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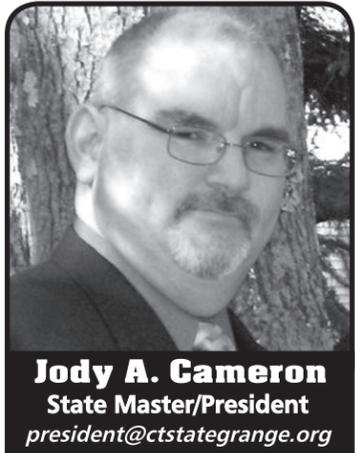


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Difference of opinion is no crime



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Recently I was speaking with a dear friend who was discussing various issues they were experiencing with the "leadership" of their church. The discussion was around the challenges the church was experiencing with some leadership issues. Rather than addressing the issue, or perceived issue directly with the Minister of the church, they chose to "preach their sermon" on how the church should be run; rather than address the issue and work together to resolve the issue. As we were talking the comment was made "they (the person referenced in the discussion) needs to step down from the good book they are standing and read it." After our conversation I thought long and hard about this statement

There have been issues come up throughout the state, many of them being disagreements due to a difference of opinion; that I feel could have been dealt with differently if we would have just stopped, removed the emotion and read our Declaration of Purposes.

"We acknowledge the broad principle that difference of opinion is no crime, and hold that 'progress toward truth is made by differences of opinion', while 'the fault lies in bitterness of controversy'. We desire a proper equality, and fairness; protection for the weak; restraint upon the strong; in short, justly distributed power. These are American ideals, the very essence of American independence."

"We acknowledge the broad principle that difference of opinion is no crime, and hold that 'progress toward truth is made by differences of opinion'"

Let me state one line again "We acknowledge the broad principle that difference of opinion is no crime." Even though it is each of our responsibility to familiarize ourselves with the Declaration of Purposes many of us have not gone back to keep familiar with it. It is NO crime to have a difference of opinion, what is a crime is when that difference of opinion drives a wedge in our organization. When we permit this to be

done we violate every oath we have taken, every core belief and value this great organization was founded on. I encourage every member of every Grange to read or re-read, as the case may be the Declaration of Purposes. It is my job as your State Master to assist you and your Grange in any way to make sure there is "proper equality, and fairness; protection for the weak; restraint upon the strong; in short, justly distributed power."

I take that responsibility very seriously, but I ask you first step back and assess the situation and understand how your involvement lead to the current situation. When you do, while relying on your obligations and the principles of the Declaration of Purposes I believe whatever the issue is you will find a way to an amicable resolution.

This message is not just for the members of the Connecticut State grange, I urge all members, regardless of the state they belong in or the position they hold to not just talk the talk, but to walk the walk, and remember "people, who live in glass houses, should always wear clothes!"

1873 Degrees at Kelley Farm



From left: Haven Nelson, Master of the First Degree Team (W. Kingstown, RI) shows Marching Candidate Clifford Gervais (Ekonk Community Grange, CT) and Assistant Steward Corey Spence (Roslindale, MA) the instruments symbolizing the first Degree.

ELK RIVER, Minn. (July 13, 2013) — On Saturday, July 13, more than 70 Grange Youth members took part in the exemplification of the first four degrees of the Grange at the Oliver H. Kelley Farm. The historic presentation was seen by more than 400 attendees gathered for the outdoor event.

Cast members wore period dress for the exemplification.

"Our young people really took to heart their role in bringing to life a piece of our history and conferring to the audience the base values of our Order," National Grange President Ed Luttrell said after the event.

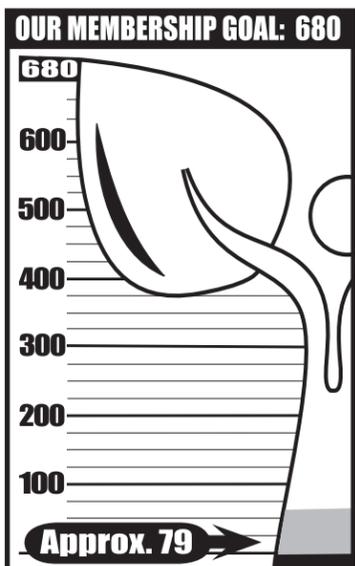
The eight degrees – four each for men and four each for women – spanned more than five hours.

"In 1873, those joining the Grange would take each degree separately," Luttrell said. "It could take four or more months to become a full member. Between each degree, candidates were expected to talk about what they learned and reflect on how it applied to their lives and morals."

Today, new members of both genders are obligated in a shortened version that offers the lessons of all four degrees in one presentation that takes less than one hour.

"As times change, so has the Grange's presentation style, but the lessons reflecting on our bond with nature, being good stewards and citizens and working hard to build the best future are the same," Luttrell said.

National Grange Youth Development Director
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Thank you for the opportunity

Incredible, impressive, educational, fun: these are just a few words to describe our experience as part of the National Grange's first ever conferral of the degrees as they were first done by the Founders (on the farm of Oliver Hudson Kelley) in Elk River, Minnesota!

This was our first ever airplane ride and our first ever seeing of the "old style" Grange degrees. We met kids from as far away as Oregon and California and what did we have in common: love of Grange and its history!

Four teams conferred the eight degrees. Yes, eight! In the beginning, the men and the women were given different degrees. In the beginning, the degrees were conferred in farm fields! In the beginning, the men only had to over real obstacles in the field! Our team (Northeast), did the original "opening" ceremonies and conferred the First Degree, first for men and second for women. We wore matching costumes. Our shirts and vests had wooden buttons; our "pants" snaps and flaps and more snaps and flaps - no zippers - it took several minutes to figure out how to get them on. Our Mom said, "You'd better use the bathroom first, you'll never get these off in a hurry!"

Grandma Gray went with us and was a real trooper. We stood on the bank of the Mississippi River and went to the Mall of America. The mall was very cool and was 7 acres big. We loved the Swiss Army Knife Store. We went through the Sea Life Aquarium and saw sharks, sea turtles, octopus and more- walking under them and next to them! The mall even has a HUGE roller coaster! This is the biggest mall in the United States!

We tried new foods and saw new things. It was a real adventure. We thank the State Grange for their donation and were proud to represent Connecticut at such a great event!

Clifford and Trevor Gervais
Ekonk Community Grange No. 89



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State Secretary

Applications for scholarships are due September 1st. The Committee is looking forward to reviewing the activities of the applicants, as well as their achievements.

Have you made plans to attend the State Grange Session October 17 - 19th? We will be meeting at the Holiday Inn, 10 Laura Blvd., Norwich. For reservations call: 860-889-5201.

We will be conferring the Sixth Degree on Friday evening, October 18th. Tickets may be purchased ahead of time through the Central Office or purchased the night of the degree. We hope to have a large class of candidates since National Grange will be in Manchester, New Hampshire in November.

East Central Pomona is planning to have a bus going up for the degree.

Contact me if you are interested in going.

Historic conferral of the 1873 Degrees

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Charlene Shupp Espenshade said the cast members from all across the country learned quite a bit from the experience.

"They got a sense of the lasting principles, but they also saw how dedicated the members of the Grange were in its first years and showed their own dedication by raising funds to participate and taking time to memorize their parts," Espenshade said. "I think our members who attended

the event know that our organization is in good hands with these young members who will soon be the leaders of our Order."

During the event, attendees collected donations that would amount to \$1,550 for the Kelley Farm preservation efforts. The donation was presented to Kelley Farm officials by National Grange Board Member Joe Fryman and his wife, Tammy, of Nebraska.

Safety of Campers is our responsibility

It is the responsibility of The Connecticut State Grange and the Camp Trustees to be sure that proper measures are taken when camp is in session each year to to secure the safety of the campers and staff.

There have been occasions in the past where individuals have come into camp, be they Grange members, parents or members of the public. This is not permitted without the proper permission from the camp staff and a specific visit time being in place. This will always be firmly enforced by the staff as well as The Connecticut State Grange.

In today's times, there always appears to be articles we read of children being abducted from various and sundry places, a children's camp being no exception.

We have thus far been most fortunate at Camp Berger to have avoided such situations, however, we must continue to require a strict adherence to all people entering the camp grounds, again, for the welfare of the camp itself, the campers, and staff.

A. Ruel Miller
CT State Grange Board of Directors
& Liason to Camp Berger

Granger Shout Out



To Sue Perry (wife of Dean Perry of Bridgewater Grange). Congratulations on your retirement!

HOW TO SUBMIT:
Email your "Shout Out" to Granger@CTStateGrange.org (use "Granger Shout Out" in the subject line). They can also be mailed to 170 Scoville St., #14, Torrington, CT 06790.

Submit your Shout-Outs today!

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This is intended to be a fun way to remind Grangers that State Officers are assigned to visit each Grange in the state this year.
All elected officers will be featured here.

Always here for new and returning Lecturers



Marge Bernhardt
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temperatures will drop out of the 90's and the rain will only come at night when we are sleeping.

