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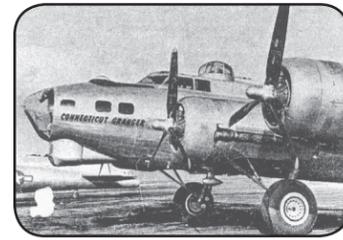
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had 12 members ride and 8 members march the entire route. Nancy Strong shared Clucky T Chicken with us by riding the trailer. Thanks to all that came out for the parade. Marcia and I had the privilege to meet Teresa Ladopoulos Mrs. Connecticut 2018. We had a great visit at the New England Grange Building and look forward to working with her in the near future. National Grange Convention is just around the corner November 7-14 at Stowe, Vermont. Jody and Jodi Ann and their team is doing a great job to make this event one that will be remembered for years to come. I wish to thank everyone who will be helping out in Vermont with the "Sound of Music" theme. It should be a great adventure.

National Grange is promoting new partners for this fall, one being a cellular phone plan. We are also looking for support for new internet access for rural America. We fall into the request because Connecticut still has some dead spots for cell phone use. This is the future for agriculture as technology expands the need for internet access. We need to make it available to all at a low cost and fast speeds. Let's not forget the days of AOL dial up internet.

Our State Session is nearly here and I hope to see you all there. This is an election year so please come out and support the new officers and celebrate the end of the Grange year. This year Amanda Brozana Rios will be our National Representative. She will bring excitement and fun to our State Session. She has the knowledge of how to engage young people into our organization. Let's give her a warm Connecticut welcome.

Happy Fall and Happy Halloween. See you all in Norwich.

This fall is upon us with the busy time of harvest, we are forever going from here to there to events that we are becoming tired and exhausted from our efforts. Many Granges have had their fairs with great success I hope. This is the end of the Big E, with busy days and rained out days. Farm Aid came to Hartford with last minute requests for help. September 30 Marcia and I celebrate 18 years of marriage. October 6 our youngest gets married in New Hampshire. This year we both will turn the big 60, and State Session is just around the corner.

National Grange asked Connecticut to help with Farm Aid September 22 at the Xfinity Theatre in Hartford. Ekonk Community Grange, Winchester Grange, and Hillstown Grange answered the call and assisted National Grange in handing out fruit and talking with the public about the plight of local farmers and Grange issues. To all that attended well done and hope you had a great time.

The Big E had a great year although rain washed out several days, the rest had some record breaking days. Marcia and I hold the record for ticket sales of the State Quilt chances with \$507 raised in one day. Betsy Huber, National Grange Master marched in the Grange Day Parade. This year we had a float so members could ride instead of walking the whole fairgrounds. We

Farm Aid comes to Hartford



Farm Aid came to Connecticut for the first time on September 22 at the Xfinity Center in Hartford. Pictured l to r: National Grange Communications Director Amanda Brozana-Rios, Ekonk Comm. Jr. Grange Vice President Abbey Dexter, National Grange Master Betsy Huber and Ekonk Comm. Jr. Grange President Lillian Sharpe.

Todd A. Gelineau, State Secretary

Connecticut is known for many things. We are known for insurance, casinos, fall foliage, small villages, the submarine base, Mark Twain and much more. One thing many outside of our state fail to remember is the importance of Farming and Agriculture to Connecticut. On September 22 the spotlight shined brightly on our little state with Willie Nelson's Farm Aid making its first appearance in Hartford. This one day event uses the musical festival headlined by Willie Nelson, Neil Young, John Mellencamp and Dave Matthews to draw people's attention and then teaches them about agriculture and the plight of farmers in Connecticut and the rest of the nation.

The National Grange has participated in Farm Aid for a number of years as it travels around the country to different cities. The Connecticut State Grange was pleased to be invited to participate in this year's festival providing Junior Grangers to help operate the produce stands selling local apples, peaches and pears and oatmeal cookies. Incidentally, one of the organizers

commented that they never made money with the produce stands but they did this year. Thanks to the Junior Grangers representing Hillstown, Ekonk Community and Winchester Granges (and their parents) for taking time out of their busy schedules to spend the day at the Xfinity Theatre. Farm Aid has a trade show styled "Homegrown Village" set up on the grounds of the theatre where guests can learn more about farming and agriculture in the host state. Connecticut members helping in the National Grange booth in the village operated a "precision farming" demonstration where they were asked to drop balls through holes in a board onto a target below. Most came close but had difficulty getting a bullseye. Next to this was a miniature robot arm that could pick up seeds and place them on specific targets. These devices show how technology is and will continue to be a significant partner in modern farming from the smallest farms to the largest. Even the best technology can be rendered useless by the absence of one thing... broadband internet access. The availability of broadband in rural areas of our country has been a priority item

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2018 Session Schedule

(This schedule is tentative and subject to change without notice)

Thursday, October 18, 2018

- Ballroom, Holiday Inn Norwich, 10 Laura Blvd., Norwich, CT
 7:00 P.M. Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
 Introduction of National Representative,
 Amanda Brozana-Rios, National Grange
 Communications Director
 Roll Call of Officers, Deputies, Committees
 Lower Grange to Fourth Degree
 Presentation of Fourth Degree Delegates
 Roll Call of Granges
 Report of Credential Committee
 Session Committee Announcements
 Introduction of Business to be referred without debate
 8:00 P.M. Address of State President Noel T. Miller
 Report of Overseer
 Reports of Secretary
 Reports of Treasurer
 Report of Executive Committee/Board of Directors
 9:00 P.M. Closing
 9:15 P.M. Committee Work Begins

Friday, October 19, 2018

- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
 Roll Call of Officers
 Minutes of Previous Day's Session
 Introduction of Business to be referred without debate
 9:15 A.M. Special Order of Business: Election of the Officers
 of the Connecticut State Grange
 9:30 A.M. Report of Legislative Committee
 Report of Agriculture Committee
 Report of General Deputy
 Reports of Pomona Deputies
 10:45 A.M. **BREAK**
 11:00 A.M. Report of Connecticut Granger
 Report of Camp Berger
 - Ruel Miller, Camp Liaison
 - Lyn & Chris Kimberly, Camp Directors
 Report of Connecticut State Grange Foundation
 Business Session (Resolutions)
 12:00 P.M. Luncheon (Nutmeg Ballroom)
 Hosts: TBD
 - Blessing by State Chaplain Charles Dimmick
 - Family Activity Presentation & Awards
 - Membership Awards
 - Public Relations Awards
 - Agriculture Contest Awards
 2:00 P.M. Recognition of Past Voting Delegates
 2:15 P.M. Address of National Representatives
 2:45 P.M. Business Session
 3:15 P.M. **BREAK**
 3:30 P.M. Report of New England Grange Building Trustees
 4:30 P.M. Closing
 7:00 P.M. Celebration Banquet (Ballroom)
 Professional Agric. Awards
 Scholarships
 Lecturer's Program
 Past Deputies Raffle

Saturday, October 20, 2018

- 9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
 Roll Call of Officers
 Minutes of Previous Day's Sessions
 Introduction of Business to be referred without debate
 Junior and Youth Tour
 9:15 A.M. Memorial Service
 9:45 A.M. Business Session
 10:45 A.M. **BREAK**
 11:00 A.M. Budget Approval
 11:45 A.M. FFA Representative
 12:00 P.M. Youth & Junior Recognition Luncheon
 Hosts: TBD
 - Blessing by State Chaplain
 - Junior Recognition
 - Youth Recognition
 1:30 P.M. Business Session
 3:00 P.M. 6th Degree Conferral, Grand Ballroom,
 Holiday Inn Norwich
 (Open to Sixth Degree members, registration not required)
 Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
 Escorting of National Representative
 Recognition of Honored Guests & P.V. Delegates
 Conferral of the Sixth Degree in full form
 Rose Drill
 Recognition of G.S. Grangers
 Community Service
 Honor Grange Awards
 Closing in form in the Fourth Degree
 March to the Table - Officers and Court
 Installation of Officers of the Connecticut State Grange - to
 immediately follow the Sixth Degree Conferral (a brief recess
 may be called in between).

Please Note: Candidates must be at the Holiday Inn Norwich by 2:30 P.M. Candidates must have the Fourth and Fifth Degree words and the Sixth Degree ticket stub to give to the Deputy at the door. Applications for the Sixth Degree will be on sale during the Session and at the door on Saturday. Application cost: \$10.00.

