia Keller	Nancy Drake
Bekki Weston	Ferol Max
Mary Bryant	Susie Kingsolver

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 Ogden
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, 2025 - 2:00 P.M.**

**EASTERN DISTRICT FIFTH DEGREE TEAM**

Fifth Degree Team Captain – Shavanna May

Master	Rex Ogden	Ceres	Judy Steigman
Overseer	Ron Nelson	Pomona	Kay Nelson
Lecturer	Denise McCartan	Flora	Georgene Neal
Steward	Janice Anderson	Executive Committee	
Assistant Steward	Ed Armit	Executive Committee	
Lady Assistant Steward	Marilyn Armit	Executive Committee	
Chaplain	Florence Ogden	Spector	Butch Ogden
Treasurer	Toni Blanchard	Musician	Jim Ogden
Secretary	Paulette James		
Gatekeeper	Bernie Games		

## **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	Christopher Johnston	Ceres	Debbie Fisch
Overseer/Vice President	David Bryant	Pomona	Jordanne Webb
Lecturer	Leslie Jo Wells	Flora	Jennifer Oliver
Steward	Jacob Gwin	Executive Committee	Duane Hamp
Assistant Steward	Jonny Pittman	Executive Committee	Rick Ferguson
Lady Assistant Steward	Alexis Kudsk	Executive Committee	Brittney Pittman
Chaplain	Carolyn Hojem	Director of Family Living	Helen Berg,
Treasurer	Annie Scott	Musician	Dr. Jim Ogden
Secretary	Isabella Lierman		

### **Feast Drill**

Mary Bryant  
Mark Fisch  
Terry Ferguson  
Tessa Gwin  
Christine Hamp  
Florence Ogden  
Marvin Oliver

### **Rose Drill Team**

Aiyana Hann, Lead  
Kaitlyn Hann  
Kari Hann  
Ron Schaefer  
Trinitee Thorpe  
Lacie Ward  
Tharin Ward

## **SIXTH DEGREE CANDIDATES**

Bowdish, Drew	Centerville #81	Johnson, Steve	Sequim Prairie #1108
Bowdish, Nickolas	Centerville #81	Kadow, Debra	Fargher Lake #853
Brand, Aaron	No. Bellingham #201	Kadow, Michael	Fargher Lake #853
Brownell, Ken	Violet Prairie #994	Kelly, Cindy	Dry Creek #646
Compton, Kayalei	Mossyrock #355	Mathenia, Kara	Deer Lagoon #846
Deach, Charles	Columbia #87	McDonald, Steven	Washington #82
Dinnel, Gavin	Lincoln Creek #417	McLean, Bob	East Hill #786
Escobar, Rebekah	Oakview #311	Nelson, Hunter	Sunnyside #129
Frisch, Ron	Crescent #1123	Ogden, Austin	Sunnyside #129
George, Shirley	Sharon #800	Oxborough, Jeff	Roy #702
Green, Kathryn	Columbia #87	Oxborough, Leanne	Roy #702
Hankins, Maya	Mossyrock #355	Riches, Josh	Manor #1101
Hann, Aiyana	Fern Prairie #866	Rieger, Ken	Lincoln Creek #407
Hann, Kaitlyn	Fern Prairie #866	Schwartz, Lark	Logan Hill #1086
Harnishfeger, Fred	Logan Hill #1086	Smith, Jacob	Humptulips #730
Johnson, Kari	Sequim Prairie #1108	Sniffen, Mark	Samish Valley #926

Snow, Andy  
Spaulding, Carol N.  
Thorpe, Erika  
Thorpe, Timothy N.  
Thorpe, Trinitee  
Tuller, Patricia

Rome #226  
McLane #383  
Barberton #571  
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Washington #82

Ward, Lacie  
Warren, Kathleen  
Weber, Jill  
Wilbur, Lloyd

Roy #702  
Fruitland #999  
Fredonia #545  
Elk Plain #782

## **INSTALLATION TEAM FOR STATE OFFICERS**

Master  
Installing Officer  
Chaplain

Sherry Cummins  
Tom Cullen  
Christie Vintilo

Marshall  
Regalia Bearer  
Emblem Bearer

Christine Hamp  
Terry Ferguson  
Helen Gardner

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	Everett/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, Langley/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
2025	45	Centralia/Chehalis/Southwest District