As I meet members this Summer I am learning about several Pomona and Subordinate Granges that have new Lecturer's taking office this fall. Best wishes to all of you. And to everyone else, welcome back! Don't forget whether

you are new at this job or a seasoned veteran, I am always here to help. And, if I can't answer your questions, I will find someone who can.

If you are leaving office, please pass along any form or information you have. It is hard getting started and there is probably information that you have that your successor can

use. As this Grange year comes to a close, don't forget your Complete Programs, Essays and Should Auld Acquaintance Forms need to be sent in. The Honor Lecturer Form will be included with the next newsletter.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

98th Annual Northeast Lecturers' Conference



Albertus Magnus College
New Haven, Connecticut
August 5, 6 & 7, 2013

Do You Remember?

Paul Ziegler

by Betty Jane Gardiner

When Paul was a young boy in grade school, he had a crush on a little girl he thought was pretty special. His family moved to the other end of the city and he lost track of her. Some years later when he returned from service in the Navy, he was invited out with a group of young people on a bowling party. One of the members of the group turned out to be "little Joan O'Hara" who we all know now as Joan Ziegler.

Paul and Joan joined the Grange through a friend (Philip Bergquist) because they were interested in obtaining insurance. Paul always said it was one of the best things they ever did. It certainly was good for the Grange, too. Both of them went on to become Masters of Redding Grange No. 15 (several times), Masters of Fairfield County Pomona No. 9, and committee people and Deputies of the State Grange.

Paul was a "jack of all trades." He was skilled in carpentry, plumbing, electrical work and painting. He built their lovely home on Valerie Lane in Danbury. He knew a lot about machines, yard work - and many other subjects. He was generous helping friends with projects.

Redding Grange was famous for its pancake suppers - Paul was the "pancake man" mixing the batter with a paddle that was an oar!!!

Paul was active in the Connecticut Agricultural Fair. You always knew it was almost fair time when he was sen on the big mower cutting the grass for the campers and parking areas.

He had many good ideas for the fair - one of which didn't turn out too well. When he was fair President, he arranged for a helicopter to give people rides from the fairgrounds through the beautiful Litchfield Hills. The folks taking the rides (which went on during the whole weekend) loved it- the good people of Goshen did not! Good thing the days of lynching were long gone - or we might have seen Paul being led off down the road! It was a bitter disappointment to Paul (and the fair), but at least he could say he tried!

Paul loved animals and they loved him. When he was working in his yard, furry friends were often there to help him.

Each evening following supper at the Ziegler home there would be "knocks" at the back door (the doggy grapevine was at work). Each sound brought Paul to the door- where he opened it, and at the same time reached for a "treat" from a big box beside the door- gave it to the guest who left immediately as Paul returned to his chair to wait for the next signal at the gate. There were always several alarms each evening! Guess it can be truly said that Paul was the St. Francis of Valerie Lane.

Do remember Paul!



Paul mixing the pancake batter in the garbage pail at Redding Grange with the famous oar used as a paddle. Phil Bergquist is pictured in the background.

Paul poses with CT Agricultural Fair Queen Victoria Carman of Indian River Grange and State Master Joe Bell in 1986.

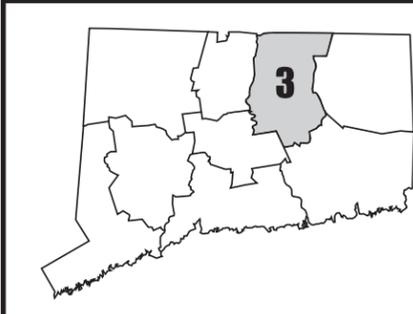
Paul and Joan with granddaughter Christine in 1987.

Paul with granddaughters Kristen and Rhonda at his 72nd birthday in 1996.

Paul poses with former WTNH consumer reporter Mike Boguslawski (Bogey) at the CT Agricultural Fair in 1986.

Getting help (?) with a puzzle.

East Central Pomona No. 3



- Stafford No. 1
- ✓ Granby No. 5
- Tunxis No. 13
- Glastonbury No. 26
- Manchester No. 31
- ✓ Tolland No. 51
- ✓ Vernon No. 52
- ✓ Coventry No. 75
- ✓ Hillstown No. 87
- ✓ Enfield No. 151

MISSION STATEMENT

East Central Pomona supports the Community Granges by helping one another; through legislative advocacy and by supporting community service efforts.

EAST CENTRAL POMONA #5

Corr: Noel Miller

Aug. 17: Degree day 10:00 am

Yes we are planning on holding a Degree Day for those who have members who need the four degrees, a meal is included. come to our air condition hall and check out the newly refurbished floors. If any one has candidates call Edith Schoell or Noel Miller. Stay cool during this super hot summer.

GRANBY GRANGE #5

Corr: Vivian C. Shaw

Eleven Granby Grangers and guests attended an open meeting and lunch held at a Windsor Locks restaurant on July 9. Master Rosanna Smith; Lecutrer Charle Smith; Treasurer Carol Innes; Golden Sheaf Members Jackie and Conrad Krupa, Vivian and Lyall Shaw. Also in attendance from West Suffield were Dorothy Hinckley and Robert Sheldon; Windsor, Evelyn Anderson and guest Bob Callenan.

The Granby Grange Agricultural Fair will be held on September 7 beginning at 2 P.M. Our famous chicken barbecue will begin at 4:30 P.M.

TOLLAND GRANGE #51

Corr: J. Jordan

Aug. 6: Dutch Treat

Tolland Grange will meet on the 6th of August for a regular meeting and then adjourn for Dutch Treat. This is a long standing tradition in Tolland Grange. With sadness we announce the passing of Barbara Palmer, a Golden Sheaf member of many years.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Nancy Strong

Aug. 2: Picnic Time

We are all saddened by the passing of a Brother and close friend, Glenn Conger in June. Vernon Grange was honored to take part in the beautiful tribute to Glenn. Our hearts go out to Pat and the family. He will be missed by all.

A nice group of officers has been elected for the next year with new faces in many offices. The Nelson family is filling in a few seats and our new member by demit from Southington, Joe Duplessie will be our new Steward.

Depending on the weather, we will meet at Strong Family Farm for a summer picnic and tour/talk on the farm and its progress over the past year in becoming a non-profit historic agricultural education center over the past year.

COVENTRY GRANGE #75

Corr: Noel Miller

Aug. 15: Dog days

Though our numbers are few we are still meeting and striving to increase our membership. Our hall still host the Coventry Argicultural committee and a local 4-h group. We are please with Judy Hill afgan that place at lets celebrate. we are working to spruce up the grounds and have our annual tag and bake sale.

HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87

Corr: Michelle DeDominicis

Hillstown Grange held a celebration of members in June. Amongst those honored were three generations from the Schaefer family. Celebrating 65 years of Grange membership were Ernest Starsiak, Irene Ghila and Philip Mitchell. 60

years of Grange membership were Rita Schaefer and Ed Durrenburger. 50 years of Grange membership Linda Schaefer Wisnieski. And celebrating 25 years of Grange membership were Helene Forrest and Laura Bloch (Rita Schaefer's granddaughter).

We also recognized our Grange Member Volunteer of the year, Nancy Columbe. And our Citizen of the Year award went to Helen Little who has volunteered over 30 years for the American Red Cross, Saint Christopher's Church as well as many other organizations including knitting and baking items for our Grange.

We welomed in one new Member Curt Upton!

And we are looking towards an exciting fall - with cooler weather, our Agricultural Fair, State and National Session.

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski

Aug. 10: Picnic - No Program; Ref. All

Sept. 14: Back to School

We are excited to announce that our cookbook is finished and on sale now. Contact anyone in Enfield Grange to purchase a copy of Old Time Favorites for \$12.00. It is full of tried and true recipes and some really good hints and tips.

Although summer is just beginning, we need to prepare for the 4 Town Fair and Big E. Both the 4 Town Fair and the Grange Building at the Big E are celebrating 75 years. We need to work hard to make our booth something really special this year, so save the best of your vegetables, fruits, preserves, baked goods, needlework and crafts for our display. September will be here before you know it.

If you are planning to visit, be advised the door to enter the part of the church we use is on the right side. There is an elevator just inside the door. We meet on the main floor, which is the second floor.

