

Kansas State Grange 152nd Annual Journal of Proceedings



150 YEARS!

2023

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This 2023 Grange Journal is dedicated in honor of

our past First Lady

Grace Margaret Moody

JANUARY 29, 1915 – JANUARY 25, 2023



Grace Margaret Armstrong Moody passed away very early Wednesday morning, January 25, 2023. Her husband, Edward F. Moody, served as Master of the Kansas State Grange from 1979 to 1984. He also served on the National Grange Executive Committee from 1982 to 1986. Grace was First Lady of the Kansas State Grange from 1979 to 1984.

and President of Neosho Valley Grange



James L. Raaf

February 05, 1938 - July 29, 2023

Who was serving as President of Neosho Valley Grange #1883

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REGULAR MEETING DATES AND DIRECTIONS TO KS GRANGE HALLS

#68 Gardner Grange: Meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Gardner Grange Hall located on the Johnson County Fairgrounds. The address of the hall is: 136 E Washington, Gardner, KS 66030.

#227 Morning Grange: Meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Morning Grange Hall located at 23910 W 191st St, Spring Hill, KS 66083.

#350 Cadmus Grange: Meets the first Saturday of each month at 6:30 pm located at 21981 Highway 7, La Cygne, KS 66026. Annual picnic is the third weekend in July.

#1431 Indian Creek Grange: Location: 4545 NW Topeka Blvd, Topeka, KS 66617.

#1459 Pleasant View Grange: Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Ozawkie United Methodist Church in Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. located at 106 Goldenrod in Ozawkie, KS 66070.

#1493 Otter Creek Grange: Meets at the Damashek home, 618 Sanders St, Burlington, KS 66839.

#1810 Bayneville Grange: Meets the 4th Sunday of each month at the Augusta Senior Citizens and Friendship Center at 5:00 pm located at 640 Osage St, Augusta, KS.

#1995 Richland Grange: Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Grange Hall located at 14027 Hwy 7, Farlinville, KS, at 7 p.m. Hall is located seven miles north of Mound City on Hwy 7 on the east side of the road.

#2007 New Century Grange: Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at 796 N 600 Rd, Lawrence, KS 66047

POMONA GRANGES

Johnson County Pomona Grange #18: Meets on the 5th Thursday in a month. They will rotate the location of their meetings.

Linn County Pomona Grange #39: Meets quarterly at either Cadmus or Richland Granges. The Pomona President will call each meeting.

Flint Hills Pomona Grange #49: Meets quarterly, location to be determined.



Kansas State Grange 152nd Annual Convention September 29, 30 & October 1, 2023 Program

Friday, September 29, 2023

- Noon – 12:45 p.m. – Registration
1:00 p.m. – Deadline for all Contest entries
1:00 p.m. – Open in the Sixth Degree
1:15 p.m. – Lower to the Fourth Degree
 Roll Call of Officers, Department Chairs/Directors & Delegates
 Credential Committee (partial report)
 Entertain Motion for Adoption for the Order of Business
 Grange at ease
1:30 p.m. – Welcome to Gardner by Dr. Todd Winters, Mayor
 Response by Chairman of the Board of Directors, Lois Barber
 Introduction of the National Representatives
1:45 p.m. – President's Address by Roger Bostwick
 Reconvene Session
 President's Address and Committee assignments by Overseer
 Treasurer's Report by Jamie Durand, Treasurer
 Communications
 Election of Executive Committee member for a 3-year term
 Recess
 Officers Practice immediately following recess.
4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Committee Meetings
6:00 p.m. – Pizza Party
7:00 p.m. – Session Reconvenes
 Fifth Degree Obligation
 Sixth Degree Conferral
 Lower to the Fourth Degree
 Close First Day Session

Saturday, September 30, 2023

- Breakfast (on your own)
9:00 a.m. – Open in the Fourth Degree
 Roll Call of Officers, Directors, and Delegates
 Read and Adopt First Day Minutes
 Credential Committee Report
 Grange Law and Good of the Order Committee (partial report)
 Budget presented.
 Convention Committee Reports

11:45 a.m. – Recess for Lunch

Noon – Awards Luncheon

Junior Report by Jamee Funk, Junior Director

Youth Report by Molly Newman, Youth & Young Adults Director

Lecturer's Report by Mandy Bostwick, Lecturer

1:30 p.m. – Reconvene session.

Introduction of National Representatives, Buddy & Karen Overstreet, TX

Convention Committee Reports

Unfinished Business

Close in the Fourth Degree of the Second Day

Committee Meetings as needed.

3:30 p.m. – “1973 Celebration Parade” Oral History Report by Delvis Steffey

5:00 p.m. – set-up for Banquet

6:00 p.m. – Annual Banquet

Welcome by Mandy Bostwick, Lecturer

Gardner VFW Post #1134 will present the colors.

Invocation by Sheri Dingus, Chaplain

Dinner

Quilts of Valor Presentation

Evening of Excellence Talent Show Emcee by Mandy Bostwick, Lecturer

Introduction of Brey Scholarship Recipient by Jamie Klenklen, Secretary

Presentation of Community Service Awards by Randee Farmer, Director

Granger of the Year Award by Roger Bostwick, President

Gardner VFW Post #1134 will retire the colors.

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Breakfast (on your own)

9:00 a.m. – Devotions and Memorial Service by Sheri Dingus, Chaplain

9:30 a.m. – Open in the Fourth Degree

Roll Call of Officers, Directors, and Delegates

Read and Adopt Second Day Minutes

Budget

Grange Law and Good of the Order Committee (final report)

Convention Committee Reports

Grange Activities Committee Report

Recess for Installation

Installation of State Officer(s)

Reconvene Session

Unfinished business

Motion for Executive Committee to approve third day's minutes.

Closing of the 152nd Annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange

Friendship Circle

Motto: “In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.”

Thank you to our wonderful host committee!



Gardner Grange #68, Our Host Committee

Alice Ficken, Linda Rothwell, Cassandra Rogers, Doug Finnicum (back), Sandy Finnicum, Melissa (Bright) Anderson, Lois Barber, and Buddy Dingus.

**Kansas State Grange 152nd Annual Convention
National Representatives**

**National Executive Committee Member and wife, Karen attends the
Kansas State Grange Session**



William “Buddy” Overstreet was born in Clarksdale, Mississippi then moved to Texas when he was 5 years old. After graduating from Somerset High School, he worked as a diesel mechanic and was enlisted in the United States Coast Guard Reserves. He attended the University of Texas in San Antonio where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Accounting. In 1993 Buddy obtained his CPA (Certified Public Accountant) license. He worked at various accounting firms in the San Antonio area and retired from USAA after 26 years. He also retired from the Coast Guard Reserves after 30 years of service. He currently has a CPA practice.

Buddy is also extremely involved in his local church, Oak Island United Methodist Church. He currently serves on the Worship Team and is the church’s Finance Chairman. Buddy joined the Grange when he and his wife, Karen started dating in 1979. He currently holds the office of President of the Alamo Subordinate Grange, Steward of the Bexar County Pomona Grange, Assistant Steward of the Texas State Grange and is a member of the National Grange Executive Committee. In 1995, he and his wife were the Texas State Grange Young Couple. Buddy and Karen currently live on a 190-acre farm where they raise coastal hay and lease some of the land out for grazing and hunting. They have been married for 37 years and have three children, Carl, Leah, and Karryn.

In Buddy’s spare time, he enjoys hunting, woodworking, gardening, and fishing.

Thank you, Buddy and Karen Overstreet for being our 2023 National Representatives.

Kansas State Grange 152nd Annual Convention
2023 Committee Assignments

Ag – Keaton Holmes, Colby Funk

Audit – Sheri Dingus, Janice Gatlin, Rodney Gatlin

Citizenship & Public Affairs – Melanie Bostwick, Baylee Holmes, Joyce Klawonn

Credentials – Jamie Klenklen, James Durand, Sheree Damashek

Education and Health – Audrey Trowbridge, Ashlee Schif, Diana Curry

Energy, Conservation, & Natural Resources – Alice Ficken, Kristee Strawder, Buddy Dingus

Finance – Bob Schif, Marcella Troth, Pat West, Debbie Douglass-Metsker

Grange Activities – Mande Shaver, Mandy Bostwick, Molly Newman

Grange Law and Good of the Order – Nathan Strawder, Aaron Schif, Marianne Harra,
Penny Buek

Labor and Judiciary – Lois Barber, Josiah King, Cassandra Rogers, Lance Harra

Taxation & Transportation – Amanda Harra, Kevin Klenklen, Sandy Finnicum,
Ray Gene Troth

Note: the first person listed is the chair.

Kansas State Grange 152nd Annual Convention

2023 RESOLUTIONS LIST

2023-1 – adopted.

Brey Scholarship

Whereas, the current Kansas State Grange Brey Memorial Scholarship Award is available to Grange members with at least 2 years of membership; and

Whereas, we are getting fewer and fewer applicants and the allotted money is not being distributed each year,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Kansas State Grange Brey Memorial Scholarship application be available to non-members; but applicant must be nominated by a current standing Grange in the state of Kansas, to include a recommendation letter from a member (not related to applicant) of said Grange; and

Be it further resolved that all other rules and requirements stay the same as current including a maximum of 6 scholarships given per year; but the dollar amount of the scholarships will be determined by the Kansas State Grange Board of Directors in relation to the number of applications received for the given year, but no award to exceed \$1,000 per year.

Gardner Grange # 68

Education and Health Session Committee
State Grange issue

2023-2 – amended by committee, not adopted.

Limit HOA Mandates on Irrigation

WHEREAS, Homeowners Associations (HOAs) are common in many new and existing housing developments and limited housing supply limits choice for would-be homeowners; and,

WHEREAS, fresh water is a vital and increasingly scarce natural resource; and,

WHEREAS, lawns and landscaping can often be maintained with minimal or no irrigation; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, the Grange should support legislation that prohibits HOAs from stopping homeowners from voluntarily using minimal or no irrigation.

Bayneville Grange #1810

Energy, Conservation and Natural Resources Session Committee
State Grange issue

2023-3 – amended by committee, not adopted.

Limit HOA Prohibition of Native Plants

WHEREAS; The flora of the different regions nurtures a beauty unique to that region; and,
WHEREAS; native plants often require less maintenance and water; and,
WHEREAS; native plants often require less fertilizer, herbicides, and pesticides, which can damage local ecosystems such as water resources and pollinator populations; and,
WHEREAS; native plants support local ecosystems and pollinator populations; therefore be it,
RESOLVED, the Grange should support legislation that prohibits HOAs from stopping homeowners from voluntarily using native plants. The Grange should not pursue legislation that prevents the prescription of native plants.

Bayneville Grange #1810

Energy, Conservation and Natural Resources Session Committee
State Grange issue

2023-4 – adopted.

Mileage Reimbursement (By-laws)

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 6, Item (f) of the Kansas State Grange By-Laws limits the mileage reimbursement to 28 cents per mile for members and officers driving their vehicle while in the interest of the Order; and,
WHEREAS, the annual budget of the Kansas State Grange, as approved by the delegate body, includes a line item for ‘Mileage Expense’; and,
WHEREAS, the current federal mileage reimbursement rate is 65.5 cents per mile for business purposes; therefore be it,
RESOLVED, Article VIII, Section 6, Item (f) of the Kansas State Grange By-Laws be revised to the following:

“(f) No mileage reimbursement in excess of the current federal mileage reimbursement rate, as established by the IRS, shall be paid to any member or officer for driving their vehicle while in the interest of the Order.”

Flint Hills Pomona Grange #49

Grange Law and Good of the Order Session Committee
State Grange issue

Committees (By-laws)

WHEREAS, Article XII of the Kansas State Grange By-Laws provides an overview of the various committees of the Kansas State Grange; therefore be it

RESOLVED, Article XII of the Kansas State Grange By-Laws be revised to the following:

SEC.1 Convention Committees – Convention Committees are committees formed by delegates that meet during the annual State Grange Convention. A delegate may serve on multiple Convention Committees at the discretion of the State President/Master.

- (a) Resolution Committee – The Resolution Committee is open to all delegates attending the annual Convention. The committee reviews current policy and resolutions and provides a report to the delegate body of their recommendations.
 - (i) At the opening of the annual Convention, the State President/Master shall appoint the committee chair and committee secretary to serve during the annual Convention.
 - (ii) At the discretion of the State President/Master, the State President/Master may appoint multiple Resolution Committees, with separate chairs and secretaries to serve during the annual Convention.
- (b) Credentials Committee – The Credentials Committee examines the registration of each delegate and reports to the delegate body at the opening of each business day if a quorum is present.
 - (i) The State Secretary shall serve as chair of the Credentials Committee.
 - (ii) At the advice of the State Secretary, and at the discretion of State President/Master, the State President/Master may appoint additional delegates to serve on the Credentials Committee during the annual Convention.
- (c) Auditing Committee – The Auditing Committee examines the books and records of all Officers and Standing Committees having financial accounts and reports their findings to the delegate body.
 - (i) At the opening of the annual Convention, the State President/Master shall appoint the committee chair, committee secretary, and not less than one additional committee member to serve during the annual Convention.
- (d) Budget Committee- The Budget Committee examines the proposed budget provided by the Executive Committee and provides a report to the delegate body of their recommendations.
 - (i) At the opening of the annual Convention, the State President/Master shall appoint the committee chair, committee secretary, and not less than one additional committee member to serve during the annual Convention.

SEC. 2 Standing Committees – Standing Committees are committees that operate throughout the fiscal year between annual Conventions to promote the Good of the Order. These committees shall report to the delegate body during the annual

Convention. The State President/Master shall each year appoint a Director/Chair and members to the following Standing Committees:

1. Community Service Committee
2. Developmental Committee
3. Historical Committee
4. Junior Activities Committee
5. Legislation Committee
6. Membership Committee
7. Communications Committee
8. Youth/Young Adults Committee

SEC. 3 Special Committees – The State President/Master may appoint Special Committees for a particular purpose, which is considered discharged when the purpose is served.

Flint Hills Pomona Grange #49

Grange Law and Good of the Order Session Committee
State Grange issue

2023-6 – not adopted.

Legislative Policies

WHEREAS the Kansas State Grange is not an active legislative lobby and has not been for many years; and

WHEREAS the Kansas State Grange legislative policy statements contain outdated information or statements that the government has acted on in years past; and

WHEREAS most committees spend minimal time reviewing the policy statements; and

WHEREAS the delegate body has minimal interest in maintaining these policies; and

WHEREAS a better use of the delegate's time would be doing activities that benefit members of our community or the future of the Kansas State Grange; therefore be it

Resolved, the master of the Kansas State Grange appoint a new committee to review the existing standing committee structure as put forth in Article XII – Committees Sect 1 Convention Committees; and be it further

Resolved the committee will be composed of the master of the Kansas State Grange and four other members of subordinate granges; and be it further

Resolved before appointing a second member from a subordinate grange that already has a member on the committee the master will try to get a member from any subordinate grange that does not have representation on the committee; and be it further

Resolved, the committee appointed to review the policies meet at least once a quarter; and be it further

Resolved, the committee will present a proposal to the delegate body at the 2024 Kansas State Grange Convention on revising the standing committees of the Kansas State Grange.

Morning Grange #227

Grange Law and Good of the Order Session Committee
State Grange issue.

2023-7 – not adopted.

Membership Dues of Active-Duty Military

WHEREAS some Grange members are also members of active-duty military branches serving our country through trainings and deployments and

WHEREAS they are fulfilling another obligation and family members aren't always able to pay for their dues while they are in the service and

WHEREAS they would still be a member and earn years of membership of the Grange therefore be it

RESOLVED that state Granges pay the dues of Active-Duty Military Grange members, and be it further

RESOLVED that Veterans and/or Active-Duty members that lost years of membership due to being in the service have their membership years reinstated.

Pleasant View Grange #1459

Grange Law and Good of the Order Session Committee and
Finance Committee
State Grange issue

SESSION MINUTES

First Day's Minutes – 152nd Session of Kansas State Grange September 29, 2023

The 152nd session of the Kansas State Grange was called to order by President Roger Bostwick at 1:06 p.m. at the Hampton Inn Gardner Convention Center in Gardner. The Grange opened in the Sixth Degree and then lowered to the Fourth Degree. President and High Priest of Demeter Roger Bostwick instructed us on the change in the salutation. Opening song was the “Good Grange Spirit” page 23 in the Grange Song book. The flag was presented, and we sang the “Star Spangled Banner”.

Roll call of officers, directors and delegates found 16 officers, 2 directors, 4 standing committee chairs, and 28 delegates present. Penny Buek substituted for Molly Newman as Lady Assistant Steward. Bob Schif substituted for Keaton Holmes as Assistant Steward. Michael Farmer substituted for Colby Funk as Steward. Baylee Holmes substituted for Aaron Schif as Gatekeeper.

A partial Credentials Committee report was given by Secretary Jamie Klenklen. There were 5 Pomona delegates and 21 community delegates, and 2 youth delegates present for a total of 28 delegates. We have a quorum.

Chaplain Sheri Dingus reported to Ceres Ashley Schif the death of our Past First Lady Grace Moody. The charter was draped in her memory.

Sheri Dingus moved to adopt the Order of Business. Audrey Trowbridge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Roger Bostwick introduced our National Representatives, Buddy Overstreet, National Grange Board of Directors, and Karen Overstreet, President of the Texas State Grange.

Announcements. Richland Grange has peanut brittle for sale. Lecturer Mandy Bostwick announced the snacks will be judged by “People’s Choice” so be sure to vote. She then explained the QR code handout. Flora Mandee Shaver is taking names and addresses for cards. President Roger Bostwick showed the newly pink matted and dark rose frame for our State Grange charter.

The Grange was declared at ease. Alice Ficken filled the President’s station while Roger Bostwick gave his address to the Grange. See President Bostwick’s report in the Journal.



President Roger Bostwick asked the Assistants to escort Dr. Todd Winters, Mayor of the City of Gardner, and a member of Gardner Grange #68 to his station to address the Grange. The mayor congratulated the Grange on our 152nd session and welcomed us. He noted that he was happy to have us back. He was glad to take down the “orange cones” just in time for us.

Executive Committee Chair Lois Barber responded. She thanked the mayor for being here and noted that the construction is complete on Main Street.

Vice President Alice Ficken read the Committee assignments. There are seven resolutions in the packet. Grange was called back to Order.

Treasurer James Durand gave his report at 1:59 p.m. on Friday, September 29th. The ending balance of the General Fund on August 31, 2023, the end of the 2022-2023 fiscal year was \$24,737.87. The report must layover 24 hours, so it will be discussed again at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 30th.

Secretary Jamie Klenklen announced that she has Fifth-Degree tickets for \$1.00, and Sixth-Degree tickets for \$5.00. The degree work is this evening.

Michael Farmer thanked Cadmus Grange for hosting the Degree Day on August 26th. No communications were received.

President Roger Bostwick announced the resignation of Secretary Jamie Klenklen. Nominations for the position were Lois Barber and Audrey Trowbridge. President Roger Bostwick explained the election process. Elected as Secretary for a 1-year term to fill the unexpired term, was Lois Barber.

Nominations for Executive Committee Member, a 3-year term, were Kevin Klenklen and Mandy Bostwick. Elected as Executive Committee Member for a 3-year term was Kevin Klenklen.

Announcements. Nathan Strawder asked the Grange Law Committee to meet near his chair. Audrey Trowbridge asked the Education & Health Committee to meet in this room. Alice Ficken asked the Energy, Conservation, and Natural Resources Committee to meet in this room.

A recess was declared at 2:18 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. this evening. Immediately following this, officers practiced for the 6th Degree and committees met.

At 5:45 p.m. Gambino’s pizza was served. Karen Overstreet led us in the “Addams Family” blessing.

At 7:27 p.m. The State Officers marched. The State Grange was called back to order in the Fourth Degree. There were no candidates therefore, the degrees were not conferred.

Grange Law session committee will meet afterwards. Mandy Bostwick announced there are 16 different snacks and they will be available at 8 a.m. Vote once by putting your favorite's number in the bowl. National Representative Karen Overstreet had a couple of Kansas trivia questions. Door prize winners were Bob Schif and Sheri Dingus.

The closing song was “*Our Grange*” #16 verses 1 & 2. The Bible was closed, and the flag retired. The First Day of the 152nd Kansas State Grange Convention was closed at 7:42 p.m. Fraternally submitted, Jamie Klenklen, Secretary

A short Executive Committee meeting was held afterwards to discuss next year's session and to discuss the catering voucher.

2023 State Officers following Degree work – Friday, September 29, 2023



Second Day's Minutes – Saturday, September 30, 2023

The Second Day of the 152nd session of the Kansas State Grange was called to order by President Roger Bostwick at 9:08 a.m. in Gardner. Opening Song was *Grange Team*, to the tune of *Take me out to the Ballgame*.

Roll call found 17 officers, 3 directors and 5 standing committee chairs present. There were 5 Pomona delegates, 24 community delegates and 2 youth delegates present for a total of 31 delegates present.

The First Day minutes were read and approved as amended.

Nathan Strawder, Chairman of the Grange Law, and Good of the Order Convention Committee, read resolutions 4 and 5 at 9:36 a.m. They must layover 12 hours. Contact the committee with any questions or suggestions.

Bob Schif, Chairman of the Finance Convention Committee presented the 2023-24 Budget at 9:40 a.m. The Budget must layover 24 hours. Contact the committee with any questions or input.

Lois Barber, Chairman of the Labor and Judiciary Convention Committee presented their report. There was no discussion. The report was accepted.



A formal presentation of our State Grange Charter was given by Lady Assistant Steward Molly Newman. The old frame fell apart and needed to be replaced. The glass is archival museum quality to preserve our historical document. The frame is a majestic rose-colored ornate frame and encompasses pink and silver matting to exemplify our charter. It is beautiful. Thank you, Molly! Roger Bostwick is working on a box to protect the frame during transport. The charter is a replacement charter dated 1977.

Announcements. Mike Farmer needed a copy of the Bayneville charter and found another charter in the back of the frame. Roger Bostwick explained how the old frames were often reused.

Randee Farmer thanked everyone for their help. There are Junior Grange ballots for two contests so please vote. She invited everyone to view the Community Service information including the Quilts of Valor. She announced there will be a Quilting Day at the Burlington Library on March 2, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided, and guests are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

Alice Ficken, Chairman of the Energy, Conservation, and Natural Resources Convention Committee gave her report. They had two resolutions 2023-2 and 2023-3 and gave a favorable report. Mandy Shaver moved to send Resolution 2023-2 back to the committee. Mandy Bostwick second the motion. Motion carried. Lois Barber asked to take a recount by standing. The motion carried to return to committee. Resolution 2023-3 was read. It was discussed. Mandy Shaver moved to send Resolution 2023-3 back to the committee. Motion carried.

Mike Farmer announced that there are more snacks, especially peanut brittle. Mike and Randee Farmer attended the Grange Rival in July and had a great time. He recommended going to the next one in 2025 in Torrey, Utah.

Jamie Durand, Treasurer, read eleven vouchers:

2023-1 Community Service Awards	\$ 250.00
2023-2 James Durand – Treasurer’s report printing & cable for Secretary’s printer.	\$ 101.36

2023-3 Lois Barber – tip for pizza	\$ 10.00
2023-4 Bob Schif – pop for pizza	\$ 23.11
2023-5 ACA Catering	\$2,090.65
2023-6 Randee Farmer – Quilts of Valor expense	\$ 177.77
2023-7 Randee Farmer – Community Service plaque	\$ 29.30
2023-8 Randee Farmer – 150 th favors expense	\$ 48.75
2023-9 Randee Farmer – Community Service expenses	\$ 17.00
2023-10 Jamie Klenklen – Secretary’s expense	\$ 115.41
2023-11 Mandy Bostwick – Lecturer’s expense	\$ 66.15
TOTAL	\$2,929.50

Mike Farmer moved to pay our bills that were not already approved. Molly Newman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Amanda Harra, Morning Grange, thanked those who helped with the 75th Anniversary of selling Grange Pups. Checks were presented to Richland Grange, Gardner Grange, Bayneville Grange, and Pleasant View Grange for helping. Randee Farmer announced they stuck 12, 800 hot dogs in four hours.

Announcements. Marcella Troth announced that Richland Grange has peanut brittle for sale.

Karen Overstreet continued with the Kansas Triva. Lance Harra and Ashlee Schif were the winners.

A recess was declared at 10:15 a.m. At 11 a.m. Grange reconvened.

Audrey Trowbridge, Chairman of the Education and Health Convention Committee reported Resolution 2023-1 as unfavorable. After the review of the policy, the committee recommends changing “grants” to “scholarship” on page 117 of the 2022 Journal. This was a partial report.

Amanda Harra, Chairman of the Taxation and Transportation Convention Committee. There were no changes. The report was accepted.

Keaton Holmes, Chairman of the Agricultural Convention Committee. There were no changes. The report was accepted.

Alice Ficken, Chairman of the Energy, Conservation, and Natural Resources Session Committee read the amended Resolution 2023-2. It was adopted as amended. 2023-3 was read as amended. It was adopted as amended. The entire report was read and accepted.

Lecturer Mandy Bostwick announced that after lengthy deliberation, she has changed the number of votes to 3. Voting will close after the banquet tonight.

Lois Barber has a video and a YouTube link of the 150th Anniversary Celebration.

Karen Overstreet provided more Kansas Triva for us. Molly Newman and Nathan Strawder.

Alice Ficken announced we are having Panda Express for lunch. There will also be sandwiches for those who don’t like Chinese food.

Melanie Bostwick, Chairman of the Citizenship and Public Affairs gave their report. There were no changes. The report was accepted.

Mike Farmer asked when is the winter Farmers Market in Gardner? Lois Barber replied that it will be December 9th at the Gardner Grange Hall. They have all homemade items. It starts at 9 a.m.

Lawrence McPherson donated the 75th Anniversary of Grange Pups blanket to the silent auction. Lance Harra said they usually sell between 8,000 – 10,000 Grange Pups a year at \$4.00 each.



Julie Durand suggested the program transcript from the 150th Anniversary Celebration be printed in the Journal. Mandy Bostwick moved to print the transcript in the Journal. Alice Ficken seconded. Motion carried.

Melissa Anderson shared her story about the 1940 Cookbook she found in an Ottawa Antique Store for \$3.00. Alice E. Moody was on the Women's Work Committee in 1940 and she is Alice Ficken's grandmother.

A recess was declared at 11:40 a.m. for the Awards Luncheon.



Photo: Lois Barber presents Randee Farmer with the National Grange Community Service pin. Randee's mother, LaVerne Smith and sister, Sheree Damashek look on.

Lecturer Mandy Bostwick, Youth and Young Adult Director Molly Newman, and Junior Director Jamee Funk presented awards and

their program for 2024.

The Grange reconvened at 1:40 p.m. President Roger Bostwick invited our National Representatives Buddy and Karen Overstreet to his station. Buddy Overstreet brought us greetings from the National Grange as well as the Great State of Texas. The National Grange Convention will be in Niagara Falls, New York in November. He answered questions and thanked us for the invitation to be here. Karen Overstreet responded with her appreciation and thanked us.

Audrey Trowbridge, Chairman of the Education and Health Policy Committee gave the entire report. It was adopted.

Mandy Bostwick will be a Communications Fellow during the National Grange Convention.

Nathan Strawder will be our regional representative for SHIPmates. The SHIPmates training program focuses on leadership, fellowship, and membership. Amanda Brozana Rios is the National Grange Membership and Leadership Development Director. Meetings are planned on February 24, April 27, June 22, and August 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a potluck lunch. Molly Newman asked to host on April 27 by Pleasant View Grange. Roger Bostwick announced that Nathan Strawder will take over as the Membership and Legislation Chairman.

Karen Overstreet provided more Kansas Trivia. The winners were Marcella Troth and Mandee Shaver.

The State Grange was declared at ease for the time being. The Grange reconvened at 2:50 p.m.

Sheri Dingus, Chairman of the Audit Committee gave the Audit report. Jamie Durand was commended for having all the accounts in order. The report was accepted.

Treasurer Jamie Durand completed his report. There were no questions. There were no “uncleared” checks this year. The report was accepted.

Closing Song was #18 *Grange Friends* first verse. The Bible was closed, and the flag was retired. The Second Day of the 152nd Kansas State Grange Convention was closed at 3:05 p.m.

Fraternally submitted,

Jamie Klenklen, Secretary

Saturday, September 30, 2023 – Annual Banquet at 6 p.m.

Welcome by Lecturer Mandy Bostwick.



Photo: *Gardner VFW Post #1134 presented the colors. They were Mike Ficken, Mike Hutton, Dean Durrow, and James Vonnese.*



Photo: *Invocation by Chaplain Sheri Dingus.*

Dinner

Quilts of Valor Presentation – 10 recipients. Randee Farmer told the Quilts of Valor story.



Photo: 1. Marcus Jedidiah “Jed” Bates, US Army, Pleasant View Grange #1459
2. Warren W. Bell, US Navy, Neosho Valley Grange #1883
3. Steven “Steve” Robert Brunkan, US Army
4. Jay Barnard, US Navy. 5. Larry Dean Jennings, US Army



Photo: 6. *Richard G. Lawrenz, US Air Force*
 7. *Chad A. Prins, US Air Force*
 8. *Michael Paul Truelove, US Army*
 9. *Charles Edwin "Ed" McGrew, National Guard, Richland Grange #1995*
 10. *Curtis Wright, Navy Air Reserves*

Gardner VFW Post #1134 retired the colors.

Evening of excellence Talent Show emcee by Mandy Bostwick, Lecturer. No entries.

Introduction of Brey Scholarship Recipient by Jamie Klenklen, Secretary. Molly Newman told of her studies online through Fort Hays State University as she completes her master's degree.

Presentation of Community Service Awards by Randee Farmer, Community Service Director (see her report).



Photo: *President Roger Bostwick presented Marianne Harra with the "Granger of the Year" award.*

Thank you, Marianne, for all you do for the Grange on the local and state levels. Marianne was nominated by Morning Grange #227.

Third Day's Minutes – October 16, 2022

The Memorial Program began the day. See the Chaplain's report for details.

The Third Day of the 151st session of the Kansas State Grange was called to order by President Roger Bostwick at 9:49 a.m. in Gardner. Opening Song was #99 *Beautiful Garden of Prayer*.

Roll call found 17 officers, 3 directors, and 5 standing committee chairs present. There were 5 Pomona delegates, 24 community delegates and 2 youth delegates for a total of 31 delegates.

Bob Schif, Chair, gave the Finance Convention Committee report. The 2023 – 2024 Budget was presented for final review. Printing costs exceeded their allotment and that needs to be watched next year. The report was adopted.

Nathan Strawder, Chairman of the Grange Law and Good of the Order Convention Committee gave their report. The recommendation is Resolution 2023-4 be adopted as submitted and the resolution was read. This changed from 28 cents and the intent is to allow for flexibility to allow for pulling the trailer or traveling a long distance. Resolution 2023-4 is adopted. The recommendation is Resolution 2023-5 by adopted as submitted and the resolution was read. Lois Barber asked Nathan Strawder to explain the difference. This eliminates appointing committees ahead of time and only appoint "needed" committees. It allows flexibility of convention committees instead of appointing 11 convention committees. Only the Chairman and Secretary are appointed. It allows those interested to be on that committee. The Audit and Budget Committees are separate paragraphs. The standard committees or "Department Heads" are the same. It cleaned up the verbiage of the special committees. The resolution was adopted. The recommendation is that Resolution 2023-6 not be adopted. Motion carried. Resolution 2023-7 has been withdrawn by the Pleasant View Grange. The committee was thanked for their help. The report was adopted.

Mandee Shaver, Chairman of the Grange Activities Convention Committee, gave their report. Randee Farmer made and donated the cards to send out. 14 cards were mailed.

Photo: *National Representatives were escorted to the Master's Station.* A gift was presented to Buddy and Karen Overstreet thanking them for attending our Session. The report was accepted.

Announcements. Mandy Bostwick said 53 votes were cast for the snacks. The winner was #15 Baylee Holmes by one vote. #16 Marianne Harra was 2nd and Nathan Strawder was third.

Randee Farmer announced the Community Service books are to be picked up except for Richland Grange. Roger and Melanie Bostwick will take the Richland Grange Community Service book to National Grange.



A recess was declared at 10:45 a.m. for the purpose of setting up for Installation. Grange reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

Photo: *Roger Bostwick installed Lois Barber as State Secretary for 2023 – 2024 term.*



Silent Auction Results

Molly Newman announced the results of the silent auction. Anniversary tumbler – Lawrence McPherson, Turkey door hanger – Nathan Strawder. Bat wreath – LaVerne Smith. Fall wreath – Marianne Harra. The witch wreath – Melanie Bostwick. The Fall Basket – Sandy Finnicum. The Pup Stand blanket – Jamie Klenklen.

The total income is \$256.00 to split between the Youth and Lecturer Departments. Mandy Bostwick said snacks are still available so take them with you.

Randee Farmer thanked Jamie Klenklen for her years of service as Secretary.

Treasurer Jamie Durand reported two more vouchers.

2023-12 – Lois Barber for food \$ 821.40

2023-13 – Hampton Inn \$3,349.25

TOTAL \$4,170.65

Randee Farmer said the meals were wonderful. Sheri Dingus moved to pay our bills. Audrey Trowbridge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Karen Overstreet thanked Roger Bostwick for doing a wonderful job. She shared more Kansas Triva. The winners were Audrey Trowbridge and Julie Durand. Karen and Buddy presented Roger and Melanie Bostwick with gifts. It was a little Texas waffle iron, waffle mix, chips, and salsa.

Michael Farmer thanked Jamie Klenklen for all she has done for Grange over the years. She was his Junior Princess in October 1968.

Mandy Newman and Molly Bostwick want to make sure everyone is getting the Newsletter. Check your spam folder. They can help if you let them know.

Mandy Bostwick moved, and Sheri Dingus seconded the motion for the Executive Committee to approve the Third Day minutes. Motion carried.