### **FUTURE LOCATIONS FOR STATE GRANGE CONVENTION**

2026 – Mount Vernon/Skagit/Northern District

2027 – Yakima/Central 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





Review Report of Independent Accountants  
and Financial Statements  
with Supplementary Information

**Washington State Grange Foundation**

December 31, 2022



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## **Review Report of Independent Accountants**

The Board of Trustees  
Washington State Grange Foundation

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Washington State Grange Foundation, which comprise the statement of assets and net assets – modified cash basis as of December 31, 2022, and the related statements of revenue and expenses – modified cash basis and cash flows – modified cash basis for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of company management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Accountant's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent of Washington State Grange Foundation and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

### ***Accountant's Conclusion***

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2.

### ***Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting***

We draw your attention to Note 2 to the financial statements, which describes that the accompanying financial statements were prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our conclusion is not modified with respect to this matter.

***Supplementary Information***

The accompanying schedule of changes in net assets by fund – modified cash basis is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The supplementary information has been subjected to the review procedures applied in our review of the financial statements. We are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the supplementary information. We have not audited the supplementary information and do not express an opinion on such information.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Moss Adams LLP".

Seattle, Washington

May 30, 2025

## **Financial Statements**

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**Washington State Grange Foundation**  
**Statement of Assets and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis**  
**December 31, 2022**

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**ASSETS**

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 32,670
INVESTMENTS	<u>2,058,267</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 2,090,937</u></u>

**NET ASSETS**

NET ASSETS	
Without donor restrictions	<u>\$ 1,415</u>
With donor restrictions	
Purpose restrictions	432,801
Perpetual in nature	<u>1,656,721</u>
Total net assets with donor restrictions	<u>2,089,522</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>\$ 2,090,937</u></u>

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**Washington State Grange Foundation**  
**Statement of Revenue and Expenses – Modified Cash Basis**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2022**

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	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total 2022
REVENUE			
Contributions	\$ 1,634	\$ -	\$ 1,634
Grants	5,800	-	5,800
Investment loss, net	(236,535)	-	(236,535)
Net assets released from restriction	369,686	(369,686)	-
Total revenue	140,585	(369,686)	(229,101)
EXPENSES			
Scholarships and awards	49,574	-	49,574
Grants	16,711	-	16,711
Administrative fees	47,689	-	47,689
Other	41,187	-	41,187
Total expenses	155,161	-	155,161
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(14,576)	(369,686)	(384,262)
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	15,991	2,459,208	2,475,199
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 1,415	\$ 2,089,522	\$ 2,090,937

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See review report of independent accountants and accompanying notes.

**Washington State Grange Foundation**  
**Statement of Cash Flows – Modified Cash Basis**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2022**

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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Change in net assets	\$ (384,262)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash from operating activities	
Realized and unrealized loss on investments	<u>265,059</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(119,203)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Purchases of investments	(230,176)
Proceeds from sale of investments	<u>249,757</u>
Net cash from investing activities	<u>19,581</u>
NET CHANGE IN CASH	(99,622)
CASH, beginning of year	<u>132,292</u>
CASH, end of year	<u><u>\$ 32,670</u></u>

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# Washington State Grange Foundation

## Notes to Financial Statements

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### Note 1 – Nature of the Organization

The Washington State Grange Foundation (the Foundation) was incorporated in 1963 in Washington State as an educational organization. The Foundation provides scholarships for agricultural and home economics education as well as funds for agricultural and aquacultural research and for safety education. The Foundation's support comes primarily from interest earned and contributions. The Foundation awarded \$750 to \$1,500 scholarships during 2022 as well as disbursed funds to Washington State Grange and Golden Sheaf in accordance with donor intentions.

**New accounting pronouncement** – In February 2016, the Financial Accounting and Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*, which requires lessees to recognize operating and financing lease liabilities and corresponding right-of-use assets on the statements of assets and net assets – modified cash basis. The guidance is effective for the Foundation during the year ended December 31, 2022. The Foundation determined there is no impact to the financial statements as a result of adoption of the standard.