2013 Grange Fairs

BEACON GRANGE FAIR - Date TBD

Beacon Grange Hall, 670 Northfield Rd., Route 254, Northfield
<http://www.ctstategrange.org/subgrangepage.asp?Grangeld=220>

81ST CANNON GRANGE AGRICULTURAL FAIR & EXPO - August 18

Cannon Grange Hall, 25 Cannon Road, Wilton
<http://www.CannonGrange.org>

CHESHIRE COMMUNITY GRANGE FAIR - August 24 & 25

Cheshire Grange Hall 44 Wallingford Road, Cheshire
<http://www.CheshireGrange.org>

31ST EKONK COMMUNITY GRANGE FAIR - August 10th

Ekonk Grange Hall, 723 Ekonk Hill Road, Sterling
<http://www.EkonkGrange.org>

EUREKA GRANGE AGRIC. & HOMEMAKER'S FAIR - Sept. 15th

Part of the New Hartford Day Celebration
Brodie Park, West Hill Pond, New Hartford
<http://www.facebook.com/EurekaGrange>

GRANBY GRANGE AGRICULTURAL FAIR & CHICKEN BBQ

(Expanded to 2 days in 2013) -- September 6 & 7th
Granby Grange Hall, 212 North Granby Road, Granby
<http://www.GranbyGrange.org>

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE FAIR - September 28th

Greenfield Hill Grange Hall, 1873 Hillside Road, Fairfield
<http://www.GreenfieldHillGrange.wordpress.com>

HAMBURG FAIR (Sponsored by Lyme Grange) - Aug. 16-18

Lyme Grange Fairgrounds, Hamburg Rd (Rt. 156) and Sterling City Rd., Lyme • <http://www.hamburgfair.org>

HARMONY GRANGE FAIR - August 25th

Harmony Grange Hall, 2 Shelton Road, Route 110, Monroe
<http://www.ctstategrange.org/subgrangepage.asp?Grangeld=212>

HILLSTOWN GRANGE FAIR - September 14th

Hillstown Grange Hall, 617 Hills Street, East Hartford
<http://www.HillstownGrange.org>

KILLINGLY GRANGE FAIR - September 14th

Killingly Grange Hall, 801 Hartford Turnpike, Route 101, Killingly
<http://www.ctstategrange.org/subgrangepage.asp?Grangeld=219>

84TH MERIDEN GRANGE FAIR & ROAST PORK SUPPER - Sept. 7th

Meriden Grange Hall, 540 Borad Street, Meriden
<http://www.MeridenGrange.org>

45TH NORFIELD GRANGE FAIR - September 8th

Norfield Grange Hall, 12 Goodhill Road, Weston
<http://www.NorfieldGrange.com>

NORTH STONINGTON AGRICULTURAL FAIR - July 11-12-13-14th

(co-sponsored by N. Stonington Grange and the N. Stonington Fire Company)

North Stonington Grange Hall and Fairgrounds,
21 Wyassup Rd, North Stonington, CT 06359
<http://www.northstoningtonfair.org>

NORWICH GRANGE FAIR - August 3rd

Norwich Grange Hall, 174 West Town Street, State Highway 642, Norwich
<http://www.facebook.com/NorwichGrange>

REDDING GRANGE HARVEST FAIR - September 12th

Redding Grange Hall, 399 Newtown Turnpike, Redding
<http://www.ctstategrange.org/subgrangepage.asp?Grangeld=187>

RIVERTON GRANGE FAIR - August 17th

Riverton Grange Hall, 9 Riverton Road, Route 20, Riverton
<http://www.ctstategrange.org/subgrangepage.asp?Grangeld=234>

SIMSBURY GRANGE AGRICULTURE FAIR - September 14th

Simsbury Grange Hall, 236 Farms Vill. Rd. (Rt. 309), W. Simsbury
<http://www.SimsburyGrange.org>

SOUTHINGTON GRANGE AG. FAIR & CHICKEN BBQ - Aug. 17th

Southington Grange Hall, 137 Knowles Ave., Plantsville (Southington)
<http://www.SouthingtonGrange.org>

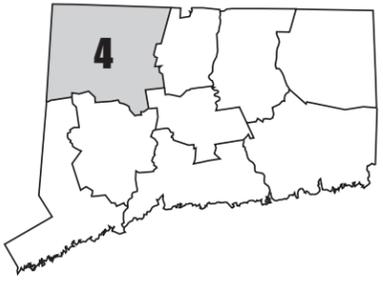
WALLINGFORD GRANGE FAIR - September 14th

Wallingford Grange Hall, 586 Center Street, Wallingford
<http://www.ctstategrange.org/subgrangepage.asp?Grangeld=194>

62ND WINCHESTER GRANGE FAIR & FLEA MARKET - Aug. 10

Winchester Grange Hall, 100 Newfield Rd, Winchester Ctr.
<http://www.WinchesterGrange.org>

Mountain County Pomona No. 4



- Cawasa No. 34
- Whigville No. 48
- Eureka No. 62
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- ✓ Taghannuck No. 100
- Litchfield No. 107
- Beacon No. 118
- Riverton No. 169
- Cherry Brook No. 210

MISSION STATEMENT

Mountain County Pomona No. 4 has strong leadership, a keen sense of community and many skills and talents which we use to promote and support our local Community Granges through citizenship, legislative and agricultural policies within our Pomona.

MT. COUNTY POMONA #4

Corr: T. Gelineau

Sept. 9: "Reports", Installation of Officers at Riverton Grange Hall, 7:30 P.M.

Since our last report, a new slate of officers was elected for the Pomona with George Russell returning to the Master's chair for another term. Sister Susan Addison has retired from the Lecturer's station to take on the office of Pomona. Sister Kim Mele is the new Lecturer. This reporter escaped elections without an elected office but has been appointed Assistant Lecturer to aid Sister Lemieux in her duties. As is the custom, the new officers will be installed on September 9 at the home Grange of the new Master. In this case it will be Riverton Grange.

Mountain County voted at its May meeting to purchase a campership to Camp Berger for a youngster interested in joining the reorganized Winchester Junior Grange. As of this writing, a young lady from Torrington was selected by Winchester's Junior Chairman to use this campership and has spent her week in Winchester Center.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: T. Gelineau

Aug. 10: Grange Fair & Flea Market, 10-4

Aug. 13: How Hot It Is - Ref. Arline Cote

Aug. 27: Picnic & Open Meeting, beginning at 6:00

Sept. 10: First & Second Degrees

Sept. 14: Winchester Center Day, 10:30-2:30 (Rain Date 9/15)

Sept. 17: Installation, Open Meeting

Sept. 24: Third & Fourth Degrees, Potluck at 6:00; Degree Meeting at 7:30

It doesn't quite seem like a lot of activities until they are all listed together above! We usually don't list events so far into the following month but they are very important and we want to remind everyone well in advance.

Before getting into the future events, we should talk a little about the last month. On July 20 Gerri Griswold (known throughout the area as the traffic reporter for WZBG in Litchfield) presented her Iceland Affair at the Grange Hall. The event was a terrific success for her having moved from White Memorial Conservation in Litchfield to Winchester Center. The hall was filled with foods, music, animals, art, crafts and more from the north Atlantic country that many of us know little about. Quite a few Icelanders traveled to Connecticut to be a part of the day's activities and to be a part of the Iceland themed concert (sold out) at Infinity Music Hall in Norfolk later in the evening. The event was such a great success that Gerri plans on holding it again next year at Winchester Grange but most likely in October when the temperatures are less sweltering! We can't blame her.

We thank Mountain County Pomona for providing a Campership for a young lady to attend Camp Berger this summer. She will likely join Winchester Junior Grange later this year and we're sure she enjoyed her week at Camp.

Looking ahead-- our annual Grange Fair & Flea Market will be held on Saturday, August 10 from 10-4 on the Green and at the Hall. The Flea Market is filling up quite nicely after declining in numbers

in recent years and we are looking forward to a very full green along with the exhibits, judging, food, games and more to be held in the Grange Hall. Please join us.

Coming in September will be the conferral of the four degrees on two new members and we encourage any Granges with candidates to let us know if they would like to join us for one or both degree meetings with their new members/candidates. You are always welcome-- we would like to know in advance, if possible, to prepare the necessary materials for the degrees.

And if all of this was not enough, we are planning our participation in the new Winchester Center Day to be held on Saturday, September 14. Planning meetings involving representatives of the Grange, Winchester Center Cong. Church, the Fire Dept. and the Historical Association have been ongoing this spring and summer with food, contests and a video of Winchester's 125 years at the Grange Hall, a firefighting foam demonstration at the fire dept., cider pressing at the Chapel and much, much more throughout the day. It should be a fun event in scenic Winchester Center. Come visit us!

TAGHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Barbara Prindle

Taghannuck's August 8 meeting is a pot luck picnic at the Prindle house. Guests are welcome and we usually have a great turn out with each Granger bringing their specialty. You are invited. If it rains the picnic is held at our Hall, but it is not going to rain.

At our August 22nd meeting we will have a Memorial Program for all the members we lost this year. We will greatly miss our Chaplain Myrtle Hayden who always presented this Program with thoughtfulness.

Our members are busy getting our entry ready for Bethlehem Fair held this year September 6-8. The theme this year, "What is the Grange", has given us all kinds of ideas. We are hoping to win a ribbon (and some money).

DEPUTY TEAM

INSPECTIONS RITUAL CODE READING SUPPORT INSTRUCTION

I hate Executive Committee reports!!!! I'm sure that's something many of you say every time the Grange year closes and a new reporting deadline looms on the horizon. It seems like I'm constantly talking about these reports (I probably am) but it truly is a major project getting them all in, balanced and filed properly. Despite all of my talking about them, there still seems to be confusion about their purpose and what is required of the Granges.