A Friendship Circle closed the 152nd Annual Kansas State Grange Convention. The Closing song was *God Be with You* on page 113 of the Grange song book. The Kansas State Grange Convention closed at 11:30 a.m. Fraternally submitted, Jamie Klenklen, Secretary



Photo: *Closing with a Friendship Circle*

Officers Reports



152nd ANNUAL KANSAS STATE GRANGE CONVENTION

PRESIDENTS ADDRESS

SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 1, 2023

Hampton Inn - Gardner Conference Center
Gardner, Kansas 66030

Worthy Officers, Delegates, National Representatives, William "Buddy" and Karen Overstreet, Members, and Guest of the 152nd session of the Kansas State Grange; Welcome back to Gardner.

It has been a busy year for our Kansas Granges, since the Kansas State Grange turned 150 on December 4, of last year, we have had a few Granges in our state also reach that milestone. Gardner #68 celebrated on April 1, Morning #223 on June 17th, and Cadmus #350 on July 22nd. Congratulations and thank you to these three Granges for 150 years of service to their communities. As our National President stated in her correspondence with other Granges across the nation who also reached this milestone, she said, "As you celebrate your proud history, note the great achievements, and then make plans to accomplish the next important task for your members as well as your community." I enjoyed the celebrations at Gardner and Morning Granges; however, a prior commitment prevented me from attending the Cadmus Grange Celebration, but I hear it was a fun filled day. Also, congratulations to Morning Grange on 75 years of Grange Pups.

On July 29th Kansas State Grange officially held our Sesquicentennial celebration at Liberty Hall in Lawrence, the site of our first State Grange Session which occurred on July 30, 1873, with delegates from 400 Granges.

National Grange Vice President Chris Hamp, her husband Duane, and Chris's mother traveled the long way back from Grange Revival in Curtis, Michigan which had ended the week before and were in Kansas to attend the event. We will relive some of the highlights of that event during the session this weekend. Thanks to all involved in the preparation.

Cadmus Grange hall was the location on August 26th for a Degree Day, hosted by Johnson, Linn, and Flint Hills Pomona Granges. The first five Degrees were exemplified in one day to new members and members who might not have seen them presented in their entirety. This is the first time in several years we have had a Statewide Degree Day. Members who had not seen the degrees now have a better idea of our organization, the symbols, the implements, their lessons and purposes, the signs, and salutations. When asked about the degrees, I have often referred to them as life lessons presented in agriculture. The teachings and beliefs within the Grange can be valuable membership tools for people seeking an organization to be involved with.

I believe everyone had a wonderful time.

While on the subject of Degrees, as I mentioned in the opening, there was a change in the 2nd step to the sign of the Sixth. A resolution was presented to the Assembly of Demeter concerning the instructions "raising the right arm suddenly and extending it at full length upward and forward". The resolution's concern was what might happen if a photograph happened to be taken

at just that moment with a roomful of people. What might be the reaction? Everything these days is so easily misconstrued.

It is said that “A picture is worth a thousand words”, however, with today’s social media, a picture taken out of context is worth several thousand negative opinions.

At one time in a display case in the State Grange there was a Grange publication with a swastika on the front cover. It was clearly printed sometime before the 1930’s when it was adopted by the Nazi Party. Before that time the swastika was used by many cultures and religions, including Native American Hopi and Navajo cultures.

In Sanskrit the word Swastika is a combination of the words SU (pronounced swa) meaning good and asti meaning to exist which is translated to mean All is well

In Hindu the four arms of the Swastika represent the four seasons and the four stages of life. Does anything sound strangely familiar.

It was widely used during the 19th century in Europe and North America as a good luck symbol. Coca Cola had even used it in advertising,

I am in no way trying to downplay the negative connotation that the swastika represents, but to merely illustrate how quickly a good symbol or gesture can quickly turn bad if viewed in a negative way.

The resolution resulted to the changes in the unwritten work of the Sixth degree which I mentioned in the opening and will demonstrate again during the Sixth Degree.

It is unfortunate we live in times where a resolution like this is needed. We all need to understand and educate everyone about our organization.

The actions taken on the resolutions Kansas sent to National last year are as follows: I withdrew the resolution addressing the National Executive Committee being represented regionally, by withdrawing we could bring it back at a later session. One of the committees’ concerns were budgetary. Until the building sells, National Grange has many budgetary concerns due to loss of revenue from renters leaving the building. As of yet it has not sold but I have heard that an interested party has made an offer but has the right to withdraw within a certain amount of time.

The resolution on *Right to Repair* was determined as Present Policy by the Agriculture Committee.

The two resolutions concerning the National Headquarters Building were both reported adverse. Two other states also submitted resolutions about moving the headquarters to a more central location that would not be as expensive as Washington, D.C. they were also reported adverse. Even though at the 155th Session at Wichita, the delegate body amended, by a majority vote, a resolution to look possibly at other locations, it seems National Grange is reluctant to budge on leaving D.C. If the budget is truly a concern, why not look elsewhere? One reason given was “If we move, we’ll lose most of our staff” even though, since Covid, most of the staff has worked from home and commuted to the office minimally. With some working from home almost exclusively. Right now, at least until if and when the building sells, budget, seems to be the go-to answer.

In January 2022, the National Grange partnered with Rural Minds a nonprofit organization aimed at addressing mental health in rural America. This connection has already been beneficial to both organizations through increased awareness of both organizations and destigmatizing the issue of mental health concerns in rural areas. Addressing mental illness is a significant challenge in rural America due to unique barriers.

Jeff Winton, founder of Rural Minds, was a keynote speaker at National Grange in Nevada. In Jeff's story he told of how, in 2012, the suicide of his beloved 28-year-old nephew, a dairy farmer and father of 4-year-old twins was a wake-up call. Growing up on his family's dairy farm in rural upstate New York, Jeff discovered that many of the families in his small, 500-person town had a relative or friend living with some form of untreated mental illness—depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety, schizophrenia. But their struggle was met with silence. There were few or no resources in the community for treating them or conversations about helping them. Statistically rural America has the largest suicide rate per 100,000 people, nearly twice the rate in urban areas, Farmers, ranchers, and rural veterinarians make up a large part of those statistics. Our local Granges are encouraged to work with Rural Minds in increasing awareness into this growing concern to rural America. More information on Rural Minds is available at www.ruralminds.org

IN MEMORIAM

As we celebrate our 150th year we are reminded that each succeeding generation is privileged to build upon the foundations of preceding generations.

Those of our Order who have gone on to a better and brighter world have left a great heritage.

Just a few days shy of her 108th birthday, Grace Moody departed us for the Great Grange above on January 25th. Grace served as First Lady of the Kansas State Grange from 1979-1984, I remember Grace working on the quilts for the Grange in preparation for Kansas hosting National in 1990. She had worked on over 100 quilts while quilting with the Presbyterian church and the Grange Quilters. When I think about it, it might have been Grace that taught my dad to quilt on one of the quilts at Grange Hall.

We were saddened by the losses of Norma Henley and Stan Little. Norma had served as Kansas State Grange Lecturer and Deaf Activities Chair, and Stan had served on the State Executive Committee. Even though they were no longer members they served the Grange well during their years of membership.

We also mourn the loss of the President of Neosho Valley Grange, James Raaf. Our Chaplain, Sheri Dingus, will honor those who have passed, and we will express our appreciation and give proper tribute in her Memorial Program on Sunday morning.

IN CONCLUSION

To conclude I will share these words from State Chaplain, Maxine Browne from our centennial year, we enjoy looking back and talking about the “good ole days” and the pleasant memories we have of them. But it is well for us to look to the present and to the future. Through all the years of the Grange our growth has been based upon and accomplished through faith... We are a great organization, recognized by all for our community services, good citizenship, our stand for law and order, and our fellowship for one another.

All of this is no accident. It has happened because of the emphasis our Order places on love and faith in God, our love of country, and our respect for the dignity of man.”

Fraternal submitted,
Roger Bostwick, President



Worthy State President, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates, Members, and Guests of the Kansas State Grange,

I truly enjoyed my first year as the Kansas State Grange Lecturer. Since I was a Junior Granger, Lecturer and Vice President (Overseer) were the two offices that I have always loved. As a teacher, I truly enjoy the educational aspect of the office and am always looking for new ways to encourage learning.

This year I added a wreath making contest. These wreaths were silent auctioned, and the proceeds were split 50/50 between the Youth and Lecturer Departments.

Wreaths:

- 1st Place – Mandy Bostwick- Witch Wreath
- 2nd Place – Mandy Bostwick – Fall Wreath
- 3rd Place- Audrey Trowbridge – Turkey Door Hanger
- Mandy Bostwick, Halloween Bats

Photography:

The photo categories were the same at the National Grange Lecturer: Farm Machinery, Potluck Activities, Garden, and Grange Family.

Entries for Kansas State Grange convention:

- Garden (Subordinate)
 - o 1st Place Sheree Damashek, Otter Creek
 - o 2nd Place Lois Stiles, Morning
- Garden (Junior)
 - o 1st Place Ellen Durand, Pleasant View Jr. Grange

Holiday Treats

Thanks to the following for submitting an entry. We had 16 different holiday treats. The people's choice winner was Baylee Holmes with 11 votes out of the 53 votes cast. It won by 1 vote!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nathan Strawder, Chocolate Bark - Nathan Strawder, Halloween Snack Mix - Alice Ficken, Chex Mix - Mandy Bostwick, 4th Grade Party Mix - Mandee Shaver, Strawberry Lemonade Cookies - Sheree Damashek – Fall Mix - Julie Durand, Pomona's Trail Mix - Lois Barber, Fall Mix | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amy Kramer, Christmas Spritz Cookies - Audrey Trowbridge, Cinnamon Popcorn - Audrey Trowbridge, Caramel Corn - Randee Farmer, Pecan Thanksgiving Crunch - Jean Schif, Firework Rice Krispies - Michael Farmer, Jalapeno Peanut Brittle - Baylee Holmes, Pretzel Crack - Marianne Harra, Marianne's Mix |
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Reading Bingo

Thank you to everyone who participated. This was a fun new way to bring back the reading challenge that we had once had. The goal was to get people out of their comfort zone and to read something that they typically wouldn't read.

We had 11 Subordinate and 2 Junior turn in bingo cards.

- Lois Barber
- Mandy Bostwick
- Melanie Bostwick
- Terry Damashek
- Ellen Durand (Junior)
- Langston Farmer (Junior)
- Alice Ficken
- Baylee Holmes
- Amy Kramer
- Mande Shaver
- Ashlee Schiff
- Audrey Trowbridge
- Nicole Wallace

Everyone who submitted a bingo card was able to choose a bookmark, and the winner of the drawing for \$25 cash was Langston Farmer! I look forward to changing things up for next year and hope more people take on the Reading Bingo Challenge!

Quilt Blocks were due to the National Lecturer prior to state session, so I'm not sure how many we had sent in, but I know we had several made at the State Quilting Day hosted by the Flint Hills Pomona. Thank you to those members. I am hoping that we can do several of those next year. Photo: *Buddy and Karen Overstreet, Mandy Bostwick, Sheri Dingus, Audrey Trowbridge, and Melanie Bostwick.*



Thank you to my committee members, Audrey Trowbridge, and Molly Newman, for the endless number of texts between us with all my hairbrained ideas. Also, a big thank you to Melanie Bostwick, Karen and Buddy Overstreet and Sheri Dingus for helping fill all the snack bags yesterday.

I will launch the new program in the 4th quarter newsletter, and it will be available on the website at the beginning of the year. In preparation for next year, I encourage everyone to bring cards, board games, or other games, like cornhole, for Friday night after session to continue the fellowship before we all retire for the night.

Fraternal submitted,
Mandy Bostwick, Lecturer



Worthy Master, National Representatives, State Officers, and Delegates of the 152nd Kansas State Grange,

Greetings from your State Chaplain. It was so nice to be with all the members of this great organization once more. My heart is filled with so much love from everyone. It was an eventful year for me and my family. But God helped me through the six months that I was off.

It is sad that we lost several Grange Members this year.
 Grace Moody 1-25-2023, Stan Little 3-10-2023, Norma Henley 7-4-2023, James Raaf 7-29-2023 and Ron Greene 8-5-2023. We draped the charter for Grace Moody in remembrance of her 54+ years as a Grange member and Past First Lady of State Grange. Cards were sent to family members from the State Grange.

I want to thank everyone that helped me with the Memorial Service. These memorial services get harder each year. With each passing year, I get more attached to everyone, and I have a hard time getting through the service without crying. I try to hold it together because I know it's hard to understand me sometimes, but I admit I am an emotional person in these services.

May God Bless us all. May His peace and understanding give everyone a great year until we meet again.

Fraternally Submitted,
 Sheri Dingus, Chaplain

KANSAS STATE GRANGE MEMORIAL SERVICE Sunday, October 1, 2023

A Call to Remembrance by Sheri Dingus, State Chaplain

"If you have ever lost a loved one, then you know just how painful and potent grief can be. Unfortunately, life is unexpected, which means sorrow and death can come at any time. There is no way for us to prepare for these terrible events, but when coping with loss, it may bring comfort to remember that there is another life with God in heaven. Of course, no matter how much we try to remember that our loved ones have moved on to a better place, we still mourn and put into words the pain you feel, as well as bring solace through the dark times.

Unison Hymn – "Mansion Over the Hilltop" page 87

Chaplain's Prayer

Our Father, we thank you for those friends so dear that hand-in-hand walked earth's pathway with us. May all their noble purposes and aspirations find expression in our daily

lives. May this Order be dearer, may loving kindness guide our acts, and simple faith control our thoughts. We ask in the name of the One who taught us to pray...

Unison Prayer – “The Lord’s Prayer” Amen,

Scripture Reading – John 14: 1-4

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.”

The Memorial Observance

1. Sister Grace Moody, a 55-year member, Gardner Grange #68
Eulogy was read by Randee Farmer, a floral tribute carried by Roger Bostwick and placed at the altar by Melanie Bostwick.
2. All other Grangers:
Stan Little, Founding member of Grove Harvest Grange.
Norma Henley, Past Lecturer, Past Deaf Activities Director, and past member of Gardner Grange #68.
James Raaf, serving as current President of Neosho Grange #1883.
Ron Greene, serving as current President of Richland Grange #1995.

Closing prayer by Sheri Dingus, State Chaplain

O God, look with compassion upon our bereaved Grange family and bring comfort into our hearts. Enrich us with Thy presence and lift our spirit and send us forth joyful with the knowledge that an eternal home awaits us all one day. Amen.



Photo: Sheri Dingus, State Chaplain, Audrey Trowbridge, State Pomona, and Roger Bostwick, State President.

Memorial Floral Tribute in honor of Grace Moody, Past First Lady. Mum plant is carried by State President Roger Bostwick escorted by State Chaplain Sheri Dingus.

Photo: Chaplain Sheri Dingus and President Roger Bostwick.



Lady Assistant Steward's Report



Worthy President, State Officers, Delegates, and Guests of the 152nd Annual Kansas State Grange Convention:

Greetings from the office of Lady Assistant Steward! I am honored to continue to serve in this position for the past thirteen years. This has been a quiet Grange year as I've taken on a few more roles in my personal and professional life. I'm hoping to do some more traveling next year including the Great Plains Conference and National Grange 2024.

I was tasked by our Executive Committee to look into updating the framing of our State Grange Charter. I enjoyed picking out mat colors, frames, and glass options to be able to protect our charter for years to come. For those of you who haven't seen it, the charter is now matted in pink and silver, framed in an ornate, rose-colored frame, and protected by museum-quality archival glass. It is beautiful and I am glad to have been trusted with this task.

In late 2023, I applied, was accepted, and began coursework at Fort Hays State University to begin work on my master's degree in counseling. It's been challenging to balance all the things but rewarding at the same time. I'm grateful to have been awarded a Brey Scholarship this year to help purchase books and supplies needed for my classes. With the process of working on my degree, I've been able to step into the role of counselor at my school and am enjoying this career change!

My daughter Kimber is also ready to travel more to see her Grange friends and stay in hotels. She has submitted entries for many of the National contests as well. I am so very proud of her accomplishments and am excited to see her continue to grow in the Grange. As she gets older, she gets busier and busier. This year she played on three softball teams, continued piano lessons, played volleyball and basketball, 4-H, and plenty of other things to keep me on my toes!

I continue to serve as President of Pleasant View Grange and our State Youth Director. I'm proud of our local Grange for trying a few new things this past year and letting our young adults take charge of these new ideas. The State Youth Department has been quieter this year but I'm proud to see so many of us in officer and director roles at the State level.

I would like to thank all of the members and officers of the Kansas State Grange who have supported me in this position this year. I look forward to serving the Kansas State Grange for many years.

I wish you all a happy, healthy, safe, and productive year.
Fraternally submitted,
Molly Newman
Lady Assistant Steward

Secretary's Report



State President, National Representatives, Officers, Delegates and Members of the 152nd Convention of the Kansas State Grange,

“Greetings!” I am proud to be a Granger and a 50-year member of this great organization. I am proud to serve as your State Secretary, however, due to a busy schedule, I am unable to

continue. I therefore offered my resignation with a heavy heart.

Kevin and I will attend the National Grange Convention this year in Niagara Falls, New York. We plan to drive. It is always a great time to visit with our friends from afar.

I would like to thank the Subordinate and Pomona secretaries for your timely Annual reports. It makes my job much easier. I like to meet my deadlines, but I am unable to do so without your help.

Membership Report as of October 1, 2023

Grange	Memb ers	Family Plans	Members in Family Plan	Golden Sheaf Exempt	Golden Sheaf Non- Exempt	Associate Members	Affiliate Members	Junior Members
Bayneville #1810	21	0	0	0	4	0	0	3
Cadmus #350	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Gardner #68	28	0	0	1	7	1	0	2
Indian Creek #1431	13	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Morning #227	34	2	5	0	5	0	0	0
Neosho Valley #1883	8	0	0	3	6	0	0	0
New Century #2007	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Otter Creek #1493	13	0	0	1	2	0	0	3
Pleasant View #1459	36	0	0	1	8	0	0	10
Richland #1995	26	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	218	2	5	7	32	1	0	22

We have ten Subordinate Granges (listed above).

We have 3 Pomona Granges. They are Johnson County Pomona Grange #18, Linn County Pomona Grange #39, and Flint Hills Pomona Grange #49.

The 2023 Membership Report was taken from the third-quarter Annual Report. We have a total of 218 members which is a decrease of 30 members from last year (2022). We have 7 Golden Sheaf Exempt members and 32 Golden Sheaf Non-Exempt members. We have 5 members in 2 Family Plans, 1 Associate member and no Affiliate members. We have 22 Junior members.

The National Grange will celebrate another increase in membership in November 2023.

Membership Certificates and Seals

On April 16, 2023, Molly Newman, Master of Pleasant View Grange #1459 presented membership awards. Nancy Brunton received her 70-year seal. Melanie Bostwick received her Golden Sheaf pin and 50-year certificate. Susan Bates-Mathia and Jed Bates, both, received their Silver Star pin and 25-year certificate.

Grange Month

April is Grange Month. Did your Grange select a Community Citizen to honor? Visit the National Grange website for materials. They have 1) A Letter from the National Grange President, 2) Grange Month Proclamation, 3) Press Release Sample, 4) Community Citizen Award, 5) several Social Media Posts and 6) Grange Month Posters.

Grange Month is also a great time for Grange Membership Recognition, especially Silver Star (25-years), Golden Sheaf (50-years), Diamond (75-years) for continuous Grange membership. Seals are available for 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80 and 85 years. Seals and Certificates are obtained through me, your State Secretary. Appropriate pins and other jewelry may be obtained through The Grange Supply Store, www.grangestore.org

New from National Grange! Now available, are special membership awards to honor your members. The National Grange offers a "Certificate of Recognition" for 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, and 20 years of membership.

Secretaries, please check your years of membership for each member and see who qualifies for these awards. I need at least 90 days' notice to order the awards. Order early!

Scholarships

The Kansas State Grange awarded one scholarship this year to Molly Newman. I would like to thank Molly for taking the time to apply for this scholarship. We appreciate you continuing your education and congratulate you on a job well done.

The Claude and Ina Brey Memorial Endowment Fund provides the funding for scholarships. Applications are found on the website: www.ks-grange.org/Documents. The scholarship application is always due on **April 15th** each year to the State Secretary. There are no age requirements. If you are a senior in high school or going back to school or continuing your education, please consider applying for this scholarship to help ease the financial burden of higher education.

BONDS

Each Grange is required by the National Grange Digest of Laws to bond the Secretary and Treasurer. Any officer or member who handles money for the Grange should also be bonded. Bonding insurance covers the loss of Grange funds. A bonding policy is available from the National Grange that covers all officers and members. A Grange should also check with its insurance agent to compare the National premium costs with what the agent can provide. Are your Grange officers covered?

The Patrons Chain

The Patrons Chain is the official weekly newsletter of the National Grange. Members may subscribe at www.nationalgrange.org/subscribe.

Good Day!™ Magazine

Reminder, the Good Day!™ Magazine is a great source of information from the National Grange. The magazine is printed quarterly. A member subscription is \$16.00. A non-member subscription is \$28.00. A single issue is \$7.00. This would make a nice gift for a new member or any member and especially new officers. Check it out at www.nationalgrange.org/goodday.

Grange Revival

Torrey, Utah on July 21-27, 2025

The Grange Revival is slated for July 21 – 27, 2025, at Thousand Lakes RV Park, Campground, and Cabins in Torrey, Utah. This is a family event open for all Grange members and friends to create and strengthen fraternal bonds. From outdoor activities to ag awareness lessons, craft workshops and lots of time to kick back and relax with other Grangers, there is something for everyone. Take part in planned activities or excursions or strike out on your own to find some fun during the day. Then head back to the campground at night to enjoy a communal meal and maybe even some campfire songs.

Bring your RV, load your car and pack a tent, fly to your destination, and stay in a cabin or enjoy the experience with some added creature comforts at a nearby hotel. All the fun of Grange Revival is waiting for you! And don't forget to bring your friends! You need not be a Grange member to attend (but you sure will want to be after it's over!). Visit the National Grange website at <http://www.nationalgrange.org> for more information.

Upcoming National Grange Conventions

158th Annual National Grange Convention – November 12 – 16, 2024 at Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf, 1777 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722 Phone: 1-800-THE-ISLE

159th Annual National Grange Convention – November, 2025, Carnival Cruise ship out of Miami, Florida, to ABC Islands, Further information to be announced.

These conventions are subject to change so please check the National Grange website for updates at <https://www.nationalgrange.org/future-national-grange-conventions/>

Upcoming State Grange Convention

The 153rd Annual Kansas State Grange Convention will be held on September 27 – 29, 2024 in Gardner, Kansas. Next year is an election year (occurs in even years) for the Kansas State Grange officers, Pomona, and Community Granges.

Congratulations to Lois Barber as she serves as the State Grange Secretary. I know she will do a great job. Stay well. Stay healthy. Stay safe.
Fraternally submitted,
Jamie Klenklen, Secretary

2023 National Grange Convention Update



Photo: (front row) Kevin and Jamie Klenklen, and Melanie Bostwick and (back row) Sarah Mader, Nathan Strawder, Roger Bostwick, and Mandy Bostwick.

The 157th Annual National Grange Convention was held November 14 – 18, 2023 at Niagara Falls Sheraton at the Falls, 300 Third St, Niagara Falls, New York. Those attending were Kevin and Jamie Klenklen, Melanie Bostwick, Sarah Mader, Nathan Strawder, Roger Bostwick, and Mandy Bostwick.

Sarah Mader, Westphalia, Kansas, is our newest Seventh Degree member. Mandy Bostwick was a Communications Fellow during the Convention. Nathan Strawder is our regional SHIPmates representative, Great Plains Youth Representative, and he was appointed to the National Grange Foundation in the at-large position. Roger Bostwick was re-elected as High Priest of Demeter. Kevin Klenklen was Priest Herald in the Seventh Degree cast. Melanie Bostwick helped behind the scenes for the Seventh Degree.

Treasurer's Report



Kansas State Grange Treasurer's Report by Jamie Durand August 31, 2023

Worthy State President, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates, Members, and Guests,

General Fund

The balance of the General Fund on August 31, 2023, the end of the 2022-2023 fiscal year was \$24,737.87. There were no un-cleared checks this year. The General Fund is located at the First State Bank in Perry, KS.

Sub-Accounts

The ending balance of the Juniors sub-account was \$466.96. The balance of the Family Activities committee sub-account was combined with the Lecturers account. The balance of the Lecturers sub-account was \$771.16. The balance of the Quilts of Valor sub-account was \$490.00. The balance of the Grace Moody Memorial fund was \$380.00. These balances are included in the total balance of the General Fund.

Certificates of Deposit

CD #...524 was rolled over into a new cd on 9-29-2022, the new number is CD#...291.

CD#...200 and ...021 were combined into CD#...700, and \$20,000 was moved to the General Fund on 5-30-2023.

CD#...619 was renewed on 3-15-23.

CD#...718 was opened on 1-5-2023 with money from Carbondale Grange. This money will be held for 7 years.

A list of all of the CDs is included later in this report.

Savings Account - The balance of the Savings Account is \$4,712.29.

Fraternally submitted,

James Durand, Treasurer

Kansas State Grange
Current Banking Institutions

August 31, 2023

First State Bank and Trust
402 Plaza Drive, PO Box 7, Perry, KS 66073
785-597-5151
Checking Account #083

Union Bank and Trust
309 Oak St, Bonner Springs, KS 66012
913-667-8600
CD # 524, 619, 626

Azura Credit Union
2634 NW Highway 24, Topeka, KS 66618
785-233-5556
Savings Account #97-5 30
CD# 020, 021, 200

Account Number	Bank Name	Location	Open Date	Amount	Term	Rate	Frequency	Maturity	Notes
...291	Union	Bonner	9/30/22	25,002.01	24	2.75	Quarterly	9/30/24	from 524
...619	Union	Bonner	3/15/18	100,000.00	60	2.78	Quarterly	3/15/23	from 865
...020	Azura	Topeka	5/27/20	25,000.00	60	2	Monthly	5/27/25	from 517
...021	Azura	Topeka	6/22/20	35,675.73	60	1.6	Monthly	6/22/25	from 182
...200	Azura	Topeka	11/24/20	50,000.00	36	1.05	Monthly	5/25/23	from 626

Chart of Accounts

Kansas State Grange Profit and Loss Standard
September 2022 through August 2023

	<u>Sep '22 - Aug '23</u>
Income	
150 th Committee income	\$ 570.00
Quilts of Valor income	530.00
Donations	2,191.76
Dues income	6,111.00
Convention income	18.00
Community service income	250.00
Interest earned	<u>4,839.14</u>
Total Income	14,509.90
Expense	
150 th Committee expense	\$2,273.58
Newsletter/Website Expense	537.00
Juniors Expense	88.00
Dues expense	3,319.00
Secretary expense	42.15
Bank expense	602.05
Master expense	1,320.80
Printing expense	1,039.83
Per-diem expense	7,150.00
Lecturer expense	419.99
Treasurer expense	121.86
Community service expense	250.00
Mileage	861.44
Chaplain expense	240.24
Board expense	793.02
Convention expense	<u>8,015.13</u>
Total Expense	<u>27,074.09</u>
Net Income	-12,564.19
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Kansas State Grange
Balance Sheet Detail
As of August 31, 2023

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Deposit	10/16/22			Troth	X	Quilts of Valor in...	40.00	65.00
Deposit	10/16/22			Hamp	X	Quilts of Valor in...	110.00	175.00
Deposit	10/16/22			metsker	X	Quilts of Valor in...	60.00	235.00
Deposit	10/16/22			Harra	X	Quilts of Valor in...	45.00	280.00
Deposit	10/16/22			cash	X	Quilts of Valor in...	250.00	530.00
Check	12/11/22	1844	Lois Barber	Gift cards for tr...	X	convention expe...	-40.00	490.00
Total Quilts of Valor							490.00	490.00
...083 First St. Bnk - Other								
Check	09/11/22	1760	Jamie Klenklen		X	mileage	-37.80	18,090.54
Check	09/11/22	1761	Roger Bostwick		X	-SPLIT-	-150.24	18,052.74
Check	09/11/22	1762	Bob Schif		X	mileage	-92.40	17,902.50
Check	09/11/22	1763	Nathan Strawder		X	mileage	-40.88	17,810.10
Check	09/11/22	1764	James Durand		X	mileage	-28.00	17,769.22
Check	09/11/22	1765	Chris Hamp	Air fare to Kansas	X	convention expe...	-1,070.92	17,741.22
Check	09/19/22				X	...619 UB	693.15	16,670.30
Check	09/26/22				X	...524 UB	157.55	17,363.45
Deposit	10/11/22			New Century Gr...	X	dues income	216.00	17,521.00
Check	10/14/22	1775	Lois Barber	Convention Sup...	X	-SPLIT-	-410.08	17,737.00
Check	10/14/22	1776	Sheri Dingus		X	Chaplan expense	-185.60	17,326.92
Check	10/14/22	1777	Julie Durand		X	printing expense	-30.00	17,141.32
Check	10/14/22	1778	Bob Schif		X	convention expe...	-40.83	17,111.32
Check	10/14/22	1779	Zarda BBQ	Banquet	X	convention expe...	-2,006.66	17,070.49
Check	10/14/22	1780	Jamie Klenklen		X	secretary expense	-25.15	15,063.83
Check	10/14/22	1781	Amy Kramer		X	lecturer expense	-269.99	15,038.68
Deposit	10/14/22			prize money	X	community servc...	250.00	14,768.69
Deposit	10/14/22			3- sixth degree ...	X	convention income	18.00	15,018.69
Check	10/15/22	1766	Goodcents		X	convention expe...	-303.76	15,036.69
Check	10/15/22	1771	Gardner Grange	1st place Comm...	X	community servc...	-100.00	14,732.93
Check	10/15/22	1772	Pleasant View Grange	2nd place Com...	X	community servc...	-75.00	14,632.93
Check	10/15/22	1773	Bayneville Grange	3rd place	X	community servc...	-50.00	14,557.93
Check	10/15/22	1774	Morning Grange	4th place Comm...	X	community servc...	-25.00	14,507.93
Check	10/16/22	1788	Roger Bostwick		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	14,482.93
Check	10/16/22	1789	Alice Ficken		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	14,287.93
Check	10/16/22	1790	Amy Kramer		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	14,092.93
Check	10/16/22	1791	Mike Farmer		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	13,897.93
Check	10/16/22	1792	Molly Newman		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	13,702.93
Check	10/16/22	1793	Sheri Dingus		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	13,507.93
Check	10/16/22	1794	James Durand		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	13,312.93
Check	10/16/22							13,117.93

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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Check	10/16/22	1795	Jamie Klenken		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	12,922.93
Check	10/16/22	1796	Ashlee Schif		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	12,727.93
Check	10/16/22	1797	Mandee Shaver		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	12,532.93
Check	10/16/22	1798	Mandy Bostwick		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	12,337.93
Check	10/16/22	1799	Penny Buek		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	12,142.93
Check	10/16/22	1800	Bob Schif		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	11,947.93
Check	10/16/22	1801	Lois Barber		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	11,752.93
Check	10/16/22	1802	Nathan Strawder		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	11,557.93
Check	10/16/22	1803	Sheree Damashhek		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	11,362.93
Check	10/16/22	1804	Buddy Dingus		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	11,167.93
Check	10/16/22	1805	Janice Gatlin		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	10,972.93
Check	10/16/22	1806	Vince Newman		X	per-diem expense	-65.00	10,907.93
Check	10/16/22	1807	Keaton Holmes		X	per-diem expense	-130.00	10,777.93
Check	10/16/22	1808	Aaron Schif		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	10,582.93
Check	10/16/22	1809	Austin Farmer		X	per-diem expense	-65.00	10,517.93
Check	10/16/22	1810	Baylee Schif		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	10,322.93
Check	10/16/22	1811	Randee Farmer		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	10,127.93
Check	10/16/22	1812	Nancy White		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	9,932.93
Check	10/16/22	1813	Peggy Query		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	9,737.93
Check	10/16/22	1814	Cassandra Rogers		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	9,542.93
Check	10/16/22	1815	Sandy Finnicum		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	9,347.93
Check	10/16/22	1816	Marianne Harra		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	9,152.93
Check	10/16/22	1817	Lance Harra		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	8,957.93
Check	10/16/22	1818	Jana Flory		X	per-diem expense	-65.00	8,892.93
Check	10/16/22	1819	Debra Douglass-Metker		X	per-diem expense	-130.00	8,762.93
Check	10/16/22	1820	Kristee Strawder		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	8,567.93
Check	10/16/22	1821	Kevin Klenken		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	8,372.93
Check	10/16/22	1822	Julie Durand		X	per-diem expense	-65.00	8,307.93
Check	10/16/22	1823	Donna Bates		X	per-diem expense	-130.00	8,177.93
Check	10/16/22	1824	Melanie Bostwick		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	7,982.93
Check	10/16/22	1825	Ray Gene Troth		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	7,787.93
Check	10/16/22	1826	Marcella Troth		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	7,592.93
Check	10/16/22	1827	Audrey Trowbridge		X	per-diem expense	-195.00	7,397.93
Check	10/16/22	1829	James Durand		X	-SPLIT-	-221.86	7,176.07
Check	10/16/22	1830	Nathan Strawder		X	printing expense	-45.84	7,130.23
Check	10/16/22	1831	Alice Ficken		X	convention exp...	-18.00	7,112.23
Check	10/16/22	1832	Vince Newman		X	mileage	-33.60	7,078.63
Check	10/16/22	1833	Roger Bostwick		X	master expense	-1,320.80	5,757.83
Check	10/16/22	1828	Roger Bostwick	VOID:	X	per-diem expense	0.00	5,757.83