Youth & Junior Tour to Mystic Aquarium



Youth & Junior Tour – Mystic Aquarium

Saturday, October 20 – 9-11:15 A.M.

(leaving Hotel at 8:15 and returning by noon for the luncheon)

Join us for fun at the Aquarium (with Chaperones)

The mission of the Mystic Aquarium is to inspire people to care for and protect our ocean planet through conservation, education and research. Discover Long Island Sound, Jurassic Giants, African Penguins, Beluga Whales, Frogs & enjoy so much more!

Contact Michelle DeDominicis (860) 558-4688 if interested in tour (leave message) or meet at State Grange Registration Table at the Holiday Inn Norwich on Saturday 10/20 at 8:15 A.M.

Mystic Aquarium, 55 Coogan Blvd., Mystic, CT.

It's a great time to take the Sixth Degree

Now is a great time to take the Sixth Degree and become members of the Connecticut State Grange. Why? National Grange is coming to Vermont in November and by becoming a Sixth Degree member, you become eligible to receive the Seventh Degree close to home!

What do you need to do? To be eligible, you must have received the Fifth Degree (Pomona) before taking the Sixth. Please check with your Pomona to see if they are conferring the Fifth Degree this fall prior to State Session.

Once you have the Fifth Degree, you can come to State Session on Saturday, October 20 to receive the degree. Candidates for the degree are asked to arrive at the Holiday Inn by 2:30 P.M. for the conferral which

begins promptly at 3:00 P.M. in the Grand Ballroom.

There is an application and a fee of \$10 per member to receive the degree. Applications are available by contacting the State Secretary in advance of State Session. They can also be purchased at any time during Session and at the door on the afternoon of the degree.

This beautiful degree will also be conferred on the morning of the last day of National Grange Session for members unable to be present for a conferral in their home states.

Questions about State Session and the Degrees can be sent to the State Secretary-Secretary@CTStateGrange.org

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Resolutions to be considered at State Session

The following are the resolutions received as of the day of this issue's printing. Resolutions included in the last issue only have their resolves printed this time. New resolutions to the packet are printed in their entirety. The committee assignment for each resolution is printed at the end of each resolution. A list of committees and their member Granges is included in this issue with a summary of the resolution assignments.

If you know of resolutions that were adopted by a Grange and do not appear here, please let the State Secretary know. There's always the possibility that something was overlook

or got lost in the mail.

1) RE: SALE OF GRANGE PROPERTY

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the first sentence of Sec. 4.11.1 (G) be changed to read:

"When a sale of real property is concluded, the selling Subordinate or Pomona Grange shall account for the net proceeds of the sale received at the time of settlement and shall remit all but the sum of \$1,000 10% of such net proceeds or \$1,000 of such net proceeds whichever is greater to the State Grange having jurisdiction to be held in trust for the said Subordinate or Pomona Grange.

REFERRED: Constitution & By-Laws

2) RE: ANNUAL REPORTS
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer stop combining Subordinate and other incomes and report them separately in the Annual Report.

REFERRED: Good of the Order/Membership

3) RE: VOTING AT STATE SESSION

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that each Subordinate Grange be notified that their delegates to the yearly meeting must vote yes on all resolutions accepted by the members of their Subordinate, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all voting delegates under each Pomona must vote yes on all resolutions accepted by their Pomona, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that if major changes by the committee reverse the intent of the resolution, all the delegates involved must challenge the committee to resurrect it to its original intent.

REFERRED: Credentials/Master's Address/Resolutions

4) RE: RESOLUTION WRITING

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ALL resolutions be accepted, regardless of faults, for the annual state meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee it is assigned to shall then re-write the resolution, keeping the writer's intentions intact, for the assembly vote.

REFERRED: Credentials/Master's Address/Resolutions

5) RE: THE SALE OF STATE OWNED REAL ESTATE

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange support the passage of the question on the ballots this fall to amend the State Constitution to mandate that public hearings be held on the proposed sale of any State owned real estate, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Granges and Grange members be encouraged to advocate for the passage of the question concerning the public hearings on the sale of any State owned real estate.

REFERRED: Legislative & Insurance

6) RE: DOUBLING THE FINES WHEN A CHILD IS IN THE VEHICLE

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge the Connecticut General

Assembly to double the fines of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs or texting while driving when there is a child in the vehicle at the time of the arrest.

REFERRED: Good of the Order / Membership

7) RE: ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section "A" of the Executive Committee Report, detailing the 11:59 P.M. Sept. 30 ending figures be eliminated, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the listing of institutions where Subordinate monies are held be eliminated, adhering to Connecticut non-profit corporation law which states that "non-profits must be governed by their own boards and can't have outside management", this would stop publicity of Subordinate fund monies, making them more secure, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Subordinate and Pomona Executive Committee Report writers follow the National procedure which adds the yearly income to the outgo, and putting the balance into a special fund, which reflects the gain or loss for the year.

REFERRED: Good of the Order / Membership

8) RE: DELEGATE COMPENSATION

WHEREAS for many years the voting delegates to the Connecticut State Grange Annual Session received per diem per session and a mileage allowance per Article 4, Section 7 of the by-laws, and

WHEREAS this section of the by-laws was eliminated at the 130th Session in October 2014, and

WHEREAS many Granges are struggling financially and can no longer afford to pay for their delegates leaving these expenses to be paid by the delegates themselves, and

WHEREAS expenses have increased, imposing a further burden on the delegates.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange at the 2019 Session reinstate said by-law and return to payment for delegates of \$2.00 per session and a mileage allowance.

SOURCE: Beacon Valley Grange #103

REFERRED: Constitution & By-Laws

9) RE: LICENSE PLATE VISIBILITY

WHEREAS vehicles require a license plate for identification purposes, and

WHEREAS ability to read a license plate number is essential in many situations, including the reporting of accidents, emergency or criminal actions, and

WHEREAS some people place decorative frames around their license plate, or a dark tinted cover, and

WHEREAS these optional additions may serve as an obstruction to easy visibility when attempting to read a license plate, and

WHEREAS an obstruction to reading a license plate may be detrimental to law enforcement officers or fellow drivers who wish to report and accident, emergency or unsafe driving, and

WHEREAS a statute does exist identifying license plate obstruction as illegal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange contact the Department of Transportation to explore possibilities of means to increase the fine for the offense and/or promote methods to enforce the existing law.

SOURCE: Redding Grange #15

REFERRED: Legislative/Insurance

10) RE: LEGIBLE DIRECTIONS ON FOOD PREPARATION PRODUCTS

WHEREAS consumers may purchase packaged products for cooking and baking at home, and

WHEREAS food preparation instructions typically include important information such as ingredients to measure, sequence of preparation, and recommendations for cooking and timing, and

WHEREAS packaged products may be sold in a variety of containers, including cardboard, plastic and glass, and

WHEREAS directions or instructions may be printed directly on a package or upon an affixed label, and

WHEREAS directions or instructions are often difficult to read due to the small print/font and/or low contrast of print upon background color (for example black print on a dark blue background surface).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a representative of the National Grange contact the Food and Drug Administration to recommend consumer-friendly, easy to read labeling of food preparation instructions on packaged products for home cooking and baking.

SOURCE: Redding Grange #15

REFERRED: Agriculture/Conserv./Environment

11) RE: GUN-FREE GRANGE MEETING AND EVENT VENUES

WHEREAS Grange meetings and events are held in a variety of venues, but not limited to, e.g.: a dedicated Grange Hall, a public space

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Airborne to headline Celebration Banquet



The Connecticut State Grange is pleased to announce Airborne Jazz Bank will perform at the Celebration Banquet on Friday, October 19 during the 134th Annual Session to be held at the Holiday Inn Norwich.

Airborne is a multi-cultural Contemporary Jazz group based in New Haven, CT. Formed in the 1980s Airborne celebrates years of recording projects, jazz festivals, jazz concerts, city and community events, corporate and private functions, educational workshops and residences, and clubs. The members have toured around the World. They have had many Award Winning and Chart Topping CD's and has received Worldwide Airplay and International Acclaim. Airborne the proclaimed "Musical Peacemakers" of Contemporary Jazz sends out an Inspirational Message of Hope to the World.