Why do we file Executive Committee reports? As a non-profit organization that is required to meet certain guidelines by both the IRS and the Connecticut State Grange, this report serves as an important internal audit of the financial condition of each Grange. These reports also can be used as a useful tool for Granges to evaluate their financial condition and make more educated decisions on fundraising, activities and the general operation of the Grange.

No one really looks at these reports at the State Grange! We have heard that statement more than once from members and it is absolutely not true. Every report is reviewed by the General Deputy upon receipt and if there are errors or information missing, Granges are contacted to make the necessary corrections. Upon completion of the annual Inspection, the General Deputy attaches a copy of this report to the Inspection for his review before the final inspection report is returned to the Grange. When all is completed, the reports are then forwarded to the State Secretary for filing.

In addition, we ask Granges to supply a copy of this report to the Deputy on the night of inspection. Some Granges do not do this because they think it's not necessary if they have already sent it to the General Deputy. This is also not true, as the Deputy uses this report in his/her review of the Secretary and Treasurer's records during the Inspection looking for the supporting information that was reported on the Exec. Comm. report.

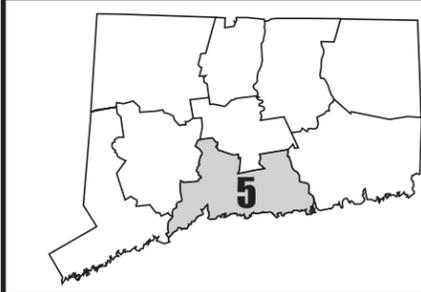
Unfortunately we still have a few Granges that have not filed their reports (as of July 27). The reports are due to the General Deputy on December 31 (if your books close on September 30) or April 1 if your books close on December 31. Hope does truly spring eternal-- and we do hope all of our Granges make an effort to get these reports in (with all sections on the front and back of the form completed) by the deadline. We thank all of the Granges who have faithfully filed their reports on time. IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Cruise with Colchester



Colchester Grange #78 is offering a 13 day cruise to the awesome Southern Caribbean. Participants will be transported to New York where they board the brand new New York City-themed Norwegian Breakaway... NCL's latest addition. The trip will take place January 19-31, 2014. You will visit San Juan, St Thomas, St Maarten, St Lucia, Barbados and St Kitts. The program helps support the Grange's Scholarship fund. This is a new ship and will book-up fast. Make your reservation early. You can call for information by contacting Cathy @ 860-887-9621. Pricing starts as low as \$1549.00.

New Haven County Pomona No. 5



- ✓ Cheshire No. 23
- ✓ Wallingford No. 33
- ✓ North Haven No. 35
- ✓ Old Lyme No. 162

MISSION STATEMENT

New Haven County Pomona through the strength of its Community Granges offers collective wisdom and experience to enhance the individual leadership skills, pride in Grange ritual and camaraderie to all citizens in the communities in which we serve!

NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5

Corr: Wesli Dymoke

Aug. 19: 6 P.M., Picnic at the Bernhardt's- 424 Cedar Lane, Cheshire. Potluck at 6:30 P.M. (Pomona furnishes dessert and drinks).

Sept. 9: Regular Meeting at Wallingford (586 Center St.), Program: Lo and Behold

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: A. Ruel Miller

Aug. 14: (2nd Wednesday)- It's snowing-Our only meeting this month

Our two June fundraisers (Hamburg and Hot Dog-Card Party Night) and our Ham Dinner were very successful and we thank everyone who came out to support these two events. Our thanks to Liz Ryducha, Don Lanoue and their committees for their efforts.

We are looking forward to our annual picnic at the Bernhardt's on July 17th. The craft nights have resumed as we have a lot of items to prepare for the upcoming holidays, etc.

Our big push for August is our 129th Cheshire Grange Community Fair on the 24th and 25th. A lot of work awaits us so what would be our second meeting in the month will be devoted to getting ready for the fair.

Several of our members will be attending the New England Lecturer's Conference in early August and it will be in Connecticut this year.

Continue to enjoy the summer.

NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35

Corr: A. Tolette

Aug. 6: Bird Dog Tales

Sept. 3: Back to School

We haven't floated away yet but we hope this "lousy" weather will go away soon. I am getting webbed fingers and toes from it. Maybe I can swim faster. Keep cool and comfortable and I'll find something more interesting to report next time.

OLD LYME GRANGE #162

Corr: Barbara C. Kulisch

Aug. 23: 6:30 P.M.~ Pot Luck Picnic at the hall; Meeting 7:30 P.M.

Sept. 13: Summer Vacation Memories

Sept. 27: We Welcome Fall
Sept. 29: Sunday Open House at 2 P.M. with a speaker/presentation of Grange Seals

We once again draped our charter in loving memory for our devoted Treasurer, Sis Irene Carnell who fought a courageous battle with cancer. She has been greatly missed amongst our members!

At our June 28th meeting, our Worthy Master Ross Stands presented Rev. Tom Norton with his 60 year seal & his son Craig Norton with his 25 year certificate. They were in town from Florida for Sis Eleanor's Memorial Service, so they decided to join us for the evening! Congratulations both of them!

Our September 29th Sunday afternoon Open House at 2:00 P.M. will feature a speaker from the New London Firefighters Burn Unit that helps those in need. We hope that you will join us as we will also be presenting many seals and a 75 year letter!

Farm Bill still in limbo



Alma Graham
Legislative Director
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The National Farm bill is still in limbo. The Senate has passed their version of the Farm Bill. The House Agricultural Committee had passed a version of the bill and waited for it to be brought out onto the house floor for action. When the bill was presented the House Republican leaders were totally surprised when the bill failed. All of the Connecticut House members voted against the bill. I should note that Congressman Courtney from the 2nd district was one of the members on the House

Agricultural Committee who had passed the bill out of committee. Apparently something changed in the Farm Bill enough that he felt the need to vote against it.

On a dollar basis, the Farm Bill is about 20 percent farm related with the other 80 percent concerning the Nutrition Title. This includes the funding for WIC, Supplemental Nutrition Assistant Program (SNAP or more commonly known as food stamps) and school lunch programs. The House version of the bill included major cuts in this area of the bill.

Reacting to this failure in passing a Farm Bill the House decided to divide the bill into two portions. The Farm related section is now separate from the Nutrition section. The House then passed the Farm related section of the bill. The

National Grange issued a statement that while they were happy with the passage of this bill they have mixed feelings about it.

Now the House and Senate versions of the Farm bills will have to go to a joint House and Senate committee to work out a compromised bill. National Grange is concerned that the Senate side will not be very receptive to this bill that is without the Nutritional section. We also need to note that the House and Senate will be taking a summer vacation in August. They will also still have to take up the sections of the Nutritional section of the bill. An extension of the previous Farm bill was passed a few months ago which extended it until September. Unless something final is passed before September, another extension will be needed.



By Jessica Cope - jcope@nationalgrange.org; National Grange Executive Assistant & Meeting Planner

Registration for the 147th Annual Convention became available online July 1. This year's event in Manchester, NH, will feature a celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Junior Grange, exciting tours to meet the Anheuser-Busch Clydesdales and a bigger, better Idea Fair full of extra workshops and vendors.

We hope to see each of you there!

Excursion to Glen Island

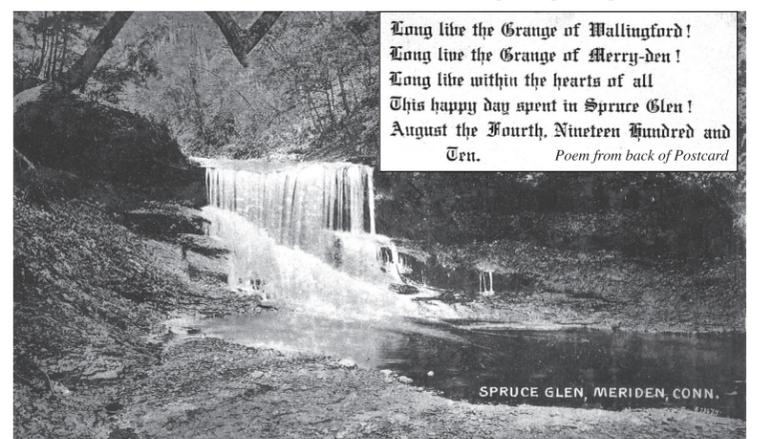
by Robert Charbonneau

Once in a while we acquire new items to share with everyone. Such is the case with a postcard found on E-Bay of a picnic held in 1910 at Spruce Glen Falls located on the Meriden / Wallingford line in the southeastern portion of Meriden. The postcard depicts a photo of Spruce Glen Falls and details in prose of the picnic held there. The postcard itself was perhaps a souvenir of the event.