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Balance Sheet Detail
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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Check	10/17/22	1834	Jamee Funk		X	per-diem expense	-65.00	5,692.83
Deposit	10/30/22			cd 291?	X	intrest earned	11.51	5,704.34
Check	10/30/22	1835	Hampton Inn Gardner		X	convention expe...	-3,282.29	2,422.05
Check	12/11/22	1836	National Grange	Bonding for kan...	X	board expense	-138.00	2,284.05
Check	12/11/22	1837	James Durand		X	mileage	-22.40	2,261.65
Check	12/11/22	1838	National Grange	3rd Quarter Dues	X	dues expense	-849.00	1,412.65
Check	12/11/22	1839	National Grange	4th Quarter Dues	X	dues expense	-833.00	579.65
Check	12/11/22	1840	Mandee Shaver		X	convention expe...	-98.67	480.98
Check	12/11/22	1841	Molly Newman		X	board expense	-262.02	218.96
Check	12/11/22	1842	Roger Bostwick		X	mileage	-34.04	184.92
Check	12/11/22	1843	Nathan Strawder		X	mileage	-47.60	137.32
Check	12/11/22	1845	Jamie Klenklen		X	mileage	-38.08	99.24
Check	12/11/22	1846	Liberty Hall	Rental Fee for 7...	X	150th comitee e...	-1,250.00	-1,150.76
Deposit	12/14/22			refund from Nat...	X	donations	428.31	-722.45
Deposit	12/16/22			bonding for Mor...	X	donations	88.00	-634.45
Check	12/16/22	1848	National Grange	Bonding for Mor...	X	board expense	-88.00	-722.45
Check	12/16/22			Service Charge	X	bank expense	-4.00	-726.45
Check	12/19/22			interest	X	...619 UB	685.62	-40.83
Check	01/07/23	1849	National Grange	Adjustment for ...	X	dues expense	-125.00	-165.83
Deposit	02/09/23			Pleasant View	X	dues income	945.50	779.67
Check	02/09/23	1850	Jamie Klenklen	Flowers for Grac...	X	Chaplan expense	-54.64	725.03
Check	02/14/23	1851	Kansas Secretary of State	filing fee	X	board expense	-40.00	685.03
Deposit	02/24/23			Morning Grange	X	dues income	1,080.00	1,765.03
Deposit	03/03/23			Indian Creek	X	dues income	351.00	2,116.03
Deposit	03/03/23			Neosho Valley	X	dues income	378.00	2,494.03
Deposit	03/03/23			Otter Creek	X	dues income	432.00	2,926.03
Deposit	03/04/23			Gardner Grange	X	dues income	754.00	3,680.03
Check	03/04/23	1852	Roger Bostwick		X	mileage	-48.72	3,631.31
Check	03/04/23	1853	Bob Schif		X	mileage	-70.00	3,561.31
Check	03/04/23	1854	Domain Name Service		X	Newletter/Websti...	-225.00	3,336.31
Check	03/04/23	1855	Jamie Klenklen		X	mileage	-46.48	3,289.83
Check	03/04/23	1856	Lois Barber		X	mileage	-40.32	3,249.51
Check	03/04/23	1857	James Durand		X	mileage	-39.20	3,210.31
Check	03/17/23			interest	X	...619 UB	678.08	3,888.39
Deposit	04/11/23			Richland Grange	X	dues income	685.50	4,573.89
Check	04/30/23	1858	Jamie Klenklen	journals	X	secretary expense	-17.00	4,556.89
Check	05/11/23	1859	Jamie Klenklen	Convention Ass...	X	printing expense	-615.29	3,941.60
Check	05/11/23	1860	National Grange		X	board expense	-265.00	3,676.60
Check	05/11/23	1861	Nathan Strawder		X	mileage	-47.04	3,629.56

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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Check	05/11/23	1862	Lois Barber		X	mileage	-30.24	3,599.32
Check	05/11/23	1863	National Grange	1st Quarter Dues	X	dues expense	-756.00	2,843.32
Deposit	06/01/23			Moved money fr...	X	...697 AZ savings	20,000.00	22,843.32
Check	06/20/23	1864	Roger Bostwick		X	Newsletter/Websti...	-192.00	22,651.32
Check	06/20/23			Interest	X	...619 UB	1,046.03	23,697.35
Deposit	07/07/23			140.00 checks, ...	X	150th comittee i...	210.00	23,907.35
Deposit	07/18/23			Cadmus Grange	X	dues income	702.00	24,609.35
Deposit	07/18/23			Bayneville Grange	X	dues income	567.00	25,176.35
Deposit	07/18/23			Damashnek	X	150th comittee i...	40.00	25,216.35
Deposit	07/18/23			Gatin	X	150th comittee i...	30.00	25,246.35
Check	07/24/23	1865	Jamie Klenklen	printing expense	X	printing expense	-348.70	24,897.65
Check	07/28/23	1866	Marianne Harra	150th meal exp...	X	150th comittee e...	-885.74	24,011.91
Deposit	07/28/23			Lawrence Mcph...	X	150th comittee i...	10.00	24,021.91
Check	07/29/23	1867	Lois Barber		X	150th comittee e...	-57.84	23,964.07
Check	07/29/23	1868	Roger Bostwick		X	mileage	-14.56	23,949.51
Check	07/29/23	1869	Jamie Klenklen		X	mileage	-15.68	23,933.83
Check	07/29/23	1870	Bob Schif		X	mileage	-89.04	23,844.79
Check	07/29/23	1871	Alice Ficken		X	-SPLIT-	-95.12	23,749.67
Check	07/29/23	1872	National Grange		X	dues expense	-756.00	22,993.67
Deposit	07/29/23			Schif	X	150th comittee i...	60.00	23,053.67
Deposit	07/29/23			Newman	X	150th comittee i...	20.00	23,073.67
Deposit	07/29/23			internet tickets	X	150th comittee i...	190.00	23,263.67
Deposit	08/08/23			Amy Kramer	X	150th comittee i...	10.00	23,273.67
Check	08/08/23	1873	William Overstreet		X	convention expe...	-643.92	22,629.75
Total ...083 First St. Bnk - Other							4,539.21	22,629.75
Total ...083 First St. Bnk							5,171.21	24,737.87
...291 UB								0.00
Check	10/15/22					...524 UB	25,002.01	25,002.01
Total ...291 UB							25,002.01	25,002.01
...200 AZ								50,902.12
Deposit	09/01/22					intrest earned	45.39	50,947.51
Deposit	10/01/22					intrest earned	43.97	50,991.48
Deposit	11/01/22					intrest earned	45.47	51,036.95
Deposit	12/01/22					intrest earned	44.05	51,081.00
Deposit	01/01/23					intrest earned	45.55	51,126.55
Deposit	02/01/23					intrest earned	45.59	51,172.14

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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Deposit	03/01/23				intrtest earned		41.22	51,213.36
Deposit	06/01/23				intrtest earned		151.56	51,364.92
Check	06/01/23			closed cd	...697 AZ savings		-51,364.92	0.00
Total ...200 AZ							-50,902.12	0.00
...619 UB								
Deposit	09/19/22				intrtest earned		693.15	100,000.00
Check	09/19/22				...083 First St. Bnk		-693.15	100,693.15
Deposit	12/19/22				intrtest earned		685.62	100,000.00
Check	12/19/22			interest	...083 First St. Bnk		-685.62	100,685.62
Deposit	03/17/23				intrtest earned		678.08	100,000.00
Check	03/17/23			interest	...083 First St. Bnk		-678.08	100,678.08
Deposit	06/20/23				intrtest earned		1,046.03	100,000.00
Check	06/20/23			Interest	...083 First St. Bnk		-1,046.03	101,046.03
Total ...619 UB							0.00	100,000.00
...524 UB								
Deposit	09/26/22				intrtest earned		157.55	25,000.00
Check	09/26/22				...083 First St. Bnk		-157.55	25,157.55
Deposit	10/15/22				intrtest earned		2.01	25,000.00
Check	10/15/22				...291 UB		-25,002.01	25,002.01
Total ...524 UB							-25,000.00	0.00
...697 AZ savings								
Deposit	09/01/22				intrtest earned		0.23	1,133.57
Check	09/27/22				...020 AZ		42.47	1,133.80
Deposit	10/01/22				intrtest earned		0.23	1,176.27
Check	10/27/22				...020 AZ		41.10	1,176.50
Deposit	10/31/22				intrtest earned		0.30	1,217.60
Check	11/27/22				...020 AZ		42.47	1,217.90
Deposit	11/30/22				intrtest earned		0.30	1,260.37
Check	12/27/22				...020 AZ		41.10	1,260.67
Deposit	12/30/22				intrtest earned		0.32	1,301.77
Check	01/27/23				...020 AZ		42.47	1,302.09
Deposit	01/31/23				intrtest earned		0.33	1,344.56
Check	02/27/23				...020 AZ		42.47	1,344.89
Deposit	02/27/23				intrtest earned		0.31	1,387.36
Check	03/27/23				...020 AZ		38.36	1,387.67
Deposit	03/31/23				intrtest earned		0.36	1,426.03
								1,426.39

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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Check	04/27/23					,,,020 AZ	42.47	1,468.86
Deposit	04/30/23					intrest earned	0.35	1,469.21
Check	05/27/23					,,,020 AZ	41.10	1,510.31
Deposit	05/30/23					intrest earned	0.43	1,510.74
Check	06/01/23			closed cd		,,,200 AZ	51,364.92	52,875.66
Check	06/01/23			closed cd		,,,021 AZ	36,793.01	89,668.67
Deposit	06/01/23			open new CD		,,,700 AZ	-65,000.00	24,668.67
Deposit	06/01/23			Moved money fr...		,,,083 First St. Bnk	-20,000.00	4,668.67
Check	06/27/23					,,,020 AZ	42.47	4,711.14
Deposit	06/30/23					intrest earned	1.15	4,712.29
Total ...697 AZ savings							3,578.72	4,712.29
...								
...	09/22/22					intrest earned	50.19	36,933.59
Deposit	10/22/22					intrest earned	48.64	36,983.78
Deposit	11/22/22					intrest earned	50.32	37,032.42
Deposit	12/22/22					intrest earned	48.77	37,082.74
Deposit	01/22/23					intrest earned	50.46	37,131.51
Deposit	02/22/23					intrest earned	50.53	37,181.97
Deposit	03/22/23					intrest earned	45.70	37,232.50
Deposit	06/01/23					intrest earned	112.86	37,278.20
Check	06/01/23			penalty for early...		bank expense	-598.05	37,391.06
Check	06/01/23			closed cd		...	-36,793.01	36,793.01
Total ...021 AZ							-36,933.59	0.00
...								
...	06/01/23			open new CD		...	65,000.00	0.00
Deposit	06/30/23					intrest earned	224.13	65,000.00
Total ...700 AZ							65,224.13	65,224.13
...								
...	01/07/23			Closing of Carb...		donations	1,295.45	0.00
Deposit							1,295.45	1,295.45
Total ...718 UB Carbondale							1,295.45	1,295.45
...								
...							2.01	2.01
Total ...263 KV								2.01
...								
...	09/27/22					intrest earned	42.47	25,000.00
Deposit								25,042.47

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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Check	09/27/22					...697 AZ savings	-42.47	25,000.00
Deposit	10/27/22					intrest earned	41.10	25,041.10
Check	10/27/22					...697 AZ savings	-41.10	25,000.00
Deposit	11/27/22					intrest earned	42.47	25,042.47
Check	11/27/22					...697 AZ savings	-42.47	25,000.00
Deposit	12/27/22					intrest earned	41.10	25,041.10
Check	12/27/22					...697 AZ savings	-41.10	25,000.00
Deposit	01/27/23					intrest earned	42.47	25,042.47
Check	01/27/23					...697 AZ savings	-42.47	25,000.00
Deposit	02/27/23					intrest earned	42.47	25,042.47
Check	02/27/23					...697 AZ savings	-42.47	25,000.00
Deposit	03/27/23					intrest earned	38.36	25,038.36
Check	03/27/23					...697 AZ savings	-38.36	25,000.00
Deposit	04/27/23					intrest earned	42.47	25,042.47
Check	04/27/23					...697 AZ savings	-42.47	25,000.00
Deposit	05/27/23					intrest earned	41.10	25,041.10
Check	05/27/23					...697 AZ savings	-41.10	25,000.00
Deposit	06/27/23					intrest earned	42.47	25,042.47
Check	06/27/23					...697 AZ savings	-42.47	25,000.00
Total ,,,020 AZ							0.00	25,000.00
Total Checking/Savings							-12,564.19	245,973.76
Total Current Assets							-12,564.19	245,973.76
TOTAL ASSETS							-12,564.19	245,973.76
LIABILITIES & EQUITY								258,537.95
Equity								258,537.95
Retained Earnings								258,537.95
Total Retained Earnings								258,537.95
Net Income								0.00
Total Net Income							-12,564.19	-12,564.19
Total Equity							-12,564.19	245,973.76
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY							-12,564.19	245,973.76

<p>Kansas State Grange Executive Committee Members</p>	
	<p>Lois Barber, Chairman</p>
	
<p>Nathan Strawder</p>	<p>Bob Schiff</p>

Executive Committee Minutes (December 2022 – October 2023)

Kansas State Grange Board of Directors Minutes
Sunday, December 11, 2022, at Morning Grange Hall

The meeting was called to Order by Nathan Strawder at 2:42 p.m.

Roll Call was answered by Nathan Strawder, Roger Bostwick, Alice Ficken, Jamie Durand, and Jamie Klenklen. Bob Schiff and Lois Barber were absent.

President's Report by Roger Bostwick. He gave a National Grange Convention update. The budget is a big concern at the National Grange. The building has not been sold yet. They are still working on selling the building. They have cut the travel budget for several departments. The states will need to pay for one night of the hotel room, approximately \$140.00 per night. They are not shortening the convention.

We sent three resolutions to the National Grange. Two regarding selling the building and one on expanding the Executive Committee by region. The two current National Grange Executive Committee members were re-elected this year. There were several states with new delegates.

The Seventh Degree went as well as possible. The stage was small, the center projector didn't work, there was no room for backdrops and only one dressing room. There was only one Trumpet girl, the scepter bearer, and no spotlight. Kevin Klenklen was in the cast. Melanie Bostwick and Jamie Klenklen helped backstage with the make-up. They had 80 candidates. There was a resolution to have the 7th degree done on the floor and Roger will investigate that.

The sixth-degree salutation has changed. The elbow is bent and is six inches from the face and fingers spread. This was approved during the Assembly of Demeter Business Meeting on November 17, 2022.

Mandy Bostwick is no longer the National Grange Youth and Young Adults Director. Samantha Wilkins has taken over the Youth duties as well as the Junior Grange duties.

Nathan Strawder is our Great Plains board member for the G.R.O.W. Board of Directors.

There was a membership net gain in Kansas and a membership net gain for the National Grange as well.

Approval of minutes from Third Day Session, BOD meeting. Lois Barber asked to have Stacy's last name added to the minutes. Jamie Durand moved to approve the minutes as amended. Alice Ficken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Report on Granges

1. Flint Hills Pomona Grange #49 Charter was received at National Grange. They will meet quarterly.
2. Annual Reports due by February 15th.
3. Alice reported on the Winter Market at Gardner Grange Hall.
4. Roger reported on the Pleasant View meeting and Pancake Feed.

Communications – Thank you note was received from the Betty Stiles Family.

Roger Bostwick reported that Buddy Overstreet gave us a report on the National Grange Convention 2021, in Wichita. Our region was the host. The funds were divided accordingly. Kansas received a check for \$428.31 for our general fund.

Treasurer's Report by Jamie Durand

A Balance Sheet Detail paper was handed out. Vouchers were:

2022-23 Jamee Funk, Junior expense \$65.00

2022-24 Hampton Inn, Convention \$3282.29 Note: This was paid on 10/27/2022.

2022-25 National Grange, Board Exp. Bonding \$138.00

2022-26 James Durand, mileage \$22.40

2022-27 National Grange, 3rd Qtr dues \$849.00

2022-28 National Grange, 4th Qtr dues \$833.00

2022-29 Mande Shaver, Postage Convention Expense \$98.67

2022-30 Molly Newman, Board expense for new Charter frame \$262.02

2022-31 Roger Bostwick, mileage \$34.04

2022-32 Nathan Strawder, mileage \$47.60

2022-33 Lois Barber, Quilt of Valor expense \$40.00 gift cards for group that played TAPS

2022-34 Jamie Klenklen, mileage \$38.08

2022-35 Liberty Hall, room rent, 150th expense \$1,250.00.

Alice moved to pay all vouchers. Jamie Klenklen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Unfinished business

Roger Bostwick reported that the Kansas State Grange Charter has been re-framed. Molly Newman had it framed at Hobby Lobby. It now has a "Museum quality" glass to provide UV protection. The frame is gorgeous, and the pink mat around it is beautiful.

Nathan Strawder sent out a message asking when to meet to clean out the Grange trailer, but no date has been set yet. Nathan Strawder wants to have a discussion on where to store the trailer. Colby Funk doesn't really have a spot to park it. Climate control storage may be an option.

New business

Jamie Klenklen reported that the 2023 Grange Scholarship Application is available. She will send it to Molly Newman to post it on the Grange website.

The 2023 State Grange Convention proposal was discussed. It was decided to hold next year's State Convention on September 29, 30 & October 1. Sleeping rooms went up to \$117 but the conference rooms fees stayed the same. Lois Barber will let Stacy Jacobson know what we decided.

The mileage rate is set at 28 cents according to our By-Laws. It will take a By-Law change to increase the mileage rate.

Nathan Strawder suggested we start thinking about 2 or 3 years out for our next State Grange Convention. Jamie Durand gave us a historical account of convention costs over the past five years.

Members sick or in distress – Lois Barber was not feeling well. Roger Bostwick reported that Donna Keeton does not have bone cancer, but she does have a severe infection throughout her body.

The Kanas State Grange has three new babies in their family.

Bailey & Keaton Holmes – Lillie Kay Holmes born on 11/11/2022.

Kelsey & Dom Romero – Ainslee Mae Romero on 11/26/2022.

Katie & Zack Lee – Nellie Kate Lee on 12/7/2022.

Officer / Committee reports – The Sesquicentennial / 150th Celebration Committee will meet immediately after this meeting.

Announcements

Next meeting date, March 4 at the Coffey County Library, 410 Juniatta St, in Burlington, at 9 a.m. Alice Ficken moved, and Roger Bostwick seconded the motion to meet at the library. The Sesquicentennial / 150th Celebration Committee will also meet following the Executive Committee meeting.

Jamie Durand reminded us that the CD is coming due on 3/23/2023.

Jamie Durand moved to adjourn. Roger Bostwick seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Fraternal submitted, Jamie Klenklen, Secretary

Kansas State Grange Board of Directors Minutes

March 4, 2023, at the Coffey County Library, 410 Juniatta St, in Burlington

Meeting was called to Order by Lois Barber, Chair at 9:26 a.m.

Roll Call – all present, Roger Bostwick, Alice Ficken, Lois Barber, Nathan Strawder, Bob Schiff, Jamie Durand, and Jamie Klenklen.

President's Report by Roger Bostwick. The web domain name was discussed. Jamie Durand moved to pay \$225.00 for five years. Alice Ficken seconded the motion. Nathan suggested also looking at other domain names that might be available. Roger Bostwick will ask Molly Newman to check into it. Motion carried.

Roger Bostwick reported that Bill Kramer, Past Treasurer, gave him several boxes of old records. Alice Ficken moved to shred the records after they are reviewed for historical purposes. Bob Schiff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Roger Bostwick attended the President's Conference via Zoom. The sale of the Headquarters building was discussed. The Fly-In will be virtual this year. The Great Plains Conference is \$140 per person for registration in Fredericksburg, Texas. Roger Bostwick received an invitation from Michigan State Grange for their 150th Anniversary celebration in May. Roger Bostwick will attend Gardner Grange's 150th Anniversary on April 1st.

Minutes - the December 11, 2022, minutes were approved as printed.

Report on Granges – Annual Reports are needed for Bayneville, Cadmus, New Century, Richland, & Linn County Pomona.

Communications – A “Thank You” note was received from the Grace Moody Family for the flowers. Jamie Durand is compiling a list of thank you notes. \$380.00 in memorials so far. Jamie Klenklen sent a “Thank You” note to the Moody Family for including us for contributions in memory of Sister Grace Moody, Past First Lady.

Treasurer’s Report – was given by Jamie Durand.

Vouchers:

2022-34	Jamie Klenklen for mileage	\$ 38.08
2022-35	Liberty Hall room rent	\$1,250.00
2022-36	National Grange adjustment for 2022 dues	\$ 125.00
2022-37	Jamie Klenklen, flowers for Moody funeral	\$ 54.64
2022-38	Roger Bostwick, mileage	\$ 48.72
2022-39	Bob Schiff, mileage	\$ 70.00
2022-40	Domain name for website name	\$ 225.00
2022-41	Jamie Klenklen, mileage	\$ 46.48
2022-42	Lois Barber, mileage	\$ 40.32
2022-43	Jamie Durand, mileage	\$ 39.20
2022-44	KS Secretary of State – Annual Filing Fee	\$ 40.00
Note: also filed 1099.		Total \$1,977.44

Alice Ficken moved to pay our bills. Nathan Strawder seconded the motion. Motion carried. A balance sheet was shared. CD #619 in Bonner Springs is coming due. Another CD is due in May. It was suggested to cash the smaller CD.

Unfinished business

1. Roger Bostwick presented Flint Hills Pomona Grange #49 their charter. After lunch, a picture of the Schiff Family Legacy was taken.
2. We plan to clean out the Grange trailer on May 13 after the Board meeting in Ozawie. It was suggested to purchase black totes with yellow lids and wheels, at a later date. Mike Farmer fixed some of the stations. We will see what we need. Nathan Strawder suggested putting wheels or skids on the bottom of the stations.
3. It was discussed to increase mileage from 28 cents. Nathan Strawder will follow up on this as it will require a resolution.
4. Resolution 2021-3, update Officer Duties and Committees was passed on 10/24/2021. Nathan Strawder will follow up on this.
5. The 2024 State Grange Convention was discussed. Suggested dates are September 27 – 29. Alice Ficken moved the Executive Committee to gather information for the 2024 Session. Bob Schiff seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. New Sixth Degree manuals are needed but Roger Bostwick said they are not available at this time.
7. Jamie Klenklen reported the 2022 Grange Journal is done and ready to print. Lois Barber and Alice Ficken will bind the copies. Members are to let Jamie Klenklen know by May 1, if they want a printed copy.
8. It was discussed to open scholarships to others. Lois will find out if this is possible according to the rules.

New business:

1. April is Grange Month, membership Zoom meetings, Heirloom program, etc. is listed in the Patron's Chain (electronic version only) for more information.
2. Membership awards, like Golden Sheaf, Silver Star, were discussed. The State Secretary will be glad to order them.
3. National Grange Representatives were discussed. Alice Ficken moved to invite a National Representative(s) to our State Session and pay for their room and travel. Bob Schiff seconded the motion. Motion carried. Roger Bostwick suggested that we do this at our meeting immediately following the State Session.

Members sick or in distress – none.

Officer / Committee reports – Bayneville Grange is having a fundraiser on March 18. Roger Bostwick is working on a Blessing Box. Oklahoma's Degree Day is April 1. Alice Ficken is working on Gardner Grange's 150th Anniversary celebration on April 1. Lois Barber will sell chances on a quilt as a fundraiser for Gardner Grange and the winner will be drawn on April 1st.

Announcements

- A. Next meeting date and place May 13 at 9 a.m. at Ozawkie.
- B. July 29th at Free State after celebration.
- C. August 27th at Gardner Grange 1 p.m. with sandwiches.

Adjournment – Roger Bostwick moved to adjourn. Jamie Durand seconded the motion. Motion carried. At 11:20 A.M.

Fraternally submitted, Jamie Klenklen, Secretary

Kansas State Grange Board of Directors Minutes
Saturday, May 13, 2023, at the
United Methodist Church, 106 Goldenrod St, Ozawkie

The meeting was called to Order by Lois Barber, Chair, at 9:10 A.M.

Roll Call – attending were Roger Bostwick, Alice Ficken, Lois Barber, Nathan Strawder, Jamie Durand, and Jamie Klenklen. Absent was Bob Schiff.

President's Report by Roger Bostwick. The National Grange assessment is due. He had a Zoom meeting with past National Grange Convention Committee members and Assembly members on how to improve the Convention for the non-delegates. Melanie Bostwick had been in the hospital but is doing better now. No new updates on the sale of the National Grange building.

Approval of minutes from March 4, 2023, minutes were approved.

Report on Granges – Annual Reports due from Cadmus. Those not paid are New Century, Bayneville, and Cadmus.

Communications – A letter from Randee Farmer re: Degree Day at Cadmus. An invitation to Morning Grange's 150th Anniversary Celebration on June 17th.

Jamie Durand announced National Grange is offering Grange Hall insurance. Information was sent to Cadmus, Morning, Gardner, and Richland Grange.

Roger Bostwick announced that on March 10th, the *Kansas City Star* had an article by Betsy Huber on Alzheimer's Care. She was asked to serve on the Alzheimer's Research Committee.

Nathan Strawder received an email about Shipmates – 1 person per region will be selected to receive training, a year-round program, and a trip minus travel expenses to National Grange.

Treasurer's Report by Jamie Durand.

Vouchers: 2022-46	National Grange, assessment	\$ 265.00
2022-47	Nathan Strawder, mileage	\$ 47.04
2022-48	Lois Barber, mileage	\$ 30.24
2022-49	Jamie Klenklen, printing of the Journals	\$ 615.29
2022-50	National Grange, 1 st Qtr dues	\$ 756.00
2022-52	Roger Bostwick, website expense	\$ 192.00
2022-53	Jamie Klenklen, printing expense	\$ 348.70
2023-54	Marianne Harra, meals for 150 th	\$ 885.74
	Total	\$3,140.01

Alice Ficken moved to pay our bills. Roger Bostwick seconded the motion. Motion carried. Alice Ficken moved to combine CD #21 and CD #200 and keep \$20,000 to move to the general fund. Roger Bostwick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Unfinished business

We cleaned out the Grange trailer. Need to repair stations and purchase tubs as needed.

2022 Grange Journal has been copied. Lois Barber and Alice Ficken will bind the Journals.

Congratulations to Gardner Grange on their 150th Anniversary celebration. See the *Granger* newsletter for a report.

We had one Scholarship applicant. Jamie Klenklen moved to award Molly Newman the scholarship. Alice Ficken seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jamie Klenklen will send a letter to Molly Newman and the Topeka Community Foundation.

Nathan Strawder is working on resolutions with his committee, Mandy Bostwick and Lawrence McPherson. The committee will be the facilitators but will ask others to help write and review the resolutions. Nathan Strawder will ask State Officers to bring their list of duties.

Next meeting on August 27, we will discuss the 2024 State Grange Session. Jamie Durand suggested a new hotel in Ottawa. Several locations and options were discussed.

Lois Barber will continue to look for the Scholarship rules.

Roger Bostwick completed the form to National President Betsy Huber to request a National Representative. No response yet.

New business – none.

Members sick or in distress – Sheri Dingus, State Chaplain, has upcoming surgery. Alice Ficken reported on Ed Bruns. Lois Barber reported on Andy Barber and that he is doing fine now.

Officer / Committee reports.

Julie Durand reported on the upcoming 150th Anniversary celebration. The invitation was shared. We have reserved Liberty Hall, 644 Massachusetts Street and ordered food from Biemer's BBQ. If anyone has any cool things to display, please let us know. Alice will make 12 mason jars filled with sunflowers for centerpieces.

Roger Bostwick announced that Registration for National Grange is open online. The hotel is in one building and meetings will be held in another building about the size of a football field.

Nathan Strawder plans to attend the Rival as well as Roger, Melanie and Mandy Bostwick in Curtis, Michigan.

Announcements

Next meeting will be July 29th at Free State Brewery, 636 Massachusetts Street, following our 150th Anniversary Celebration at 644 Massachusetts, Street in Lawrence.

Another meeting is planned to be held on August 27th at Gardner Grange at 1 p.m. and sandwiches will be provided.

Upcoming dates:

- a. June 1 – RSVP due to Morning Grange for their 150th Anniversary.
- b. June 9, 10 & 11 – Great Plains Conference in Texas.
- c. June 17 – Morning Grange 150th Anniversary, 6 p.m. at Grange Hall.
- d. July 1 – deadline to RSVP for the 150th Anniversary of the KSG.
- e. July 1 – deadline to submit articles to the *Kansas Granger* newsletter.
- f. July 18 – 23 – Grange Revival, Curtis, Michigan.
- g. July 22 – Cadmus Grange 150th Anniversary.
- h. July 29 – 150th State Grange Anniversary celebration at Liberty Hall, 644 Massachusetts St, Lawrence. Doors open at 11:30, lunch at noon.
- i. September 29, 30 & October 1 – Kansas State Grange Convention, Gardner
- j. November 14 – 18 – National Grange 157th Convention, Niagara Falls Sheraton at the Falls, 300 Third St, Niagara Falls, New York.

Adjournment – Jamie Durand moved to adjourn. Alice Ficken seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

The Sesquicentennial /150th Celebration Committee will meet following the Executive Committee meeting.

Fraternally submitted, Jamie Klenklen, Secretary

Kansas State Grange Board of Directors Agenda

Saturday, July 29, 2023, at Free State Brewery, 636 Massachusetts St, Lawrence

Call to Order by Lois Barber, Chair, was at 2:47 P.M. following the Kansas State Grange 150th Celebration at Liberty Hall. It was a very nice celebration with about 60 people attending.

Roll Call was answered by Roger Bostwick, Alice Ficken, Lois Barber, Bob Schif, Jamie Durand, and Jamie Klenklen. Nathan Strawder was absent.

President's Report by Roger Bostwick. Buddy and Karen Overstreet will be our National Representatives. Alice Ficken moved to pay Overstreet's travel expenses as they are flying. Bob Schif seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Roger, Melanie, and Mandy Bostwick went to the Grange Rival in Curtis, Michigan. Alice Ficken attended Cadmus Grange's 150th Celebration.

The **minutes** from the May 13, 2023, meeting was approved as read and will add voucher amounts as they are reported in the Treasurer's report.

Report on Granges – New Century has not paid their dues, but we do have their report.

Communications – Gene Edelen sent us "Congratulations" from his family & Iowa State Grange. A donation request letter was received from the Wichita's Childrens Home. Roger Bostwick announced that registration for the National Grange Convention is now open online.

Treasurer's Report by Jamie Durand.

Vouchers:

2022-54 – Lois Barber, sign for 150 th	\$ 57.84
2022-55 – Roger Bostwick, mileage	\$ 14.56
2022-56 – Jamie Klenklen, mileage	\$ 15.68
2022-57 – Bob Schif, mileage	\$ 89.04
2022-58 – Alice Ficken, mileage	\$ 15.12
2022-59 – National Grange, 2 nd Qtr dues	\$ 756.00
2022-60 – Alice Ficken, for 150 th Cake & cupcakes	\$ 80.00
Total	\$1,028.24

Bob Schif moved to pay our vouchers. Alice Ficken seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Unfinished business

Resolutions Committee – Added Board of Directors has authority to change the amount. Mileage, Committees and Scholarship resolutions were discussed and will be presented at State Grange.

2024 KSG Convention location – Lois will check with Stacy on open dates in 2024. Bob said Emporia has nothing with facilities. Jamie Durand reported that Ottawa felt it was too small.

New business

Jamie K. has updated the State Grange Program. Roger Bostwick will approve it then it will be posted on the website.

Randee wants to do the Quilts of Valor on Saturday. It was discussed how many guests the recipients can bring with them. It was suggested to invite Mike Beam, Kansas Secretary of Agriculture, as he spoke at the 2021 National Grange Convention in Wichita.

It was discussed to change our next meeting to be at Cadmus after the Degree work on August 26. Jamie Durand moved to change our Board meeting to Cadmus on August 26. Alice Ficken seconded. Motion carried. Cadmus Grange will provide Pulled Pork for lunch and members are to bring sides, salads, and desserts to go with lunch. Randee Farmer will check to make sure this is ok with Cadmus Grange in case they have a dance that night.

Alice reported Gardner Grange has five new members.

Members sick or in distress – none.

Officer / Committee reports – none.

Announcements

D. Next meeting to be August 26th at Gardner Grange following Degree work.

E. Upcoming dates:

- k. August 20 – Contests deadlines
- l. August 26 – Degree Day at Cadmus Grange
- m. September 7 – 9 Grange Pups at Old Settlers, Olathe
- n. September 8 – Pre-Registration deadline
- o. September 29, 30 & October 1 – Kansas State Grange Convention, Gardner
- p. November 14 – 18 – National Grange 157th Convention, Niagara Falls
Sheraton at the Falls, 300 Third St, Niagara Falls, New York.

Meeting adjournment 3:33 p.m.

Fraternally submitted,

Jamie Klenklen, Secretary

Standing Committee Reports

Report of the Kansas State Grange Communications Team



We continue to work in supporting the members and Granges in Kansas by communicating happenings around the State and National updates. We would like to thank those of you who submit items for us to communicate with Grangers. We truly could not do this job without your input.

Granges are doing amazing things across the state. We are here to help you connect those good deeds with your community and attract potential new members to help us be an even more effective organization.

Social Media

We continue to run the Kansas State Grange public Facebook page. (<https://www.facebook.com/KansasStateGrange/>) We have over 500 followers, many of whom are not members. This offers us the opportunity to share and connect with others via this critical media form. Our goal for this platform is to share State and National updates and news quickly and efficiently. We have also followed many of our Subordinate Grange pages and try our best to share what you are posting as well! If you haven't already, please be sure to "like" us, and if we haven't "liked" or "followed" you, please let us know how to connect with you!