Airborne has a beautiful trademark jazz sound of Island Passion and Urban Emotion. The band's hot rhythms and inspiring melodies smoothly cruise on a cool atmosphere of music and voices. Joyful Jazz with A Message – Music for the World.

Airborne was awarded a Merit of Honor by the World Peace Organization for Excellence in World Music and as Humanitarians. They have set up a Non-Profit Cause called, Musicians – Humanitarians – Peacemakers to help in the fight against Hunger and all donations and portion of CD sales go to Food for the Poor. Airborne is the Music and Message of Today!

As Performing Artists, Recording Artists, Educators, and as Humanitarians the band's quality of excellence and compassion has kept them on the road to success.

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such as a library, church hall, school, community center, restaurant or catering hall, public or private park, or even a private residence, and

WHEREAS certain law enforcement officials are required to carry a permitted gun, concealed or visible, on their person at all times, and

WHEREAS in the Ritual for the opening the Subordinate/Community Grange Meeting, the Gatekeeper's declaration "I therefore close this outer gate in Faith, in Hope and Charity and will guard it with Fidelity" implies that the Grange meeting is a safe place, and

WHEREAS in the Ritual for Closing the Subordinate/Community Grange Meeting, the Master's declaration "Let us be quiet, peaceful citizens" implies that the Grange meeting is a safe place, and

WHEREAS in the opening charge to the First Degree candidates, the Master's declaration that "the chief objective of the Grange is to build a better and higher manhood and womanhood, and to develop a mutual respect and concern through Brotherhood" implies that the Grange meeting is a safe place, and

WHEREAS it is recognized that some citizens have properly secured a permit to carry a visible or concealed gun on their person, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all Grange meetings and events must, at all times, must be a safe place for members and non-members to meet, gather and participate, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, for the safety of all Grange members and non-members attending such meetings or events, guns are not necessary on the meeting or event premises, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that only certain law enforcement officials will be allowed to carry a permitted visible or concealed gun on to Grange meeting or event premises, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any person (other than certain law enforcement officials required to carry a visible or concealed gun) carrying a gun on their person must not bring it on to the Grange meeting or event premises, but either leave the gun at home or secured and locked in the glove box of their vehicle before coming on premise of a Grange meeting or event, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the 2018 National Grange Session for their consideration and

approval, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that guns have no place or use in a Grange meeting or event and therefore all Grange meetings and event spaces are gun-free at all times.

SOURCE: Cannon Grange #152

REFERRED: Good of the Order / Membership

12) RE: BANNING OF ROUND-UP PRODUCTS

WHEREAS Round Up products were intended as an herbicide as a means to control and eliminate invasive species such as poison ivy, and

WHEREAS research has determined that the active ingredient, glyphosate and the inert ingredients of Round Up are responsible for an alarming increase in illness and death in birds, animals and potentially humans, and

WHEREAS it has been demonstrated that Round Up kills bees and other insects, and

WHEREAS when in use, the run off from this herbicide is detrimental to the aquifer and may be toxic to amphibians and fish, and

WHEREAS other developed countries in the world have currently been in the process of banning Round Up products.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Grange contact a representative of the Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Agriculture to encourage the development of legislation to ban the sale and use of Round Up products or their chemical equivalents in the United States of America.

SOURCE: Greenfield Hill Grange #133

REFERRED: Agriculture/Conservation/Environment

13) RE: KAYAK SAFETY TRAINING

WHEREAS many people purchase kayaks and other small watercraft and utilize them without any training in basic safety procedures and precautions, and

WHEREAS in some cases this leads to preventable injuries, and even deaths.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Bethlehem Grange #121 encourage the Connecticut State Grange to lobby the Connecticut General Assembly to adopt legislation that would require purchasers of small watercraft (kayaks, canoes, and the like) to take a basic course in water safety procedures, such as those offered by the United States Power Squadron, in order to lessen the incidence of injuries and deaths related to unfamiliarity with basic water safety rules and

procedures.

SOURCE: Bethlehem Grange #121

REFERRED: Legislative/Insurance

14) RE: BEAR HUNTING SEASON

WHEREAS there are about 700 black bears living in Connecticut as of 10/2017, and sightings are becoming more common (4,370 between 7/27/2017 and 5/21/2018), and

WHEREAS as sightings become more numerous, some of these involve unsafe interactions with humans and their ursine neighbors, such as the 43 bears killed in auto collisions in 2016.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange stand in support of legislative actions taken by the General Assembly to institute a limited bear hunting season to keep the population of black bears in Connecticut in check before they become numerous enough to cause a serious safety threat to the general population.

SOURCE: Bethlehem Grange #121

REFERRED: Agriculture/Conservation/Environment

15) RE: PREVENTING, CONTAINING AND REMOVING INVASIVE SPECIES

WHEREAS invasive species crowd out native species, and

WHEREAS invasive plants species provide inferior support for native wildlife, and

WHEREAS invasive species can harbor threats to human health, such as Lyme disease, and

WHEREAS some invasive species are damaging vistas and recreational opportunities, and

WHEREAS invasive species are spread quickly by equipment and by significant disturbances such as construction, logging, mowing, and erosion, and

WHEREAS invasive species incur environmental and economic impacts that worsen over time.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge the Connecticut General Assembly to enact and support comprehensive policies throughout relevant State agencies that educate the public on invasive species and prevent, contain and remove invasive species:

1. In areas where it is likely to be the most successful, such as

a. Isolated patches, and

b. Rural areas, and

2. In areas where it is likely to have the most impact, such as

a. wetlands, and

b. Sensitive habitats, and

c. Pre- and post-logging, and

d. Post-construction monitoring, and

e. Roadside mowing, and

3. Using cost effective and environmentally sensitive methods, such as

a. Equipment washing to prevent spread, and

b. Seasonally effective and appropriate treatments, and

c. Training and mobilizing municipalities and volunteer groups, and

d. Ongoing consultation with the latest conservation science.

SOURCE: Simsbury Grange #197

REFERRED: Agriculture/Conservation/Environment

16) RE: DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC FORESTS

WHEREAS a forest is a self-sustaining ecosystem, and New England's natural landscape is predominantly forested, and

WHEREAS public forests are held in the public trust, and for the benefit of current and future generations, and

WHEREAS an intact forest ecosystem is biodiverse, allows for and even thrives on natural disturbances, and is the most resource-efficient approach to stewardship and conservation, and

WHEREAS intact unmanaged forests provide the highest level of ecosystem services such as flood and erosion control, and carbon storage and absorption, and

WHEREAS trees can live for hundreds of years, natural old forests are treasured by the public and valued highly by scientists, and are now extremely rare- less than 1% of the landscape in Southern New England, and

WHEREAS tax dollars are used to log public forests.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that State policies regarding public forests prioritize and maximize:

1. Public health and safety, quiet reflection, enjoyment of nature, and a sense of wildness;

2. Long-term ecosystem integrity and economic services such as carbon storage, flood control and compatible recreation;

3. Restoration and protection of natural old forests and old growth ecological characteristics, and;

4. Periodic long-term monitoring by a team of scientific professionals (including a forest ecologist, climate scientist, plant and wildlife biologist, recreation specialist) to begin to accumulate knowledge of natural forests during

relevant timescales (hundreds of years).

SOURCE: Simsbury Grange #197

REFERRED: Agric./Cons./Envir.

17) RE: PUBLIC NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLIC LAND

WHEREAS public land is held in the public trust, and is for the public good, and

WHEREAS on average several pieces of public land are sold, swapped or disposed of by the General Assembly each year without public knowledge, and

WHEREAS some of these transactions may be in the best interests of the public, none are an emergency, and all should receive a public hearing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Connecticut State Grange understand that voting "Yes" on question 2 on the November 2018 Connecticut State ballot ensures that going forward a public hearing is held prior to the sale, swap or disposal of public land, and that such transactions would require approval by a 2/3 vote of the General Assembly.

SOURCE: Simsbury Grange #197

REFERRED: Legislative/Insurance

18) RE: SUPPORT OUR VETERANS

WHEREAS Veterans have served this nation, dedicated their energy, and many sacrificed their lives to maintain our safety and keep us free, and

WHEREAS Veterans deserve our continuing appreciation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Memorial Day, Independence Day (4th of July), V-J Day parades highlight honoring our Veterans, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the press be encouraged to capture the essence of their contributions in their articles, instead of children, antique automobiles, etc., and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the State Grange for their action.