The postcard was produced by a German printing company with good detail available for a printed item over a hundred years old. Some damage was found on the front panel. This was in the form of creases, general damage, and missing spots of photo - possibly from contact with other objects over time. The photo was digitally reconstructed in Photoshop

along with utilizing Photoshop features and filters to brighten and enhance it to bring out the photo details and colors almost lost to time. The

combined picture of both the front and rear panels can be viewed by opening up our Historical section on our www.meridengrange.org website.



Long live the Grange of Wallingford!
Long live the Grange of Merry-den!
Long live within the hearts of all
This happy day spent in Spruce Glen!
August the Fourth, Nineteen Hundred and Ten.
Poem from back of Postcard

SPRUCE GLEN, MERIDEN, CONN.

Meriden Grange, No. 29.

Excursion to Glen Island.

STEAMER JOHN H. STARIN.

Tuesday, August 24th, 1897.

Ticket, 50 Cents.

NEW HAVEN
to
GLEN ISLAND.
Aug. 24.

New London County Pomona No. 6



- Lebanon No. 21
- Colchester No. 78
- Pachaug No. 96
- Preston City No. 110
- N. Stonington Community No. 138
- Lyme No. 147
- Stonington No. 168
- Norwich No. 172
- Groton Community No. 213

MISSION STATEMENT
 To cultivate and nurture the flock while encouraging their advancement to the degree of Pomona.

JUNIOR GRANGE



Contact:
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NEW LONDON CTY. POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

Aug. 24: Annual Picnic at Bluff Point

Sept. 12: Passing of the Season- Stonington

Sept. 21: NLCP Fundraiser - N. Stonington

We conferred the 5th Degree on two candidates in may. We welcome Noah Brown from North Stonington and James Miller from Colchester.

Our annual picnic will take place on Saturday, August 24 at Bluff Point State Park in Groton. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided by the Pomona. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert. Picnic starts at noon. Bring a game to share.

Looking ahead to September, our meeting will be at Stonington Grange on the 12th. Our big fundraiser will be on the 21st at North Stonington Grange and fairgrounds. There will be a Civil War encampment, antique appraisals, entertainment and much more. Food will be available in the food booth. The fun begins at 10 A.M.

The summer is fun, with picnics and sun,

Let's all get together, my friends.

It's out to the bluff, just bring your stuff,

And you'll see that the fun never ends.

N. STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

Aug. 9: "Smorgasbord"

Aug. 23: "Mixed Bag"

At our June 14 meeting we draped our Charter for yet another Golden Sheaf Member. Louise Farnum joined the Great Grange above on April 21; but we learned of her passing in June. She has lived in Gettysburg for many years. Our program for the evening

was a patriotic one. We learned some interesting facts about our flag, the men who raised the flag at Iwo Jima and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Twenty-seven people enjoyed our picnic on the 28th. Nick Mullane and Charlie Burger were the head chefs, preparing the hot dogs and hamburgers to perfection. The many side dishes brought by members completed the meal, and Sue had games for the youngsters that lasted well into the evening.

Our August programs should be lots of fun. On the 9th, the men have the program and the ladies have the refreshments. On the 23 the opposite is true. We have to admit that the ambiance on the evening the men host refreshments causes us all to pause and reflect. There might be candlelight and soft, romantic music. Who knows that they will come up with this year? Why not come and find out? And if the fireflies that are dancing around in my yard will just keep lighting up my nights, next time I'll tell you all about joyous July.

LYME GRANGE #147

Aug. 16, 17 & 18: Lyme Grange (Hamburg) Fair

Sept. 5: Start of another year.

Oct. 3: Apple Pickin' Time

Nov. 7: Talk Turkey

Not much has happened here in Lyme since our July meeting was postponed due to the holiday.

The rain has stopped and the heat has settled in.

Luckily we seem to have a nice breeze.

We look forward to some nice cool weather for our Lyme Grange Fair (Hamburg Fair) in August.

Stay cool. Be careful in the heat.

HILLSTOWN JR. GRANGE #87

Corr: Michelle DeDominicis

Our members are working on their upcoming contest entries and are looking forward to their upcoming school year.

Two of our Junior members, Angelina DeDominicis and Nevayah Moreno attended the Northeast Regional Youth Conference. They were the only two Juniors to represent the state of Connecticut at the conference - and they did a great job at that. They both competed in the Public Speaking contest - great job done by both! Making new friends from Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York and Wisconsin.

Being able to experience the Youth Conference is something that all of Connecticut's Juniors and Youth should experience at least once. Our Junior Grange will be holding some fundraisers during the coming year so that we can have more share in this experience next year at Rivier College in New Hampshire.

We look forward to seeing everyone at State Session!

EKONK COMM. JR. GRANGE #101

Corr: Rebecca Gervais

We had a great time camping. 21 stayed over the first night and 26, on the second. More came to play and eat. Mosquitoes also visited, and stopped for a meal, or two. The mosquitoes also provided us with a game...connect the dots! A good time was had. In fact, they are planning a second trip! Thanks to the Bonners for cooking the suppers, and for everyone pitching in! The Windham County Trailblazers, a 4H group, held a chalk-drawing contest for us as well as water-balloon fun, and an awesome scavenger hunt! They are a great group, and now we

have members who belong to both, so we both benefited!

Carly Sebastian won the pledge contest. GOOD JOB, Carly! We may try this contest again. We ended our July meeting with a cake to celebrate the 8th grade Graduation of several of our members and more water-balloon fun!

The Sterling Public Library held a Kick-Off Summer Reading Celebration, on July 6th. We had the sandbox filled with sand and treasures. The theme for summer reading is "Dig into reading", so we had kids digging in the sandbox for treasures. Some found "diamonds", or dinosaurs, or shells and sand dollars. It was a big hit! We also brought along play-doh. -- Thanks, to Carrie Molodich for giving us a bunch of

play-doh! This was also well enjoyed! AND, we did a scavenger hunt. Kids found pennies, glow bracelets, pebbles, and other "treasures". It was a super HOT and HUMID day, but a lot of fun! Thanks to all who helped!!

Our fair is coming up, August 10th. We are having Dave from Animal Experiences come with his vast assortment of animals. He has snakes, turtles, lizards, a tree frog, a hedgehog, a chinchilla, and other great creatures! He gives a short speech about the animals and then, we are allowed to handle them! We can't wait! Many other things are going on, so plan to come on down! You could finish your day with a peach supper! Yum-yum.



Members of Ekonk Community Jr. Grange play a water balloon toss game at the July 5 meeting of the Grange.

So. CT Past Masters

The Southern Connecticut Past Masters Association will hold their September meeting as the guests of Harmony Grange. Date is September 14th. As with all of our meetings, we will start with a potluck supper at 6:30 P.M.

Our October meeting will be held on the 12th at the Prospect Senior Center. it will be our annual Fun Fair in charge of Joanne Cipriano. Theme this year is "Stars." We are all wishing on a star that our members are healthy and that they will be able to attend this meeting.

If you are interested in entering in the contests call Joanne for a premium book.

CSG Past Deputies Assoc.

The Meeting and Picnic of the Connecticut State Grange Past Deputies Association will be held on Sunday, August 11, 2013 at the home of Joanne Cipriano, 393 Piedmont St., Waterbury, CT 06706. The afternoon will begin at 1:50 with a Social Hour followed by the meeting at 3:03 and the potluck supper. The program for the afternoon will be a Mini Fair and the Country Store will feature pink items. Join us!

Excelsior Pomona No. 7



- ✓ Beacon Valley No. 103
- ✓ Bethlehem No. 121
- Watertown No. 122
- ✓ Prospect No. 144
- Bridgewater No. 153
- Wolcott No. 173
- Oxford No. 194

MISSION STATEMENT

Excelsior Pomona's collective voice is used as an effective tool to further the Grange's good works locally and throughout the state.

EXCELSIOR POMONA #7

Corr: Jean Meehan

Excelsior elected officers at its last meeting. They are: Master, Cindy Legg; Overseer, Robert Buck; Lady Assistant Steward, Eloise Osuch; Gatekeeper, Frank Giannone; Ceres, Mary Lou Raymond; and Fred Camp for 3 years on the Executive Committee. Congratulations to all and I know all members will support them. The installation is at the home of the new Master on September 18, 2013.

August 4 will be the annual Excelsior Pomona potluck picnic at the home of Albert Maddox starting around 1 P.M.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Our September meeting is on the 13th with a program entitled "Hobby/ Game Night." Gloria Meholik will provide the refreshments.

Our officers have been elected with only one new one. Mary Lou Raymond will fill the Treasurer's station. We had our officers planning meeting and we are set and excited to start the new year.

During 2014 we will celebrate our 125th anniversary. Our official celebration will be held on May 30th. But we will do things to celebrate all year long. At this anniversary we will be honoring Robert Burns and Robert Behlman for 70 years of continuous Grange membership. Please save the date.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Al Maddox

Aug. 26: 7:30 PM meeting Shirley - Jim refreshments. Dog Days of Summer, where did all those breeds come from?

We voted to enter an exhibit in Bethlehem Fair.

Election of Officers was held.