**Subsequent events** – The Foundation has evaluated subsequent events through May 30, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and has determined that there are no material subsequent events that require recognition or additional disclosure.

### Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

**Basis of accounting** – The financial statements of the Foundation have been prepared on the cash basis of accounting modified to record assets or liabilities with respect to cash transactions and events that provide a benefit or result in an obligation that covers a period greater than the period in which the cash transaction or event occurred. The modifications result in the recording of investments at fair value in the financial statements. This method of accounting represents a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). This basis of accounting differs from GAAP primarily because certain revenue and related assets have been recognized when cash is received rather than when earned and certain expenses and related liabilities have been recognized when paid rather than when the obligations occurred.

**Presentation** – The financial statements of the Foundation report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions.

*Net assets without donor restrictions* – Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor (or certain grantor) restrictions. The governing board has not designated any net assets without donor restrictions as of December 31, 2022.

*Net assets with donor restriction* – Net assets subject to donor- (or certain grantor-) imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both.

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## Washington State Grange Foundation

### Notes to Financial Statements

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**Functional allocation of expenses** – All costs are assigned directly to each function based on the nature of the cost. See Note 7.

**Cash and cash equivalents** – The Foundation considers all highly liquid investments without donor restrictions with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents. At December 31, 2022, cash and cash equivalents consist of checking and money market accounts. At times, cash balances may be in excess of federally insured limits. The Foundation has not experienced any losses in these accounts, and management does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk.

**Investments** – The Foundation carries investments with readily determinable fair values at their fair values in the statement of assets and net assets – modified cash basis. Investment return is included in the accompanying statement of revenue and expenses – modified cash basis. In accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, the investments should be recorded at cost and not fair value. Management has concluded reporting the investments at fair value for the year ended December 31, 2022, is appropriate as it is a significant asset to the Foundation and the knowledge of the income stream is critical for both management and board governance purposes.

**Related-party transactions** – The Foundation's related-party transactions include reimbursements for its Golden Sheaf dues that are paid to the National Grange in the form of quarterly payments by the Washington State Grange. The membership dues are based on membership numbers reported by the Washington State Grange to the National Grange. The Washington State Grange also provides employee and other administrative support to the Foundation for which an agreed-upon fee is charged to the Foundation. These related-party expenses are recorded as administrative fees within the statement of revenue and expenses – modified cash basis.

**Income tax status** – The Foundation is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) except to the extent of unrelated business taxable income as defined under IRC sections 511 through 515. The Foundation recognizes the tax benefit from uncertain tax positions only if it is more likely than not the tax positions will be sustained on examination by the tax authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefit is measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. The Foundation recognizes interest and penalties related to income tax matters in operating expenses.

The Foundation had no unrecognized tax benefits at December 31, 2022. No interest or penalties were accrued for the year ended December 31, 2022. The Foundation files an exempt organization return in the U.S. federal jurisdiction.

**Risks and uncertainties** – The Foundation invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of assets and net assets – modified cash basis.

**Use of estimates** – Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets, the disclosure of contingent assets, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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# Washington State Grange Foundation

## Notes to Financial Statements

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### Note 3 – Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

**Level 1** – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

**Level 2** – Inputs to the valuation methodology include: quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

**Level 3** – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

In instances where the determination of the fair value measurement is based on inputs from different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the entire fair value measurement falls is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. In accordance with FASB Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or the equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy leveling.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2022.

*Cash and cash equivalents* – Valued at \$1 share price based on investments that are fully collateralized by cash and/or government securities including money market funds, often insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) (Level 1).

*Equities* – Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded, including corporate stocks and exchange-traded funds (Level 1).

*Fixed income and preferred securities* – Valued at \$1 share price based on investments that are fully collateralized by cash and/or government securities, including certificates of deposit and exchange-traded funds. These assets are held for fixed terms with early withdrawal restrictions and are often insured by the FDIC (Level 1).