SOURCE: Ekonk Community Grange #89

REFERRED: Good of the Order/ Membership

19) RE: GRANGE ACCOUNTING
WHEREAS under incorporation law, only a company's money and holdings may be attached or taken, and

WHEREAS the State and National dues portion of a Subordinate's dues are NOT, receipts (or outgoes), cash, but a courtesy of the Secretary, saving postage, and the worry of remembering

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to send out that 6.25 each three months.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that only the cash received over and above the State, and National requirements be reported in the Executives report, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each Treasurer maintain a separate account and only report the interest to the Executives each year, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the National meeting.
SOURCE: Granby Grange #5
REFERRED: Constitution & By-Laws

18 RE: THE HASTERT RULE

WHEREAS the Hastert Rule, also known as the "majority of the majority rule," has been used by Republican speakers in the House of Representatives since the 1990's to limit floor votes on bills unless a majority of the

majority party supports the bill, and

WHEREAS this discourages bipartisan legislation from being brought to the floor of the House for consideration, and

WHEREAS this limits the ability of the minority party to bring up bills for a vote on the floor of the House.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange go on record as being opposed to this informal governing principle known as the Hastert Rule used by the House of Representatives majority party to effectively limit efforts at bipartisan legislation as well as disenfranchising the minority party, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Connecticut State Grange and the National Grange for their consideration and adoption.

SOURCE: Oxford Grange #194; Nutmeg Pomona #16
REFERRED: Credentials/Master's Address/Resolutions

Session Committees

Agriculture/Conservation/Environment

Chair: George Russell

Vice Chair: Charles Dimmick

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Mountain Laurel Pomona #15	

Good of the Order/Membership

Chair: Jaimie Cameron

Vice Chair: Jody Cameron

Stafford #1	Beacon Valley #103
Killingly #112	Ekonk Community #89
Senexet #40	Simsbury #197
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Nutmeg Pomona #16	

Constitution & By-Laws

Chair: Don Lanoue

Vice Chair: Phil Prelli

Glastonbury #26	Cannon #152
Bethlehem #121	Riverton #169
Southington #25	Stonington #168
Meriden #29	Winchester #74
Eastern Connecticut Pomona #14	

Credentials/Master's Address

Chair: Rob Buck

Vice Chair: Robert Sendewicz

Granby #5	Oxford #194
Norwich #172	Wolcott #173
Prospect #144	Higganum #124
Norfield #146	Preston City #110
Redding #15	

Legislative/Insurance

Chair: Gordon Gibson

Vice Chair: Alma Graham

Vernon #52	Coventry #75
Beacon #118	North Stonington #138
Eureka #62	Enfield #151
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Assignment Summary

AGRICULTURE/ CONSERVATION/ ENVIRONMENT

- 10) Legible Directions on Food Preparation Products
- 12) Banning of Round Up Products
- 14) Bear Hunting Season
- 15) Preventing, Containing and Removing Invasive Species
- 16) Declaration of Support for Public Forests

GOOD OF THE ORDER/MEMBERSHIP

- 2) Good of the Order/Membership
- 6) Doubling the Fines When a Child is in the Vehicle
- 7) Accounting Procedures
- 11) Gun-Free Grange Meeting and Event Venues
- 18) Support our Veterans

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

- 1) Sale of Grange Property
- 8) Delegate Compensation
- 19) Grange Accounting

CREDENTIALS/MASTER'S ADDRESS

- 3) Voting at State Session
- 4) Resolution Writing
- 20) The Hastert Rule

LEGISLATIVE/INSURANCE

- 5) The Sale of State Owned Real Estate
- 9) License Plate Visibility
- 13) Kayak Safety Training
- 17) Public Notice and Public Hearing for Public Land

send in your registrations and payment as soon as possible. We have hard deadlines with the hotel to provide numbers for the luncheons and the banquet. We also have to have enough time to prepare badges and materials for session.

In this issue, I have printed the resolutions received as of Sept. 28, 2018. If your Grange adopted a resolution that has not been included in this list, please let me know.

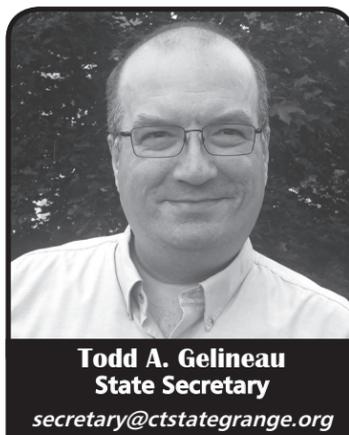
As always, the Grange Store will be open for business throughout Session. You will find Grange jewelry, books, pens, pencils, supplies, silk ties, t-shirts and more. We will also have a few brand new items for sale.

It seems I always need to remind members that State Session is not just for the officers and delegates. State Session is a celebration of the Grange year that has just closed and a way to look forward to the year ahead. This year is no exception as we say farewell to Noel and Marcia Miller as he steps down as State Master and a new Master is elected and installed.

The Degree and the Installation of Officers on Saturday afternoon do not require registration and are open to all. All of the Sessions during the convention are open to all members but they also require pre-registration. The future success of the Connecticut State Grange relies on new generations of Grange members taking an interest and becoming involved in our activities.

Until next time... I'll see you all at State Session!

State Secretary



Todd A. Gelineau
State Secretary

secretary@ctstategrange.org

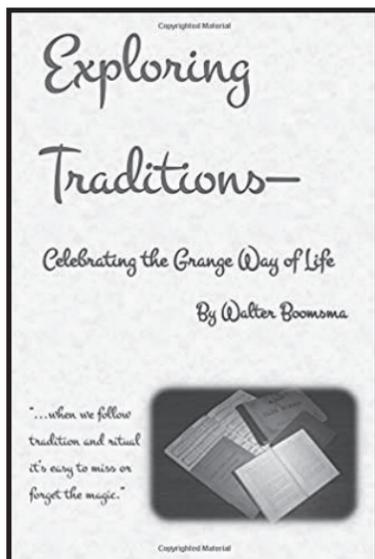
the Convention and the last list I have seen shows a number of notable absences that I'm sure will be late reservations. Please let me know if you have difficulty making reservations. I will do what I can but my resources are limited when I'm eventually told there is "no room at the inn."

It would be great if State Session sometimes operated like a car and you could apply some brake to keep the "State Grange Car" from careening into October 18th! It's coming very fast and there's so much to get done.

I hope all of our members have heeded the warnings and have reserved their rooms for Session. At this writing, there are some rooms still available but that window is closing fast. Periodically the hotel provides me with a list of all rooms reserved for

Many Granges have not returned their delegate credential cards to the Central Office. Each Grange received a card to be given to their delegates who, in turn, bring that card to State Session to receive their badges and materials. The other card is to be mailed to the Central Office to officially register them as delegates. Please, please, please return your cards as soon as possible.

We are finding many members are waiting until the last minute to send in their registrations. Please

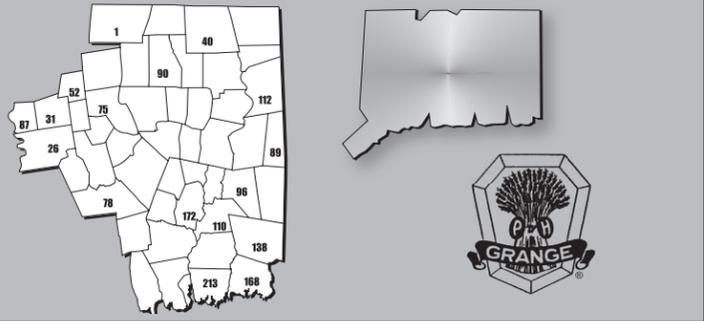


A new Grange publication

These essays by Walter Boomsma unpack the teachings of the Grange and relate them to today's world and our everyday lives," writes Betsy Huber, National Master (President) of the Grange. Many people, including Grange members themselves seem to be wondering about the relevance of this 150 year old organization in modern society. They may find some answers in Exploring Traditions—Celebrating the Grange Way of Life, a series of essays encouraging readers to understand the basis of Grange ritual and tradition. This is not a "guide to the Grange," it truly is an exploration of some of the words and actions found in the Grange ritual and tradition. Included are the Grange Mission Statement and Declaration of purposes, allowing readers to take away from the book a new and deeper understanding of the Grange—not merely as an historical organization, but also an organization that teaches a way of life that aligns us with nature and creates community.