Shout out to these Kansas Granges that have a social media presence:

Bayneville Grange #1810

(<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068633389461>)

Cadmus Grange #350 (<https://www.facebook.com/CadmusGrange350>)

Gardner Grange #68 (<https://www.facebook.com/gardner.grange> "Lois GardnerGrange Barber")

Morning Grange #227 (<https://www.facebook.com/KSGrange227>)

Pleasant View Grange #1459 (<https://www.facebook.com/PleasantViewGrange>)

Flint Hills Pomona Grange #49 (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/805785057569914>)

State Officers and Directors are encouraged to share information with us to be posted to the public Facebook page. This might include statewide workdays, Degree days, 150th celebrations, contest/scholarship deadlines and winners, special state events, Junior/Youth meetings, etc.

Subordinate and Pomona Granges are encouraged to share events on their respective social media pages and/or member profiles and tag @Kansas State Grange in the post. This will notify us of your post and allow us to share your news.

If you need help setting up a Facebook page, ask us and we would be happy to help you!

Kansas Granger Newsletter

Thank you to those of you who diligently submit articles and updates for your Granges and Departments. This helps immensely in creating our quarterly newsletter. We encourage all Granges to submit updates and photos so Grangers can see what you've been up to.

This coming year, our goal is to provide a more detailed newsletter to better provide information to members. We hope to include quarterly reports of all departments and officers that have time-sensitive news including President, Lecturer, Secretary, Executive Committee, Chaplain, Community Service, Historical, Juniors, Youth/Young Adults, Membership, and Legislative. We understand there may not be news each quarter from these departments but an update, reminders, focus area, or facts to share about your department/office would help to keep Grangers informed. Upcoming dates for meetings, events, etc. would be helpful as well. Remember, the newsletter is only as good as the stories the membership provides.

Subordinate and Pomona Granges are encouraged to share a quarterly update regarding the business of your Grange. We'd love to hear about the projects and events you are planning. Please don't hesitate to share photos of your Grange in action as well! If your members are not receiving the Kansas Granger Newsletter, please send their e-mail address to kansasgranger@gmail.com. We would love a full, updated list of your members and their e-mail addresses if possible. This will help us to keep all Kansas Grangers notified and informed.

Deadlines for the Kansas Granger for 2024 are as follows: March 15, June 15th, August 30th (Pre-Convention), and December 15 (Post-Convention). Publishing dates for these newsletters will be within two weeks of the deadline. Please keep this in mind when sharing time-sensitive information in your articles. Accuracy is important, so please be accurate when sending in names, addresses, dates and locations of scheduled events, and other information.

It has been brought to our attention that the Kansas Granger Newsletter has been directed to some spam folders. If you haven't received our newsletters, check your spam folder. Once taken out of your spam folder, please "report as not spam" so it will be moved to your inbox. You can also add kansasgranger@pb02.ascendbywix.com or kansasgranger@pb02.wixemails.com to your contacts to make sure you don't miss any of our future emails.

Kansas State Grange Website

We do our best to keep the website current. The newsletter is uploaded and linked after publishing each quarter. When provided with updated programming, we upload or link those documents on our website as well.

To find the most up-to-date information and documents, click on the "Documents" tab at the top of our webpage. There are several links and documents posted here that contain information for departments, scholarships, contests, etc.

Department web pages are powerful communications and membership tools that are available at the click of a mouse. We appreciate those of you who send in your programs and updates to keep our webpage relevant.

We have dreamt up several goals for ourselves in the coming year. First, we would like to work towards uploading KSG Journal of Proceedings for at least the past five years. We also hope to post executive committee meeting minutes to the website so members can be informed all year round. Finally, we would like to re-design our webpage so that it is more user-friendly. This will be a large undertaking so bear with us as we go under construction.

If there are updates that need to be made to your Granges meeting location or time, or contact information, please let us know so we can keep our website up-to-date. Please be accurate when sending in names, addresses, dates and locations of scheduled events, and other information. To visit our webpage, go to <https://www.ks-grange.org/>.

Marketing Tools

We are happy to help any Granges, departments, or committees with writing press releases, setting up social media accounts, creating custom flyers/posters, or any other tools to help with your marketing and publicity. If you would like our help in creating these for you, please give us a minimum of two weeks' notice before the date you wish to begin sharing the information.

This is an area we both feel we do well in but, as with all things, it's a matter of time. By submitting your request promptly, we can take the time necessary to create and return useful tools for you to share. Please be accurate when sending in names, addresses, dates and locations of scheduled events, and other information.

In communication, as in agriculture, 'Every member should experiment to discover new methods ...or to ascertain what are the elements of success.' We are here to help you discover new methods of communication that will help you and your Grange be noticed. Just "drop us a line," we'll get back to you!

Faternally,
Mandy Bostwick & Molly Newman
Kansas State Grange Communications Team
kansasgranger@gmail.com

Upcoming deadlines for the *Kansas Granger* newsletter are March 15, June 15, August 30 (Pre-convention Issue) and December 15, 2024. Email articles and pictures to kansasgranger@gmail.com.

<p>Community Service Report</p> <p>By Randee Farmer</p>	
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As State Community Service Director, I am proud to announce that just over 3,000 hours of community service were reported by six Subordinate Granges this year. This is over 1,000 more hours than the year before. Great job, Grangers!

At the Annual Banquet at the 152nd KS State Grange Convention, the top four Granges were presented with a certificate from National Grange, along with a monetary award. The top report goes to the National convention in November for competition.

Photo below: *Lois Barber, Nathan Strawder, Marianne Harra, Julie Durand, Bailee Holmes, Ray Gene Troth, and Michael Farmer.*

Honorable Mention: Otter Creek Grange #1493, Coffey County



Honorable Mention: Morning Grange #227, Johnson County

4th place: Pleasant View Grange #1459, Jefferson County (\$25 check)

3rd place: Gardner Grange #68, Johnson County (\$50 check)

2nd place: Bayneville Grange #1810, Butler County (\$75 check)

1st place: Richland Grange #1995, Linn County (\$100 check)

This past year, continued support of the KS State Grange C.A.R.D.S. Program delivered over 1,000 food tray postcards to the Robert Dole Veterans Hospital in Wichita and sent decorated cards to deployed servicepersons all over the world for their use as greeting cards for family and friends. A big “THANK YOU!” goes to Bayneville Grange, Morning Grange, Otter Creek Grange, and Pleasant View Grange members for your help.



Just as Grangers make a difference in their communities, the Kansas State Grange was honored to recognize this year’s “You Make A Difference!” Volunteer Award to the many volunteers at the Joy Closet in Gardner. The nomination was submitted by Gardner Grange and the plaque was accepted on behalf of Joy Closet volunteers by Ginger Crist and Cathy Cochran.

Photo: *Cathy Cochran, Ginger Crist, Lois Barber, and Alice Ficken.*

Joy Closet was opened 10 years ago by the 1st Presbyterian Church as a clothing store but has grown into so much more. Currently, the store is open 5 days a week for 37 hours. There are over 80 volunteers who help pick up items, clean, sort, stock shelves and deliver items, at least once a week. There are 4 managers and 9 board members, all who volunteer.

Vouchers for free clothing, shoes and bedding are given out to churches and schools in the area. Free items are given to fire victims, foster homes, Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Surplus baby clothing is given to a mission project; fabric is made into stuffed toys and sent to refugee camps all over the world. Candles, clothing, and shoes are collected and delivered to homeless people.

For these reasons and so many more, this year’s “You Make a Difference!” Volunteer Award was presented to “the many volunteers of the Joy Closet.” Congratulations!

To quote Anne Frank, *“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”* Well done, good and faithful Grangers and friends.

Randee Farmer, Community Service Director
Kansas State Grange



Photo: *Community Service Display at State Grange*

Developmental Committee Report

Worthy President, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates and Guests of the 152nd Annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange:

We, the Developmental Committee, submit the following report.

We did not have any resolutions assigned to us.

We have discussed the future of the National Grange Headquarters location and have sent a resolution to National Grange. The building as of now has not sold but we will do whatever we can to support the National President with developing a beneficial solution for the National Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

Kevin Klenklen, Chair, Lance Harra, Michael Farmer, Bob Schif, and Molly Newman



Worthy President, National Representatives, Officers, Directors, Delegates, Members and Guests of the 152nd Annual Convention,

In this, our 150th year of the Grange in Kansas, we were glad to be able to celebrate our founding and 150 years of milestones, as well as 75 years of community service at Liberty Hall in Lawrence this past July. We had a good attendance, and we couldn't have done it without our planning committee: Lois Barber, Penny Buek, Julie Durand, Randee Farmer, Alice Ficken, Marianne Harra, and Jamie Klenklen. The Barber family posted a video of the celebration on YouTube... a big thanks to them for this.

The transcript of the program is going to serve as the historical portion of our report this year. We are glad it is being preserved in the Journal of Proceedings. The three main portions of the program were written by Julie Durand, Roger Bostwick and Randee Farmer.



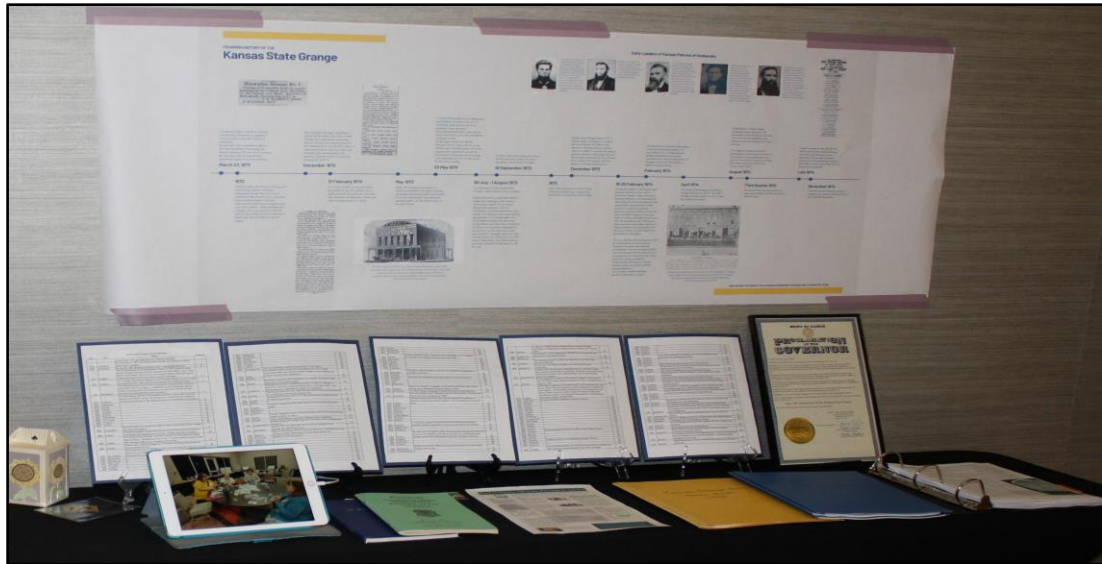
During the session this year we were glad to have Delvis and Jeanne Steffey join us and share information about the parade held in Lawrence for the Kansas Grange Centennial in 1973. They chaired the parade committee for the centennial. A slideshow of the various floats was shown and some shared memories, while others enjoyed hearing the stories they told. Other centennial events from 1973 included a historical pageant, written by Ruth Esther Shorthill, which some remembered being a part of (as children). A few transcripts of the pageant still exist, but we can't find a list of who played what part. A description of the Annual Banquet and Centennial Ball was read from the 1973 Journal.

Displays this year included a video slideshow of the 2022 photos, a slideshow of the 150th celebration photos, and the slideshows of the historical photos and Grange timeline shown at the 150th celebration (on a rotating schedule). Governor Laura Kelly's proclamation for our 150th anniversary was displayed. Jamie Klenklen completed a listing of every Grange session, with its location, and it was displayed, (see picture on next page).

Also, photos from 1973, and the Grange "founding timeline" were on display. Thanks to Lois Barber and Susan Kramer for providing a TV and iPad for our slideshows.

Fraternally,

Julie Durand, chair, and Jamie Klenklen, Historical Committee



Pictured above is the Historical Committee Display during State Grange.

Kansas State Grange 150th Anniversary Celebration Presentations July 29, 2023 – Given at Liberty Hall, Lawrence, Kansas

Transcript:

Welcome (presented by Julie Durand)

Good afternoon,

On July 29, 1873, in Liberty Hall in Lawrence, Kansas, the Lecturer of the National Grange, Thomas A. Thompson, of Minnesota, gave a public speech to those that had arrived for the organizational Kansas State Grange session. (Thomas Thompson being the uncle of John R. Thompson, one of our founders.)

In the speech, he spoke of the necessity of the Grange, it's "desire to bring producers and consumers nearer together," the great importance of education of farmers and a rumbling sound that would soon "resound in the halls of Congress."

The event was called to order by Lecturer John A. Cramer, who had been acting more like a deputy in those early days, traveling the state to organize Granges, and even starting a newspaper called the Spirit of Kansas in Lawrence. I suspect that it was Cramer who secured Liberty Hall for the meeting. But, before you think this was work, but without discord, know that less than one month before the organizing session, other Grangers were calling him a "fraternal fraud" in lengthy editorials. The meeting held on this soil 150 years ago today wasn't easy, but all Grangers knew it was necessary.

Liberty Hall as it existed in 1873 is not the same building we are in today. That building burned in 1911 and was rebuilt.

Family historians have a saying: You live as long as you are remembered. Today as we celebrate 150 years of the Kansas State Grange, we will also remember our State Grange founders, those at this place 150 years ago to be a part of the organizational session, as well as others gone before us. I'd like to think that they're smiling down on us today from the Great Grange Above. Welcome to our 150th celebration.

Blessing (presented and written by Jamie Klenklen)

Our most gracious and Heavenly Father,

Today we gather together with thanksgiving to celebrate 150 years of the Kansas State Grange. As we celebrate this milestone, we ask You to strengthen our ties that bind in our work and fellowship. Beginning tomorrow, may we continue work on the foundation before us for the next 150 years. We “thank” You for the many blessings bestowed upon us. We ask for a blessing upon this food. May it nourish our bodies, just as Your words nourish our soul. Together, we say “Amen.”

~ Lunch Served and more time to view the displays ~

~ Proclamation by Kansas Governor Laura Kelly read by National Grange Vice-President Christine Hamp (WA) and presented to Kansas Grange President Roger Bostwick. ~

Community Service History

(presented by Randee Farmer; written by Randee Farmer and Julie Durand)

Service to our community has been a part of the Grange’s purpose from its founding. In the early days, Granges would help their members and neighbors in times of illness or need, by putting in their crops or harvesting them, caring for livestock, taking meals to families and tending to sick family members, etc.

At the 1888 National Grange session in Topeka, Kansas, a Committee on Women’s Work was appointed and in 1889 their report speaks partly as to how the committee was organized and that each state also was to have a committee, partly dedicated to charity work. So, while the National Grange, and Kansas, didn’t create an official Community Service program until 1948 — 75 years ago this year — it’s clear that early on, Community Service was a part of the Grange’s programs.

The Grange Work Women’s Clubs in the early days were a big part of this type of service work. The ladies would work together to make bandages for hospitals, preserve food by canning for care homes and make quilts for needy persons. They would also do beautification projects for their Grange Hall and fill needs specific to their community — from making meals for a family to providing household items and clothing for families after a fire or storm. During the War years they worked on projects for the Red Cross.

Working together in this way fosters a sense of community and bolsters the mental well-being of those doing the work. Today, the National Grange partners with Rural Minds, a group that works to improve the mental well-being of rural Americans.

In 1916 the name “Women’s Work” was changed to Home Economics on the national level. Kansas added a Home Economics committee at this time — later merging the two just before the advent of the separate Community Service Department. However, the Home Economics committee, later Women’s Activities committee, and later Family Activities, and now the Lecturer’s department, still have service projects in conjunction with the Community Service Department.

Community Service Program 1948-present

With the new Community Service program, came a national competition. Some from Morning Grange may know this story, but it was not included in the centennial history book:

A practical application of community service was shown in 1955, when Morning Grange was once again in the top 10 in the nation out of 4,212 entries. The judges, a team from all over the

nation, were at Morning Grange in late October 1955 when the fire alarm was sounded. Several of the Grange members were also volunteers for the Spring Hill Fire Dept. and left the judging to see to the fire, which damaged the home of Grange members, the Pecks. Mrs. Peck was at the hall helping prepare the lunch for the crowd gathered for the judging. Mr. E. J. Peck had been out plowing, his farm duties taking precedence that day, and came home in the late morning to smoke pouring from the house. He's quoted as saying, "All I could think of was the Grange, so I jumped into my truck and went racing up to the hall for help."

Morning Grange was vying for a \$10,000 first prize (for comparison, a new car in 1955 cost about \$2500). They won second place in the nation, and \$5000. This is the highest placement any of our Kansas community Granges has won. Did the quick action to go put out the fire sway the judges? We'll never know. The projects Morning Grange were judged on that day included the completion of a roadside park on the then new U.S. Highway 50 just south of Olathe. Also the donation of 1000 canned quarts of fruits and vegetables to hospitals and a boys' home; quilts and layettes to be donated to needy groups; and a resuscitator purchased for the Spring Hill Fire Department, the money being raised by the Grange. In all, Mrs. Agnes Stewart had to explain 26 projects to the judges, the expenses related, the money raised, the number of workers, and the results of the project. A news reporter compared the judging to a senate hearing.

Morning's second place win was during the 16 years that Sears and Roebuck sponsored the contest and the prizes. Three Kansas Granges placed in the top ten in the nation in those years. Vinland Grange was a finalist in 1950 after members revitalized their Grange, through service work, when needs came up in their community. Their projects included a dairy heifer program in cooperation with the 4-H Club, rebuilding their town telephone system, organizing church services and having a wolf hunt. In 1953 and 1955 Morning Grange made the top ten, winning 2nd in 1955 as just outlined. Gardner Grange made the top ten in 1956, sponsoring Teen Town in Gardner; addressing 8000 letters for a polio campaign as well as sponsoring a polio march; and gathering pledges of \$3000 for a new fire truck for Gardner. Gardner in 2021 again placed sixth in the nation, and in 2022 placed fourth, having founded the Gardner Farmers Market and it continues to this day.

To get a broad view of the state program winners over the last 75 years, we tallied up the 1st and 2nd place winners since 1948. Four Grange names stood out. They are Morning Grange and Gardner Grange, both of Johnson County; Carbondale Grange of Osage County; and Ash Valley Grange of Pawnee County. I cannot begin to tell you the projects these, and all our Granges have completed since the program began. But, looking at it as a whole, it is overwhelming what our organization has done for Kansans. Carbondale Grange secured a medical clinic and staff for their town, Cadmus and Bayneville Granges have hosted dances, craft fairs and other activities for the community, Pleasant View raised the money for, and installed the street signs for the new town of Ozawkie when it was displaced by Perry Lake. Grangers have built buildings, started clothing and food pantries, created cookbooks to raise money for numerous causes, purchased and donated hundreds of dictionaries to elementary 3rd graders, presented numerous monetary scholarships to incoming college students, made Quilts of Valor quilts to present to Veterans, made thousands of greeting cards for servicepeople abroad and Veteran hospitals. Countless hours have been expended and countless projects have been developed, all in the name of helping others.

Pat West served as National Community Service Director from 1999 - 2001. ~Pat was present and recognized. ~

It's not just the adults that have made a difference. Our Junior Granges have done some amazing projects through the years, with the 1990s being a decade of excellence. Otter Creek Junior Grange placed in the top four, eight times nationally in the 1990's, including first place for community service in the nation in 1995 and 1999. They also won the "Our Earth Needs You" contest nationally in 1993 and 1997. Pleasant View Junior Grange placed 2nd nationally in community service in 1996. Under her state level leadership, Sheree Damashek was awarded National Junior Director of the Year in 1998.

As we celebrate 75 years this year of our Community Service program, and 150 years of service to Kansas, I'd like to thank all of you for your volunteerism. I close with a quote from Anne Frank, "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." Well done, good and faithful Grangers!

Cookbook Quiz. (presented by Jamie Klenklen)

Q. How many cookbooks has the State Grange published? (Not local Granges)

A. 6 (six)

Q. Can you name them and state why they were created?

1. 1939 - Cookbook to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Women's Work Committee
2. 1964 (1965) - Home Economics Committee fundraiser for the 1965 National Session
3. 1972 (1973) - To commemorate the 1973 Kansas State Grange Centennial
4. 1988-89 – Maybe to fundraise for the 1990 session? Pat West, Women's Activity chair. Committee: Mary Martin, Naoma Kincaide, Mary Huck, Beverly Gist, Jean Peterson, Patti Pearson, Pat Douglass. Titled "Country Cupboard" from Kansas State Grange
5. 1994 - Family Activities committee cookbook, Mary Huck and Jean Johnson, co-chairs
6. 1998 - A cookbook to support the Grange Center, Jeanne Steffey was chair, titled "Best of the Best from Kansas Kitchens."

Q. Which one was reprinted?

A. The 1965 Cookbook was reprinted in 1993.

Q. Does anyone here own all 5 cookbooks? Including the 1939 one?

Debra Douglass-Metzger owned them all.

Early History of the Kansas State Grange (presented and written by Julie Durand)

In 1872, after years of monopolistic behavior by railroads, extreme interest rates, high prices for farm equipment, and even small-town merchants having different prices for town customers and farmers, people decided it was time for a change. Commodity prices were low. Farms were failing. The economic pressure was too much. Farmers needed an organization that would stand for them. The Patrons of Husbandry — the Grange — which had been founded just five years before, was the answer for thousands in Kansas and across America.

After loosely organizing in December 1872, the Kansas State Grange set their first official session for July 1873, in Lawrence, Kansas, assuming there were 40 organized Granges at that time. There were nine when they set the date for the first session, and only four of the Granges had representation at that December 1872 meeting. They elected a skeleton slate of officers and went out to organize more Granges.

Like I mentioned earlier, the evening prior to the official opening, July 29, 1873, many had gathered here at Liberty Hall to hear the National Lecturer's address.

The next day, Wednesday, July 30, 1873, was the first official and organizational meeting of the Kansas State Grange. (I'll be using the traditional office names of Master and Overseer,

rather than President and Vice-President for this portion of the program since that's what they used at the time.)

National Grange Master D. W. Adams, of Iowa, and National Lecturer T. A. Thompson, of Minnesota were present during the proceedings. State Grange Master Frederick H. Dumbauld of Neosho County, presided over portions, as well as the National Master presiding over portions of the session.

President Dumbauld gave his address, outlining the events that led up to this organizational session.

Secretary George W. Spurgeon reported that there were 322 regular subordinate Granges and an additional 87 organized subordinate Granges, totaling 409. Bourbon Co. had the most with 43, followed by Crawford (34), Franklin (32), Douglas (31), and Leavenworth (31). Owing to the fact that his home had been destroyed by a tornado two months prior, and with it the records of the Grange, he was unable to report the total number of members. President Dumbauld's home and farm buildings were also destroyed in the same storm and each man had lost a family member, and others injured. What obstacles they overcame during the founding of our organization.

There was a disagreement over voting privileges, and with no bylaws to guide them, the discussion became heated, but in the end an agreement was reached. Resolutions were also presented and referred to committees on the first day of the session.

The second day, Thursday, July 31, 1873, was devoted to the work of committees and delegates. Several resolutions were passed, establishing the first policy statements of the organization. Topics included equitable railroad freight and passenger rates, taxation, horse racing, and support of the 27th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. All fourth-degree members could attend and observe the proceedings as policy was set. In the evening, several toured the State University, now known as the University of Kansas.

On the third and final day, Friday, August 1, 1873, the Kansas State Grange Constitution and Bylaws were adopted. Also, the election of officers was held. Those nominated were allowed two minutes each to speak, and after two ballots, the field was reduced to two candidates: F. H. Dumbauld (current Master) and T. V. G. Boling. Dr. Boling won the next ballot by one vote: 155 Boling - 154 Dumbauld - 2 write-in. Dumbauld was elected to the Executive Committee. I'm not going to read the full slate here, but the list is part of the displays today.

Those nominated and elected had something in common besides being in an agricultural occupation — many had served in the Kansas Legislature or were county commissioners. The first Pomona, Amanda Rippey, from Doniphan County, was prominent in temperance and suffrage activities and later turned down a nomination for governor.

While Frederick Dumbauld wasn't chosen to lead the organization, he ended up being vital on the Executive Committee, as he secured cooperative buying contracts for Grangers with implement dealers and insurance companies.

Dr. Titus Boling resigned as Master in December, noting that his medical practice, farm operation and the Grange were more than he could handle. He remained a Grange member and later was a state senator.

Overseer Montgomery Hudson became Master after Boling's resignation and served long enough to be a true leader for the Grange. He was the first to attend a National Session and worked hard to manage an organization that experienced balloon growth as cooperative stores opened and tested the scope of a non-partisan organization as these same farmers, as a voting

block, became powerful enough to elect members to the Kansas Legislature, as members of the Independent Reform, later called the Greenback and then the Populist Party.

The first session, held on this very spot 150 years ago today, was an example of what the Grange does — bringing people together to work towards a common cause. Let's keep that spirit of advocating for rural America as we go forward.

National Sessions Quiz. (presented by Lois Barber)

1. Name the years, and locations, that the National Grange Convention has been held in Kansas...

1. 1888 - Topeka
2. 1922 - Wichita
3. 1965 - Topeka
4. 1990 - Wichita
5. 2021 - Wichita

2. As a bonus... name the additional National sessions that Kansas served as a host...

1. 1945 - Kansas City, Mo. (Missouri and Kansas co-hosted)
2. 2011 - Tulsa, Oklahoma (Great Plains Region hosted)
3. 2016 - Lincoln, Nebraska (Great Plains Region hosted)

3. Name the first time the Sixth Degree was performed in Kansas in a subordinate Grange Hall...

A. November 6, 1945, at Berryton Grange Hall, near Topeka. The hall was overflowing with people wanting to take the Fifth and Sixth Degree prior to the National Convention in Kansas City, Mo. The Fifth Degree was performed by the Jefferson County Degree Team to a class of 89. The Sixth Degree was performed by the State Officers to a class of 212.

3a. How many times was the Sixth Degree held in 1965 prior to and including the National Session in Topeka?

A. The Sixth Degree was conferred eight times in 1965, in Finney County, Kingman County, Yates Center, Cadmus Grange (Linn County), Bonner Springs, Carbondale, Parsons and Topeka.

4. Who was the State President/Master when Kansas hosted the National Convention in 1990 in Wichita?

A. Paul Martin

Kansas State Grange Through the Years. (written and presented by Roger Bostwick)

Welcome to the Sesquicentennial celebration of the Kansas State Grange. For those guests in attendance, which might not be familiar with the Organization, the "Grange" is what we refer to as our community, county, and state chapters. It is the common name used by our fraternal organization," The Order of Patrons of Husbandry" which was founded Nationally in Washington D.C. 1867.

Five years later the movement had reached the plains and on December 4, 1872, nine Granges, (community chapters) met to elect temporary officers to work towards organizing enough Granges to become a State Grange.

Their goal was to have 40 by July of 1873...that goal was met 10-fold when 150 years ago, tomorrow, July 30, 1873, delegates from **400** Granges in Kansas met for the first official session

of the Kansas State Grange on this very spot in Liberty Hall. The building was dedicated just three years earlier as "Liberty Hall" as a nod to Abraham Lincoln's having once called Lawrence the "cradle of liberty." By December of 1873, just one year from the meeting of those nine Granges, Kansas had grown to nearly 1400 Granges throughout the state.

By Kansas now officially having a State Grange it allowed M.E. Hudson, Kansas State Grange Master, to attend the 7th National Grange convention in February of 1874 in St Louis as the first Kansas Delegate.

This was the first National Session held outside of the Washington D.C area. Master Hudson served on the committee that wrote the "Declaration of Purposes" a document which is still used today, and one of the first things presented to new Grange members.

As you can imagine, Liberty Hall has changed in the past 150 years. The previous building in which the first session of the Kansas State Grange was held, burned in 1911 and this building was erected in its place. The Grange too has changed in that time, but its original idea being non-partisan and non-sectarian and helping to educate and elevate the American farmer, has not. As early as 1876 cooperative stores were established throughout the state to give members economic assistance by buying commodities in bulk by train carloads. Cooperative stores continued as a part of the Grange until 1978 when the last one closed at Cadmus.

In the 1870's and 80's members organized a cooperative bank, an insurance company originally named The Patrons Fire and Tornado Association, later changed to the Patrons Insurance Company offered members affordable insurance for home and farm and in 1953 began offering automobile insurance to Grange members.

During this time the Grange began endorsing "The Kansas Farmer" newspaper which ran a column for Grange members for many years.

In 1888, just 15 years after the State Grange was organized, Kansas hosted its first National Grange Session in Topeka. Kansas has since hosted or co-hosted the National Session five more times. Wichita, 1922. Kansas City, MO 1945 which they co-hosted with Missouri. Topeka, 1965. Wichita, 1990 and again in Wichita in 2021 as part of the Great Plains Region.

By the 1890's Rural Free Delivery was a hot topic and the Grange lobbied heavily for legislation to create mail delivery to each home both in the cities and in the rural areas. The legislation passed in 1893 and by 1897 Kansas had its first RFD route. Continuing with the Grange's dedication to rural America and the farm families living there, the organization was a strong advocate for the passing of the Smith-Lever Act in 1914 which established cooperative extension services which later led to 4-H and home economic programs available through the Land Grant Universities.

Seeing a need for educational programs for children of members, the Juvenile, later called Junior Grange was formed, where children aged 5-14 could learn valuable skills in leadership, animal care, and home economics. In 1916 the first Junior Grange was formed in Sumner County. A State Grange Lecturer in Michigan began "Clover Clubs" which would evolve into the 4-H in the 1920's.

Responding to a need for more leadership training for members, the National Grange created the Youth Department in 1934 and Kansas Held its first Youth Camp in Sedan. Other camps were held in Elmdale, Dodge City and Labette and by 1967 the Junior Grange began to camp at Lone Star Lake. Three years later the Kansas State Grange had built a Headquarters and Camp in Meriden at Perry Lake on land donated in 1962 by Grangers Claude and Ina Brey. Eight years of fundraising culminated in a dedication of the Kansas State Grange Headquarters and Brey Youth Camp on May 31, 1970. The Headquarters and camp continued in use until 2004.

Senator Arthur Capper, a long time Grange member and co- sponsor of the Capper-Volstead Act of 1921-22 knew the plight of the farmers and used his position to legislate for the ideals that the Grange has long stood for. The Capper-Volstead act provided limited exemption for farmers who marketed their products on a cooperative basis. For his dedication to the American farmer, Capper was awarded the first Kansas State Grange Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award in 1951. Other notable Kansans receiving this award have been Senator Frank Carlson 1965, Governor John Carlin 1985, Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Sam Brownback 1988, WIBW Newscaster Kelly Lenz 1995, Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum 1996, Dr. David J. Mugler, Associate Dean, Kansas State University College of Agriculture 1997, WDAF Farm Newscasters Mark Oppold and Mike Railsback 2001 and 2002 respectively and Senator Pat Roberts 2008. Organizations receiving the award have been the Kansas State Board of Agriculture 1993, and the National Agricultural Hall of Fame in Bonner Springs, KS 2010.

Grangers love to cook and love to eat. Potluck dinners are a common occurrence at Grange meetings and Grangers have produced several cookbooks for fundraising for many projects.

1939 celebrating 50 years of Women's work in Kansas.

1965 "Favorite Recipes" was published before hosting National Grange in Topeka in 1965 and reprinted in 1993

1972 "The Grange Centennial Cookbook" to help funding for the Kansas Grange Centennial in 1973 which included a Centennial Pageant and Centennial Parade down Massachusetts Street in Lawrence. A video of the parade has been on display here today.

In 2021 Kansas State Grange held its 150th Session here in Lawrence. For those who are trying to do the math on 150th session two years ago and 150th anniversary today. There were a few years when they had two sessions, one was during the Flu pandemic in the 1920's and they had to meet again 3 weeks later. and another was when they decided to change the meeting date from early in the year to fall so instead of waiting almost two years, they had two.

As I said in the beginning, the Grange has changed over the past 150 years. With today's technology, we had our annual Conference via Zoom on both the State and National levels during the Covid pandemic and didn't have to wait to meet.

Thank you and enjoy the celebration.

Closing. (presented by Alice Ficken)

To close out our program, I'd like to recognize the committee that made today possible: Julie Durand, Jamie Klenklen, Lois Barber, Alice Ficken, Randee Farmer, Marianne Harra, and Penny Buek. Also, to Roger Bostwick, Christine Hamp, Sheri Dingus, Melanie Bostwick, Jamie Durand, Mike Farmer, Lance Harra, Susan Kramer, and Andy Barber for their help with presentations and preparations. Mike and Randee Farmer made the Grange ornaments at each of your place settings. Gardner Grange donated the stickers. We hope you learned something new and have a greater appreciation for the work done by and for Grangers. Feel free to stay and visit for a while and take in the displays.

I'd also like to invite you to attend our 152nd annual convention, to be held September 29th - October 1st in Gardner at the Hampton Inn Conference Center. We look forward to seeing you there. Thanks, and have a safe trip home.



**Kansas State Grange 150th Anniversary Celebration
Liberty Hall, Lawrence, Kansas
July 29, 2023**

Front row: Kimber Newman, Roger Bostwick, Jamie Durand, LaVerne Smith, Sheree Damashek, Kristee Strawder, Randee Farmer.

Second row: Molly Newman, Melanie Bostwick, Sheri Dingus, Buddy Dingus, Penny Buek, Debbie Douglass-Metsker, Cassandra Rogers, Pat Circle, Pat West, Marianne Harra, Susan and Bill Kramer, Jean Schif, Lawrence McPherson.

Third row: Lillee Holmes (baby), Bailee Holmes, Ashlee Schif, Ray Gene Troth, Ellen Durand, Julie Faust Francisco, Marcella Troth, Audrey Trowbridge, Julie Durand, Amy Kramer, Melissa Anderson, Jamie Klenklen, Becky Welsh, Kevin Klenklen.

