CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE









"May the Divine Master protect, guide and bless us all, now and evermore."







The Chaplain in the Subordinate Grange Closing Ceremony







"Cultivate with HOPE the seed thus planted, that it may yield an hundredfold."





The Master in the Second Degree





"My tribute is the seed corn. Have FAITH. Faith in the spring of the year, and the springtime of life."





Ceres in the Fourth Degree





"I do most cheerfully confer upon you as a reward for your faithful labors, the title of Ceres, which secures to you all the honors and benefits of the highest rank in our beloved institution."





Grange Founder Francis McDowell in a letter to Caroline Hall, November 16, 1868





"It will not be doubted that with reference either to individual or national welfare, agriculture is of primary importance"





President **George Washington**

during an address before Congress, **December 7, 1796**







"My assistants will make examination and report."





The Steward during the Subordinate Grange Opening Ceremony



"The achievements and experiences of the past year are soon to become history; a new program must be provided so that the benefits of the past will not be lost."





Frank Peet Master of the CT State Grange in his 1935 Master's Address





"Worthy Overseer, these friends of ours seek initiation into the Patrons of Husbandry, and desire instruction."





The Assistant Steward during the First Degree





"An individual person cannot go back over the years to obtain the personal experience, and spoken words too often (unintentionally I am sure) become imaginative."





Ira Wilcox

Connecticut State Grange Master from 1953 in the forward of Lida Ives' book "The Grange in Connecticut"



"Since God placed man on earth, agriculture has existed. There is no occupation that precedes it, no order or association that can rank with the tillers of the soil."





The Installing Officer during the Grange Installation of Officers Ceremony





"As we look forward to next year, we must continue to look at new ideas to build our Grange. We need to make our Granges succeed, only then will we see the results of our efforts in the harvest."





Phil Prelli

Master of the CT State Grange in his 2005 Master's Address



"Cultivators of the earth are the most valuable citizens. They are the most vigorous, the most independent, the most virtuous, and they are tied to their country and wedded to its liberty and interests by the most lasting bonds."



Thomas Jefferson

in a Letter to John Jay September 23, 1785





"The whole subject of Grange tenure may be summed up in a sentence: what the church does for the spiritual needs of the community the Grange does for the material and intellectual needs."





W.F. Whipple

Editor of the book "The Connecticut Granges" in 1900



"Our associations in life are the fields in which we reap.
Use judgment, and while you glean let your example be such that others may profit by it."





The Master in the Third Degree





"Let it be a lesson, never to be forgotten, that success in a good cause is gained only by perseverance. Never be discouraged. Hope and persevere!"





The Spector in the Fifth Degree



"The wild flowers are making the woods and the hills glorious with their beauty; orchards are in bloom, and the air is redolent with their perfume; plowing the fields has begun and soon the sower will go forth to sow."





The Overseer in the First Degree





"Permit me to suggest that you save every scrap of manuscript you may write. For should we build a magnificent order, you and I can be ready to write the history."





Oliver Hudson Kelley in a letter to Anson Bartlett of Ohio, 1867





"Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil, and you're a thousand miles from the corn field."





President Dwight D. Eisenhower

from a speech in Peoria, Illinois, 1956



"The expression that talk is cheap, may be true, but a new member far outweighs the cost. So spend a few pennies, spend a few minutes, and hopefully receive the reward of obtaining a new member."





Carl MacLauren Master of the CT State Grange in his 1998 Master's Address





"Above all, remember that amid all that is bright and beautiful in Nature there is nothing which blooms with such unfading colors—there is no perfume on earth fraught with such fragrance—as the flowers of good works and the sweet-smelling savor of that pity which feels for the wants and relieves the distresses of our sisters and our brothers."





Flora in the Second Degree