The book is \$14.95 plus shipping & handling and is available by visiting NationalGrange.org and clicking on the Grange Store section of the website.

E. Connecticut Pomona No. 14



Stafford No. 1	Ashford No. 90
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EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray

Special thanks to Jodi Ann Cameron for once again heading up the Ekonk booth at Brooklyn Fair! She was awarded a plaque for 30 years continuous participation! We were notified by the National Grange that for the seventh consecutive year, Ekonk Community Grange achieved "Distinguished Grange" status due to the commitment of our membership. Lillian Sharpe, Junior President, will represent CT at National Grange in Stowe, VT as she vies for National Junior Grange Ambassador. Lillian, 13, chaired the Blueberry Supper in July and at this writing, is prepared to handle the Roast Pork Supper Sept. 15th-cooking 130 pounds of pork loin! She and Connor Sebastian were written up in the National Grange publication, "Good Day" for winning the Sterling Patriotic Essay contest. Jody Cameron installed our officers, with Link Cooper once again taking the helm. By the time you read this, we will have served over 700 hungry farmers at Celebrate AG at the Woodstock Fairgrounds

(a hearty farm breakfast plus lunch)! We will have divided and conquered on that day, Sept. 22nd, since National Grange asked several of our Juniors/ytouth to participate in "Farm Aid" in Hartford on that same say! October 13th will be our roast beef supper and Verna Cole will be in charge. She had Family Reunion conflicts in July and September. God bless Verna! Our final supper for 2018 will be our annual Turkey Supper, Sat., Nov. 17th. Feel free to visit us any first Monday (Subordinate) or any first Friday (Junior). You are always welcome to the Grange on the hill!

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Corr: Glenna Bruno

Oct. 13: Cabaret & Apple Festival

Nov. 10: Craft Fair – Keep Tuned In

Our next meeting will be the Installation of Officers excluding Lecturer, as I am retiring from the position. I will help when needed.

We held a Ham & Bean Supper on Sept. 12 and our Grange Fair was held on Sept. 15. We joined with the town of Danielson to present

the Tomato Festival on Sept. 8 in Davis Park.

We draped our charter for Dorothy Smith. We have two new applicants for membership which we accepted at our last meeting and gave them the obligation and welcoming ceremony.

In October we will have our Apple Festival. More on that later. Posters will be out around town. We are very fortunate that at every meeting most of our officers are present. We need some rehearsal with some of our ritual.

N. STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

Oct. 12: Perpetual Motion, Legislative Program

Oct. 26: Invisible Motion, Halloween Party, 7:30 P.M.

We are most happy to announce that Debbie Barnes is back with us at meetings. She is recuperating at home and getting around very well in her wheelchair. Jeff says she is making progress every day.

The dog days of summer have kept our attendance down. The upstairs hall is at least 20 degrees hotter than the downstairs one and the downstairs is sweltering. The ladies had the program the first meeting in August. We had some wonderful piano solos, songs with the ukelele, and a hilarious reading on how a good housewife should behave in 1955. We 2018 ladies took exception

to many of the suggestions. The story of Rincerella also had us in stitches. The men entertained us on August 24. There were jokes, a history of sword dancing, information on the history of our Grange and town, and Jeff gave Jason a haircut with scissors, grass clippers and hedge clippers while keeping us laughing with his That's Good/That's Bad story.

Please bring the children to our annual Halloween Party. Prizes for costumes and games. Party starts at 7:30. And if those elusive katydids will just start singing, next time we will tell you all about sweet September.

Farm Aid comes to Hartford



J. Allen Cameron (right), of Ekonk Comm. Grange talks with Farm Aid guests at the National Grange booth in the Homegrown Village at Farm Aid in Hartford.

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for the National Grange for many years.

The booth and the concept for it was put together by National Grange Communications Director Amanda Brozana Rios with the technical (construction) assistance of her husband, Victor. We were pleased to have Amanda and National Grange Master Betsy Huber in Connecticut for Farm Aid and the Connecticut members were excited to be included in the event. The Junior Grangers were treated to gift bags, water bottles and cash for working the produce booths all day by Farm Aid and the Connecticut State Grange purchased t-shirts for all of the Connecticut members volunteering their time for the day. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all of them.

At the end of the day, the Farm Aid liaison working with the Produce Stands offered to take a group of Grangers backstage where we could experience some of what goes on behind the scenes of a musical show that's beamed around the world. Chris Stapleton was on stage while we were there. It was a great ending to a wonderful day celebrating agriculture, Grange and Connecticut.

WINDOW TO THE PAST

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



Last Month



This Month

There were no answers to last month's picture.

Cornwall Agricultural Fair



Taghhannuck's booth at the Cornwall Agric. Fair on Sept. 8. Their efforts may have resulted in two new members for their Grange!



Irene Percoski
CWA/Family Activ. Director
cwa@ctstategrange.org

Thank You for your Support

My term as director of CWA/ Family Activities is coming to an end. I want to thank everyone for their support for this department. I have enjoyed meeting people from every part of the state and making new friends along the way. I will have a lifetime of memories to treasure. I look forward to the new ideas and faces of the next committee and I know they can count on all of you to support them.

See you at Session



Marge Bernhardt
State Lecturer
lecturer@ctstategrange.org

It's that time of year again when our thoughts turn to State Session. Entertainment this year at the banquet will be by The Airborne Jazz Bank. They plan to start with some dinner music while we eat and then continue with music that is sensitive and intimate from a collection of jazz standards of the great jazz legends of yesterday and today. While I have not heard

them myself, they come highly recommended. What is your favorite food? I always enjoy this time of year when the entries for the Essay Contest start coming in. So far I have learned about homemade bread still warm, tuna fish sandwiches, ice cream, anything German, anything someone else cooks, strawberry shortcake, well water, oatmeal, steak served medium rare, eggs, whole belly clams, blueberry yogurt, and, milk. I know there will be more to come because as I write this there is still three weeks until the deadline. Which one will win? Be sure and come to the banquet at State Session to find out. And, if you can't make it, the winner will be included in my next Granger article. Hope to see you at State Session and around the State.

Stoweflake Resort Sold Out

Alternate Hotel Choices Available

Brothers and Sisters,

Hotel accommodations at the Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa are currently sold out. If you are planning to attend the 152nd Annual National Grange Convention this year, we are suggesting the below hotel options in the immediate area.



Sun & Ski Inn and Suites

1613 Mountain Road
Stowe, VT
802-253-7159

0.2 miles from Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa



Stowe Motel & Snowdrift

2043 Mountain Road
Stowe, VT
802-253-7629

0.3 miles from Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa



The Mountain Road Resort

1007 Mountain Road
Stowe, VT
802-253-4566

0.8 miles from Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa



Golden Eagle Resort

511 Mountain Road
Stowe, VT
802-253-4811

1.2 miles from Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Presents its

Cabaret

& Annual Big-Little Apple Festival
Saturday, October 13, 2018
(11:30 A.M. – 7:45 P.M.)

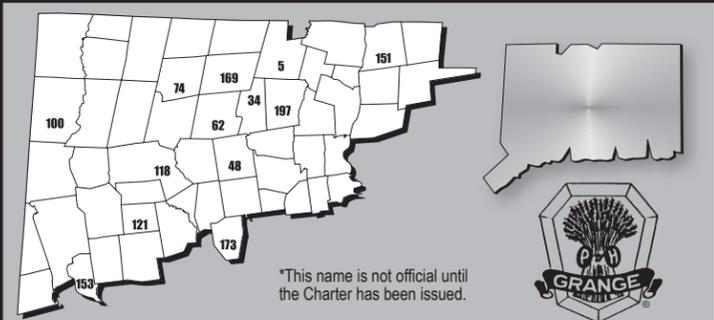
Music by the Usual Suspects & Tim 'N' Vicki
Yankee Pot Roast Dinner (\$15.00)
From 4:15 P.M. to 7:15 P.M.