Excelsior Pomona and Bethlehem Granges are invited to my home for a picnic on Sunday, August 4, 12 P.M. - until?, Potluck.

PROSPECT GRANGE #144

Corr: Jean Meehan

Our Neighbor's Night/ Inspection Night was serious but fun. Thanks to all who came and participated.

Our July meeting was our annual Grange Picnic beginning at 6:30 P.M. We had a few non-members that came to see what the Grange is all about. Hope to see them again.

We continue to seek new members with new ideas.

Election of officers will be next year, however, due to certain physical problems a couple of officers switched.

We would like to wish summer, all a very happy and safe

Great day for a picnic



Jody Cameron, CT State Master (left) and Steve Logan RI State Master flip burgers and grill hot dogs during the 3rd Annual Connecticut & Rhode Island Picnic held this year at the Washington County Pomona Fairgrounds in Richmond, Rhode Island on Saturday, July 27.

Russi Citizen of Yr.

Catherine Russi, member of Colchester Grange #78 and resident of Lebanon, was named the Colchester Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year; Service above Self on March 6. Russi was recently honored with a dinner celebration at NuNu's Bistro in Colchester attended by her friends and family and members of the Colchester Rotary Club.

Background: Russi served as Director of the Colchester Senior Center, where she went beyond her daily duties to ensure that the senior citizens were provided with transportation, meals and entertainment. She played an integral part in keeping the seniors informed of medical and insurance information and was always available to answer any questions.

Big Impact: Russi's "claim to fame" while at the Colchester Senior Center was the Intergenerational Program, also known as The Gift Goes On Program. She teamed up with an elementary school teacher to bring children and Colchester seniors together once a month to share in a variety of one-on-one projects, guest speakers, stories and meal sharing.

Volunteer: Every October, Russi organized Make a Difference Day, involving the schools in town with a variety of tasks collecting items such as slightly used coats, sweaters, clothing, diapers, and school supplies. Members of the Senior Center sorted all of the collected items and distributed them to local charitable organizations. Several years ago, Russi was honored in US. Weekly as a top recipient of the Make a Difference Day program, receiving \$10,000. The money went to help the Haitian Health Foundation and the Colchester Food Bank. Russi continues volunteering and running the Make a Difference Day at St. Andrew's Church in Colchester. She also volunteers for other community organizations.

Later work: After Russi retired from the Colchester Senior Center, she went to work at the Glastonbury Adult Education Center to put together resources for middle-aged residents, assisting them in choosing courses that would educate them in new careers or assist them in finding skill-based classes. She now works as a recreational assistant in Harrington Court in Colchester which offers convalescent and rehabilitation services.

WINDOW TO THE PAST

Photographs are a treasured part of Grange history. Many of them, unfortunately, do not come neatly labeled on the back with names, dates, people or places. These photographs have a story to tell... but about whom or what? Please help us solve the mystery of the faces and places as we look through the Window to the Past. You can contact us by calling (860) 626-5074 or on the web by emailing submissions@ctstategrange.org.

August Window Picture: If you look closely, the award statue has 1974 on it.

Answers from the July photo --

We heard from Alma Graham and Annie Lane. Frank Prelli is on the left, and Frank Behlman is on the right. No answers as to who the two ladies are.

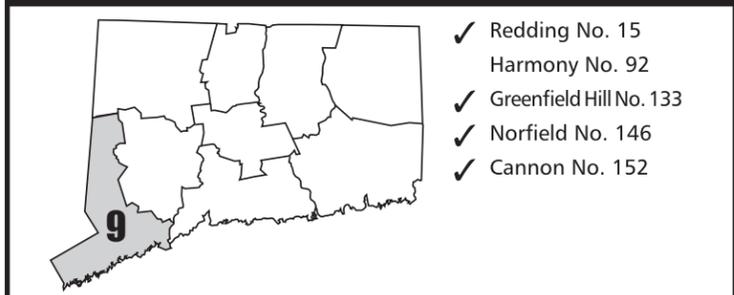
From Lois Evankow-- The girl on the far right is Jane and she is standing next to her grandmother Julia Latham. Julia used to enter all of the dress contests and she won a lot. Jane is married now



and has a farm and children mother-in-law - my hubby's - grandma passed a few years ago- She was the sister of my



Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



- ✓ Redding No. 15
- ✓ Harmony No. 92
- ✓ Greenfield Hill No. 133
- ✓ Norfield No. 146
- ✓ Cannon No. 152

MISSION STATEMENT

Fairfield County Pomona is made up of Community Granges with a special interest in leadership development, who come together to share information and fellowship and through legislative action addresses the needs of all its members and communities.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY POMONA #9

Corr: Bob Sendewicz

Aug: No Meetings

Sept. 9: Installation of Officers

Oct. 2: the Power of Public Speaking

Fairfield County Pomona does not meet in August because of so many members on vacation. On Sept. 9 we will install our officers for two years.

The installation will be at Redding Grange Hall at 7:30 P.M.

The October meeting is also at Redding Grange Hall. There will be a 6:00 potluck supper and the program is on The Power of Public Speaking. A Country Store will follow the meeting.

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer vacations.

REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: Marge Sendewicz

Aug. 12: No Meeting - On Vacation

Aug. 26: About Vacations

We do not have a first meeting in August because of vacations.

At our June 24 meeting we had a special celebration. It was a dark and stormy night but the members of Redding Grange, along with twenty-eight visitors, gathered to join Bob and Marge Sendewicz in celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Just as the meeting was closing the power went out. With the emergency light in the hall and several candles placed about, the party went on. During the party a special visitor arrived. State Senator Robert Duff, who is the grandson of Horton and Dot Duff and a member of

Redding Grange, presented the happy couple with a proclamation from the State Senate and one from Governor Dannel Malloy honoring them on their anniversary.

Everyone had a great time and Bob and Marge thank all our friends who planned the party and all our friends who traveled on such a bad night, and to all our friends that sent us happy greetings. You are a wonderful extended family.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

Corr: Dennis Rich

Aug. 10: Home Canning Demo; 10 A.M.

Aug. 19: "Fair Planning" - 7 P.M., Meeting

In the midst of an early summer heat wave, we find ourselves busy with planning our fair, scheduling activities, recruiting potential new members, and completing required administrative tasks. We have finished outlining activities, now we need to make it happen!

On Saturday, August 10th, we have a Home Canning Demonstration from 10 A.M. to Noon in our hall. The event, open to everyone, will give tips and practical experience in safe "wet" food preservation. There is a suggested \$5.00 donation per person.

At our regular August meeting, we will complete organizational planning for our Annual Fair, which will take place from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Exhibits may be submitted 7 to 9 P.M. Friday evening or before 9:45 A.M. the day of the Fair. Where possible, we

would like non-perishable exhibits submitted the day before to facilitate the write-up of entries.

All of our Grange friends are welcome to our meetings and activities.

NORFIELD GRANGE #146

Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox

Aug. 13: Annual Barbecue and Picnic, 6:30

Sept. 8: 45th Annual Norfield Grange Fair, 10-3

Sept. 10: Installation of Officers

Oct. 8: "Let's Talk Turkey"

Oct. 27: 2nd Annual Kiwanis Reservoir Run (Grange Water Station)

Thanks to Vivian Simons and Betsy Pollack Norfield Grange presented a most successful 3rd Annual Community Tag Sale in June. It was so crowded that we plan to present a new Tag Sale next fall as well as in the spring. Watch for dates!

The big news, of course, is the upcoming Agricultural Fair that will take place on September 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. As reported last month, there will be three new contests: "Best Tomato," "Best Homemade Hooch," and "Best Cupcake in Connecticut." Check our website www.norfieldgrange.org or "friend" our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/norfield.grange>. We will have professional judges this year, with ten departments and 45 categories.

Finally, we awarded our \$350 Camp Berger Campership via Weston Social Services to a most deserving 14 year old Weston boy. It doesn't get any better than that.

CANNON GRANGE #152

Corr: Don Offinger

Aug 1: Business Meeting

Aug 18: 81st Cannon Grange Ag Fair

Sept 5: Fair Reports & Business Meeting

Sept 19: Installation of Officers

Many good things happening at our Cannon Grange Hall. We've had a run of party rentals that

help with our finances, a kindly church group that has been using our Hall as a worship and spiritual center for their small congregation, our new AED is in place in the Hall, and the cross walk is painted across Cannon Road in front of our Hall with the neon green signs identifying the pedestrian zone. Our cross walk application took a while to be approved by the local Police Commission, and then the lines painted. We consider this to be one of our finest Community Service & Safety projects; as it benefits anyone wishing to cross the road in front of our Hall from the Railroad station and the village stores.

Our recent election of officers will have Doug Shepherd serving as our President for the ensuing Grange year.

Two of our members are moving to new locations: Betty Johnson is moving to the Wilton Commons for seniors, and Peggy Garrity is moving to a senior environment in Newtown so that she will be closer to her adult children in Danbury and Bethel. We

wish both ladies happiness in their new homes.