# Washington State Grange Foundation

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At December 31, 2022, investments and endowment funds consisted of the following:

	<u>Investments</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,415	\$ 31,255	\$ 32,670
Equity	-	931,958	931,958
Fixed income and preferred	-	1,126,309	1,126,309
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,415</u>	<u>\$ 2,089,522</u>	<u>\$ 2,090,937</u>

Net investment loss consisted of the following during the year ended December 31, 2022:

	<u>Investments</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dividends and interest	\$ 4	\$ 28,520	\$ 28,524
Realized and unrealized gains (losses)	5,198	(270,257)	(265,059)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,202</u>	<u>\$ (241,737)</u>	<u>\$ (236,535)</u>

### Note 4 – Net Assets with and Without Donor Restrictions

Net assets without donor restriction include all assets, revenue, and expenses, which are not restricted by donors and are available for current operations.

The Foundation maintains no net assets with time restricted donations.

Net assets with donor restriction – purpose restricted and restricted in perpetuity at December 31, 2022, consist of the following:

Grange Building Reserve	\$ 495
Historical Fund	2,271
Auburn	2,304
Horseshoe – WAC	5,410
Horseshoe – Junior Dept	7,587
King Memorial Fund	9,041
Horseshoe – Northern District Camping Fund	15,045
Youth Education	19,473
Research and Scholarship	52,595
Golden Sheaf	76,548
Academic Scholarships	242,032
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	432,801
Restricted in perpetuity	1,656,721
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Total	<u>\$ 2,089,522</u>

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# Washington State Grange Foundation

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### Note 5 – Endowment

The Foundation's endowment consists of several donor-restricted endowment funds. Net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. The Foundation follows the Washington State Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (PMIFA) and its own bylaws. The board of trustees of the Foundation has interpreted PMIFA as requiring the preservation of the historical dollar amount of a donor-restricted endowment fund absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Foundation classifies as net assets with donor-imposed restrictions that are perpetual in nature (a) the original value of gifts donated to the perpetual endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the perpetual endowment, and (c) accumulations to the perpetual endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified in net assets with donor-imposed restrictions that are perpetual in nature is classified as net assets with donor-imposed restrictions that are temporary in nature until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Foundation in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by PMIFA. In accordance with PMIFA, the Foundation considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

1. The duration and preservation of the fund
2. The purposes of the donor-restricted endowment fund
3. General economic conditions
4. The possible effect of inflation and deflation
5. The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
6. Other resources of the Foundation
7. The investment policies of the Foundation

**Investment return objectives, risk parameters, and strategies** – The Foundation has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets, approved by the board of trustees, that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain and preserve the principal value of these endowment assets over the long term. The Foundation's spending and investment policies work together to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk parameters. The Foundation invests in a diversified allocation of money market funds, exchange-traded funds, and certificates of deposit with sound financial institutions.

**Spending policy** – The spending policy provides a guideline for the amount of money available to be distributed from the Foundation's various endowed and invested funds. The amount appropriated for distribution is determined by the Foundation's directors based on the amount of available funds. Expenses that are necessary for the operation of the Foundation are subject to review and approval by the Foundation's directors. Scholarships are determined by the available amount from annual interest which is influenced directly by market condition.

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Endowment net asset composition by type of fund at December 31, 2022, was as follows:

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Donor-restricted endowment funds			
Original donor-restricted gift amount and amounts required to be Maintained in perpetuity by donor			
Research and scholarship	\$ -	\$ 190,000	\$ 190,000
Golden sheaf	-	450,000	450,000
Youth education	-	100,000	100,000
Academic scholarships	-	916,721	916,721
Accumulated investment gains			
Research and scholarship	-	52,595	52,595
Golden sheaf	-	76,548	76,548
Youth education	-	19,473	19,473
Other		242,032	242,032
Academic scholarships	-	42,153	42,153
Total funds	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,089,522</u>	<u>\$ 2,089,522</u>

Changes in endowment net assets for the year ended December 31, 2022, were as follows:

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Endowment net assets, January 1, 2022	\$ -	\$ 2,370,983	\$ 2,370,983
Investment loss	-	(241,737)	(241,737)
Contributions	-	-	-
Amounts appropriated for expenditure	-	(39,724)	(39,724)
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2022	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,089,522</u>	<u>\$ 2,089,522</u>

#### Note 6 – Liquidity

The Foundation's financial assets have seasonal variations during the year attributable to the timing of receipt of payments for membership dues. The Foundation has managed cash flows through investment accounts with Foundation directors approving draws from the investment accounts when needed, up to the approved amount, in accordance with the Foundation's Investment and Spending Policy. In the event of an unanticipated liquidity need, the Foundation would also draw upon these investment accounts, valued at \$2,058,267 as of December 31, 2022. Financial assets available for general expenditures within one year of the statement of assets and net assets – modified cash basis consist of total financial assets without donor restrictions of \$1,415.

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# Washington State Grange Foundation

## Notes to Financial Statements

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### Note 7 – Functional Allocation of Expenses

The financial statements report certain categories of expense that are attributable to program and supporting function. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the program and supporting services according to an appropriate and consistent basis derived by management as follows:

	Program Services	Management and General	Total
Scholarships	\$ 17,250	\$ -	\$ 17,250
Awards	32,324	-	32,324
Grants	16,711	-	16,711
Administrative fees	23,845	23,845	47,690
Bank fees	7,922	7,922	15,844
Building reserve	-	13,323	13,323
Office expenses	3,600	2,560	6,160
Professional fees	-	5,859	5,859
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Total expenses	<u>\$ 101,652</u>	<u>\$ 53,509</u>	<u>\$ 155,161</u>

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## **Supplemental Information**

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**Washington State Grange Foundation**  
**Schedule of Changes in Net Assets by Fund – Modified Cash Basis**  
**December 31, 2022**