Apple based culinary delights for sale all day including Apple Sauerkraut Hot Dogs, Mums, Pumpkins & Apples; Salon De McIntosh Art & Quilt Show; Quality Artisans & Vendors. Corner of Route 101 & Dog Hill Road, Dayville, CT. Contact John Bennett, 860-705-3643.

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WHIGVILLE GRANGE #48

Corr: Debbie Brown

The Whigville Grange Fair was held on Aug. 25. We had more people entering than in recent years! Food was available, and live music provided by member Kodylynn. On Sept. 16th the Grange participated in Tavern Day in Burlington. Our booth sold fresh baked apple, peach and blueberry pies, and other baked goodies. The pies were from scratch, a tradition our Grange has been doing for our fair and tavern day for the past several years. Next event? On Oct. 28th the Whigville Grange will be a busy place. The Burlington Land Trust race will start and finish at the Grange. The Whigville Preservation Group will host the Whigville harvest fest, complete with entertainment, silent auction, tractors, and children's activities. This wonderful group has become a great friend of our Grange, helping in many ways. Please stop in and support this event in the beautiful Whigville section of Burlington. After our Oct. meeting, we will meet at town hall for the winter!

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Oct. 9: Indian Summer, Ref. Sara Bement & Sue

Addison

Oct. 23: BOO! (Country Store), Ref. Sandy Phillips

Winchester Grange wrapped up its "outdoor" events for 2018 with Winchester Center Day on Sept. 29. The event, organized with the Winchester Center Congregational Church, the Winchester Ctr. Vol. Fire Dept. and the Winchester Center Historical Association draws many people to the Grange and the Center to enjoy the early fall weather and catch up with old friends. Winchester Grange's portion of the event is a tag sale in the hall and homemade Apple Crisp for sale throughout the day. Each year we end up selling out on the Apple Crisp by noon time. This is being written a couple days before the event but we're sure that will be the case again this time around.

Looking ahead we will have a program on Indian Summer on Oct. 9 and one entitled "Boo" on Oct. 23.

We were pleased to have the Cameron/Barnes Installing Team install our officers at our second September meeting. As you may know, this will be the last year the team will be traveling the state and it was nice knowing one of their last stops was at Winchester Grange. They

did a wonderful job, as usual, and we wish each and every one the best and thank them for their hard work for the Granges of the Connecticut State Grange.

We should also thank Billy LaTulipe for his term as Master of Winchester Grange and wish our new Master Peter Keefe the best of luck as he starts his new term. As you may know, this writer served 19 years as Master of Winchester Grange. No matter what else I have done in the Grange, being Master of Winchester ranks as one of the highest honors.

Coming up Winchester's Fall Super Prize Party and Bake Sale will be held on Friday, November 2nd with the doors opening at 6 and the drawing to begin at 7. So mark it on your calendar and we hope to see you there!

TAGHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Barbara Prindle

Taghannuck Grange voted to change our by-laws to one business meeting a month to be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Special meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of the month when needed for programs such as Citizen of the year dinner, rummage sale, picnic, etc.

Our October 11th meeting is Installation of Officers. Jody Cameron and his team will do the installation at 7:30pm at our Hall. A big thank you goes out to the members who are taking positions for the first time as Steward, Secretary, Pomona and Executive Committee.

New Officers for the 2018-2019 year are: Master, Barbara Prindle; Overseer, Harvey Hayden; Secretary, Debbie Hanlon. Join us at a meeting to meet the rest of the newly elected officers!

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski

Oct.13: Pumpkin Time
Nov.10: Historic Places.- Pot Luck Luncheon.

Even though our milk bottle sort of "exploded" in the middle of our display at the Four Town Fair, we still earned a blue ribbon. It seems that the bottle which was tightly sealed couldn't handle the heat of the building and popped

open and made a mess. Our theme this year was "A Grange Table" and thanks to all who contributed to the display and helped set it up. Within a few weeks the Enfield Farmer's Market will be in the history books for this season. It was a very bad year for rain on Wednesdays.

We planned a pumpkin contest for our October meeting but the only thing that grew on my vines were blossoms, no pumpkins. After checking with other members I found out they did not have any luck either. Must have been old seeds. The door is always open - come visit.

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

Corr: Susan Masino

Simsbury Grange Hosts three Do-It Yourself Events this fall:

Colonial Woodworking and Timber Framing - Sat. & Sun., Oct. 13th and 14th

12:00 - 5:00 pm each day

This unique two-day workshop is an introduction to early Colonial timber framing. The course will be co-taught by Nevan Carling and Lou Lestini and includes log hewing and timber frame joinery all done with hand tools. Participants will receive hands-on instructions in recreating unique examples of Colonial joinery used in a range of historic buildings found across New England. Age requirements: 14 and up with permission of parent/guardian. Limited to 16 participants. Must be responsible and comfortable handling extremely sharp tools. Course materials fee \$50, \$25 if under 18, and waived for financial hardship. Bringing your own hand tools is acceptable and encouraged. R.S.V.P. to nevanacarling@gmail.com.

Cultivating Health in Your Garden (You Can Do It, We Can Help!) Tues., Oct. 23rd, 6:00-7:30 pm at Simsbury Grange

A user-friendly fun evening with an outline of tasks, goals and achievable aims to get the most from the agricultural real-estate on your door-step. Interesting and manageable 'how-to-do-it' session with hands-on advice, demonstrations, action calendar, support, resources, applicable skills + Q & A. The time is ripe to get ready to commune with the land for your own (and your families') good - with long-lasting benefits!

Beekeeping 101

Mon., Nov. 19th, 6:00-7:30 pm at Simsbury Public Library

Beekeeping is easier than you think! Come see and hear the tricks of the trade from Hartford educator Jared Lewis. Jared raises bees, harvests honey, and makes several natural products from the honey and the beeswax. There will be a presentation and a show and tell of basic equipment, specific activities and key timepoints in successful beekeeping. Plenty of time for questions will make sure you can learn how to get started!

And don't miss our next electronic recycling event! We have this twice a year - the last Saturday in October and the second Saturday in May. It will be Saturday, October 27th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (or until truck is full) held in the side parking lot of the (former) Andy's Market, 836 Hopmeadow St. Simsbury. Responsibly recycle your electronics, media, wires, small appliances. Bring as much as you want. Friendly scouts from BSA Troop 76 will help you unload!

Wolcott Free Library



Rich L. of Wolcott Grange #173 works on the landscaping surrounding the post that will hold Wolcott Grange's new free Community Library.

PIG ROAST

to Benefit the
Eureka Grange Building Fund

Saturday, October 6, 2018
Eureka Grange
Route 202, Nepaug, CT

Adult Admission: \$17.00
Child 6-10 years: \$ 8.00
Child 0-5 years: Free

A Pig Roast with all the trimmings, desserts & beverages
Continuous servings from 5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.



And the ribbon goes to...



Enfield Grange #151 won a blue ribbon for this exhibit at the Four Town Fair in Somers, CT.

Savory Sweet Potato Bread Pudding



Fall brings not only the change of seasons, but the start of a new Grange year. Granges begin their busy times with special programs, bazaars and festivals, and of course, potluck suppers! This recipe from Southern Living is a savory new twist on bread pudding that is perfect for any potluck!

INGREDIENTS:

2 1/2 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1 1/2- to 2-inch cubes
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt, divided
 1/2 teaspoon black pepper, divided
 8 thick-cut bacon slices
 1/2 cup chopped sweet onion
 1 (5-oz.) pkg. baby spinach
 1 (8-oz.) French bread loaf, cut into 1-inch cubes
 6 large eggs
 2 1/2 cups half-and-half
 2 ounces Parmesan cheese, grated (about 1/2 cup)

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 400°F. Lightly coat an aluminum foil-lined baking sheet with cooking spray. Toss together sweet potatoes, olive oil, 1/2 teaspoon of the salt, and 1/4 teaspoon of the pepper on the prepared baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven until sweet potatoes are just tender, 20 to 25 minutes, stirring halfway through.

Meanwhile, cook bacon, in batches, in a large skillet over medium until crisp, 10 to 12 minutes; remove bacon, and drain on paper towels, reserving 2 tablespoons drippings in skillet. Crumble bacon.

Remove potatoes from oven, and set aside. Reduce oven temperature to 350°F.