Our annual agricultural fair is set for Sunday, August 18th from 10 AM - 4 PM. We hope to see many Grange friends this year.

Chase Hollingsworth, son of BillieSue and Dale Hollingsworth, was recently given a sportsman award by the Pomfret School, his prep school, for excellence in the play and sport of Golf. Chase has been for many years one of our best workers at our annual agricultural fair: no task too hard, and no request turned down for this person of action. Chase, we're very proud of you and your accomplishment.

We're very happy to note that two of our members were recently elected as officers of Fairfield Co. Pomona Grange: John Kriz as the new Gatekeeper and Don Offinger as a member of the Executive Committee. John is well known for his work with the Connecticut Farmland Trust as a board member.

Our summer meeting schedule is posted. Visiting Patrons are always welcome -- won't you join us?

Social Connection



Joanne Cipriano
Social Connection Director
social@ctstategrange.org

Our committee has been trying to come up with ideas for our program next year. If you have something unique that you would like to share with us it will be appreciated. We need one for the spring and the fall. Don't like being a Polly Parrot but we do need some help with refreshment for our Christmas party

on September 21st. You can let any of the members of our committee know - Barbara - Betty Jane of me. Everything else is ready to party.

To assist the Connecticut Food Bank and to go along with our monetary donation, we will have a food collection at the State Session. I know everyone has a lot to carry; but, if you could add just a can or box of something it would be appreciated.

Welcome new members!

Trad Dart Stonington Grange #168

Has your Grange taken in new members? We would love to know about them and include them in this report and in the State Master's membership tally on page one. Email, mail or phone the Editor with the names of your new members.

Central Pomona No. 1



- Southington No. 25
- ✓ Meriden No. 29
- Higganum No. 124
- ✓ Hemlock No. 182

MISSION STATEMENT

Central Pomona No. 1 will support its Subordinate/Community Granges through programs and activities by actively contributing its talents and resources. Central Pomona supports local, State and National charities; educational and youth programs.

MERIDEN GRANGE #29

Corr: M. Harrison

We are having our picnics this summer & then preparing for our Fair. We will be at the Grange for the Aug. picnic 8/9/13. We are busy in the garden raising our entries, we are hoping for the largest tomato again this year. We have a special welcome to our new members, Amy & Brian. Our Fair will be held Sept.

7th and our dinner will be our traditional roast pork. Come meet our citizen of the year, Mother Shaun from the Franciscan Life Center, serving Meriden for over 20 years. Try to stay cool.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Aug. 9: Ice Cream Social

There will be an ice cream social at 6 P.M. Proceeds will go to the Bevin Bell

Co., to help our neighbors in East Hampton. Meeting will be at 7:30 P.M. Price: Free

with donation. Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Aug. 23: Omit (Summer Vacation)



Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

Increasing Fair Publicity is Key

Many Granges across Connecticut host Grange Fairs (of all shapes and sizes.) Now is the time when the planning for Grange Fairs begin to take center stage. Promotions for your Grange Fair are key to a successful event.

Do you have a Premium Book or Flyer? Do you issue Press Releases? Do you have posters hung around your town? Are you talking about your Fair on Facebook and Twitter? Do you send out an e-mail to all your members? And most importantly, do you

start EARLY with your promotions and publicity?

Granges need to use all the traditional promotional and publicity methods to get the word out to the public about their Fairs.

Here's a few suggestions and ideas that each Grange can utilize when promoting their Fairs.

- Advertise you Fair at your other Grange events. Put table tents on each table at refreshments and/or dinners spotlighting your Fair's activities and contests, hang posters and signage promoting your Fair in your hall, and be sure to handout flyers at each meeting for two to three months prior to your Fair.

- Distribute coupons. In this day and age - people love to save money. If your Fair charges admission, then coupons worth 50¢ off admission can bring new people to your event.

- Creative Contests. Not everyone can knit, bake or has a garden full of veggies. Let your imagination flow. Offer something different and fun for the whole family. Ideas: a display of collections, setting a dinner table, recycled art, LEGO building, paper airplanes, and more. Once you come up with your best idea - write a press release just on this contest, create a

special advertisement for the newspaper, distribute a special flyer or handout, and poster to promote it!

- Offer a "Kids Zone" or a special area just for the youngsters. Offer interactive crafts and demonstrations where the kids can be the center of the action, such as planting seeds in egg cartons, creating friendship bracelets, macaroni art, handprint drawings and more. Promote this area as something special and new. Post on local and family websites and forums talking about your Kids Zone. Distribute flyers to daycare centers, nurseries and schools.

- Host a booth at another local event, such as the Farmer's Market, baseball game, car show, etc. to promote your Fair. Be sure to have flyers and coupons to distribute.

The CT State Grange Public Relations Committee is here to help with your Fair promotions. We can write and distribute press releases about your event. We also offer graphic design services including brochures, posters, flyers and more. All we ask is that you give us plenty of advance notice to ensure we can fulfill your needs! Contact any member of the committee, or e-mail us at information@ctstategrange.org or publicrelations@ctstategrange.org for more information.

129th Annual Session of the

Connecticut State Grange

REGISTRATION FORM

ALL MEMBERS (Delegates and Non-Delegates) are required to register to attend most sessions/activities of the convention. The only exceptions are the Sixth Degree on Friday Evening and the Lecturer's Program during the Celebration Banquet on Saturday evening. All other events require payment of a registration fee and/or purchase of a ticket. Registration for Friday and/or Saturday also includes admission to that day's luncheon. The Celebration Banquet on Saturday is a separate ticketed event. Please contact the Central Office if you have any questions.

Grange Name & Number _____

Name _____ Jr. _____ Adult _____

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FULL SESSION (Thurs., Oct. 17 - Sat., Oct. 19)

Adult Registration \$30.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheons on Friday & Saturday)
of members _____ x \$30.00 = _____

Junior Registration \$20.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheons on Friday & Saturday)
of Jr. members _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Celebration Banquet (Saturday Evening)

Meal Choice: # of members _____ x \$30.00 = _____

_____ Herb Crusted Chicken Breast

_____ Roasted Atlantic Salmon # of Jr. members _____ x \$30.00 = _____
with Shallot Jus

_____ Roasted Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus
with Fresh Horseradish Aioli

Thurs., Oct. 17 & Fri., Oct. 18 (ONE DAY)

I cannot attend the Full Session but would like to attend **Thursday/Friday ONLY**

Adult Registration \$15.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheon on Friday)
of members _____ x \$15.00 = _____

Junior Registration \$10.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheon on Friday)
of Jr. members _____ x \$10.00 = _____

Saturday, Oct. 19 (ONE DAY)

I cannot attend the Full Session but would like to attend **Saturday ONLY**

Adult Registration \$15.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheon on Saturday)
of members _____ x \$15.00 = _____

Junior Registration \$10.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheon on Saturday)
of Jr. members _____ x \$10.00 = _____

TOTAL = _____

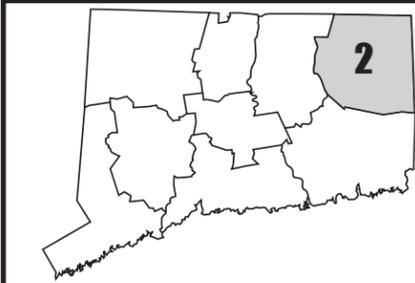
REGISTRATION AND BANQUET CHOICE MUST BE MADE BY OCTOBER 5, 2013
Late Registrations WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

Please make checks payable to: Connecticut State Grange
Mail to: Connecticut State Grange, P.O. Box 1393, Glastonbury, CT 06033
Questions: Please call 860-633-7550 or email: secretary@ctstategrange.org



A. Ruel Miller, President of Cheshire Grange prepares signs for their annual fair Aug. 24-25.

Quinebaug Pomona No. 2



- Senexet No. 40
- ✓ Wolf Den No. 61
- ✓ Ekonk No. 89
- Ashford No. 90
- Putnam No. 97
- ✓ Killingly No. 112
- ✓ Echo No. 180

MISSION STATEMENT

Quinebaug Pomona supports and assists the communities within its jurisdiction through a financial and physical presence. We offer the Community Granges assistance and support for their programs and activities.

WOLF DEN GRANGE #61

Corr: *Elsie Johnson*

Aug. 14: Surprise Guest, Membership Comm.; Ref. Ice Cream

Aug. 28: Potluck, 6 PM

Sept. 11: Fall Review

Everyone is talking about the hot weather. Next winter we will wish we had it. Gardens are coming in well- weeds are coming in good too. Mowers are doing double time as the grass is growing fast. We had a short season for strawberries. Came and went fast.

Gasoline prices are going up again. Our neighbor's night went well.

Picnics and cook-outs have been good between the rain showers. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89

Corr: *Elsie Johnson*

Aug. 5: "Neil Armstrong"! 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 10: 31st Annual FAIR! 9am-2pm

Aug. 10: PEACH SUPPER 5pm--

Our first "Relay For Life" food booth was successful: all food disappeared to hungry and grateful participants with almost \$850.00 left after expenses to donate to "Relay for Life". Thanks to all who in any way assisted!