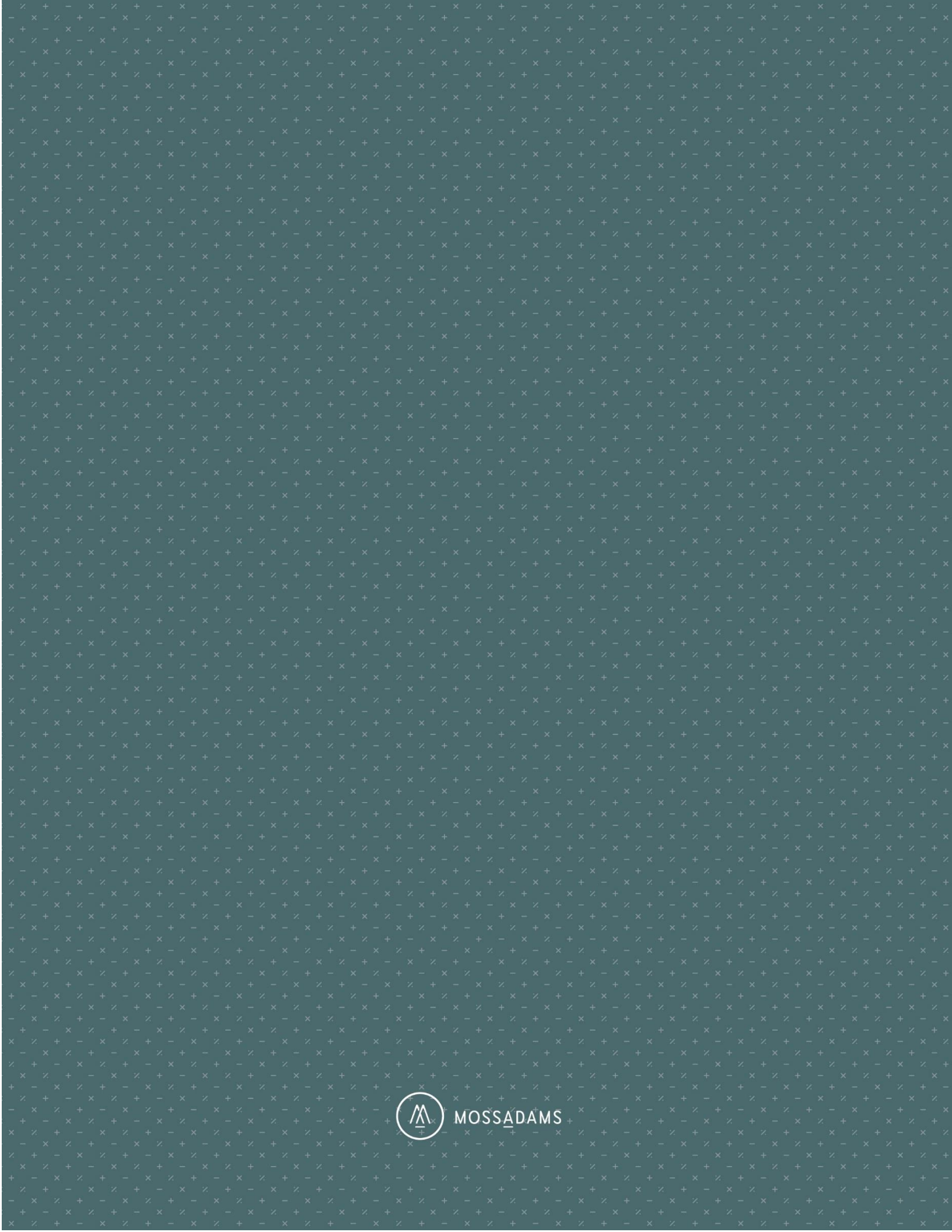
	Net Assets, Beginning of Year	Revenue Collected	Amounts Released or Expended	Change in Market Value	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Collected over Expenses Paid	Net Assets, End of Year
<b>NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS</b>						
Foundation	\$ 7,000	\$ 5,977	\$ (11,744)	\$ (943)	\$ (6,710)	\$ 290
Working Capital	4,381	1,706	(4,328)	(634)	(3,256)	1,125
	11,381	7,683	(16,072)	(1,577)	(9,966)	1,415
<b>NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS – PURPOSE RESTRICTIONS</b>						
Historical Fund	6,653	197	(3,728)	(851)	(4,382)	2,271
Auburn	2,625	93	(51)	(363)	(321)	2,304
King Memorial Fund	11,565	479	(1,418)	(1,585)	(2,524)	9,041
Horseshoe – WAC	5,609	180	(46)	(333)	(199)	5,410
Horseshoe – Junior Dept	8,643	305	(167)	(1,194)	(1,056)	7,587
Horseshoe – Northern District						
Camping Fund	17,139	604	(331)	(2,367)	(2,094)	15,045
Youth Education	45,157	5,039	(10,803)	(19,920)	(25,684)	19,473
Golden Sheaf	172,292	21,582	(38,842)	(78,484)	(95,744)	76,548
Grange Building Reserve	15,356	364	(13,619)	(1,606)	(14,861)	495
Research and Scholarship Funds						
Fidelity Grange Interest Fund	7,026	776	(425)	(3,042)	(2,691)	4,335
Delpha Goude Interest Fund	80,759	9,001	(6,189)	(35,311)	(32,499)	48,260
Scholarship Funds						
Family Living Scholarship	2,382	-	-	-	-	2,382
Kimball Memorial	4,742	354	(167)	(661)	(474)	4,268
Dee and Ina McKern Memorial	15,107	532	(292)	(2,087)	(1,847)	13,260
Marie Snyder Memorial	10,454	358	(1,202)	(1,461)	(2,305)	8,149
DeVries	10,271	362	(198)	(1,419)	(1,255)	9,016
Interest Funds						
Riverview	8,776	979	(536)	(3,837)	(3,394)	5,382
Kegley Memorial	8,113	965	(3,297)	(3,927)	(6,259)	1,854
Fox Island	12,456	1,449	(2,053)	(5,694)	(6,298)	6,158
Kittleson	3,931	597	(327)	(2,339)	(2,069)	1,862
Forry	16,765	2,055	(2,385)	(8,070)	(8,400)	8,365
GRRHA	115,060	3,881	(9,016)	(57,303)	(62,438)	52,622
Nob Hill	27,437	3,103	(3,210)	(12,209)	(12,316)	15,121
Vanderpool	7,121	896	(490)	(3,508)	(3,102)	4,019
Horace W. Bozarth	2,748	277	(152)	(1,084)	(959)	1,789
Enga M. Anderson	3,003	280	(908)	(1,104)	(1,732)	1,271
Kiona-Benton Grange #548, Jack D. Koss	5,460	549	(1,306)	(2,208)	(2,965)	2,495
Ray H. and Marian J. Kamerrer	84,543	9,307	(6,609)	(36,521)	(33,823)	50,720
Norman Buchholz	22,067	2,524	(2,642)	(9,906)	(10,024)	12,043
McCleary	18,170	2,138	(1,172)	(8,379)	(7,413)	10,757
French Creek	9,748	1,215	(1,671)	(4,817)	(5,273)	4,475
Rock Creek	15,245	1,762	(1,720)	(6,912)	(6,870)	8,375
Horseshoe	19,899	2,451	(2,350)	(9,641)	(9,540)	10,359
Horseshoe – Women's Activities	5,609	197	(108)	(774)	(685)	4,924
Lone Yew	4,203	531	(290)	(2,078)	(1,837)	2,366
<b>Total</b>	<b>806,134</b>	<b>75,382</b>	<b>(117,720)</b>	<b>(330,995)</b>	<b>(373,333)</b>	<b>432,801</b>