Cook onion in hot drippings over medium until just tender, 2 to 3 minutes. Add spinach, and cook until spinach begins to wilt, about 1 minute. Add bread cubes and crumbled bacon to spinach mixture, stirring to completely incorporate.

Whisk together eggs, half-and-half, Parmesan, and remaining 1 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper in a large bowl. Stir in bread cube mixture, stirring gently to completely incorporate. Gently stir in roasted potatoes. Lightly coat a 13- x 9-inch baking dish with cooking spray; spoon mixture into prepared dish.

Bake at 350°F until golden brown and set in the middle, 45 to 50 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

SOURCE: www.southernliving.com/syndication/savory-sweet-potato-bread-pudding

We must reinvent ourselves

By Faith Quinlan, State Membership Committee

I would like to share highlights of a great article sent to me by Terri Fassio titled, "Why Our Service Organizations are Dying (and how to fix them) by Michael Brand" Mr. Brand has a strong background in Not-for-profits, fundraising and business.

Michael explains that thinking of our community as a group of people and

not necessarily held to a building or specific location is how to consider the future. These new ideas of community are specialized groups and cross states, countries and the world, think about college alumni or the tech community. For the new America, the Digital Population of America, the idea of community has changed as well as the idea of a mass communication to an "ancient human social unity, The Tribe" The tribe is a grouping founded on the shared ideas and values of its members. In this way there is an empowerment to make a positive change in our communities and beyond.

The strange reality is that although we are so isolated in our own worlds because of technology there is still a desire to connect to one another. In these smaller and more specific groups people feel more comfortable and the membership and regular life meld and grow organically. The article points out, "The data is so overwhelmingly convincing. One half of charitable giving in the United States is not driven by what people care about, it is driven by what their friends and family care about. Consider the charity walk or bike ride. Most of those involved have little driving passion for the issue at hand, but join up to walk as part of a team organized by a friend or family member. Its their community. The service clubs which will thrive in this new era are the ones who build out their tribe," says Brand.

Time for most families with children is spent in structured leisure activities outside of school and work. As with all generations time is a prized treasure. What will attract them? It is not necessarily the mission of the Grange but how we can convey and produce added quality to their lives. Michael states what emerging generations want in physical meetings is, "for the environment to be fundamentally social, fundamentally conversational and fundamentally less formal." He also suggests they want to bring the whole family which is already happening in the Grange community.

The generation of child bearing age is usually a two income house hold with much more parental engagement by fathers than previous generations. This means not only are these families more financially attractive demographic for membership but also more active and seeking family friendly participation.

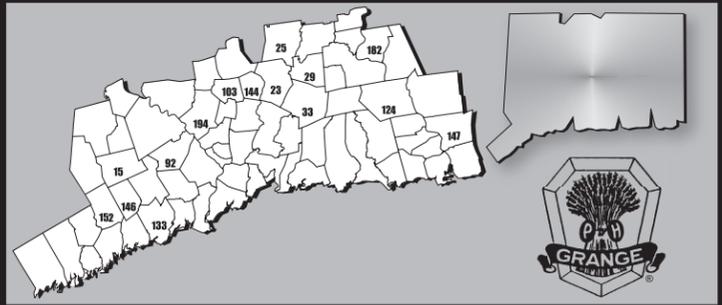
Brand suggests another recruitment success could be to invite high level speakers to present at meetings or events because this is considered a benefit and would attract members. The younger adults see Ted Talks as the, "Gold standard among young professionals for these sessions arouse followers thoughts and imagination, as well as stimulating their ability to identify and solve problems creatively. People gravitate to places containing others who awaken their curiosity and encourage openness to new inspiring ideas and alternatives." If high level speakers are not in the budget there is also the idea of having facilitated discussions about pressing societal issues. These encourage people to invest their precious time into intellectual and creative thoughts

Michael references a book by Victor Hwang, "The Rainforest" where Hwang likens, metaphorically, the current membership club members and structure to this, "Most of us were trained to manage farms." What he means is that we know what we want to grow, when to plant seeds, put them in straight lines, kill the weeds, then we know when to harvest and can anticipate the yield. The new model is likened to a Rainforest in comparison, chaotic environment, genetic mutations are taking place and everything looks like a weed. Hwang believes we need rainforests but that means relinquishing some control. Michael Brand notes, "Not always easy when we have 60-80-100 years of tradition behind us. Yet by allowing emerging leaders to reinvent our club we can navigate a path to securing survival."

Michael Brand says it clearly so I will end my article with his simple, albeit not without difficulty, directive, "Service clubs are an American innovation that have evolved into a worldwide institution while vibrant across the globe the loss of membership in the US represents a loss of Social Capital and Civic engagement. Today potential members are constrained by lack of time in addition they may not see much use in an organization whose prestige and vitality is in question. It is imperative we reinvent. That may involve passing the torch and allowing an emerging generation of leaders to reinvent our clubs according to their needs. The alternative may be irrelevance and obscurity."



NUTMEG POMONA No. 16



Redding No. 15	Greenfield Hill No. 133
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Southington No. 25	Norfield No. 146
Meriden No. 29	Lyme No. 147
Wallingford No. 33	Cannon No. 152
Harmony No. 92	Hemlock No. 182
Beacon Valley No. 103	Oxford No. 194
Higganum No. 124	

HARMONY GRANGE #92

Corr: George Ward

Harmony Grange had a very successful Agricultural Fair on August 25 at the Grange Hall. Exhibits were good attendance excellent, and very fine weather. Although the Hall is not accessible directly from Route 110, many people found it, thanks to the volunteers who placed signs along the way.

The pulled pork sandwiches, corn on the cob, and the plant sale were big successes. There were fewer vegetables to judge this year because of the weather but there were several lovely baskets of vegetables.

Several people signed up to become members at our membership table and we will have a Welcoming Ceremony so they can become members. Several lecturers were held on Agricultural subjects.

We had music, animals, antiques, face painting for the children, and exhibits, featuring antique cars, farm equipment, and a stationary engine powering an air compressor. The Farm Bureau also had a table. A big thank you goes to the many grange members and non-members who volunteered for the planning and who worked at the Fair.

We will drape our charter during our September meeting for two members, including our Secretary, Susan Carol Sulier.

Our next event will be the Christmas Boutique in December. Details will follow in future articles.

Harmony Grange has a post office box for receiving mail. The address is: Harmony Grange #92, P.O. Box 906, Monroe, CT 06468.

Harmony Grange wishes everyone an enjoyable Fall and the colorful foliage were have in this state

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Lois Evankow

Nov. 1: Will any of us venture up to National Grange in Vermont to see

the Seventh Degree?

Dec. 6: Sleigh Bells Ringing, Potluck Supper, 6:30 P.M.

Our Worthy Master, Kathy Tefft, was under the weather with a bad stomach bug. Our able-bodied Overseer took the helm and did a fine job.

We voted to pay our bills, one of the co-chairpersons, Nancy Beebe, gave a wonderful report on proceeds from the Grange Grill. She also gave a final report from the plant and food sale.

What a relief the high humidity and temperatures have gone.

Since our Ceres was also sick, we will drape our charter at our October meeting for Terry Firgelewski. Our Community Service book was sent on time.

CANNON GRANGE #152

Corr: Don Offinger

Oct. 4: Beginning the new Grange Year with a Bang

Oct. 18: Special Program

Nov. 1: Special Program

Nov. 15: Special Program

Out 86th Agricultural Fair was a wonderful day with weather so perfect and enthusiastic fair goes all day long. One of our new features at the Fair this year was an open invitation to many Non-Profit organizations in our wider community. This was Bil's idea, and it was a great one! The non-profits added a new dimension to the fair, and allowed those groups to showcase what they do. Thanks Bil! We had live music entertainment right up to the last moment of the fair, and we thank Dearta Fusaro for lining all of that up. Also, we thank all who helped to set up and to take down, especially Doug Shepherd who leads us in that department. So much of the take down was completed right after the fair, that we were allowed to not make a hasty return the next day to continue working. Thank you to Justin and Dearta Fusaro and friends!