Fourth row: Mike Farmer, Aaron Schif, Christine and Duane Hamp, Terry Damashek, Bob Schif, Jacob Schif, Alice Ficken, Lance Harra, Lois Barber, Audrey and Max Barber, Jim Barber.

Note: Christine and Duane Hamp are from Washington State Grange. Christine is the National Grange Vice President.

**Gardner Grange #68
Order of the Patrons of Husbandry
Gardner, Kansas
1873 - 2023**



You are Cordially Invited to an Open House
honoring 150 Years of Service to the
Gardner Community
Saturday, April 1, 2023
2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Words & Presentations at 2:30 p.m.



Gardner Grange Hall, on the fairgrounds,
136 E. Washington, Gardner KS



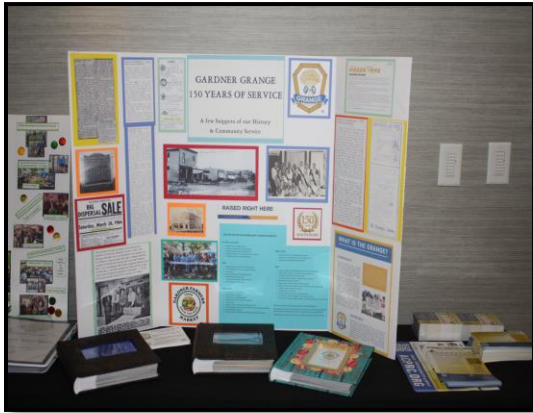
Refreshments will
be served. Door Prizes.

Questions or Comments contact
gardnergrange@gmail.com
or text 913-522-7452



Report on Gardner Grange 150th Celebration

April 1, 2023



The Gardner Grange charter was signed on March 31, 1873. Therefore, we celebrated our 150th anniversary with an Open House on April 1, 2023, at the Gardner Grange Hall on the Fairgrounds in Gardner, KS, from 2 – 4:30 p.m. Approximately 60 people were in attendance.

The south end of the Grange Hall was set up as a small-scale Grange Hall with all the regalia. Descriptions of Officers and their duties were at each station.

Cake, punch, nuts, mints, and lemon-lime water were served for refreshments. Lorna and Paige Ficken, Sheri Dingus, and Cass Rogers tended to the food table. Alice Ficken was in charge of decorations, and we had Royal blue tablecloths with lovely flower bouquets of blue, yellow, red and purple.

A quilt made with Kaffe Fassett fabrics was made by Lois Barber and donated for a raffle. Raffle tickets were sold, one ticket for \$5 and 5 tickets for \$20. The total raised for the quilt was \$500, to be added to the general fund for assistance to pay for our new concrete step on the west side of the building.

There were over 25 miscellaneous gifts for door prizes donated by Gardner Grange members, Joy Closet, and Gardner Historical Museum. They included: Wooden sunflower Welcome plaque, etched sunflower tiles (made & donated by Mike & Randee Farmer of Bayneville Grange), sunflower bouquet, wood food boards, Gardner plate, art set, candy, books, etc. All the winners were excited when their names were drawn, especially Ellen Durand who helped draw names. A door prize for Grange members only was an etched metal stainless tumbler, donated by Sheri Dingus, and it was won by Sandy Finnicum. We had many varieties of Hostess Products given to everyone attending. They were donated by the Hostess Warehouse in Edgerton, Kansas. Lois Barber arranged for both the door prizes and Hostess donation, and she hosted the welcome table.

A membership table was hosted by Linda Rothwell and Melissa Anderson. New Grange brochures were available to those interested and Linda sold several of her Gardner Grange History books. Two new members signed applications for membership: Rob Jochem and Shirley Allenbrand.

Gardner Farmer's Market was represented by Doug and Sandy Finnicum. Information was available for vendors and a photo book displayed memories of past market events. The Gardner VFW Post 1134 also had an information table, hosted by Mike Ficken and Mike Hutton. Poppies were available for a donation, along with gun raffle tickets and patriotic information. (They meet at our hall).

Many years of Community Service books, photo books, and other memorabilia were on display at several tables hosted by Buddy Dingus. A slideshow showed the story of the building of our Grange Hall which opened in 1973, 50 years ago. There was also a display board showcasing some of our biggest projects and our past Grange Halls.

A short program began with a few words by Alice Ficken, President of Gardner Grange. Kansas State Grange President Roger Bostwick (also the current High Priest of Demeter), spoke and presented a plaque certificate from the National Grange, for 150 years of Service. The original charter signed 150 years ago was displayed. It needs to be preserved in a new frame. Other speakers were Dr Todd Winters, the Mayor of Gardner, also a Gardner Grange member; Shirley Allenbrand, County Commissioner from our district; Laura McCarthy from Gardner Historical Museum; and Donna Valizan, from Docey Dandies Square Dance Club. Members Melissa Anderson and Lois Barber shared a few memories. All Gardner Grangers in attendance were introduced. Lois read some greetings from those unable to attend, including Chris Hamp of Oregon, National Grange Vice-President, and Mark Baldwin, Gardner City Council President. Lois said she had received a phone call from National President Betsy Huber of Pennsylvania giving her regrets that she was unable to attend.

Gardner Grange Members in attendance:

Glenn & Janet Bonar, Mike & Alice Ficken, Lois & Andy Barber, Linda Rothwell, Sheri & Buddy Dingus, Sandy & Doug Finnicum, Melissa Anderson, Cass Rogers, Todd Winters, Tory Roberts, Lorna & Paige Ficken, Max, Jim, & Alex Barber, Mike Hutton

Other Grange Members:

Pat West, Marcella & Ray Gene Troth, Diana Curry, from Richland Grange
Jamie Klenklen, Roger & Melanie Bostwick, Mandy Bostwick, Jamie, Julie, & Ellen Durand,
from Pleasant View Grange
Faust from New Century Grange
Lawrence McPherson and Marianne Harra from Morning Grange
Nathan Strawder from Otter Creek Grange
Janice Gatlin from Cadmus Grange

Others attending:

Laura McCarthy, Linda Loyd, Brad Rankin, Gardner Historical Museum
Shirley Allenbrand, Johnson County Commissioner, 6th District
Teri & Scott Atwell, Mt Pleasant Cemetery
Justin Staley, Gardner Masonic Lodge
Ann & Keith Johnson, Johnson's County Gazette
Donna Valizan, Rob Jochem, Docey Dandies Square Dance Club
Shirley Brown Van Arsdale, Bruce Funeral Home & Gardner Historical Museum
Eileen Grace Albright, Barb Coleman, Dave & Betty Bowman, Mary Ann Mann & Gaylen
Taylor

Invitation to Morning Grange 150th Celebration

June 1, 2023

Friends & Family of the Morning Grange
Are invited to celebrate the
150th Anniversary of the Morning Grange #227 and the
75th Anniversary of the Grange Pups at Old Settlers

Please join us for an evening of fun & fellowship on
Saturday, June 17th, 2023
6-8 p.m.


For a dinner catered by Two Guys & A Grill
(dinner served 6-7 pm) at the
Morning Grange Hall
23910 W 191st St, Spring Hill, KS 66083

RSVP is required by June 1st to Morninggrange227@gmail.com
Or contact Marianne Harra with questions.



After a delicious meal, State President Roger Bostwick (pictured on the right) congratulates Morning Grange #227 on their 150th Anniversary. A certificate from the National Grange was presented to Morning Grange President Lawrence McPherson, pictured on the left. Several attended the celebration.

Photo: *Lawrence McPherson and Roger Bostwick*

By:  Roger Sims, Journal Staff, **Linn County Journal**
July 20, 2023, Updated: July 26, 2023

Cadmus Grange to celebrate 150th anniversary



The Cadmus Grange Hall remains a landmark on Kansas Highway 7 three miles south of the Linn-Miami county line. (Google screen capture)

The Cadmus Grange will celebrate its 150th anniversary this Saturday, July 22, at the Grange Hall at the intersection of Kansas Highway 7 and 2200 Road, three miles south of the Linn-Miami County line.

The daylong event begins with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and ends with a dance to the sounds of Big Rick and the Soul'd Out Band.

Morning activities will include several guest speakers with George Pretz, a dairy farmer and Miami County Commissioner talking at 8 a.m.; Janice Gatlin, who will talk about the history of the Cadmus Grange at 9 a.m.; horse farrier Lloyd Tollet presenting at 9:30 a.m., former world champion bareback bronc rider Ron Williams at 10 a.m.; and Jake Jockel, a decorated saddle bronc rider at 11 a.m.

Beginning at 8 a.m., the Cadmus 4-H Club will hold a bake sale, then from 9 a.m. to noon 4-H club members will show some of their projects as a warm-up to the Linn County Fair that begins August 5.

A corn hole tournament with a \$10 entry fee runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Pulled-pork sandwiches will be served for lunch from noon to 4 p.m. along with baked beans, coleslaw, chips, and cake.

At noon the Cowboy Band takes the stage to perform until 1:30 p.m. They are followed by a performance by Rob Callahan from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Then at 6 p.m., Big Rick and his band take the stage to finish out the day. Organizers suggest free-will donations to help sponsor the event.

The annual Cadmus Grange picnic dates back to the first picnic on July 21, 1873, when members celebrated the signing of the local charter. It became an annual event for the Cadmus community, always on July 21 but eventually moving to the Saturday closest to that date every year.

The original Cadmus Grange Hall was on the upper floor of a store building that was built in 1901. That building burned in 1905 after being struck by lightning, and after meeting in a local church for several years, the current Grange building was completed in 1936.

The Grange was initially connected with a store that supplied area farmers and their families, and as such it became a hub of community activities. At one time the Cadmus Grange had a band, a drill team, and a choir. It was also the one of the first Granges in the state to have a juvenile Grange for young people.

In 1951, the Cadmus Grange was recognized by the Kansas Cooperative Association as the oldest cooperative in continuous operation in the United State. (continued on next page)

Janice Gatlin, one of the speakers at Saturday's event, is expected to share more information about the Grange organization in the state and in the nation.
<https://www.linncountyjournal.com/>



Junior Grange Report

Greetings Grangers!



The Junior Grangers in Kansas were busy this year in their schools, churches, Granges and other community groups and activities. We are very proud of these young people and continually look to them for inspiration and energy as they make a difference in their communities.

Some of the Grange activities included:

- Sewing Linus Blankets & Quilt Blocks
- Making Cards for Servicemen
- Preparing and Donating Birthday Cake Kits
- Creating and Maintaining Butterfly Garden at Sr. Citizen Center
- Drew Patriotic Placements for Irish Stew Dinner (proceeds to Veterans Memorial)

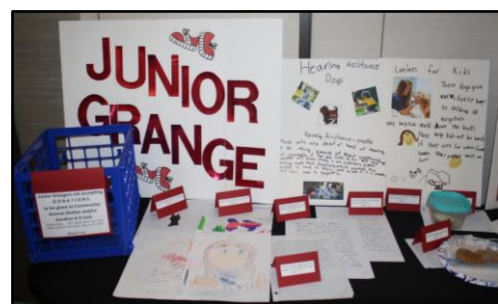
On Saturday of the annual convention, the Juniors displayed their craft items. This year's theme was Pets and Service Animals. Contests included:

- PAINT OR DAW PICTURE OF YOUR PET
- BAKE AND BRING A DOG TREAT
- WRITE A STORY, as if YOUR PET IS A SUPER HERO FOR A DAY
- CREATE A POST ABOUT AN ANIMAL WITH A SERVICE JOB.

We were very pleased to have an officer from the Gardner City Police Department come and visit in the afternoon, along with his K-9. The dog performed some basic tasks for us and the officer explained some of their duties. Kids also got a close-up view of the police car. This visit was enjoyed by all.

Fraternally, Jamee Funk, Director,
Kansas State Junior Grange

Junior Grange display during the State Grange Convention.



JUNIOR Grange



Juniors pictured above: *Kimber Newman, Ellen Durand, Landon Funk, Jace Funk, and Langston Farmer*

Youth and Young Adults Report



Worthy President, National Representatives,
State Officers, Delegates, and Guests of the
152nd Convention of the Kansas State Grange,



I'm proud to look around our hall and see so many young faces filling offices here at the state level. It shows the dedication young people still commit to the Grange while also being involved in other ways with their communities, careers, and families.

This year was a quieter year than previous years. We didn't have many Youth or Young Adults traveling, but I'm hoping we can get out more to represent Kansas in the coming year. The 2024 Great Plains Regional Conference will be held in Oklahoma so I'm hoping Kansas Youth and Young Adults can attend.

I would like to thank those of you who have participated in the Lecturer's wreath contest and silent auction. The proceeds from the auction benefit both the Lecturer program and the Youth/Young Adult program (50/50). It has been a fun change up to our typical gift basket silent auction to showcase all our members' crafty talents. We raised \$256 total for the two programs through our Silent Auction.

We are proud to be the future of this organization.

Fraternally submitted,
Molly Newman,
Kansas State Grange Youth and Young Adults Director

Convention Committee Reports

Agriculture Committee Report

Worthy President, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates and Guests of the 152nd Annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange,

We, the Convention Committee on Agriculture, submit the following report.
No resolutions were assigned to our committee.
We have reviewed the Agriculture Policy Statement and recommend no changes.
I'd like to thank my committee for their help.

Fraternally submitted,
Keaton Holmes, Chair, Colby Funk

Audit Committee

Worthy State President, National Grange Representatives, State Officers, and Delegates of the 152nd Convention of the Kansas State Grange:

We the Audit Committee submit the following report:

Having examined the financial accounts of the Kansas State Grange for the period of September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2023, the funds are under the control of Treasurer James Durand, and all accounts appear to be in order. All funds are accounted for (accounts are listed in the State's Treasurer's Annual Report).

We want to commend Jamie Durand for providing all information and the delivery of all necessary documents to complete this audit.

Having examined the financial accounts of the Kansas State Grange Youth Department for the period of September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2023, all accounts appear to be in order from the information received. The ending balance is \$1,898.95

Fraternally Submitted,

Sheri Dingus, Chair,

Janice Gatlin

Rodney Gatlin and Sheree Damashek

Citizenship and Public Affairs

Worthy President, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates, and Guests of the 152nd Annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange,

We, the Convention Committee on Citizenship and Public Affairs submit the following report:

No resolutions were assigned to our committee.

We have also reviewed the Citizenship and Public Affairs Policy Statements and suggest no other changes at this time.

Fraternally submitted,

Melanie Bostwick, Chair, Baylee Holmes, and Joyce Klawonn

Credentials

First Day

The 2023 Kansas State Grange Credentials Committee has checked the credentials of the Delegates present for the opening roll call on September 29th. We found 5 Pomona delegates, 21 Community delegates, and 2 Youth delegates, for a total of 28 delegates present for the opening day of the convention.

Pomona

Johnson Co. Pomona # 18

Linn Co. Pomona # 39

Flint Hills Pomona

Community

Bayneville # 1810

Cadmus # 350

Gardner # 68

Delegates:

Wilbur "Buddy" Dingus, Jr. Sheri Dingus

Janice Gatlin

Keaton Holmes

Baylee Holmes

Delegates:

Michael Farmer

Ashlee Schif

Bob Schif

Joyce Klawonn

Rodney Gatlin

Alice Ficken

Cassandra Rogers

Lois Barber

Sandy Finnicum

Indian Creek # 1431	none	
Morning # 227	Lance Harra	
Neosho Valley # 1883	none	
New Century # 2007	none	
Otter Creek # 1493	Nathan Strawder	Mandee Shaver
	Kristee Strawder	Sheree Damashek
Pleasant View # 1459	Molly Newman	Melanie Bostwick
	Kevin Klenklen	Penny Buek
Richland # 1995	Ray Gene Troth	Marcella Troth
	Diana Curry	

YOUTH

Youth & Young Adults	Delegates: Mandy Bostwick	Audrey Trowbridge
Fraternally submitted, Jamie Klenklen, James Durand, and Sheree Damashek		
Day 2		

The 2023 Kansas State Grange Credentials Committee has checked the credentials of the Delegates present for the opening roll call on September 30, 2023. We found 5 Pomona delegates, 24 Community delegates, and 2 Youth delegates, for a total of 31 delegates present for the second day of the convention.

Pomona

Johnson Co. Pomona # 18	Delegates: Wilbur "Buddy" Dingus, Jr.	Sheri Dingus
Linn Co. Pomona # 39	Janice Gatlin	
Flint Hills Pomona	Keaton Holmes	Baylee Holmes

Community

Bayneville # 1810	Delegates: Aaron Schif	Ashlee Schif
	Bob Schif	Michael Farmer
Cadmus # 350	Joyce Klawonn	Rodney Gatlin
Gardner # 68	Alice Ficken	Cassandra Rogers
	Lois Barber	Sandy Finnicum

Indian Creek # 1431	none	
Morning # 227	Lance Harra	Marianne Harra
Neosho Valley #1883	none	
New Century # 2007	none	
Otter Creek # 1493	Nathan Strawder	Mandee Shaver

	Kristee Strawder	Sheree Damashek
Pleasant View # 1459	Julie Durand	Melanie Bostwick
	Donna Bates	Penny Buek
Richland # 1995	Ray Gene Troth	Marcella Troth
	Diana Curry	

YOUTH

Youth & Young Adults	Delegates Mandy Bostwick	Audrey Trowbridge
Fraternally submitted, Jamie Klenklen, James Durand, and Sheree Damashek		

Education and Health

Worthy President, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates and Guests of the 152nd Annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange:

We, the Convention Committee on Education and Health, submit the following report.

The committee recommends that resolution Brey Scholarship 2023-1 not be adopted by the delegate body.

The committee reviewed the Education and Health Policy and recommends a change to language in Section III, Item 3 to read “The Kansas State Grange recommends that recipients of educational scholarships be required to maintain certain minimum grads as a prerequisite for further scholarships in aid.

Fraternally submitted, Audrey Trowbridge, Chair, Ashlee Schif, and Diana Curry

Energy, Conservation, and Natural Resources

Worthy President, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates and Guests of the 152nd annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange:

We, the Convention Committee on Energy, Conservation and Natural Resources submit the following report this committee was assigned two resolutions.

Resolution 2023-2 to change the resolved to read:

The Grange should support legislation that prohibits HOAs from limiting homeowners from using minimal or no irrigation.

Resolution 2023-3 the committee recommends removing the last sentence in the resolved to read The Grange should support legislation that HOAs, City’s, County, or State from stopping homeowners from voluntarily using native plants.

We recommend adopting this resolution as amended.

We reviewed the Energy, Conservation and Natural Resources Policy Statement and suggest no other changes at this time.

I would like to thank my committee.

Fraternally submitted,

Alice Ficken, Chair, Kristee Strawder, and Buddy Dingus

Finance/Budget

Worthy President, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates and Guests of the 152nd Annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange:

We, the Convention Committee on Finance submit the following report:

We have reviewed the Kansas State Grange Budget Worksheet for 2023/2024, submitted to us by the Executive Committee. We propose that the attached 2023/2024 Kansas State Grange Budget be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

Bob Schif, Chairperson, Marcella Troth, Pat West, and Debbie Douglass-Metsker

BUDGET	Actual - 2022/2023	Budget - 2022/2023	Proposed Budget - 2023/2024
Income			
Community Service Income	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Convention Income	\$ 18.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Donations	\$ 2,191.76	\$ -	\$ -
Dues Income	\$ 6,111.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Interest Earned	\$ 4,839.14	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Juniors Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lecturer Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Quilts of Valor Income	\$ 530.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 13,939.90	\$ 13,550.00	\$ 13,550.00
Expense			
Bank Expense	\$ 602.05	\$ -	\$ -
Board Expense	\$ 793.02	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Celebration (150th) Expense	\$ 2,273.58	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Chaplain Expense	\$ 240.24	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Community Service Expense	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Community Service - Quilts of Valor	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Convention Expense	\$ 8,015.13	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Developmental Committee Exp	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Dues Expense	\$ 3,319.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
Great Plains Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Juniors Expense	\$ 88.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Lecturer Expense	\$ 419.99	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Legislative Expense	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Membership Expense	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Mileage Expense	\$ 861.44	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
National Convention Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
National Convention Lodging	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Newsletter/Website Expense	\$ 537.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Other Expense	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Per Diem Expense	\$ 7,150.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
President Expense	\$ 1,320.80	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
Printing Expense	\$ 1,039.83	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Secretary Expense	\$ 42.15	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Trailer/Storage Expense	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Treasurer Expense	\$ 121.86	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Total Expense	\$ 27,074.09	\$ 29,100.00	\$ 26,450.00
Balance	\$ (13,134.19)	\$ (15,550.00)	\$ (12,900.00)

Grange Activities



Worthy President, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates and Guests of the 152nd Annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange:

We, the Convention Committee on Grange Activities submit the following report:

We will send cards to the following recipients at the conclusion of the annual convention:

- Delvis & Jeanne Steffey
- Clyde Williams
- Lois Stiles
- Sheri Dingus
- Ed and Patsy Bruns
- Becky Welsh
- Bob Stiles
- Pat West
- Mary Martin
- Dr. Todd Winters, Mayor of Gardner
- Jack And Margaret Smithers
- New Century Grange #2007
- Indian Creek Grange #1431
- Neosho Valley Grange #1883

Our committee would like to thank Randee Farmer for always keeping us stocked up on handmade cards to send.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Buddy and Karen Overstreet for coming to visit as National Representatives. We enjoyed your company and have a gift to send home with you.

Fraternally submitted,

Mandee Shaver, Chair, Mandy Bostwick, and Molly Newman

Grange Law and Good of the Order

Worthy President, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates and Guests of the 152nd Annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange,

We, the Convention Committee on Grange Law, and Good of the Order, submit the following report:

The committee recommends the following resolutions be adopted as submitted:

- 2023-4 Mileage Reimbursement (By-Laws)
- 2023-5 Committees (By-Laws)

The committee recommends the following resolution not be adopted:

- 2023-6 Legislative Policies

Resolution **2023-7, Membership Dues of Active-Duty Military** has been withdrawn by the Subordinate Grange.

The committee voted adversely to **Resolution 2022-1, Degree Work** and **Resolution 2022-6, Organization of State Granges** and recommends that these resolutions not be adopted by the Delegate Body.

We have reviewed Section II of the Kansas State Grange Internal Policies and recommend no changes.

I'd like to thank my committee for their help.

Fraternally submitted,

Nathan Strawder, Chair, Penny Buek, Marianne Harra, and Aaron Schif

Labor and Judiciary

Worthy President, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates and Guests of the 152nd Annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange:

We, the Convention Committee on Labor and Judiciary submit the following report:

There were no resolutions assigned to our committee.

We have reviewed the Labor and Judiciary Policy Statement and Policies and recommend no changes.

Fraternally submitted,

Lois Barber, Chair, Lance Harra, Cassandra Rogers, and Josiah King

Taxation and Transportation

Worthy President, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates and Guests of the 152nd Annual Convention of the Kansas State Grange:

We, the Convention Committee on Taxation and Transportation, submit the following report:

No resolutions were assigned to our committee this year.

We have reviewed the Taxation and Transportation Policy Statement and do not recommend any changes.

I'd like to thank my committee for their help.

Fraternally submitted,

Amanda Harra, Chair

Kevin Klenklen

Sandy Finnicum

Ray Gene Troth

Grange Degree Day
August 26, 2023
Cadmus Grange Hall

Minutes

Flint Hills Pomona Grange #49 hosted a Grange Degree Day, featuring the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th degrees, on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at Cadmus Grange Hall, La Cygne, KS.

Marching Delegates for the degrees were Kathy Holt, new member of Richland Grange and Audrey Trowbridge, member of Pleasant View Grange.

The first degree began at approx. 10:30 am with the second degree following.

A covered dish lunch, in lieu of the Harvest Feast, was enjoyed by all after the second degree. Cadmus Grange donated pulled pork sandwiches. The third, fourth and fifth degrees followed lunch. Degree work was complete by 3:30 pm (approx.).

The Harvest March was led by Julie and Jamie Durand, Pleasant View Grange. Participants included Tom and Christy Higgins, Richland Grange, Kimber Newman and Ellen Durand, Pleasant View Junior Grangers, as well as the marching candidates.

A Feast of Pomona table of snacks was enjoyed by all following the fifth degree and before leaving for home.

Attendance included 28 Subordinate Grange members and 2 Juniors from 6 Granges (Bayneville-4; Cadmus-4; Gardner-2; Otter Creek-5; Pleasant View-8, Richland-5).

List of officers and special thanks are attached.

Randee Farmer, Secretary
Flint Hills Pomona Grange #49
farmermd13@cox.net

Officers / Positions

Master Roger Bostwick, Pleasant View Grange
Overseer Michael Farmer, Bayneville Grange
Lecturer Mandy Bostwick, Pleasant View Grange
Steward Buddy Dingus, Gardner Grange
Assistant Steward Bob Schif, Bayneville Grange
Lady Assistant Steward Ashlee Schif, Bayneville Grange
Secretary Melanie Bostwick, Pleasant View Grange
Gatekeeper Kristee Strawder, Otter Creek Grange

Chaplain Aimee Damashek, Otter Creek Grange
Treasurer Jamie Durand, Pleasant View Grange & Patty West, Richland Grange
Ceres Penny Buek, Pleasant View Grange
Flora Julie Durand, Pleasant View Grange & Sheri Dingus, Gardner Grange
Pomona Molly Bostwick, Pleasant View Grange
Executive Committee Nathan Strawder, Otter Creek Grange
Executive Committee Terry Damashek, Otter Creek Grange
Executive Committee Randee Farmer, Bayneville Grange
Musician Sheree Damashek, Otter Creek Grange
Specter Jamie Durand, Pleasant View Grange

Special thanks to:

- Cadmus Grange for allowing use of their hall, for set-up, and pulled pork sandwiches for the meal
- To all those who volunteered to fill offices and be subs as needed
- To all those who brought props and equipment to support the degree work
- Terry Damashek and Nathan Strawder for Thunderstorm
- Julie & Jamie Durand for leading Harvest March
- Julie Durand for sharing helpful past degree day information
- Melanie Bostwick, Julie & Jamie Durand for leading the singing of degree songs
- Kristee Strawder for preparation of Pomona Feast snack table and distributing props to the appropriate places
- Randee Farmer for degree day coordination
- We missed those who helped with prep the weeks ahead and planned to attend but were unable:
Lois Barber, Alice Ficken, Aaron Schif, and Jamie Klenklen.

IN MEMORIUM

Grace Margaret Moody

JANUARY 29, 1915 – JANUARY 25, 2023



Grace Margaret Armstrong Moody passed away very early Wednesday morning, January 25, 2023. She was born January 29, 1915, to Charley and Pearl (Edgmand) Armstrong at home on the farm in Columbus, KS. Grace was the oldest daughter and second of 7 children. She graduated from Cherokee County Community High School in 1933 and began working at Farm Security Administration in Columbus, where she met her husband, Edward F. Moody.

They were married on January 31, 1942, and lived in Little Rock, AR, and Sharon, PA while Ed served in the Army. After the service, they lived in Phillipsburg, KS; Brookings, SD; Smithville, MO; and finally in Olathe, KS, where they owned and operated the Frigid Food Lockers until 1968. Grace then worked for the Sheriff's Office, until she retired in 1980.

Grace is preceded in death by her parents in 1967 and 1979; her husband, 1994; all 4 of her brothers, a sister, and 7 nephews.

Grace was known to be a wonderful cook, especially pies, cinnamon rolls, and fried chicken. She also was a voracious reader. She read constantly until her eyes would no longer let her, then her daughter, Alice, took over the duty and read to her. She was also a marvelous quilter and made many beautiful quilts and quilted with members of the First Presbyterian Church of Olathe and the Kansas Grange Quilters.

Grace is survived by her 3 daughters, Ann (Keith) Johnson, Olathe, KS; Charlene Prine, Springfield, MO; Alice (Mike) Ficken, Garner, KS; 7 grandchildren, Brandy (Brian) Hickman, Springfield, MO; Chris (Pam) Ficken, Wellsville, KS; Kiel Johnson, Shandon, CA; Jason (Jenn) Prine, Pierce City, MO; Brett Johnson, Lawrence, KS; Adrienne (Luke) Morgan, Olathe, KS; Curt (Cyndi) Ficken, Gardner, KS and 10 great-grandchildren, Ethan and Ashton Prine; Lorna and Paige Ficken; Abby and Piper Hickman; Emory, Montgomery, Kendry and Callon Morgan. She is also survived by one sister, June Mitts of KC, KS; 11 nieces and 1 nephew and a special friend, Alice Ruth Smotherman who faithfully volunteered at Good Samaritan to help her play Bingo once every week. Also, a special thanks to all those at Good Samaritan for the care given to our mother over the past 9 years.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Grace's memory to the Kansas State Grange at 10321 78th St., Ozawie, KS 66070, or Olathe Hospice at 15310 S. Marion St., Olathe, KS 66061.

A visitation for Grace will be held Monday, January 30, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM followed by a funeral service from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, at McGilley-Frye Funeral Home, 105 E. Loula Street, Olathe, KS 66061. A committal service will take place Monday, January 30, 2023, from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM at Mount Washington Cemetery, 614 Brookside, Independence, MO 64053.

McGilley & Frye Funeral Home & Cremation Service

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.McGilley-Frye.com for the Moody family.



James L. Raaf

February 05, 1938 - July 29, 2023

James (Jim) L. Raaf, 85, of rural Gridley, KS, passed away peacefully July 29, 2023, at home with Paula, his wife of 62 years, by his side.

Jim was born on the family farm SW of Gridley on February 5, 1938, to Fred and Bernice (Schif) Raaf. He attended Errett country school and graduated from Gridley Rural High School in 1956.

Jim married Paula Sue Byall on June 11, 1961, at The United Methodist Church in Gridley, where he remained an active member. This union was blessed with two children, Steve, and Kathy. The family enjoyed farm life together as well as vacations touring geological sites, hunting arrowheads, and camping. Jim was an expert at identifying arrowheads on freshly tilled fields and has an impressive collection of artifacts, many of which were spotted from the seat of his tractor.

Jim was an active member of the community, countless civic organizations and served on many boards. "Farmer's retirement" found him busy with grandkids' sporting events, 4-H projects, county fairs and family gatherings.

Jim devoted his life to his family and to the land entrusted to him by his parents. He spent his days caring for the cattle and crops with his family alongside. His legacy of hard work and stewardship continues in the hearts and hands of his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Richard. He is survived by his wife, Paula, and his family: son, Steve (Sheila) Raaf, Gridley; daughter, Kathy (Earl) Gaughan, Sedalia, CO; 5 grandchildren, Bailey (Brady) Hedstrom, Jamie (Lee) Heinen, Jeremy (Andrea) Raaf, Michael Gaughan and Jesse Gaughan; and 11 great grandchildren, Ava, Cora, Ezra, Judah, Luka, Micah, Sadie, Silas, Wyatt, Peyton, and Bennett. He is also survived by a brother, Fred (Carol) Raaf, sister-in-law, Rita Roberts and brother-in-law Von (Trish) Byall, and many close family friends including Julie McKenzie and Evan Lesser.

Memorial contributions can be made to Jim Raaf Memorial Scholarship for area youth pursuing a future in agriculture and may be sent in care of Jones Funeral Home.

Note: Jim Raaf was currently serving as President/Master of Neosho Valley Grange #1883.

Stanley Little

1936 – 2023

Stanley LeRoy Little, 87, of Rossville, Kansas passed away on March 10, 2023. He was born January 18, 1936, in Harrison County, Missouri to Darryl and Freda (Gibler) Little. He graduated from Bethany High School in 1953. In 1956, Stan moved to Silver Lake, Kansas and later married his wife of 67 years, Dixie Preston. Together they had three children.

Stan was a lifelong farmer. After being born on a farm, Stan continued farming in Jackson County, Kansas. A self-proclaimed diversified farmer, Stan grew many varieties of crops, and raised all kinds of livestock. While he retired from farming in 2000, he stayed very active in the agricultural community. Stan served on the boards of the Jackson County Livestock Association, Production Credit Association, and earned awards from the Jackson County Soil Conservation Association. His hobby was restoring tractors.

Although not a current member of the Grange, Stan was a founding member of Grove Harvest Grange #2004. He also served on the Kansas State Grange Executive Committee from 1993 – 1996.

After retirement, Stan continued to work various jobs around the farming community. Since 1954, Stan was a member of Silver Lake United Methodist Church, serving on multiple committees, singing in the choir, and delivering children's sermons.

Stan was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Dixie and three children, 7 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and two more great-grandchildren on the way.

Visitation was held on March 14 at the Silver Lake United Methodist Church, 204 Madore St, Silver Lake, Kansas. A funeral service followed with burial taking place at Walnut Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospitals (www.stjude.org/donate).

Norma Ann Henley



1942~2023

Norma Ann Henley died Tuesday, July 4, 2023, in her home in Lawrence.

She was born December 30, 1942, to Ina (Failor) and Charles Arnett and was raised on a farm near Waverly, Kansas. She graduated from Melvern High School and then attended Emporia State University and Ottawa University, graduating with a BS in Business. During the summers, she would work at Hallmark Cards in Emporia and Lawrence.

In 1964 she married John "Don" North and was married for four years until his death in 1968. At that time, she started her long-term employment with The University of Kansas. For over 50 years Norma helped many students with their admission process to the university; starting in the Department of Admissions and ending her tenure in the school of Medicinal Chemistry. She was well known at The University of Kansas and received several awards for her service at the university: Honorary Membership to the Kansas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, Appreciation Plaque from the KU Department of Athletics, and the Student Service Award from the KU Department of Athletics. She officially retired from the University of Kansas in April 2021.

In 1973 she married Jerome "Jerry" Henley. He survives of the home. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at home with a large card shower from family and friends. Norma and Jerry had one child together (Tamara Heishman), but she also helped raise two stepchildren (Debbie Husted and Joanie Pearson).