The Sterling Republican Town Committee held a fundraising Ham & Bean Supper (at our hall) to benefit the family of Gabe LaPoint (9 year old born with a heart defect who is also battling leukemia); many Grangers helped.

The Scholarship Committee selected Megan DeRouin of Sterling as recipient of our 2013 Scholarship. This was presented at our July 21st Awards Luncheon at which time Marion R. Emmons

and her sister, Ruth Rosebrooks both received their 70 year membership seals; Bruce Lindberg his 55 and the following their 25 year certificates: Beverly Pepin, Cindy Henry, Mandy Dubay, Sandy Eggers and Mason Gray. July 15th we catered a roast beef supper for BCLAC (local Vet).

We voted to change the dessert at our Fair supper to Peach Shortcake! We will serve pork roast, vegs, rolls & butter, beverages PLUS Peach Shortcake!!

We donated \$25.00 to Patty Cottrell towards her Walk for MS. Grangers helped assemble the new Sterling "Playscape", which features a ladder & slides; see-saws; rock wall; sandbox; picnic table & 2 benches. Lots of concrete was poured that day and a foot of mulch was put under everything, making it child safety compliant. The playscape was dedicated July 6th and our President-elect, Link Cooper, cooked all of the hotdogs on his grill for the "Kick-Up" for Summer Reading and

"Dig for Treasures" day of fun co-sponsored by the Library & Recreation Department. Our Junior Grange sponsored the "Dig for Treasures" in the new sandbox!

Lots of fun things are happening at Ekonk; plan to visit!

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Corr: *Glenna Bruno*

Aug. 16: Installation

Aug. 19: Drifting & Dreaming

Earlier in May we draped the charter for one of our older members (90 years plus), Sue Dupre. Just recently we lost another older member (Gen) Genevieve Shippee,

a 90 plus year member, to the great Grange above. Gen has been a member of Killingly Grange #112 for 75 years. We will miss her as Pomona.

We received three new very young people as new members. Victoria Aubin, great granddaughter to Gertrude Blain (L.A.S.) and Claire Rhimes as Assistant Steward and Susie Spuria our new young people.

We are planned a fundraiser for June 23 (which will be over by the time this goes to press) for our former Treasurer Phil Greenleaf to help with his medical bills he and his wife Gail are incurring while Phil is battling cancer. He and Gail are our former Treasurer and Secretary. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them. We wish them well.

Our June 17 meeting was election of officers for the coming year. The following were elected: Master Bernadette Schuster; Overseer Glenna Bruno; Secretary Denise Aubin; Treasurer Tiffany (Aubin) Burns; Lecturer Eleanor Davis; Steward John Bennett; Lady Assistant Steward Gert Blain; Assistant Steward Elaine Rhimes; Chaplain Anne Duval; Gatekeeper Patricia Valys; Ceres Sara Joseph; Pomona Mildred Briggs; Flora Josephine Stenback; Exec. Comm 1 yr. Gert Blain; 2 yrs. Glenna Bruno; 3yrs. Anne Duval. Musician Victoria Aubin.

We held a potluck supper before the meeting. Fourteen members were present with one guest.

ECHO GRANGE #180

Corr: *Gloria John*

Aug. 13: Omit

Aug. 27: Back to School

We held our picic at Jim and Pat Palmer's home. It rained so it was held it inside. Don't forget our Ham and Bean Supper on Sept. 21st. from 5 to 7 pm. Come and join us.

We are holding our meetings downstairs. We don't have to climb the stairs. We would love to see you there. Enjoy your summer. Stay cool.

In Memoriam

Barbara Palmer, G.S. Tolland Grange #51

Glenn Conger Vernon Grange #52

Anne Campbell Taghannuck #100

Genevieve Shippee, G.S. Killingly Grange #112

Please keep us notified of deceased members. Use the email or the regular mailing address listed in the Granger Staff list in this issue.

Chaplain's Message



Barbara C. Kulisch
State Chaplain

chaplain@ctstategrange.org



Potato
Chips

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six-pack of root beer, and started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man, who was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him some chips. He gratefully accepted it and smiled at him.

His smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again he smiled at him. The boy was delighted!

They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As twilight approached, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house, a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I ate Potato Chips in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime.

Embrace all equality! Have "Lunch with God"..... bring chips!

THE NATIONAL GRANGE DECLARATION OF PURPOSES



The Grange Declaration of Purposes

Preamble

Profoundly impressed with the truth that the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry should proclaim to the world its general objectives, we hereby unanimously make this Declaration of Purposes.

General Objectives:

United by the strong and faithful tie of an agricultural fraternity, yet welcoming all of good moral character to membership, we mutually resolve to labor for the good of our Order, our country and mankind.

We heartily endorse the motto, "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity."

Specific Objectives:

We shall endeavor to advance our cause by striving to accomplish the following objectives:

To develop a better and higher manhood and womanhood among ourselves; to enhance the comforts and attractions of our homes; to strengthen our attachments to our

pursuits; to foster mutual understanding and cooperation; to maintain inviolate our laws, and to emulate each other in labor, in order to hasten the good time coming.

We propose meeting together, talking together, working together, and in general, acting together for our mutual protection and advancement. We shall constantly strive to secure harmony, good will, and brotherhood, and to make our Order perpetual. We shall earnestly endeavor to suppress personal, local, sectional, and national prejudices, all unhealthy rivalry and all selfish ambition. Faithful adherence to these principles will ensure our mental, moral, social and material advancement.

Business Relations

For our business interests we desire to bring producer and consumer into the most direct and friendly relations possible, remembering that "individual happiness depends upon general

prosperity."

We are opposed to such spirit and management of any corporation or enterprise which tends to oppress people. We long to see the antagonism between capital and labor removed by common consent, and by statesmanship worthy of an enlightened people.

We are opposed to wages and salaries that exceed productive efficiency. We recommend that farmers buy wisely and produce efficiently to make their farms profitable; to make maximum use of the innovations of science and technology; to systematize their work and to calculate intelligently on probabilities.

To all we recommend sound money management that we may avoid insolvency and bankruptcy.

Education

We shall advance the cause of education by all just means within our power.

Influenced by our strong beliefs in the institution of the family, we are convinced that education begins in the family circle. Discipline is an essential part of education. Self-discipline comes with maturity. Until such time as this level of competency is reached, families and schools have a responsibility for enforcing adequate discipline.

We recognize the necessity of experimentation to develop new and better methods of education, but we caution against the widespread adoption of these innovative and experimental methods until they have been proven effective.

We recognize that education is a continuing process. We encourage all to continue their education through adult education classes, by continued reading, observation and such other methods as may be available, including radio and television.

We recognize the valuable contribution made to education by the printed word, especially in newspapers, periodicals and books, and will

continue to advocate their widespread availability.

Outside Cooperation

Our Fraternity, being agriculturally based, family oriented and dedicated to the pure principles of equality under Constitutional Law, we appeal to all good citizens for mutual cooperation and assistance toward reform that we may remove from our midst the last vestige of inequity and corruption. We believe that harmony, equitable compromise and earnest cooperation are essential to future success.

The Grange – Not Partisan

We emphatically and sincerely assert the oft-repeated truth taught in our Constitutional Law, that the Grange – National, State, Pomona, or Subordinate – is not a partisan or party organization.

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

We must always bear in mind that no one, by becoming a Patron of Husbandry, gives up that inalienable right and duty which belongs to every American citizen, to take a proper interest in the politics of one's country.

On the contrary, it is right for every member to do all in his or her power, legitimately, to influence for good the action of any political party to which he or she belongs. It is reserved by every Patron, as the right of a free citizen to affiliate with any party that will best carry out his or her principles.

We acknowledge the broad principle that

difference of opinion is no crime, and hold that "progress toward truth is made by differences of opinion," while "the fault lies in bitterness of controversy."

We desire a proper equality, and fairness; protection for the weak; restraint upon the strong; in short, justly distributed power. These are American ideals, the very essence of American independence, and to advocate the contrary is unworthy of the sons and daughters of our Republic.

We cherish the belief that sectionalism is, and of right should be, dead and buried with the past. Our work is the present and the future. In our agricultural fraternity we shall recognize no North, no South, no East, no West.

Conclusion

It shall be an abiding principle with us to relieve any of our oppressed and suffering members by any reasonable means at our command. We proclaim it among our purposes to continue our historical appreciation of the abilities and equality of women.

Imploring the continued assistance of our Divine Master to guide us in our work, we pledge ourselves to faithful and harmonious labor for all future time; to advance by our united efforts, to the wisdom, justice, fraternity and political purity so earnestly sought by the wise and courageous men and women who founded our noble Order.

This Declaration of Purposes was adopted at the 109th Annual Convention of the National Grange - November, 1975 at Columbus, Ohio.

The Grange Motto:

*In essentials, unity;
in non-essentials, liberty;
in all things, charity.*