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**Washington State Grange Foundation**  
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	Net Assets, Beginning of Year	Revenue Collected	Amounts Released or Expended	Change in Market Value	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Collected over Expenses Paid	Net Assets, End of Year
<b>NET ASSETS WITH</b>						
<b>DONOR RESTRICTIONS –</b>						
<b>PERPETUAL IN NATURE</b>						
Research and Scholarship Funds						
Fidelity Grange Principal	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000
Delpha Goude Principal	175,000	-	-	-	-	175,000
Golden Sheaf Fund	450,000	-	-	-	-	450,000
Youth Education	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000
Scholarship Funds						
Principal						
Riverview	19,000	-	-	-	-	19,000
Kegley Memorial	20,200	-	-	-	-	20,200
Fox Island	29,118	-	-	-	-	29,118
Kittleson	13,000	-	-	-	-	13,000
Forry	42,000	-	-	-	-	42,000
Nob Hill	61,100	-	-	-	-	61,100
Vanderpool	18,273	-	-	-	-	18,273
Horace W. Bozarth	5,100	-	-	-	-	5,100
GRRHA	300,000	-	-	-	-	300,000
Enga M. Anderson	5,200	-	-	-	-	5,200
Kiona-Benton Grange #548,						
Jack D. Koss	10,400	-	-	-	-	10,400
Ray H. and Marian J.						
Kamerrer	180,000	-	-	-	-	180,000
Norman Buchholz	50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000
McCleary	42,494	-	-	-	-	42,494
French Creek	25,000	-	-	-	-	25,000
Rock Creek	35,000	-	-	-	-	35,000
Horseshoe	50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000
Lone Yew	10,836	-	-	-	-	10,836
Total	1,656,721	-	-	-	-	1,656,721
Total net assets	\$ 2,474,236	\$ 83,065	\$ (133,792)	\$ (332,572)	\$ (383,299)	\$ 2,090,937

See review report of independent accountants.



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# WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE



## 2025 CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS



# CONSTITUTION OF THE WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE

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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 \$7.50 plus the amount for National Grange dues for a regular member; \$15.00 plus the amount for National Grange dues for each family membership; and \$8.00 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. 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. 3. 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. 4. 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. 5. 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 on the Washington State Grange Website. 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.

# BYLAWS OF THE WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE

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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 Digest of Laws. After the nominations for each office the candidates shall be presented from the platform and their names posted, then allowed one minute to state their name, Grange, occupation, and Grange experience. Candidates for Master will be allowed an additional 3 minutes to give their vision statement for the future of the Grange. Said statement shall 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.
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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 \$30.00 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 \$60.00 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, 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 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, 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. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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; \$7.50 for each regular member, plus National Grange dues; \$15.00 for each family membership, plus National Grange dues; \$8.00 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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