We are thrilled to welcome 4 new members

to our Grange, Patrick and Carmen Kennedy and Martin and Mary Kennedy. Pat is Martin's and Mary's son, and Carmen is Pat's wife. Pat has been a contestant in the Adult Baking department of the fair for many years, and we are delighted to finally welcome him and his family to Cannon Grange. In fact Pat was this year's winner of the 2-crust Apple Pie contest from ACF. He's off to the state level competition.

We continue with hosting two sessions of Tai Chi every Wednesday. Come give it a try, we have drop in classes in the morning and evening--check our website, www.cannongrange.org.

New Officers for this year are: Doug Sheherd, President; Dearta Fusaro, Vice-President; Michele Clark, Secretary; Don Offinger, Treasurer; Bil Mikulewicz, Programs; and John Kriz, Executive Committee.

Our meetings being at 7 PM, and the schedule is noted. Visiting Patrons are always welcome--*won't you join us?*

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Nov. 9: Congressional and State Elections

Nov. 23: Omitted for Thanksgiving

Dec. 14: Poinsettias

Dec. 28: Omitted for Christmas

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

OXFORD GRANGE #194

Corr: Robert Buck

Oct. 5: The Healing Power of Trees

Oct. 19: The Bear Problem
Oct. 26: GOMAD, potluck and music, 7:00 PM.

The summer has been slow, but the Three Graces Gardens around the hall are shaping up and beginning to look quite nice with different things blooming as the seasons change. We have had several donations from members and Grange friends. The handicapped ramp is again progressing as Hank is able to work. We have received approval for a grant from the Community Support Program in Oxford for the balance needed to complete the ramp. Hopefully that will be done by winter. This fall, G.O.M.A.D. continues with good attendance and food and music. Our programs this fall will concentrate on nature: growing things and wildlife issues as that is what the membership is interested in. Hope to see you all-come out and visit us.



Celebrating Communications is Celebrating Community

by Terri Fassio, Public Relations Co-Director

For 150 years, Granges and their members have played an active role in their communities. In the 1800s and early 1900s when many Granges were first founded, while agriculture was the focus of their interests, members gathered together to make a difference in their communities with the important topics of their time, including rural mail delivery and electricity, food, fuel and textile production, and more.

Today's Granges still stand by the same mission and vision as their forefathers.

"The Grange provides opportunities for individuals and families to develop to their highest potential in order to build stronger communities and states, as well as a stronger nation." (National Grange Mission Statement)

Community Service has now become one of the strong cornerstones of the Grange, and each Grange is in a unique situation as it celebrates its own community. Just as no two communities are the same, no two Granges are the same.

Projects can be on a large scale, such as saving a local zip code by housing the post office to a small scale, such as collecting non-perishable items for the food bank or blankets for the local animal shelter. All are equally as important and vital.

Yet they all share one thing - that Grange members are proud to be working together to give back to their individual communities.

So why aren't members busting down the doors to join? One reason may be poor communications.

Communication is a key component of any organization. Internal and external. Members should be encouraged to share their ideas and concerns, giving the sense that they are valued. Happy members are productive members. When members are undervalued, they tend to only offer minimum contributions, thus leading to a reluctance to further volunteer their time or ideas. Unclear responsibilities and time pressures are the most common ways members are miscommunicated with. External issues such as missing media deadlines, lack of focus, or ignoring external communications in general are also common. So you can see how poor communications can just snowball.

People are social and like to feel as if they belong. As members, they want to be involved and make a difference locally. They want to celebrate their community. We encourage you to take the initiative to build up communications in your Grange. Here's a few ideas --

-- Start a Grange newsletter and email / mail to all members.

-- Decorate your Hall with a Bulletin Board, and keep it updated with upcoming event and meeting information.

-- Choose a member of the month - and spotlight that person and their interests. Then write an article about the member and send it to the local newspaper.

-- Start a Facebook page for your Grange and keep its updated.

-- Be sure to send out press releases for all important meetings and events.

-- Ask people who don't often attend meetings to perform specific tasks - such as lend a hand with refreshments or help out with the literary program - or even just be the "greeter" for the evening.

-- Call or text members to remind them of upcoming meetings and events.

-- Take a survey of members and their interests, and then use the findings to develop future programs.

Granges who make an effort to celebrate communications will find their community efforts are strengthened.

Need some help strengthening your Grange communications? Send an email to Bob at publicrelations@ctstategrange.org or Terri at information@ctstategrange.org with your needs and questions, and we can get the process started for you.



By Hank the Burro

Hello Grange friends! It's Big E time! It's been great to see so many Grange friends stop by the New England Grange Building at the Big E this year. There's so much to see at the Big E - and the parade on Grange Day is always so much fun! October is coming quickly - and will be here by the time you are reading this. State Session is right around the corner! Make sure you stop by and say Hi!

Don't forget to follow me on Facebook for news of my latest travels. Please take a minute to follow the link and click the "Like" button. <http://www.Facebook.com/CTGrangeHanktheBurro>



Be a Junior again!

Many of us remember our Junior Grange days fondly or some of us wish we would have had the opportunity to be a Junior Granger!

Well Grangers you are in luck!

As the National Junior Grange celebrates its 130th birthday, we are inviting you to become a Junior again! Look at the Junior Grange contests at www.NationalGrange.org and submit an original piece created within the last year.

An entry fee of \$5.00 is required for Subordinate members (cash or check). Adult entries will be judged separately from Juniors. Top winners will be awarded a prize!



Winchester Grange Installed

Jody Cameron and his team install Peter Keefe as the new Master of Winchester Grange #74 at an open meeting on Sept. 25. After 25 years installing Granges across the state, the Cameron/Barnes team will retire from installing.

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If you're in the area of one of these sheds, why not bring a bag of clothing for donation. As long as donations are clean and in a bag, they will be gladly accepted by the Granges and St. Pauly.



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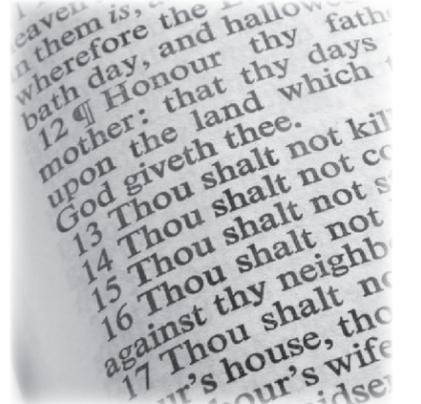
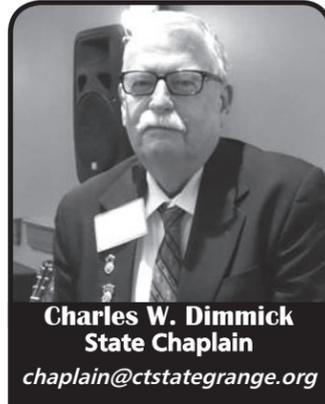
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The 2 Great Commandments



“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

The books of the Old Testament, especially the books of Exodus and Leviticus, are full of rules and regulations. Following all of them, especially in this modern world, is next to impossible. And the various Church denominations have [or have had] their own lists of Thou shalt and Thou shalt not. Some of these even seem to contradict each other. How can we sort through all this and decide what we should or should not do?

The two great commandments identified by Jesus form our guide, our touchstone, to determine what other commandments or rules we especially should pay attention to, and even identify some that we can ignore. Do they depend on or derive from the two Great Commandments? If they do, then we should follow them. If they don't then they are rules, not commandments, and we should consider whether or not they are mandatory for us.

Obviously “Thou shalt not kill” and “Thou shalt not steal” qualify as deriving from “love thy neighbor as thyself”, as does the admonition in Leviticus which reads “You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself” But what about the biblical prohibition against eating shellfish or pork, or the laws concerning animal sacrifice? There is no way we can derive either of these from the two Great Commandments. These should be considered as laws or rules for a certain people at a certain time for the purpose of learning discipline. They set the ancient Israelites apart from the people around them, to mark them out as God's Chosen People. They were not meant to be universal laws. Similarly those who enter a monastic order take upon themselves adherence to a set of disciplines or rules peculiar to that particular monastic order, such as when to engage in communal prayer or even which psalms to recite at a particular time.

However, there is a link between these rules of discipline and the two great commandments. If we are to live together in harmony with our brothers and sisters it is best to have a set of rules, laws, and rituals in common that all of us agree to. The details don't matter as long as we are in agreement.

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