Norma was known for being involved in the community and keeping busy with many activities. She was a foods project leader for 4-H, Matron for the Pleasant View Junior Grange, helped prepare photos for the Kennedy Elementary yearbook and classroom volunteer for six years, volunteered at the Lawrence Visitor Center and Red Cross, was the Kansas State Grange Deaf Activities Director, Kansas State Grange Lecturer (2002-2004), a KU/Haskell Mentor, and several community service projects. Her hobbies included camping, crafting, square dancing, and babysitting her grand dog (Gus).

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Henley; sister, Carol Arnett of Lawrence, KS; brother, Francis Arnett (Linda) of Lenexa, KS; daughter, Tamara Heishman (Richard) of Lenexa, KS; stepdaughter, Debbie Husted (Kurt) of Lawrence, KS; stepdaughter, Joanie Pearson (Michael) of Eudora, KS. Norma had seven step-grandchildren and five step great grandchildren.

Norma was preceded in death by her mother Ina, father Charles and first husband John "Don".

The family received visitors on Monday, July 10, 2023, at Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home from 9:00 am-10:00 am. A funeral service was held at 10:00 am following the visitation. All are welcome to join the family graveside at 2:00 pm at Pleasant View Cemetery in Agricola, KS.

The family asks that memorial contributions to Visiting Nurses Hospice and American Cancer Association be considered, sent in care of the funeral home. Gifts of flowers can be sent to Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home.

Ronald Leslie Greene

July 4, 1943 — August 5, 2023

Ronald Leslie Greene, age 80 of Centerville, Kansas passed away, Saturday, August 5, 2023, at the Olathe Hospice House. He was born on July 4, 1943, the son of Ermile James and Martha May (Zhal) Greene at Fairfield, Maine. He graduated from high school and joined the United States Army, then attended college later in life with his son. Ronald married Adelaide Helen Hinkley on February 27, 1965, in Skowhegan, Maine, to this union two sons were born, Ronald Leslie Greene II and Timothy Greene and his wife, Gretchen. Helen preceded Ronald in death July 28, 2020. Ronald then married Barbara Hammond on March 5, 2021.

Ronald was an established craftsman in woodworking, working with chainmail and scroll saws; working the intricate details was a passion of his. He loved traveling, once driving a motorhome up into Alaska, motorcycling and owning 3 or 4 Harleys over the years, he also enjoyed collecting. He had a Christmas elf costume that he loved to wear, even wearing it into the police station on occasion. Ronald was an onery person who absolutely loved life.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Helen. Ronald is survived by his wife, Barbara, two sons, Leslie Greene and Timothy Greene, a sister, Sandra Stokes, a brother, Dennis Greene, one grandchild, Ronald Leslie Greene III and one great grandchild, Christian Greene.

There was a celebration of life at 11 am, Saturday, August 12, 2023, at the Mound City First Baptist Church.

IN MEMORY

of

all other Past Brothers and Sisters

of the

Kansas State Grange

KANSAS STATE GRANGE

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS (Revised March 2022)

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

The ultimate object of this organization is for mutual instruction and protection, to lighten labor by diffusing a knowledge of its aims and purpose, expand the mind by tracing the beautiful laws the Great Creator has established in the Universe, and to enlarge our views of creative wisdom and power.

To those who read aright, history proves that in all ages society is fragmentary, and successful results of general welfare can be secured only by general effort. Unity of action cannot be acquired without discipline, and discipline cannot be enforced without significant organization; hence we have a ceremony of initiation which binds us in mutual fraternity as with a band of iron; but although its influence is so powerful, its application is as gentle as that of the silken thread that binds a wreath of flowers.

ARTICLE I

The State Grange shall be known as the “Kansas State Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry” and in all its acts shall be subject to the Constitution and laws of the National Grange.

ARTICLE II - DIVISION OF ORDER

The Kansas State Grange is governed by the National Grange Digest of Laws of the Order. Within the state of Kansas, the Order of Patrons of Husbandry (hereinafter known as the Order) consists of the following divisions:

- (A) Junior Granges - (membership Granges) - having charge of the Junior Degree.
- (B) Community/Subordinate Granges – (membership Granges) having charge of the first Four Degrees.
- (C) Pomona Granges - (district membership Granges) having charge of the Fifth Degree.
- (D) State Grange - (state delegate bodies) having charge of the Sixth Degree.

ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION, REGULATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- SEC.1. Powers - The State Grange shall have the power to frame, repeal, or revise any constitutional provision, or code of laws, for its own government or the government of the Pomona, Community/Subordinate, and Junior Granges within the jurisdiction, which do not contravene the constitution, laws, rules and regulations of the National Grange or decisions of the National President/Master of the Court of Appeals.
- SEC.2. Rituals, Degrees, and Regalia – The Kansas Granges shall use the current Rituals, Degrees, and Regalia adopted by the National Grange in the National Grange Digest of Laws.
- SEC.3. Judiciary – Unless otherwise later directed by the National Grange, the Parliamentary Guide in the Digest, and Robert’s Rules of Order (revised), shall govern in the decisions of all parliamentary questions of procedure, in the Kansas State Grange, and in all Junior, Community/Subordinate, and Pomona Granges within its jurisdiction.

ARTICLE IV - CHARTERS

- SEC.1. Charters for all levels of Granges of the Order are issued by the National Grange. The State Grange must first approve the Charter, then send in the application to the National Grange.
- SEC.2. The State Grange ensures the members of each Grange at all times will faithfully comply with the Constitution of the Order, the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and Grange Laws and Usage of the various Granges of the divisions of the Order.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

Any person interested in agricultural pursuits or rural communities and having no interest in conflict with the Grange’s purpose, duly proposed and elected and complying with the Rules and Regulations of the Order, is entitled to membership and benefit of the degrees taken, or to Associate Membership. All candidates for membership and elected officers shall be required to agree at the time of election to membership or installation in office, that they will always faithfully comply with the Constitution, the By-Laws and Grange Laws, and the usage of the various degrees of the Order. Every application must be accompanied by the fee of membership provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI - REVENUES

The revenue of the State Grange shall be derived from the fees of membership, membership dues and income from Grange sponsored activities. Membership fees and dues are provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

The officers of the State Grange shall consist of, and rank as follows: President/Master, Vice President/Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Lady Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Gatekeeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora, and three elected members of the Board of Directors/Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII - RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL POLICY

Denominational religious or partisan political matters shall not be the subject of discussions in the work of the Order, and no religious or political tests for membership shall be applied.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

SEC.1. The State Grange Convention is an annual meeting of the State Grange delegate body, officers, and visitors. This meeting is held to perform the "Order of Business" as published in the Grange Manual. This includes reviewing/approving the budget, reviewing policies and proposed resolutions, election and installation of officers, and other business and recognition items as determined by the Board of Directors/Executive Committee. Details on the scheduling and location of the annual State Grange Convention and other State Grange meetings are provided in the By-Laws.

SEC.2. Any member in good standing in the Fourth and Fifth Degrees shall be entitled to receive the Sixth Degree at any meeting of the State Grange, at which the Degree is being conferred, upon payment of the –fees provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE X - ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDER

The fourth day of December, the birthday of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, shall be celebrated as the anniversary of the Order.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

SEC.1. This Constitution may be amended or revised by two-thirds vote of the Voting Members (delegates) present and voting at which a quorum is present at the annual State Grange Convention; provided, however, any proposed changes shall be first submitted in resolution form. Any such resolutions or amendments by committee or delegate action must be read into record and held over at least twelve (12) hours prior to vote. Any changes presented on the final day of the annual State Grange Convention shall be held over until the opening of the next annual State Grange Convention with a quorum present.

SEC.2. That this Constitution shall upon its adoption be in full force and effect and all former constitutional provisions are hereby repealed.

**KANSAS STATE GRANGE
PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY**

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
(Revised February 2023)**

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

- SEC.1. The National Grange Constitution and By-Laws are the supreme law of the Order and shall be determinative of the rights and duties of the Grange degrees and members. These State Grange By-Laws supplement the National Grange Constitution and By-Laws for the Granges in the state of Kansas.
- SEC.2. Junior, Community/Subordinate and Pomona Granges may make such By-Laws for their own government as they deem best, providing that such By-Laws shall not conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the State or National Grange.

ARTICLE II – CHARTERS

- SEC.1. Pomona, Community/Subordinate and Junior Granges organized within the jurisdiction of this State Grange must be organized by the President/Master of the State Grange or by some officer, or Area Representative (Deputy), authorized to do so by the State President/Master.
- SEC. 2. These Granges may be organized with not less than thirteen members of whom there shall not be less than four of either gender.
- SEC.3. The application for a Charter must be approved by the State President/Master before being submitted to the National Grange.
- SEC.4. It shall be the duty of the State President/Master or authorized Deputy to make every effort to reorganize Granges whose membership declines below thirteen (13) members.

ARTICLE III – CONSOLIDATION / SURRENDER OF CHARTER

- SEC.1. Whenever a Grange is reduced below the minimum number of members required by the Charter or it otherwise ceases to function, and it is not desired to reorganize by the State President/Master, its Charter must be surrendered through the State Secretary to the National Grange.
- SEC.2. A Community/Subordinate Grange owning property of value cannot legally surrender its Charter until its financial business has been closed and the property rights of its members secured.

SEC.3. Before a vote can be taken upon the question of surrender of the Charter or removal of place of meeting by a Community/Subordinate Grange, notice must be given at a previous regular meeting and a written notice mailed to each member of the Grange and lie over for action at the next regular meeting. Before a Community/Subordinate Grange can legally surrender its Charter, or before it can be dropped, the State President/Master must be notified, and sufficient time be given to restore it to a working condition, if possible, to do so.

SEC.4. The Charter of a Grange cannot be surrendered if there is the minimum number, required by the Constitution to form a Grange, desirous of retaining it.

SEC.5. When a Charter is surrendered, suspended, or revoked, all books, jewels, regalia, and seal of the Grange revert to the State Grange to be held in trust and returned upon restoration of the Charter.

ARTICLE IV – SUSPENSIONS AND REVOCATIONS

In case satisfactory evidence comes to the President/Master of the Kansas State Grange, that a Grange has been organized contrary to the laws and usages of the Order, or is working in violation of the same, or is in arrears for dues for two or more quarters, or its membership has fallen below the minimum number (thirteen), it shall be the duty of the State President/Master, to suspend the Charter of such offending Grange, if in his or her opinion the Good of the Order requires such action. If in his or her judgment the Good of the Order demands the revocation of the Charter, he or she shall report action, (of suspending the Charter) with an abstract of the testimony upon which it is based, to the President/Master of the National Grange, with reasons therefore.

ARTICLE V – STATE GRANGE MEMBERSHIP

The State Grange is a delegate body and shall be composed of two classes of members who are Fourth Degree members in good standing, namely:

SEC.1. Voting Members (Delegates) – comprised of:
Elected members representing the Community/Subordinate Granges,
Elected members representing the Pomona Granges, and
Elected members representing the Youth/Young Adult Department.

SEC. 2. Non-Voting Members (Honorary) – comprised of:
Current State Officers, and their spouses; and
Past State Presidents/Masters, and their spouses.

SEC. 3. Non-Voting Members (Honorary) and Associate Members may have a voice and serve on standing committees but shall have no vote in the meetings of the State Grange.

SEC. 4. Associate Membership – A person or business with an interest in the advancement of agriculture and improvement of rural life may become an Associate Member. Such

Associate Members shall pay dues as prescribed in the State Grange By-Laws. They shall also 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, hold office, or participate in National Grange sponsored contests that are designed for Grange members only.

SEC. 5. Affiliate Membership – 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. Affiliate Members should be clearly designated as such in reports to the Secretaries of State Granges and the National Grange, and further provided such Affiliate members shall not hold the office of Master in two Subordinate Granges at the same time. Subordinate Grange Affiliate Members are eligible to hold office in State Granges and participate in contests sponsored by the National Grange. Neither of these two benefits of the Order may be exercised by such Affiliate Members in more than one Subordinate Grange, State Grange at the same time. (rev. 2019 from National Grange Digest)

ARTICLE VI– REVENUES

SEC.1. Membership Fees - The following fees are to be paid to the State Grange by the Community/Subordinate and Pomona Granges at the time of the Annual Reports: the fees shall be paid to the State Secretary.

- (a) The fees for conferring the four degrees in any Community/Subordinate Grange within jurisdiction of the State Grange shall be three dollars (\$3.00).
- (b) The fee for conferring a member at a State Grange meeting to the Fifth Degree shall be one dollar (\$1.00) and to the Sixth Degree shall be five dollars (\$5.00).
- (c) The minimum regular annual dues for Associate Members shall be twenty-seven dollars (\$27.00) to be paid yearly in advance.
- (d) The initiation or reinstatement fee for a Community/Subordinate Grange shall be one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50).
- (e) The fee for a Junior Grange member graduating up to a Community/Subordinate Grange, one dollar (\$1.00).
- (f) The fee for membership in Pomona Grange shall be one dollar (\$1.00).
- (g) The fee for initiation of a new Junior Grange Charter shall be five dollars (\$5.00) and the minimum admission for a Junior Grange member shall be one dollar (\$1.00).

SEC.2. Membership Dues –

- (a) The minimum regular annual dues in every Community/Subordinate Grange shall be twenty-seven dollars (\$27.00) for each member to be paid yearly in advance, but each Community/Subordinate Grange may otherwise regulate its own dues.
- (b) The minimum regular annual dues in every Pomona Grange shall be twenty-five cents (\$.25) for each member to be paid yearly in advance. The minimum regular annual dues for a Junior Grange shall be fifteen cents (\$.15) for each member to be paid yearly in advance. Each Pomona and Junior Grange may otherwise regulate its own dues.

- (c) The dues shall start the first of the quarter following initiation in the First Degree of the Order, and likewise Community/Subordinate Granges shall pay dues to the State Grange starting the first of the quarter following the initiation in the first degree.
- (d) The payment of dues to the State Grange from newly organized Granges shall not begin until the first of the quarter succeeding such organization.
- (e) No dues shall be required of Golden Sheaf members who became Golden Sheaf members before January 1, 2001. Dues shall be collected by Community/Subordinate Granges from Grange members who become Golden Sheaf members on or after January 1, 2001.
- (f) Dues shall be paid to the State by January 31st of each calendar year.

SEC.3. Delinquencies –

- (a) Any member whose dues are unpaid for two (2) consecutive months shall be adjudged delinquent.
- (b) At the last regular meeting of the second month of each year the Secretary shall record and read the names of all members who are two (2) months delinquent and if the arrears of such members are unpaid in thirty (30) days, the Secretary shall report such delinquency and move that they be dropped from the roll, provided, however, no member shall be suspended for non-payment of dues without having thirty (30) day notice.
- (c) A member who, for non-payment of dues, has been suspended may be reinstated by a majority vote of the Community/Subordinate and Pomona Grange, upon the payment of the fees as per By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

SEC.1. Annual State Grange Convention - The Annual State Grange Convention shall be held on no earlier than the Friday immediately prior to the last two (2) full weekends in September and shall be no later than the Monday immediately following the second (2nd) full weekend in October as determined by the Board of Directors/Executive Committee.

Opportunity shall be given for presentation of invitations for the meeting place two years in advance of the current meeting at which the invitation is extended. Final decision is to be made and announced by the Board of Directors/Executive Committee. If no invitations are extended the Board of Directors /Executive Committee is authorized to select the meeting place.

SEC.2. Special Meetings - Special meetings of the State Grange may be called by the State President/Master at the request of four members of the Board of Directors/Executive Committee by giving notice thereof thirty days preceding such meeting, to each delegate in the State. Said notice shall state the purpose for which said meeting is called.

SEC.3. Representation –

- (a) Presidents/Masters of Community/Subordinate Granges, with their wives or husbands, shall by virtue of their office be voting delegate to the State Grange. If the President/Master is unable to attend or chooses not to exercise this privilege,

the Vice President/Overseer and Lecturer, with their spouses, shall be first and second alternate in that order, provided such Grange may elect any members as delegates whenever the President/Master, Vice President/Overseer, and Lecturer are unable to serve. In addition to these two delegates a Community/Subordinate Grange has the option to elect up to two (2) at-large delegates to the State Grange meeting. All delegates must be reported to the State President/Master and State Secretary by August 22 of each year.

- (b) Presidents/Masters of Pomona Granges, with their wives or husbands, shall by virtue of their office be voting delegates to the State Grange. If the President/Master is unable to attend, the Vice President/Overseer and Lecturer shall be first and second alternate in that order, provided such Grange may elect any members as delegates whenever the President/Master, Vice President/Overseer, and Lecturer are unable to serve. If reported to the State President/Master and State Secretary by August 22nd of each year.
- (c) Community/Subordinate Granges with fewer than 13 members will be allowed non-voting delegates, these delegates to be selected.
- (d) No person shall be seated as a voting member of the State Grange who has not been elected as a delegate or alternate by constitutional authority, except that in case the delegate and alternate are prevented by unavoidable circumstances from attending the State Grange meeting, that Grange shall have the power to designate in writing some Fourth-Degree member as alternate.
- (e) Affiliate members cannot be counted when determining representation at the Annual State Grange Convention.

SEC.4. Quorum - A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority of the delegates at the convention.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS

SEC.1. Duties of the Board of Directors/Executive Committee and Officers -

- (a) Board of Directors/Executive Committee - The Board of Directors/Executive Committee of the State Grange shall consist of the President/Master, Vice President/Overseer, Treasurer, Secretary, and three elected Board of Directors/Executive Committee members, one of whom shall be elected each year for a term of three years.

Immediately following the Annual State Grange Convention, the Board of Directors/ Executive Committee shall meet and reorganize, by electing a chairman, the officer so chosen shall serve for one year, or until his or her successor is elected.

The Board of Directors/Executive Committee shall hold meetings as often as they deem necessary at places designated by the Chairman or the State President/Master.

The duties of the Board of Directors/Executive Committee shall be to exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Order during the period between the Annual State Grange Convention; to prepare and submit to the Finance Committee of the Kansas State Grange at each annual State Grange Convention a budget showing estimated receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ahead; to provide for the general welfare of the Order in business matters; to act as trustees of any real estate owned; and to administer the finances of the Kansas State Grange in accordance with the mandates laid down by the delegate body in the report of the Finance Committee as adopted at the Annual State Grange Convention.

- (b) President/Master - It shall be the duty of the President/Master to open and preside at all meetings of the State Grange; to see that all officers and members of committees properly perform their respective duties; to see that the Constitution of the National Grange, the Constitution and By-Laws of the State Grange, and the usages of the Order are observed and obeyed; to sign all warrants upon the Treasurer; to appoint a Parliamentarian for each Board of Directors/Executive Committee meeting and Annual State Grange Convention; and to perform all duties pertaining to the office.
- (c) Vice President/Overseer - It shall be the duty of the Vice President/Overseer to assist the President/Master in preserving order and to preside over the Grange in the absence of the President/Master. In case of vacancy in the office of the President/Master, the Vice President/Overseer shall fill the same until the next Annual State Grange Convention.
- (d) Lecturer - It shall be the duty of the Lecturer to have charge of the literary and educational work of the State Grange; and to visit the Community/Subordinate and Pomona Granges as directed by the State President/Master and Board of Directors/Executive Committee.
- (e) Steward - The Steward shall have charge of the regalia, jewels, and other properties of the State Grange; and perform such other duties as are required in the Manual or by the State Grange.
- (f) Assistant Stewards - It shall be the duties of the Assistant Steward and Lady Assistant Steward to assist the Steward in the performance of such duties as is prescribed in the Manual or by the State Grange.
- (g) Chaplain - Memorial or floral tributes shall be sent for funerals or services for current and past State Officers and Directors and spouses of current or past State

Presidents/Masters in good standing. Tributes shall be ordered by the Chaplain or his/her designee.

- (h) Treasurer - It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds of the organization, giving receipt thereof; to keep an accurate account and to make payments of warrants signed by the President/Master and approved by the Board of Directors/Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall render a full account of the office at each Annual State Grange Convention; submit the books and papers to the Auditing Committee for inspection and audit.
- (i) Secretary - 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 Board of Directors/Executive Committee.

The Secretary shall furnish Pomona, Community/Subordinate, and Junior Granges with blanks upon which to make necessary reports.

The Secretary shall prepare for printing a complete Journal of Proceedings of the Annual State Grange Convention, to include a roster, updated Legislative Policy Manual and Constitution and By-Laws. The Journal shall be furnished to all officers and directors of the State Grange and all Presidents/Masters and Secretaries of the Pomona, Community/Subordinate and Junior Granges of the state. (rev. 2019)

The Secretary shall see that the dues payable to the State Grange are promptly paid, and in case the dues of a Community/Subordinate Grange remain delinquent for two (2) quarters, shall report the delinquent Community/Subordinate Grange to the State President/Master, along with any communications sent to the Community/Subordinate Grange concerning the delinquent dues of that Grange.

The Secretary shall complete all duties as desired by the State President/Master and/or the State Board of Directors/Executive Committee and as described within the National Grange Digest or any other duties that may arise that would concern the office of Secretary.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to maintain and correct the mailing list for the Kansas Granger, issuing with the quarterly report blanks a suitable form for listing by each Community/Subordinate Secretary, names to be added and names to be dropped. These additions and corrections will be tabulated and submitted to the publisher or other authorized person as soon as practical after the close of the quarter.

The Secretary will notify the State President/Master and State Chaplain as soon as a death of a current or past State Officer or Director or spouse of a current State Master/President.

Brey Scholarship

The Secretary will receive all Brey Scholarship applications and prepare them for the Board of Directors to review. April 15th is the annual deadline for the application. (2022)

- (j) Gatekeeper - It shall be the duty of the Gatekeeper to carefully guard the gate and allow none to enter unless satisfied that they are entitled to, unless ordered to admit them by the President/Master of the State Grange.
- (k) Other Officers - The duties of all other officers shall be such as are described in the Digest and Manuals and as may be ordered by the State Grange.

SEC.2. Elections -

- (a) The officers of the State Grange shall be elected biannually in even numbered years and shall serve until the close of the convention at which time the successors are elected and installed.
- (b) The officers shall be elected separately by written ballot; a majority of all votes being required to elect.
- (c) In the election of officers, the names of candidates may be presented by oral nomination and presentation to be made by regular delegate, and without any nomination speech.
- (d) An election process shall be given, in oral form, to the delegate body immediately prior to the start of the election each day an election is held. The election process may not change after the election process has started.
- (e) The election process shall not violate the Constitution or By-Laws of the Kansas State Grange and shall not violate the National Grange Digest of Laws
- (f) The election of officers of the Kansas State Grange shall be held in the following order: President/Master, Vice President/Overseer, Board of Directors/Executive Committee member, Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Lady Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Gatekeeper, Ceres, Pomona, and Flora.
- (g) A member nominated or elected in a State Grange election may decline their nomination or election to an office any time before the end of the election process.

SEC.3. Requirements - Each officer of the State Grange, at the expiration of their term of office or when legally required, shall deliver to their successor or other properly authorized person, all books, papers, money, implements, regalia, or other property of any description pertaining to their office.

SEC.4. Suspensions - Any officer of the State Grange, except the President/Master who is amenable to the National Grange, who may neglect or refuse to perform the duties of his or her office, may be suspended from office by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors/Executive Committee, after a fair and impartial trial by said Committee.

SEC.5. Vacancies - In case of vacancy, caused by death, removal, suspension or resignation of any officer of the State Grange, the Board of Directors/Executive Committee may fill such office by appointment until the next Annual State Grange Convention.

SEC.6. Pay and Salaries -

- (a) Compensation for President/Master, Treasurer, Secretary, Lecturer, and approved Standing Committee Chairmen of the Kansas State Grange shall be set by the Board of Directors/Executive Committee and be governed by them.
- (b) The Kansas State Grange shall pay per diem to each Officer, Department Chair/Co-Chair, and Delegate or their alternate to the Annual State Grange Convention. The per diem shall be paid according to the roll call attendance each day. Any absences from the roll call, due to Grange business, must be pre-approved by the Kansas State Grange President/Master.
- (c) The per diem is to be set in an amount that the Board of Directors/Executive Committee of the Kansas State Grange determines funds are available.
- (d) No (1) one person shall be paid more than (1) one per diem regardless if they are serving as both a Delegate and Officer or Department Chair/Co-Chair.
- (e) The Kansas State Grange does not pay mileage to Delegates to the State Grange Convention but leaves responsibility up to the Delegates and/or the Grange they represent.
- (f) No mileage reimbursement in excess of the current federal mileage reimbursement rate, as established by the IRS, shall be paid to any member or officer for driving their vehicle while in the interest of the Order. (2023)
- (g) Special Representatives for organization work may be appointed by the State President/Master and Board of Directors /Executive Committee, who shall fix their salaries and fee for such special work.

SEC.7. Bonds - The Treasurer and Secretary of the State Grange shall each give bond in such sum as the Board of Directors/Executive Committee may require. Said bonds shall be payable to the Board of Directors/Executive Committee and in case of forfeiture and collection the money shall be held in trust by said Committee until the proper officer is elected and installed.

SEC.8. Offenses -

- (a) If at any time it shall appear that a member by his or her general conduct shall be working against the best interest of the Order, charges may be preferred against the offending member by any member in good standing, said charges to be made in writing, as per National Digest, duly specifying the offense. The accused, on being notified, shall be allowed full opportunity to make his or her own defense.

- (b) Should a trial become necessary, same shall be conducted in accordance with National Grange Law as specified in the Digest of the Order, under Rules and Regulations for Trials.
- (c) When any Patron shall engage in the sale of narcotics for other than medical purposes, such persons shall, without notice, be dropped from the roll of membership.
- (d) In case a member shall be expelled, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of that Grange to notify the State Secretary, and the Secretaries of all adjoining Granges of such expulsion.

ARTICLE IX – DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

- SEC.1. No Community/Subordinate Grange shall encumber Grange Halls or real estate, except by vote of the Grange at regular meeting on resolution presented at a previous regular meeting: such resolution shall set a date upon which vote will be taken and said date shall be not less than two weeks nor more than three months, following the introduction of such resolution; all members shall be notified in writing the date such resolution is to be voted upon.
- SEC.2. Whenever a Grange has ceased to function as such and has failed to make disposition of its property, such property shall then become property of the State Grange, subject however to any valid claims against such property or liens thereon- the State Grange assuming no liability for such claims or liens. The State President/Master with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors/Executive Committee of the State Grange may dispose of such property except as provided in the By-Laws, and shall deposit the proceeds thereof in the State Grange Treasury, pending the reorganization of the Grange; interest accruing there-on becoming the property of the State Grange. In the event the Community/Subordinate Grange shall not have been reorganized within a period of seven years or such additional period of time as the State Grange may designate, all such property shall become the property of the State Grange, for use in accordance with the general purpose of the organization.

ARTICLE X – QUARTERLY REPORT

The Secretary of each Community/Subordinate, Pomona or Junior Grange shall report the first of each year to the Secretary of the Kansas State Grange, the number of persons initiated since the last report, also the number of persons who by death, suspension, removal, or otherwise have ceased to be members during the year, and at that shall pay the dues and fees to the State Secretary as outlined in the By-Laws, Article VIII- FEES and By-Laws, Article XIX – DUES. The said report to be approved by the President/Master of the Community/Subordinate, Pomona or Junior Grange prior to being sent.

ARTICLE XI - OFFICIAL NEWS PUBLICATION

- SEC. 1 The *Kansas Granger* shall be the official news publication of the Kansas State Grange.
- SEC.2. The President/Master of the Kansas State shall appoint an Editor of the *Kansas Granger*.

SEC.3. The business affairs of the *Kansas Granger* shall be under the supervision of the Board of Directors/Executive Committee, and they shall make annual reports to the Kansas State Grange.

SEC.4. The *Kansas Granger* shall be published quarterly – March, June, September, and December.

SEC.5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to forward to the editor of the *Kansas Granger* any corrections or additions to the mailing list as indicated by the quarterly reports.

ARTICLE XII – COMMITTEES

SEC.1 Convention Committees – Convention Committees are committees formed by delegates that meet during the annual State Grange Convention. A delegate may serve on multiple Convention Committees at the discretion of the State President/Master.

(a) Resolution Committee – The Resolution Committee is open to all delegates attending the annual Convention. The committee reviews current policy and resolutions and provides a report to the delegate body of their recommendations.

(i) At the opening of the annual Convention, the State President/Master shall appoint the committee chair and committee secretary to serve during the annual Convention.

(ii) At the discretion of the State President/Master, the State President/Master may appoint multiple Resolution Committees, with separate chairs and secretaries to serve during the annual Convention.

(b) Credentials Committee – The Credentials Committee examines the registration of each delegate and reports to the delegate body at the opening of each business day if a quorum is present.

(i) The State Secretary shall serve as chair of the Credentials Committee.

(ii) At the advice of the State Secretary, and at the discretion of State President/Master, the State President/Master may appoint additional delegates to serve on the Credentials Committee during the annual Convention.

(c) Auditing Committee – The Auditing Committee examines the books and records of all Officers and Standing Committees having financial accounts and reports their findings to the delegate body.

(i) At the opening of the annual Convention, the State President/Master shall appoint the committee chair, committee secretary, and not less than one additional committee member to serve during the annual Convention.

(d) Budget Committee- The Budget Committee examines the proposed budget provided by the Executive Committee and provides a report to the delegate body of their recommendations.

(i) At the opening of the annual Convention, the State President/Master shall appoint the committee chair, committee secretary, and not less than one additional committee member to serve during the annual Convention. (2023)

SEC. 2 Standing Committees – Standing Committees are committees that operate throughout the

fiscal year between annual Conventions to promote the Good of the Order. These committees shall report to the delegate body during the annual Convention. The State President/Master shall each year appoint a Director/Chair and members to the following Standing Committees:

1. Community Service Committee
2. Developmental Committee
3. Historical Committee
4. Junior Activities Committee
5. Legislation Committee
6. Membership Committee
7. Communications Committee
8. Youth/Young Adults Committee (2023)

SEC. 3 Special Committees – The State President/Master may appoint Special Committees for a particular purpose, which is considered discharged when the purpose is served. (2023)

SEC.4. Standing Committees - Standing Committees are committees that operate throughout the fiscal year between annual State Grange Conventions to promote the Good of the Order. These committees shall report to the State Grange during the annual State Grange Convention on their activities and issues. The State President/Master shall each year appoint a Director and members to the following Standing Committees:

1. Communications / Public Information
2. Community Service Committee
3. Developmental Committee
4. Historical Committee
5. Junior Director
6. Legislation
7. Membership
8. Youth and Young Adults Committee

SEC.5. The Legislative Committee shall consist of the State President/Master and four (4) Fourth Degree members that he or she shall appoint with the approval of the Board of Directors/Executive Committee. The Legislative Committee shall have the authority to represent the State Grange at the sessions of the State Legislature, on all legislation pertaining to the welfare of the Patrons of Husbandry and the people of Kansas, with the authority to call such assistance as the committee may deem necessary provided that the State Grange President/Master, as the chairman of the committee, shall direct the activities of the committee. They shall receive such compensation as the Board of Directors/Executive Committee may deem just.

SEC.6. Special Committees – The State President/Master may appoint Special Committees for a particular purpose, which is considered discharged when the purpose is served. These Special Committees shall report to the State Grange during the annual State Grange Convention of their activities and issues.

ARTICLE XIII– DEMIT CARD

SEC.1. Any member in good standing and clear on the books of the Grange is entitled to a demit card, upon written application. No card shall be valid without the signature of the Subordinate President/Master and Secretary and seal of the local Grange.

SEC.2. Members who have taken a demit may upon application, accompanied by proof of previous membership and payment of all dues since the demit was issued, be admitted before the end of the calendar year to membership in any Grange in whose jurisdiction they may reside by a majority vote of the Grange.

SEC.3. A Community/Subordinate Grange granting a demit to a member must upon request by the Community/Subordinate Grange receiving said member by demit, turn over to them all dues paid in advance for any or all quarters following the quarter in which the demit is granted.

ARTICLE XIV - ANNUAL AND FISCAL YEAR

SEC.1. The annual year of all Granges under the jurisdiction shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December.

SEC.2. The Fiscal Year shall begin on the first day of September and end on the last day of August.

ARTICLE XV – COMMUNITY/SUBORDINATE GRANGES

SEC.1. Organization – A Community/Subordinate Grange must be organized by thirteen (13) or more members, of which there shall not be less than four (4) of either gender.

SEC.2. Membership – Any person interested in agricultural pursuits or rural communities and having no interest in conflict with the Grange's purpose, of the age of fourteen years of age (thirteen years and six months) duly proposed and elected and complying with the Rules and Regulations of the Order, is entitled to membership and benefit of the degrees taken. All candidates for membership and elected officers shall be required to agree at the time of election to membership or installation in office that they will faithfully comply with the Constitution, the By-Laws and Grange Laws, and the usage of the various degrees of the Order. Every application must be accompanied by the fee of membership provided in the By-Laws.

SEC.3. Fees and Dues – The Community/Subordinate Grange member initiation fees and membership dues shall be applied as provided in the By-Laws.

SEC.4. Meetings - Community/Subordinate Granges shall meet at least once each month and may hold intermediate meetings; and only one meeting, regular or special, can be held within twenty-four hours.

SEC.5. Officers - The officers of the Pomona, Community/Subordinate and Junior Granges shall consist of and rank the same as in the State and National Granges.

Each Community/Subordinate Grange shall elect a Board of Directors/Executive Committee of three members in addition to the President/Master, Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President/Overseer. One Board member shall be elected each year for a term of

three years. The Board of Directors/Executive Committee shall be the trustees of Grange halls and other real property of the Grange.

SEC.6. Elections - The officers of the Community/Subordinate Granges shall be elected biannually by June 15 in even numbered election years and installed by September 1, the beginning of the program year. The President/Master elect will appoint committee chairmen immediately after election to serve for his or her term of office.

As soon as the election of officers is completed and committees appointed, the Secretary shall report to the State Secretary, no later than August 15, the name, addresses and phone numbers of the President/Master, Lecturer, Secretary, and Chairman of the following committees: Youth/Young Adult, Junior, Membership, Legislative, Publicity and the time and place of meetings.

SEC.7. Committees – Each Community/Subordinate Grange shall have Standing Committees that operate throughout the fiscal year to promote the Good of the Order. The Community/Subordinate President/Master shall each year appoint a Director and members to the following Standing Committees:

Community Service Committee and Membership Committee.

Special Committees may be appointed at the discretion of the Community/Subordinate President/Master.

SEC.8. Quarterly Report / Annual Word - The Secretary of each Community/Subordinate Grange shall report quarterly to the Secretary of the State Grange, immediately following the close of each quarter, the total number of members, and the names and addresses of the President/Master, Lecturer, and Secretary and pay the annual dues which shall entitle them to receive the annual word.

SEC.9. Dormant Grange - When any Grange shall fail to meet for six (6) months consecutively, it shall be considered dormant, forfeit its rights of jurisdiction, and its Charter shall be surrendered, with the consent of the State President/Master.

Such dormant Granges may be reorganized when less than thirteen (13) of the former members desire to do so, by admitting new members residing within their jurisdiction.

Members of dormant Granges who find it impossible to reorganize may apply for membership in the nearest working Grange before the end of the calendar year by paying all arrears in dues.

ARTICLE XVI – POMONA GRANGES

SEC.1. Organization - Pomona Granges may be organized in geographic areas (regions) having two or more Community/Subordinate Granges; and shall be limited to only one Pomona Grange for each region.

The Pomona Grange regions shall be established and maintained by the State Grange Board of Director/ Executive Committee. There must be at least two (2) Community/Subordinate Granges in the Pomona Grange region. If the number of Community/Subordinate Granges included in the Pomona Grange region falls below two (2), then the Pomona Grange region shall be readjusted.

A Community/Subordinate Grange may submit a formal written request to the State Grange Board of Director/ Executive Committee to establish a new or adjust an existing Pomona Grange region.

If a Community/Subordinate Grange is transferred to another Pomona Grange, the Community/Subordinate Grange, the members are not required to pay the usual fees that one would if joining a new Pomona Grange.

SEC.2. Membership - Any Fourth-Degree member in good standing on filing an application in due form, shall on being duly elected by a majority vote, be elected to the Degree of Pomona, and membership in the Pomona Grange.

Application for membership in the Fifth Degree may be received and the degrees conferred on the candidate at the same meeting.

SEC.3. Fees and Dues - The Pomona Grange member initiation fees and membership dues shall be applied as provided in the By-Laws.

SEC.4. Meetings - Pomona Granges shall meet each quarter and may hold intermediate meetings as may be deemed necessary for the Good of the Order.
Pomona Grange shall open work in the Fifth Degree and may later work in the Fourth Degree when Fourth Degree members in good standing may be admitted.

SEC.5. Officers - The officers of the Pomona shall consist of and rank the same as in the State and National Granges.

Each Pomona Grange shall have a Board of Directors/Executive Committee of three members in addition to the President/Master, Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President/Overseer. One Board member shall be elected each year for a term of three years. The Board of Directors/Executive Committee shall have supervision of the affairs of the Pomona Grange during its recess.

SEC.6. Elections - The officers of the Pomona Grange shall be the same as in the Community/Subordinate Grange and their rank and duties shall be such as provided for in the Ritual of the "Fifth Degree". They shall be chosen biennially, at the regular meeting held in the "Fifth Degree" in the third quarter of the year, and installed at the same meeting, or as soon as practical thereafter. The current list of officers as of August 22 shall be used as the basis for determining delegates to the State Grange Convention.

SEC.7. Committees – Each Pomona Grange shall have Standing Committees that operate throughout the fiscal year to promote the Good of the Order. The Pomona President/Master shall each year appoint a Director and members to the following Standing Committees:

Community Service Committee and Membership Committee.

Special Committees may be appointed at the discretion of the Pomona President/Master.

SEC.7. Annual Reports/Annual Word - The Secretary of each Pomona Grange shall report annually to the Secretary of the State Grange, immediately following the close of the December 31st quarter, the total number of members, and the names and addresses of the President/Master, Lecturer, and Secretary which shall entitle them to receive the annual word (revised March 2022).

SEC.8. Dormant Granges - When any Pomona Grange shall fail to meet for four quarters consecutively, it shall be considered dormant, forfeit its right of jurisdiction and the Charter shall be surrendered.

Such dormant Granges may be reorganized by the State President/Master or some other officer as may direct.

ARTICLE XVII – JUNIOR GRANGES

SEC.1. Organization - Junior Granges may be organized within the jurisdiction of this State Grange by the State President/Master, or some other officer authorized by him or her to do so.

Each Junior Grange shall be within the jurisdiction of a Community/Subordinate Grange whose duty it shall be to provide a suitable meeting place and such equipment as may be necessary.

A Junior Grange may be organized with not less than seven (7) members, of whom there shall be no less than two (2) of either gender.

A Junior Grange shall take the same name as the Community/Subordinate Grange to which it is attached but will be numbered in the order in which it is organized.

A Junior Grange may be organized by the State President/Master or by someone delegated by him or her to do so, by admitting those eligible to become members residing within the jurisdiction of such Grange.

SEC.2. Membership - Children of all persons eligible to membership to a Community/Subordinate Grange, over five years and under fourteen years are eligible to join a Junior Grange.

SEC.3. Fees and Dues - The Junior Grange Charter and Junior Grange members' initiation fees and dues shall be applied as provided in the Bylaws.

SEC.4. Meetings – Junior Granges shall meet each quarter and may hold intermediate meetings as may be deemed necessary for the Good of the Order.

SEC.5. Officers - The officers of a Junior Grange shall consist of and rank the same as in the Community/Subordinate Granges.

SEC.6. Elections – They shall be elected annually in September and installed in the same manner as in Community/Subordinate Granges. The Community/Subordinate Grange shall elect a Junior Leader to supervise the work of the Junior Grange.

SEC.7. Committees – The Junior Grange may appoint Special Committees at the discretion of the Junior Leader.

SEC.8. Annual Report / Annual Word - The Secretary of each Junior Grange shall provide an Annual Report with the approval of the Junior Leader. No Junior Grange shall be entitled to receive the Annual Word for the coming year whose dues to the State Grange are not paid in full to the thirty-first day of December, immediately preceding.

SEC.9. Dormant Granges - Junior Granges, which have failed to pay dues for six or more quarters, are considered dormant Granges.

ARTICLE XXX - AMENDMENTS

SEC.1. The By-Laws of the Kansas State Grange may be adopted, amended, or repealed in whole or in part by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present and voting at which a quorum is present in any State Grange meeting, provided, however, any proposed changes shall be submitted in resolution form. Any such resolutions or amendments by delegate or committee action must be read into record and held over at least twelve (12) hours prior to vote. Any changes presented on the final day of the State Grange meeting shall be held over until the opening of the next State Grange meeting with a quorum present.

SEC.2. That all By-Laws heretofore adopted and in conflict with these By-Laws are hereby repealed.

Legislative Policies of the Kansas State Grange



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Note: Numbers before policy statements refer to Kansas State Grange resolution numbers. This numbering system began in 1989. Starting in 2004, the year will appear on new or updated policies, with a resolution if applicable.

Agriculture Policy Statement

History shows Agriculture and Rural America as being synonymous. But now Rural America is in trouble. History indicates that as Agriculture goes, so goes to America; and as far as the economics are concerned, this remains the case. However, with the decreasing numbers of people living in rural areas and while this remaining group is aging, more and better services are needed, as important as economics are to this situation, it does not address the total problem.

The Kansas State Grange must continue to press for Agricultural Policies that will insure the survival of our family farms and rural communities. The Kansas State Grange must continue to press for Agricultural Policies that will insure the survival of the family farms and rural communities. The Kansas State Grange defines a family farm as a business or enterprise involved in the production of food, fiber, and related products or services that are owned and operated by the members of a family who make management and financial decisions and supply at least part of the labor. Society will benefit in the long term if government programs help maintain the family farm and help prevent the continued movement of land and production inputs from the hands of many into the hands of few. As it applies to the State of Kansas, it is imperative to retain the owner-operated family farms, which will enhance local tax revenues, employment, civic, and political organizations, retail businesses plus viable Churches and Agricultural organizations. (rev. 2019)

There is a desperate need for more off-farm employment opportunities in our rural communities. With a deteriorating quality of life in most areas, it is imperative to have an influx of monies, talents, and services. Just as important, is a need for adjustment in the attitude and thinking of Rural America.

The Kansas State Grange must continue to strongly support the approach of improving food safety and assuring consumers that our food is clean and wholesome by advocating for the full inspections of all commercial food products. Grangers do not live in a risk-free world. However, the agricultural sector must assume the responsibility of producing the most wholesome and safe food supply possible for human consumption if we are to continue to control our own destiny. The Kansas State Grange believes farmers can maintain the quality of food necessary to meet the increasing demand of higher standards.

I. General Agriculture Policies

1. The Kansas State Grange opposes land acquisitions by our government.
2. The Kansas State Grange favors secondary source of credit, whereby small banks can sell loans enabling farmers to secure a lower rate of interest, or a federal agency, like Farmers Home Administration guaranteeing loans by banks to farmers.
3. The Kansas State Grange supports land use valuations and classifications for tax purposes to eliminate the speculation on market values.
4. The Kansas State Grange supports land use programs to encourage orderly expansion of cities and preservation of agricultural land use around urban areas.
5. The Kansas State Grange supports open and free domestic and foreign markets, and monitoring of trading practices for manipulation.
6. The Kansas State Grange supports a balanced Federal Budget.
7. The Kansas State Grange asks for government tax incentives or payments to preserve the family farm.

8. The Kansas State Grange asks that exemptions from capital gains tax not be allowed to foreign owners of land.
9. (rev. 2011 {#207-1994}) The Kansas State Grange asks, that the Endangered Species Act be reviewed by Congress, with the following guidelines:
 - a. Focus on Keystone species (organisms critical to the stable functions of entire habitats and ecosystems), not minor or reduced species.
 - b. Rely on public lands for preservation.
 - c. Encourage voluntary protection by individuals and corporations.
 - d. Curtail taking of private lands for ESA.
 - e. Balance human costs with ecological benefits.
10. The Kansas State Grange asks that Congress work quickly in a bipartisan manner to provide emergency assistance to farmers, helping them to save their jobs and their farms.
11. The Kansas State Grange opposes the purchase of American land by foreign citizens or through "front" organizations or other means. The Grange also opposes controlling interest of American businesses by foreign citizens or corporations.
12. The Kansas State Grange favors the planting of trees and shrubs by State Highway Departments where their growth will benefit or achieve controlling wind, erosion, snow, and help the beautification of highways.
13. The Kansas State Grange supports Arbor Day activities.
14. The Kansas State Grange supports Fair Trade.
15. (rev. 2011) The Kansas State Grange asks, that our trade negotiators pressure for equal trade and investment freedom for United States investors in all foreign countries, the same as foreign investors enjoy in the United States.
16. The Kansas State Grange recommends that the Grange's involvement in Agri-Business, Rural America, and the Family and Community Service Work be highlighted. The Grange recognizes that most of the population is nonagricultural, and the Grange has become a multi-faceted organization.
17. The Kansas State Grange and the National Grange supports legislation to open trade with Cuba.
18. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation to ensure that no portion of a condemned federally inspected diseased carcass be used for human consumption.
19. (rev. 2012) The Kansas State Grange ask the legislature to rescind the law established not labeling gasoline sold at the pump as containing any amount of alcohol.
20. (#622-2006) The Kansas State Grange goes on record as being opposed to the use of prime agriculture land for rural residential growth; however, marginal ground may be utilized, providing other environmental standards and zoning regulations are followed.
21. (rev. 2013) The Kansas State Grange supports the National Bio-Ag Defense Facility located in Manhattan, Kansas.
22. (rev. 2017) The Kansas State Grange supports expanding the funding for the development of Broadband in rural areas of Kansas and the United States.

II. Crop Policies

1. The Kansas State Grange promotes Kansas by forming a regional grain marketing compact with neighboring states.
2. The Kansas State Grange supports the need to impose severe fines and loss of permits to shippers violating dirt and foreign matter content and other alterations of grains destined for overseas markets. Furthermore, the Grange supports the tightening of levels of foreign matters allowed.
3. The Kansas State Grange opposes the permitting of tobacco to be a viable economic commodity and proposes that all subsidies paid to the tobacco industry should be used to identify and develop new crops to be planted in place-of tobacco.
4. The Kansas State Grange supports the use of ethanol as an additive to gasoline, to extend the supplies of oil as a conservation measure.

III. Fertilizer and Chemical Policies

1. The Kansas State Grange asks that states be allowed to develop and regulate policies in use of chemicals and fertilizers.
2. The Kansas State Grange supports the development of Pesticide Management Areas (PMA).
3. The Kansas State Grange supports the tightening of restrictions on adding chemicals and fertilizers to irrigation waters (chemigation) to help protect the underground water supplies from pollution.
4. The Kansas State Grange asks that farmers be exempt from restricted driver's licenses for the purpose of transporting hazardous materials but are encouraged to complete a certification course detailing the proper care and handling of transporting hazardous materials.

IV. Animal Policies

The Kansas State Grange has long been an advocate of educational programs which demonstrate the advantages and humaneness of modern animal husbandry. The Grange is aware of groups and individuals with agendas to disrupt or destroy animal husbandry as we know it. The American farmer understands undue cruelty has no place in modern Animal Husbandry practices and must be avoided at every opportunity for the sake of efficiency and profitability.

1. The Kansas State Grange opposes any "animal rights" group in their endeavor to destroy or suppress livestock production and research.
2. The Kansas State Grange uses educational programs to meet the challenge of "animal rights" groups.
3. The Kansas State Grange opposes legislation aimed at placing restrictions on the use of animals in biomedical research.
4. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation that considers both the consumer's rights and the producer's rights when dealing with legislation restricting "animal factories."
5. The Kansas State Grange opposes legislation and/or regulations that hinder good animal husbandry practices.
6. The Kansas State Grange supports the punishment of all individuals and organizations that commit illegal actions against animal agricultural producers, animal agricultural and biomedical researchers, and facilities.

7. The Kansas State Grange supports a code of "best management practices" for the care of animals under human control.
8. The Kansas State Grange supports fines and punishment of individuals, companies and organizations for illegal and/or inhumane treatment of animals.
9. (2004) The Kansas State Grange approves resulting home rule and local control for Kansas counties.
10. (2004) The Kansas State Grange supports a contract grower's bill of rights for large, confined animal feeding facilities similar to the poultry industry.
11. (#04-2011) The Kansas State Grange is opposed to the development of manufactured meat products for human consumption.

V. Agricultural Education

1. The Kansas State Grange encourages programs that educate the public about production agriculture and to help counteract the effects and actions of "animal rights" group.
2. The Kansas State Grange encourages state, county, and private sources to seek out Extension Services, where funds from the Federal Government are being given.
3. The Kansas State Grange supports the Kansas Agricultural Rural Leadership (KARL) program and will recruit a class member from our organization.
4. The Kansas State Grange supports the Ag-in-the-Classroom Program and encourages each Subordinate Grange to promote this with financial support at the local schools.

VI. Committee of Kansas Farm Organizations

1. The Kansas State Grange will join with the Agriculture Alliance of Kansas to aid in the effectiveness of the Grange's legislative efforts.

Citizenship and Public Affairs Policy Statement

The Kansas State Grange is a family-oriented organization that is dedicated to the fostering and advancement of agriculture and community betterment and is uniquely suited for the role it has assumed in preserving our state and country and its values.

We enjoy a lifestyle that is envied by many. The Grange can and must continue its leadership role in finding answers to the problems that threaten to undermine our way of life.

The Kansas State Grange must work in conjunction with the National Grange to support and develop the rural leadership necessary to help resolve the rural communities' problems. Our rural communities have most of the same problems as our urban neighbors except they are magnified because they lack infrastructure like medical care and facilities, schools, businesses and business opportunities and transportation. With an aging population in our rural state, the Grange finds a need for more services toward our rural state; the Grange finds a need for more services toward our senior citizens, but a real problem with the fiscal reality of supporting a system, that is rapidly depleting our economic viability. Indeed, all social services need more money. With this concern is another involving mismanagement within the system and the inability of our Legislature to deal adequately with the problems facing our society.

I. Social Programs

1. The Kansas State Grange asks that recipients of food stamps and other programs be assisted with programs to help them with food selection, preparation, and storage.
2. The Kansas State Grange supports the WIC program
3. The Kansas State Grange asks that once an adoptive procedure has been completed, the judicial system must honor the adoptive contract, unless fraud or willful neglect is involved.
4. The Kansas State Grange asks that the proof of legal immigration status be required, investigated, and verified before welfare payments are begun; that a fingerprint based, tamper resistant, counterfeit proof Social Security Card be developed; that identification of illegal immigrants be furnished to law-enforcement agencies and court; and those illegal immigrants be deported.
5. The Kansas State Grange asks that the Federal Government exempt low-income Social Security recipients from any cuts in established benefits (\$1000.00 a month) to balance the budget.
6. The Kansas State Grange supports Social Security Reform Bills that will not allow privatization or elimination of the Government Social Security System.
7. (rev. 2007) The Kansas State Grange supports legislation to provide medical services to all military retirees.

II. Elections, Terms of Office, and Campaigns

1. (#42) The Kansas State Grange asks that a ninety-day limit be placed on advertising for primary elections.
2. (#286) The Kansas State Grange asks that all elected and appointed State and Federal Officials, including Judgeships, fall under a term limitation of twelve years per office.
3. (#86) The Kansas State Grange supports laws that will deny money being accepted by any office seekers from all foreign citizens or countries.
4. The Kansas State Grange asks that the English language be the only language used on official state and national election ballots.
5. The Kansas State Grange encourages all temporary residents (students, workers, and military) to vote in their hometowns in person or by absentee ballot.
6. The Kansas State Grange asks that each citizen register to vote, and then enjoy the privilege of voting.
7. The Kansas State Grange asks that all campaign funds not used by retiring Congressmen or those defeated in an election be turned over to their political party to help reduce their debt for future political campaigns.
8. (#375) The Kansas State Grange asks that campaign money used for a political office is limited to ten times the salary of the office being sought.

III. Government and Legislative Affairs

1. The Kansas State Grange asks that any pay raise voted by our State and National Legislatures shall take place and become effective after the next election.
2. The Kansas State Grange opposes legislation that allows the Federal Government to withhold funds from state and local governments to implement Federal Policy.

3. The Kansas State Grange is in favor of a Constitutional Amendment to make English the official language of the United States.
4. The Kansas State Grange supports that all Americans show respect to our symbol of unity, the flag, and furthermore that laws be made and enforced concerning the desecration of our National Flag.
5. The Kansas State Grange opposes the Federal Government purchasing indiscriminately any physical assets for the public domain.
6. The Kansas State Grange opposes the expansion of any government facility (more land) without a study being undertaken to see if other facilities could absorb the increases.
7. The Kansas State Grange supports and promotes the permanent display of the American flag and recital of the "Pledge of Allegiance" in all school classrooms. Furthermore, we encourage the display of our state flag and flags of foreign countries for special study classes on a temporary basis.
8. The Kansas State Grange asks that peer review and competitive bidding be strictly enforced in both houses of Congress on projects funded by the United States Government.
9. The Kansas State Grange asks that the records of the General Services Administration (GSA) be open to taxpayer watchdog organizations.
10. The Kansas State Grange asks that legislation be introduced in Congress to reverse the Supreme Court decision on prayer in schools.
11. The Kansas State Grange asks that the moratorium on annexing electric cooperatives service areas be retained when municipalities annex territory.
12. (rev. 2007) The Kansas State Grange supports preserving old and historic buildings.
13. The Kansas State Grange asks that no standards presently in general use in the United States be lowered or modified for the purpose of making trade easier with countries using less strict standards.
14. (rev. 2009) The Kansas State Grange supports legislation that would require Kansas County and State Road departments to determine and post roadways hazardous to bicyclists, and to educate and encourage bicyclists to use less hazardous roadway bicycling paths.
15. (#23-2010) The Kansas State Grange urges our federal government to pass a balanced budget amendment.
16. (2015-0101) The Kansas State Grange supports allowing military recruiters to bear arms inside recruiting centers.
17. (2019-1) The Kansas State Grange supports the State of Kansas excluding the authority to regulate or prohibit lemonade stands from the Kansas Food Code, allowing the legal opportunity for this form of entrepreneurial spirit and fundraising.
18. (2019-2) The Kansas State Grange supports the allowed limit level of arsenic in all bottled water, whether manufactured within the USA or imported from other countries, be revised by the FDA from 10 ppb (part per billion) to 3 ppb or lower to reduce the health risk to adults and children.

IV. Rights/Equality

1. (#101) The Kansas State Grange asks that racial and minority quotas not be applied to businesses of less than 100 employees.

2. The Kansas State Grange supports the right of an individual to participate in voluntary prayer in public schools.
3. The Kansas State Grange supports the rights of women to fair laws in the workplace.

Education Policy Statement

In a democratic republic such as the United States of America, education has been and continues to be vitally important.

The Kansas State Grange has always advocated education for all with adequate funding and equal access to educational institutions. It is the Grange's hope that all citizens would support the education institutions in our state and urge all persons to reach their full potential by utilizing education and training available to them.

In order to provide a quality education for each individual in this dynamic and progressive society, it is imperative that funding, facilities, equipment, libraries and teachers be made available for all, where and when needed, especially for the following:

Funds and space for vocational endeavors (Vocational/Technical)

Funds, space for volunteers for retraining or learning enhancement of dysfunctional citizens.

(Community Education)

Formal education of our youth should be a primary goal of each community to ensure a steady and reliable resource. The Grange does not advocate any phase of an education or any part of our society receiving preference over another except to achieve a standard of quality throughout education.

However, because of circumstances involving resources, location, or abilities of students, it should not be concluded that equal dollars are needed for each student's education. The Kansas State Grange encourages each governing board of an educational institution to be prudent with the taxpayer's dollars. The formal education of our citizens must also be considered. Television continues to be a major factor in our lives. Parents and guardians of all youth should be urged to monitor and be knowledgeable about what their children and youth watch on television. Many shows have educational values for the whole family, and the Grange encourages the viewing of these shows as a family when possible.

The Kansas State Grange will continue to support the public radio and television stations and their accessibility to all citizens at no direct cost.

The Kansas State Grange must strive toward meeting the educational challenges of a dynamic and progressive society. Rural education should provide rural students with the skills and knowledge necessary to effect change and improvement in their own local communities. The Kansas State Grange encourages each Subordinate Grange to become involved in their local schools. Close attention should be paid to curriculum development and teaching methods at all levels of grades.

The Kansas State Grange opposes school vouchers, as they will cause a financial hardship on public schools. The Kansas State Grange encourages excellence in broadcast programming and commends those efforts that produce programs that educate and improve society.

Together, the Grange can make a difference.

I. Equal Opportunity

1. The Kansas State Grange supports the Equal Educational Opportunity for Exceptional and Handicapped Persons Act and encourages the Federal Government to widely disseminate the requirements of this act.
2. The Kansas State Grange recognizes the need to provide the opportunity for those persons confined to prison to receive rehabilitative training that is equivalent to a high school education and/or trade school.
3. The Kansas State Grange recommends that all non-English speaking residents in the United States be given the opportunity to receive immediate instruction in the English language through programs such as English-As-A-Second Language (ESL).
4. The Kansas State Grange recommends that teachers understand the basic requirements for working with disabled children.

II. Vocational Education and Continuing Education

1. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation to extend and improve the Vocational Education Re-Authorization Act, which includes provisions for:
 - a. Full-time supervision in agricultural education at the State and National level.
 - b. Identifying and defining vocational agriculture as one of the major vocational program areas.
 - c. Identifying vocational student organizations as an integral and vital part of each state's plan for vocational education instruction areas.
 - d. Vocational programs that prepare students whose occupational objectives relate to entrepreneurship.
 - e. Construction, improvement and updating of vocational agricultural educational facilities in all settings.
 - f. The development and supervision of occupation experience programs for year-round instruction from professional agricultural educators where needed.
 - g. Supplemental and full-time instruction for adults in agricultural program areas is vital to the industry and should be provided by a separate title in the legislation.
 - h. Support the retention of a complete Vocational Agriculture Program in all public school districts.
2. The Kansas State Grange encourages all Subordinate Granges to become familiar with local Vo-Ag/FFA advisory boards and/or FFA Alumni affiliates.
3. The Kansas State Grange supports programs of continuing education and adult education. We encourage support of the development of educational programs within each state that will serve those persons who are beyond public-school age and who need further education.
4. The Kansas State Grange supports continuing education requirements, eight hours per year, for emergency response personnel in dealing with hazardous materials.

III. General

1. The Kansas State Grange continues to oppose a national system of tuition tax credits, or any tax deductions that are received by parents for private school tuition.

2. The Kansas State Grange recommends the continuation of the federal guaranteed student loan; grant and work study programs and asks for strict enforcement of the requirements for repayment of federally financed student loans with severe penalties for default.
3. The Kansas State Grange recommends that recipients of educational grants be required to maintain certain minimum grades as a prerequisite for further grants in aid.
4. The Kansas State Grange supports the public-school system. We believe that system should be strengthened and improved, and that public-school districts should provide:
 - a. A broad curriculum with emphasis on basic language, math, science and computer education.
 - b. An opportunity for students to choose either vocational or "college preparatory" training.
 - c. Functional buildings.
 - d. Frequent public reports and accountability of funds.
 - e. Physical education.
 - f. (rev. 2007) Health education curriculum, including but not limited to, basic first aid, sound nutrition, substance abuse education, AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections and counseling on the possibilities and problems of an unwanted pregnancy, and basic training in agriculture, both production and consumption.
5. The Kansas State Grange supports the teaching of foreign language in schools but recommends that all other subjects be taught in the English language to prevent foreign students from becoming a separated ethnic group.
6. The Kansas State Grange supports joint study of textbooks and curriculum by parent-teacher committees.
7. The Kansas State Grange supports including a "no strike" clause in every teacher's employment contract. All new teachers' employment contracts should be renewed and signed before the school year begins. Mandatory binding arbitration should be used when negotiations between teacher organizations and school boards reach an impasse.
8. The Kansas State Grange endorses the Job Corps Program which is the only residential training program that exists solely to serve hard-core unemployed and undereducated youth.
9. The Kansas State Grange opposes teaching atheistic secular humanism in public schools.
10. The Kansas State Grange supports the retention of Federal Government Impact Aid at the present level, and requests that the level of this aid be increased or decreased automatically as the cost-of-living changes to protect the quality of education for all students.
11. The Kansas State Grange commends the law enforcement agencies for their support of such educational programs as Drug Awareness Resistance Education (DARE) and urges Congress and the various states to appropriate additional funding to expand programs that help to educate the youth of our nation.
12. The Kansas State Grange recommends that Sign Language be offered to students in grades 1-12 in private and public schools to both deaf and hearing-impaired students, and that the Department of Education encourage states to allow sign language as a foreign language credit for high school education.
13. The Kansas State Grange asks for the removal of Federal funding of prep schools established to prepare academically deficient student athletes for entry into the military academies.
14. The Kansas State Grange supports public education on proper handling and disposal of household chemicals.

15. The Kansas State Grange supports education in our schools in fire and tornado safety.
16. The Kansas State Grange supports education in evacuation plans for the home in case of fire and a shelter plan for weather-related emergencies.
17. The Kansas State Grange supports education in CPR and First Aid Training for all people, so that basic level of care may be administered prior to the arrival of emergency responders.
18. The Kansas State Grange asks that everyone be educated in the use of smoke/gas detectors in the home and periodic testing to ensure they are in good working order.
19. (#462) The Kansas State Grange supports the teaching of both the theory of evolution and the story of creation.
20. (#469) The Kansas State Grange opposes the replacement of the Kansas Board of Education with a Secretary of Education,
21. (#511) The Kansas State Grange asks that Congress take another look at Welfare Reform and restructure the program to provide training to the poor that will allow them to enter the labor force.
22. (#529) The Kansas State Grange asks that the State Board of Education consist of an odd number of members.
23. (#554) The Kansas State Grange asks Congress to develop and fund a program to increase salaries and benefits for teachers.
24. (#555) The Kansas State Grange asks the Federal Government to fund those tax entities in the amount of tax income lost due to federal land holdings.
25. (#08-2007) The Kansas State Grange supports legislation to enforce a mandatory program that requires all toys sold in the United States to undergo inspection for lead-based paints to assure that they conform to standards that ensure their safety.

IV. Food/Nutrition

1. The Kansas State Grange endorses continuing the USDA's current Commodity Procurement and Distribution Program and encourages greater use of this program among eligible institutions. The Grange believes that all federal food distribution programs should use a greater amount and variety of surplus agricultural products to meet the needs of hungry and disadvantaged citizens as well as in school feeding programs.
2. The Kansas State Grange asks for adequate funding of the school lunch and breakfast programs. These programs should provide balanced diets and should meet a child's daily nutritional requirements. These programs should use "real" food products rather than food product alternatives. Non-nutritional food should be sold in school only after the end of the meal period. Contract meal products providers should be required to meet all the nutritional requirements in all meals they provide.
3. The Kansas State Grange believes the agricultural industry should be able to advertise their products if the advertisement is accurate and is based on facts. As such, the Grange believes that milk should be advertised as: "Whole Milk/96% fat free," "Low fat/98% fat free," and "1% milk/99% fat free."
4. The Kansas State Grange recommends that a ban be placed on the use of sulfites on fresh fruits and vegetables in restaurants, and further recommends that all manufacturers of food and drink who use sulfites should be required to specify on the product label a sulfite was used.

5. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation that would prohibit the hauling of garbage, refuse, and toxic material in cargo containers that may also be used to transport feed, food and food products.
6. The Kansas State Grange favors strict enforcement of the New Food Labeling Law by the FDA.
7. The Kansas State Grange asks for the U.S. Department of Agriculture to change their ruling, so that chicken cannot be labeled "fresh" that has been stored at a temperature lower than 26 degrees Fahrenheit.
8. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation to require the listing on the label of all ingredients including additives that are included in food products.
9. The Kansas State Grange continues to support efforts (such as the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1989) to establish a coordinated program to use federal and state expenditures to make a nutritional status for the people of the United States.
10. The Kansas State Grange asks for Congress to ban the use of inks that contain heavy metals on food packaging materials.
11. The Kansas State Grange supports the American Dietetic Association's current guidelines that recommend two to three servings of dairy products daily, and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommendation that breast milk is preferred food for children under one year and cow's milk is an important source of nutrients for children beyond that age.
12. (#214) The Kansas State Grange opposes the action of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) attempting to place food supplements, vitamins and herbal mixtures on a prescription basis.
13. The Kansas State Grange asks that all meat sold in stores carry a label on the package stating where the meat was produced and processed.
14. The Kansas State Grange recognizes the need for identifying specific types of vegetable oil used in processing, as to saturated or unsaturated fats. Grange members need to educate themselves of the merits of these facts.
15. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation requiring food labels to identify tropical oils used and to label them as "saturated fats."

Health Policy Statement

The Kansas State Grange is a family organization. The Grange believes health issues carry the highest of priorities and affect each citizen in the United States.

The cry across America has been for reform of our health care system.

The Kansas State Grange feels that the new health care plan must include affordability, availability and quality. Furthermore, the Grange does not favor dramatic tax increases or imposing a new government run bureaucracy to achieve these goals. Also, the Grange wants to avoid mandating all businesses to offer health care. This would cause small businesses that can't afford it now to either fire enough employees to make it affordable or they will go out of business. That is the unintended result that is needed to avoid health care reform.

The Kansas State Grange endorses food distribution programs and encourages programs to meet the needs of hungry and disadvantaged citizens. School lunch programs should provide at least one-third of a child's daily nutritional requirements.

The Kansas State Grange and National Grange have a program for the hearing impaired. The Kansas State Grange strongly supports these programs and continues to help pave the way to ensure and protect the rights of hearing impaired or disabled persons.

The world Grangers live in today, stressful, and fast-paced, contributes to drug and/or chemical dependency. The Grange supports programs to make America drug free starting in our local community.

For over 125 years, the Grange has represented family values. Whether the family is a traditional two-parent family or a single working parent, the Grange, as an organization must take it upon themselves to promote and nurture those values that made this country great.

I. Health

1. The Kansas State Grange opposes any amendment to the United States Constitution that denies an individual the freedom of choice for abortion, and the Grange opposes the government's financing of abortion except in cases of rape, incest, endangered health of the mother, or serious defects of the child. The Grange supports educational efforts that would emphasize the necessity for licensed hospitals and medical doctors when abortions are necessary. The Grange further supports that all abortion agencies provide counseling by qualified professional personnel to explore all possible options before an abortion is done.
2. The Kansas State Grange supports the following changes being made in the Medicare and Medicaid Programs:
 - a. equity of payment between inpatient and outpatient procedures according to Medicare's Diagnostic Related Groups (DRGs),
 - b. equity in reimbursements between rural and urban hospitals,
 - c. prohibiting hospitals or doctors from setting fees based on the method of payment,
 - d. faster processing of claims to permit faster reimbursement,
 - e. a division of assets procedure that would preserve the financial stability of a healthy spouse,
 - f. coverage for outpatient office laser surgery,
 - g. extended coverage to ensure sufficient time for full recovery,
 - h. increased coverage for home health care costs for the elderly,
 - i. a full investigation of the causes of rapid increase in Medicare/Medicaid costs,
 - j. a cap on the annual increase in Medicare deductions of no more than the general inflation rate,
 - k. Reimbursement for services of Midwives, Nurse Practitioners and Physicians Assistants.
3. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation that will provide uniform care and services to nursing home patients and will protect their rights. The Grange further believes that all rest and nursing homes should be inspected without prior notification.
4. The Kansas State Grange recognizes the value of medical research and public awareness campaigns into the following areas:
 - a. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS),
 - b. Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS),
 - c. Parkinson's Disease, through the transplantation of brain tissue from human fetuses.
 - d. The establishment of a National Commission on Neurofibromatosis to assess the nature and extent of research in order to develop an effective treatment and cure,

- e. Continued support of the use of animals in biomedical research.
- 5. We urge that the Federal Government maintain block grant/matching funds to states for Community Health Clinics.
- 6. The Kansas State Grange favors the passage of laws which allow parents and doctors to decide whether to keep severely physically and mentally handicapped children alive by life support systems without interference by the Government.
- 7. The Kansas State Grange recommends that available grants for the treatment of the mentally ill be publicized so that more mental health institutions may be reopened to aid in the evaluation and treatment of the mentally ill.
- 8. The Kansas State Grange is opposed to mandatory population controls but does recognize the need for readily available family planning and population control information for those who need or desire it.
- 9. The Kansas State Grange encourages a clinic form of primary emergency care for rural communities that are too small to support a full-service hospital.
- 10. The Kansas State Grange recommends that the qualifications for day care inspectors be upgraded to meet or surpass those of a day care provider.
- 11. (#457) The Kansas State Grange asks that the National Grange support legislation requiring education professionals to be certified in Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) and that State Boards of Education require school districts to cover education professionals in life-threatening emergencies under their liability policies.
- 12. (#05-2010) The Kansas State Grange encourages all members to consent to be organ and tissue donors when renewing their driver's license.

II. Health Care

- 1. The Kansas State Grange supports reform of our health care system that incorporates the following:
 - a. Access to health care for every American regardless of age, race, income, health, condition, or location.
 - b. Uniform benefits and eligibility requirements. Uniform claim forms should be used to reduce administrative costs.
 - c. The development and implementation of an all-inclusive insurance system should be accomplished by representatives from all aspects of health care, including consumer advocate groups.
 - d. Provide for availability of affordable health care insurance. Government assistance shall be provided to all individuals who cannot afford basic medical services.
 - e. (#244) The Grange takes action to support a health program for America that will consider cost and management. Each individual Granger should keep themselves informed and knowledgeable so they may use their influence in finalizing a Health Care Program.
 - f. (#216) The choice of medical provider and medical facility be retained for patients under the Federal Health Care Program. That long-term care, prescriptions, and doctor-recommended medication be included in the Federal Health Care Program.

- g. Should seek as much funding from the private sector as is possible, with government involvement restricted to revising current laws and regulations to allow for the implementation of the system.
 - h. All participants shall contribute based upon their ability to pay. The system should provide adequate financing to continue quality health care services without cost shifting from one segment to another.
 - i. Tax incentives for businesses that provide coverage for their employees, self- employed, and individuals who acquire their own private insurance. It should not include legislation which would mandate that employers must provide health insurance to their employees.
 - j. Programs of education in wellness and disease prevention not only for health service consumers but also for health service providers also.
 - k. Payment to health care providers should adhere to a schedule of fees for services provided that is uniform across the United States and is only adjusted for the cost of living in geographic regions and is indexed to inflation. Incentives to provide innovative technologies and services should also be considered.
 - l. Cost containment strategies should not interfere with providing effective and efficient services and should strive to maintain care of the highest quality.
 - m. National standards for malpractice liability insurance coverage shall be established based upon the type and scope of practice. The reform must include mandatory alternate methods, such as arbitration, to resolve disputes, and should support legislation to place a cap on malpractice awards.
 - n. Any reform should not stifle continued improvement in the quality of health care services and must continually access new and existing technologies and ensure that their application is appropriate.
 - o. Fairness in terms of the quality of care, fee structure for services, terms of coverage, and access to all services.
 - p. Reforms should not adversely affect either the rural or urban sectors of our country.
 - q. (rev. 2007) Promote Advance Directives so patients' wishes are known and promote the reciprocity of Advanced Directives in all states.
 - r. Allow incentives for premium reduction to be given on malpractice insurance based on claim record for all health care providers.
2. The Kansas State Grange opposes reductions in reimbursements by Medicaid and Medicare for durable medical equipment.
 3. The Kansas State Grange asks all recipients of health care goods and services to receive a copy of the full-itemized bill for all goods and services rendered.
 4. The Kansas State Grange opposes any efforts that attempt to commercialize Human Organ Procurement.
 5. The Kansas State Grange supports incentive programs for doctors who will agree to practice in rural areas where basic medical care is not available.
 6. The Kansas State Grange supports funding research into the perfection of diagnostic techniques and the control of Lyme disease.
 7. The Kansas State Grange supports the return of scholarship monies from those doctors who received money and did not fulfill their obligations to practice in rural or needy areas. The Grange further supports the National Health Services Corps' review of its application

process, and that they impose stiffer penalties if scholarship recipients do not follow through on their contractual obligations.

8. The Kansas State Grange recommends that insurance companies be required by law to provide adequate recovery time for new mothers and newborn children as deemed necessary by a competent medical authority.
9. The Kansas State Grange recommends that stronger penalties be established for fraudulent disability claims under Medicare.
10. The Kansas State Grange recommends that the Food and Drug Administration hold medical entities and pharmacists accountable for out-of-date prescription medicines.
11. The Kansas State Grange asks that all public and private buildings be made handicap accessible.
12. The Kansas State Grange supports Emergency Telephone Service (911) for all residents in the State of Kansas.
13. (#477) The Kansas State Grange requests Congress to investigate and pass legislation to insure the timely processing of Social Security Disability.
14. (#520) The Kansas State Grange asks the legislature to adopt regulations that will place coverage for mental illness comparable to coverage for medical conditions in health policies approved in Kansas.
15. (#556) The Kansas State Grange asks that regulatory agencies adjust regulations to allow small hospitals and clinics to operate in low-density population areas.
16. (#623-2006) The Kansas State Grange supports legislation that provides disability benefits to the spouse providing care for a terminally ill person.
17. (#04-2008) The Grange supports government funded universal health care coverage for all children in this country under the age of 5.
18. (#20-2010) The Kansas State Grange supports all legislation to keep the IRS out of health care.
19. (#21-2010) The Kansas State Grange supports House Resolution 5126, this legislation repeals the tax increases and limitations on HSAs, FSAs and HRAs.

III. Drug and Chemical Safety

1. The Kansas State Grange encourages that all prescription and over-the-counter drugs be accompanied with an easily readable label containing the generic name of the drug and possible warnings about the side effects. The Grange also supports legislation requiring that generic and brand name drugs meet the same purity and potency requirements and should be so labeled.
2. The Kansas State Grange encourages the bold, accurate labeling of household products, farm chemicals, and other products containing toxic ingredients. The Grange further supports the use of "Mr. Yuk" symbols on these products.
3. The Kansas State Grange supports the practice of placing the correct antidote for the contents of poisonous household products, farm chemicals and other products containing toxic ingredients on the label. The Grange further recommends that the National Academy of Science review poison antidotes on a periodic basis to assure that these product labels contain the most current available information.

4. The Kansas State Grange asks that the Federal Government enact more stringent building code standards to make building materials more fire resistant, including the addition of flame and smoke retardants to urethane.
5. (rev. 2011) The Kansas State Grange supports Home Firearm Safety Programs and the development of safety reminders using Public Service Announcements, etc. to educate people in the prevention of accidents and potential consequences.
6. (rev. 2007) The Kansas State Grange supports efforts to control the problem of illegal drugs, including the so called "designer drugs." Stricter penalties should be enforced prohibiting the sale of paraphernalia that is exclusively designed for consuming illegal drugs Extensive and readily available drug treatment should be offered with fees charged according to ability to pay and more drug education for people of all ages. The Grange opposes legalizing harmful drugs except for those that are taken for valid medical reasons.
7. The Kansas State Grange supports changing the U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations to allow any victim of a terminal disease to volunteer to take an experimental or special drug under medical supervision, to help advance the cause of medical knowledge about the effects of those drugs. The individual's choice to use experimental or special drugs should apply especially to persons who seek relief from the intolerable pain caused by their terminal disease. Doctors and medical personnel who administer experimental or special drugs to terminally ill volunteers should be relieved of all liability.
8. The Kansas State Grange supports the random testing for substance abuse in those occupations where public safety is concerned (pilots, police, medical personnel, etc.). No decision should be made until three (3) random tests are taken.
9. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation that requires a minimum of 20% of the cash and assets that are seized from those people convicted of dealing in illegal drugs, be allocated to the school districts within the communities to promote drug education and rehabilitation of the youth of those communities.
10. The Kansas State Grange recommends that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) require more stringent restrictions to reduce the lead levels in pottery, earthenware, stemware, and other articles that are used for eating and drinking.
11. The Kansas State Grange asks that funding for types of addictive care be governed by medical personnel and not non-medical administrators of reimbursement programs.
12. The Kansas State Grange supports the requirement that all pharmacists print on every prescription the dosage instructions and not use the term "take as directed."
13. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation or administrative action that will make it mandatory that all physicians and pharmacists be required to give information concerning side effects and warnings with every prescription.
14. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation to make prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs more affordable.
15. The Kansas State Grange recommends that any product containing Dioxin above the acceptable FDA limit be labeled as to the amount of Dioxin present.
16. The Kansas State Grange asks that government agencies be required to adhere to proper hazardous waste disposal guidelines and regulations.

IV. Miscellaneous

1. The Kansas State Grange supports the requirement that TV commercials remain at the same decibel level as regular programs and supports its enforcement.
2. The Kansas State Grange supports the concept of public broadcasting and urges improved service for our rural communities.
3. The Kansas State Grange supports state laws that are severe in punishing child pornographer and distributors of such materials.
4. The Kansas State Grange urges manufacturers to attach a caution decal on arc welders stating that they are to be used only with a protective face shield.
5. (rev. 2007) The Kansas State Grange supports legislation that would require a bitter compound to be added in all poisonous liquid products.
6. The Kansas State Grange commends and supports the efforts of the American Academy of Pediatrics in making the use of bicycle helmets the norm, rather than the exception, for our nation's children through the Academy's bicycle helmet promotion program.
7. The Kansas State Grange supports the appropriate federal agencies that are making information available on how to report suspected fraudulent action through senior citizen organizations and public service announcements, on radio, television, and other media.
8. The Kansas State Grange asks that United States citizens, rather than foreign students, be given preference in obtaining publicly funded scholarships.
9. The Kansas State Grange asks for legislation that would require those who issue drivers' licenses to hand the person seeking such license a pamphlet or card that shows the need for organ donors. The Grange supports a greater effort to help educate the public of the great need for people to participate in a donor program in order to save lives.
10. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation that requires artist recipients of National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) grants, to return all funds received from NEA for projects that are deemed obscene or sacrilegious by the courts.
11. The Kansas State Grange supports funding for Boron Neutron Capture Therapy at the Idaho Nuclear Energy Laboratory facility in the Arco Desert for treatment of cancer. We also support using any other similar facility that may become available for this treatment.
12. The Kansas State Grange supports programs favoring productive enterprises for youth.
13. The Kansas State Grange opposes legislation that mandates more regulations on small water systems to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act.
14. (#251) The Kansas State Grange asks that all caskets have some type of permanent standardized identification on the outside, and that the local governing cemetery authority keep detailed records to include, but not limited to, name, date, date of birth, date of death and location of internment.
15. (#02-2008) The Grange supports legislation requiring employers to provide paid family leave for parents with a new child in the home to match the time off allowance under the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act.
16. (#03-2008) The Grange supports government-funded incentives for companies that offer flexible work options, fair wages, and benefits for parents in the workforce who are raising a family.

Energy, Conservation and Natural Resources Policy Statement

Natural resources that are held in trust for society by Federal, State and Local Governments, such as national forests, parks and wilderness areas, should be wisely and professionally managed under a doctrine of multiple uses that provides a reasonable sharing of benefits by all. The Kansas State Grange believes that the time tested legal and economic benefits and responsibilities of private property ownership, provides the best overall protection for our natural resources. Research is continually needed to reduce the amount of agricultural chemical use, to assure a safer means of application and utilization of the best management practices that are available. The Kansas State Grange supports a scientific approach in establishing residue tolerances for chemicals in ground and surface water supplies delineating man-made and natural contaminants.

Wind Power is an important part of the solution to the United States of America becoming partially independent on our energy needs. Kansas Grange supports the National Grange position of the 25 x '25 initiative, which challenges the United States of America to obtain 25% of its renewable energy sources by 2025. The State of Kansas has a golden opportunity to be a leader in supplying this renewable energy.

I. Energy

1. The Kansas State Grange supports increased research and development of alternate fuels and/or other additives derived from sources other than petroleum products.
2. (2009) The Kansas State Grange urges continued support of government mandated use of hybrids, and alternative fuels in government, commercial and public use vehicles.
3. (#02-2011) The Kansas State Grange opposes a mandatory ban and request that Congress rescind the ban on incandescent light bulbs.

II. Conservation

1. The Kansas State Grange opposes any federal action that would remove taxable land for federal parks and wilderness areas in the name of Conservation, and the Grange supports passage of the Endangered Species Act legislation promoting passing of private property rights.
2. The Kansas State Grange supports voluntary programs that control potential known point as well as non-point sources of agricultural pollution. The Grange also supports programs offering at least 50% cost sharing assistance, to correct agricultural pollution and if major expenditures are required, receive free technical assistance prior to non-income producing practices being employed.
3. The Kansas State Grange recommends that adequate State and Federal funds be provided for the soil or water conservation program that is required by the Clean Water Act, including at least 75% of the Federal cost share on best management practices.
4. The Kansas State Grange supports the development, construction and maintenance of watershed projects, dams, and reservoirs for multiple uses.
5. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation that would consolidate the activities of the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior so duplication of services would be eliminated.

6. The Kansas State Grange supports legislation that will improve the workability of the wetlands regulatory program and will work with other land use organizations in resolving the wetlands use.
7. (#207) The Kansas State Grange asks that the restoration, protection and preservation of the riparian and wetland areas be achieved by enlisting the voluntary participation of the public and private landowners, in the management of these important natural resources, and that the private property owners be compensated for loss of usage of their property due to the Endangered Species Act. (ESA)
8. The Kansas State Grange believes a zero-pollution standard is unrealistic, but the Grange does support the federal clean water laws and regulations that are obtainable and realistic and are equally enforced in all states.
9. The Kansas State Grange supports the need and enforcement of Pesticide Management Areas (PMA).
10. (2004) The Kansas State Grange supports the state's Conservation Districts in securing a dedicated source of funding for the Conservation Districts' existing programs and new programs being developed.
11. (#514) The Kansas State Grange opposes the regulation and control of streams and bodies of water on public lands by the Environmental Protection Agency.
12. (#519) The Kansas State Grange opposes any regulatory agency requiring farm ponds to contain only potable water.
13. The Kansas State Grange supports a moratorium on funding and designing new wetlands by our government or its agencies to control mosquitoes that carry the West Nile Virus. The Kansas State Grange further supports that all current construction of wetlands be immediately stopped by Executive Order of the President of the United States, regardless of funding source, for the purpose of helping control mosquitoes carrying the West Nile Virus.
14. (#08-2008) The Grange supports the USDA's Conservation Reserve Programs and the intent of CREP to protect our irrigation water supply.
15. (#08-2008) The Kansas State Grange does not endorse the Conservation Reserve Programs (CREP) totally taking production off all crop lands when dry land crops can be grown in place of irrigated crops.
16. (#01-2013) The Kansas State Grange opposes the sole use of uniform Federal Government farm pollution policies, and support that each state, or region, continue to maintain their own farm pollution policies that are unique to their industry and geography.

III. Natural Resources

1. The Kansas State Grange supports recycling all used containers when feasible and would encourage support of education programs that alert the public about the importance of using degradable plastics.
2. (2004) The Kansas State Grange asks that all containers and packaging be made from materials that are safely burnable, biodegradable, recyclable or refundable.
3. (#53) The Kansas State Grange supports developing our own oil and natural gas reserves to decrease dependency on foreign imports of these fuels.
4. (#143) The Kansas State Grange asks that Congress adopt the recommendations of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Secretaries of Energy and Interior, to improve

exploration and production of oil reserves on the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

5. (#02-2010) The Kansas State Grange strive to educate ourselves and legislators to support efforts of scientific community towards a more environmentally safe atmosphere and the appreciating of economic and national security benefits that would come with the adoption of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) as a dependable and affordable fuel source for all transportation.

Labor and Judiciary Policy Statement

Throughout history, the Kansas State Grange has urged its members to add dignity to labor; and in their dealings with their fellowman, be honest, be just and fear not.

The Kansas State Grange supports the right of every American to work in any capacity, trade or endeavor, skilled or unskilled.

The Kansas State Grange supports the fair and equitable enforcement of all laws and regulations and urges all citizens to faithfully follow the laws of the United States and the State of Kansas.

The Kansas State Grange asks that all judges and lawyers take responsibility to clearly explain legal decisions and how they are arrived at, to all affected parties in a judicial proceeding.

The Kansas State Grange (#170) favors the direct election of judges be reinstated in Kansas.

The Kansas State Grange supports reform of tort and liability laws to hold those who are responsible for damage and negligence accountable for their action.

The Kansas State Grange supports mandatory sentences for criminals and restitution for their victims, but at the same time encourages studies for alternative plans and programs to imprisonment for the non-violent crimes.

(#234) The Kansas State Grange position is that probation be ended for chronic offenders committing violent crime, and in the event, probation is granted, punishment be quick and strict for any further violation.

There is a need for strong immigration policy with limited quotas for immigrants and refugees: however, the Kansas State Grange supports programs for allowing foreign workers to enter the United States on a temporary basis.

I. Relations and Workers

1. The Kansas State Grange supports a legal means for migrant workers to enter this country to help harvest seasonal crops.
2. The Kansas State Grange supports programs in both education and health for all migrant workers.
3. The Kansas State Grange position is that persons on a work permit not be eligible for support on a welfare basis.
4. The Kansas State Grange position is that the group or persons transporting illegal aliens for the purpose of using them in an illegal manner be tried for the crime as if they had committed it themselves.
5. The Kansas State Grange does not support the giving of whole amnesty to illegal aliens.
6. The Kansas State Grange does not support the mandatory certification of all volunteer firefighters but would encourage certification as feasible and economically justified.

7. (rev. 2011) The Kansas State Grange encourages the Governor of Kansas to keep appointing the labor relations board.
8. (#532) The Kansas State Grange supports retention of the present Kansas Public Employees retirement system.

II. Civil Law

1. The Kansas State Grange position is for legislation to protect owners from contractors that disappear with funds or declare bankruptcy before the project is completed.
 - a. (#224) All contractors should be required to be bonded.
 - b. (#225) Lien laws should be changed to prohibit supply contractors from billing individuals or using liens against property owners to recover losses from building contractors, where the property owner has met the terms of his contract with the builder.
2. The Kansas State Grange supports efforts to bring fairness to all civil proceedings by reforming the tort, liability and malpractice laws.
3. The Kansas State Grange opposes "citizen suit" legislation, which would allow individuals to initiate suits against farmers and ranchers for environmental violations without having to show any direct loss or damage to initiate such a suit.
4. (#426) The Kansas State Grange recommends that all available security measures be used to protect the confidentiality of credit reports from unauthorized individuals.
5. (#427) The Kansas State Grange position is that increased security be used by financial institutions, retail sales outlets, and other institutions to limit the issuance of credit cards without identity verification of the applicant.

III. International Law

1. The Kansas State Grange supports our government and other governments in condemning terrorist acts and bringing to trial those responsible for such acts.
2. The Kansas State Grange asks our government to work towards stricter enforcement of international laws to help insure world peace.
3. The Kansas State Grange asks our government to become less lenient towards persons representing other countries' government (diplomatic immunity) when they become involved in crimes against our citizens.
4. (#175) The Kansas State Grange position is that immigration investigations become stricter with a goal of limiting criminal migration to the United States and that those extradition treaties be improved or developed with new countries and those with relaxed migration policies.
5. (#302) The Kansas State Grange asks that the Immigration and Naturalization Service be revised, with additional staff, with stricter laws and Immigration Naturalization Service Asylum Interviewers stationed at every International Airport to screen immediately those seeking asylum.
6. (#307) The Kansas State Grange supports the elimination of non-cooperative resolutions that prevent employees from sharing fraud information and investigative records.

IV. Punishment for Crime

1. (#118) The Kansas State Grange favors a very stiff penalty be assessed against anyone using a credit card illegally.
2. (#24) The Kansas State Grange supports stricter laws that include work programs for convicted drug users, dealers and sellers and restricted drivers' licenses for convicted drug users.
3. The Kansas State Grange position is that persons judged not guilty by reason of insanity shall, after their release from a mental institution, be held to face a full sentencing for the crime.
4. The Kansas State Grange position is that all Kansas Noxious Weed Laws be enforced, and that the Grange work with all concerned to help with this problem.

Taxation and Fiscal Policy Statement

The Kansas State Grange realizes the importance of raising monies at various levels of government to meet the needs of our society. Furthermore, the taxation of properties, goods and services has long been the means of raising these monies. The following is an outline of the tax policy of the Kansas State Grange and is not intended to be solution in total, but a starting point for tax relief at various levels of government.

I. Our Federal Government Should

1. (#367) The Kansas State Grange asks that immigrants, regardless of status, be denied tax free status while awaiting citizenship.

II. Our State of Kansas Government Should:

1. The Kansas State Grange asks that tax dollars collected from dedicated sources be used for intended purpose.
2. The Kansas State Grange asks the State to give greater flexibility in funding mechanisms to local governments
3. (#213) The Kansas State Grange opposes a Value Added Tax and urges our Senators and Representatives to do likewise.

III. Local Units of Government Should:

1. Not be allowed to spend money they don't have that automatically becomes a tax burden without voter approval (no fund warrants).
2. (#205) The Kansas State Grange go on record asking the Kansas Legislature to pass legislation to allow local units of government to levy an emergency increase to their street and road budget, not to exceed (five) 5 mills per year for a maximum of three (3) years.

IV. Other:

1. The Kansas State Grange asks that waste and over-staffing needs be addressed at all levels of government.
2. (#431) The Kansas State Grange asks all governing bodies (local, county, state and federal) re-evaluate their current methods of tax assessment to reflect equality at all income levels.
3. (#551) The Kansas State Grange supports legislation to bring equal standard deductions and tax brackets for all taxpayers regardless of marital status.

Insurance Policy Statement

In an effort to provide mutual protection from unforeseen circumstances like fire, drought and loss of livelihood, folks have contributed funds to be set aside for the mutual benefit of all concerned. From this earliest conception of mutual aid societies has grown the present insurance industry.

Many of our Granges were formed as a result of individuals in similar situations needing to provide a mutual aid society. The betterment or well-being of a community was often a criteria.

Today's society requires and demands a stable set of conditions in order to function on a somewhat non-adverse level of living standards. This can only result with an undergirding of financial support that is afforded by maintaining insurance. To be without this insurance protection could create a set of conditions that result in chaos or at the very least uneasiness, for an individual or family.

Any type of insurance requires a premium be paid; but if the money is not available to pay for this protection, then a portion of our society becomes "at risk." The Kansas State Grange is very concerned about this rapidly increasing group of "at risk" individuals that are primarily resulting from increases in health care costs.

In order to make insurance affordable and more available, we must have a total understanding of what it means to have "coverage" or "non-coverage." There must be a concerted effort on the part of the health care providers to reduce or at least hold the line on cost. This means there has to be education for the public, understanding by the insurers, and fair compensation for the providers.

Liability is also a large area of concern for our membership. Whether it is personal liability as a property owner or operator of a vehicle, or the liability of others that needs protection from our lawsuits, the premiums paid are a direct result of the amount of claims paid out by the insurance company holding the policy.

It is possible to obtain insurance coverage for practically anything or any circumstance for a price. Most needs for insurance coverage result from personal desires or requirements. The Grange members need to educate themselves as to what coverage is available, fire, disability, and real property insurance for peace of mind and to benefit family.

I. Liability Insurance

1. (2003) The Kansas State Grange supports the Kansas State law requiring liability insurance for operators of motor vehicles. The Grange further supports the law that requires proof of non-refundable liability insurance before purchasing a vehicle tag.
2. The Kansas State Grange asks that "caps" be placed on punitive malpractice suits, unless gross negligence can be proven beyond all reasonable doubts.
3. The Kansas State Grange recommends an incentive of premium reduction be given on malpractice insurance based on claim record for all health care providers.
4. The Kansas State Grange asks Congress to establish a statute of limitation, not exceeding five years, to be placed on product liability for collection damages.
5. The Kansas State Grange asks that payment of benefits be limited to actual damages and/or losses incurred because of an error or omission. In order for errors and omissions to be proven, the complainant must have written documentation that errors and/or omissions have taken place.

6. The Kansas State Grange asks that National Standards for malpractice liability insurance coverage be established based upon the type and scope of practice. The reform must include mandatory alternate methods such as arbitration to resolve disputes.

II. General Policies

1. The Kansas State Grange promotes Advance Directives as a means of reducing health care cost.
2. The Kansas State Grange promotes reciprocity of Advanced Directives.
3. The Kansas State Grange asks that the current form of government be changed, by having the Insurance Commissioner replaced by a Commission/Task Force to make consensus type decisions and recommendations in lieu of individual decisions and recommendations.
4. The Kansas State Grange asks the State to provide education for our Grange members encompassing insurance matters.
5. The Kansas State Grange endorses Home Health Care as a part of any system.
6. The Kansas State Grange asks that Physicians in a "group" need to be all participating or all non-participating regarding health claims presented for payment from a provider.

Transportation Policy Statement

In an agricultural state such as Kansas, it is imperative that citizens, as well as producers and their products be able to travel safely. This safe transportation required adequate roads and bridges. The Grange has long been a driving force regarding the safety of the nation's highway system, and this endeavor must be ongoing. The Grange should remain current with changes and projects to protect the expenditure of the Highway Trust Fund.

General Policies

1. (#83) The Kansas State Grange asks that all Subordinate and Pomona Granges participate in the Adopt-A-Highway Program.
2. (#93) The Kansas State Grange opposes the use of abandoned railroad right-of-way as hiking and biking trails. This abandoned right-of-way should revert to the owner of the adjoining property.
3. The Kansas State Grange opposes the use of motor fuel tax to reduce the deficit of the National Government.
4. (#88) The Kansas State Grange favors the continuation of earmarking all the Federal motor fuel tax to the Highway Trust Fund.
5. (#91) The Kansas State Grange asks that all affiliated state highway users organizations, trade associations, chamber of commerce, farm organizations, and safety councils keep strong support for new and existing traffic and highway safety legislation near the top of their organization's list of priorities.
6. The Kansas State Grange asks that all operators of public transportation conveyances be required to pass drug and substance abuse tests every year and if test proves positive, the operator's license shall be revoked.
7. The Kansas State Grange asks that our State Legislature continue the legislation authorizing a long-term road and bridge upgrading and improvement, and the funding mechanism to accomplish these long-term goals.

8. The Kansas State Grange asks that Congress maintain tax reform policies that will preserve and enhance the ability of this nation to find and produce domestic oil and gas resources.
9. The Kansas State Grange supports the need for a Highway Trust Fund, and that it should not be part of the budget of the U. S. Government since it is a tax collected for a dedicated program.
10. The Kansas State Grange supports a clean air policy that will best protect the physical and economic health of industry and the general public.
11. The Kansas State Grange supports full compensation for homes, farming operations and businesses when displaced by highway right-of-way.
12. The Kansas State Grange supports the construction and maintenance of an adequate number of well-lighted rest area facilities on the Interstate Highway System.
13. The Kansas State Grange asks that a high priority be placed on conserving prime agricultural lands when constructing highways.
14. The Kansas State Grange supports Federal Funds for building roads and bridges but asks that little or no strings be attached so the states can have as much flexibility as possible.
15. The Kansas State Grange asks that special attention be given to railroad crossings in rural areas that do not have warning lights and bells. Recommends that all obstructions be removed, and ripple strips placed on the road surface approach.
16. The Kansas State Grange supports driver education in all public schools.
17. The Kansas State Grange supports stricter enforcement of all carriers of hazardous materials, with certain exemptions for farmers and other users with limited movement of materials.
18. The Kansas State Grange supports the Federal Law for requiring a commercial driver's license for all persons involved in the moving of commerce, except for farmers moving raw agricultural products off the farm up to 150 miles.
19. The Kansas State Grange opposes the use of triple trailers on our highway system.
20. The Kansas State Grange encourages all members to work with other organizations. The purpose and objective are to get drunk drivers off the roads and highways.
21. (#198) The Kansas State Grange recommends that the Kansas Legislature that they pass a mandatory motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle (ATV) helmet law. Protective head gear must be used by all operators and riders when the vehicle is being used on any public road or highway.
22. The Kansas State Grange asks that each Subordinate Grange participate in their local recycling programs as a service project.
23. (#557) The Kansas State Grange and the National Grange supports development and production of soy diesel/soy diesel blends along with ethanol fuels to provide decreased dependency on fossil fuels and more balanced grain marketing for the farmer.
24. (#04-2010) The Grange strongly requests the United States continue the ban on Mexican Truck Traffic until they can comply with all United States laws and regulations before being allowed to enter the United States.

Kansas State Grange Internal Policies

I. Finance

1. No reimbursements shall be given to any State Grange Officer, or Department Chairperson, for room cost incurred at the annual meeting of the Kansas State Grange.
2. Items labeled "Other Income" in the General Fund are detailed to show various sources of this income, over \$100.00.
3. Any variance of expenditure, either over or under budget by 10%, should be detailed in a footnote to the budget report.
4. A \$5.00 registration fee shall be paid by all Subordinate members who register at the annual meeting of the Kansas State Grange.
5. Envelopes and stationery with only the Grange emblem be printed for use of all officers and department chairpersons except for the State Master/President, State Secretary and Public Information Director.
6. (#5-2012) The Kansas State Grange President, Membership Director and department directors should be given purchase cards not to exceed their department subaccounts (~~Family~~ **Activities**, Youth and Juniors) for use in planning and funding department activities. The original receipts and ledger statements be submitted monthly to the State Grange Treasurer for review with the Executive Committee. (Revised 2021)
7. (#6-2012) The Kansas State Grange pays for the planned cost of meals for the President (and spouse) to an event, using the provided meal ticket information prior to the said event. The President will provide a paid receipt for such payment to the State Treasurer following said event for review with the Executive Committee.

II. Grange Law and Good of the Order

1. The Treasurer's Report will be presented in printed form, to the delegates prior to the opening of the annual meeting of the Kansas State Grange
2. The Treasurer's Report shall be presented to the delegate body no later than eight (8) hours after the opening of the annual meeting of the Kansas State Grange. Discussion and voting on acceptance shall be deferred no less than twenty-four (24) hours after being presented to the delegate body, and after acceptance of the delegate body, of the Audit Committees Report.
3. The meeting on or nearest to the Memorial Day holiday shall be designated as Grange Memorial Day in all Subordinate/Community Granges.
4. The Kansas State Grange Roster and Journal of Proceedings of the Kansas State Grange shall be published and distributed to all Granges.
5. The Finance Committee will be furnished information from the appropriate sources so the Committee Report can be presented on the floor by the end of the second day of the proceedings to allow the delegate body to consider all financial matters and allow time for thought, discussion and resolutions.
6. The State Grange will always invest its monies in a financial institution that has insured accounts.
7. The State Grange will accept the financial obligation of transporting the property needed of the Kansas State Grange to its Conventions.
8. (2005) The Constitution and By-Laws and the Policy Manual will be updated and printed in the Journal of Proceedings each year.

9. The State Master shall be able to appoint interim committees for policy development.
10. (#11 rev. 2006) Beginning with the 1989 resolutions, each be assigned a number that will carry on into policy as the assigned number, with each year's resolutions beginning where the previous year's numbering ended. Numbers not used as policy numbers (resolutions that are not passed into policy or resolutions that are combined with other numbered resolutions) would remain blank. The year the resolution was passed to also be included starting in 2006 (i.e., #621-2006).
11. (#378) Resolutions rejected as present policy should be cited in the Committee report by page and resolutions number for delegate consideration.
12. (#452) Lifetime Membership may be offered on the Subordinate level, with monies placed in a separate interest-bearing account, providing continuous membership dues funding.
13. (#486) The minutes of any meeting of the Executive Board of the Kansas State Grange be published in the following issue of The Kansas Granger.
14. (#496 rev. 2006) The Kansas State Grange Charter will be draped at the annual convention in the event of death of a current or past State Officer or Department Chair, or President's spouse.
15. (#518) The Executive Committee of the Kansas State Grange shall record vote results by count in the minutes.
16. (#10-2007) The State Secretary will notify the State Master and State Chaplain as soon as a death of a current or past State Officer, Department Chair or their spouse is known. (Revised 2022)
17. (#1-2008) All eligible membership awards by continuous membership in the Grange for a calendar year be established as of the date dues paid or January 31, whichever is later.
18. (#1-2010) Every resolution considered and/or passed by the Kansas State Grange be identified as Local, State or National issue either by the committee or by the written resolution and become a part of the committee report to be adopted by convention delegate vote.
19. (#1-2010) Resolutions passed at delegate convention shall be printed in our policies booklet whether they deal with Local, State or National concerns as a stated point of our Kansas State Grange Policy.
20. (#17-2010) The Kansas State Grange purchase jump/flash drives for each convention committee for use during session so that the resolutions can be preloaded, and corrections made directly from a laptop computer enabling quick turnaround on printed material and a final version for the state secretary to be inserted into the Journal of Proceedings and/or policy manual.
21. (#19-2010) Ask the National Grange to adopt the single regional conference format that would be capable of covering Lecturers, Youth, Junior, and Membership enrichment programs.
22. (#1-2011) The Junior Grange Pledge should be restored to the original wording in the traditional manual.