

Question #1

When a member doesn't pay their dues for more than one quarter, what happens?

- A. They are suspended**
- B. They are dropped**
- C. They are carried on the roster for one year.**



Answer #1

A. They are Suspended

They may be suspended by following the proper procedure of notifying them at least twice... with at least one notice in writing. The Grange must then vote to suspend the member.



Question #2

Once suspended, do they also lose
State and National Grange
membership?



Answer #2

No.

They lose the ability to participate in those degrees but do not lose membership in the State or National Granges.



Question #3

Do suspended members lose continuous membership years accumulated?



Answer #3

No (and yes)

If they apply for reinstatement within one year, they retain continuous membership.

They lose continuous membership after one year.



Question #4

How long must a Grange retain financial records?

- A. Forever
- B. 6 Years
- C. 10 Years



Answer #4

B. 6 Years

While we would prefer longer, you should at least meet the IRS requirements for retaining records.



Question #5

How long should my Grange retain MEMBERSHIP records?

- A. Forever
- B. 10 Years
- C. We don't need to keep records. The State Grange keeps them.



Answer #5

A. Forever

Membership records are part of the permanent record of your Grange along with your minutes books.



Question #6

If I type my minutes into the computer, do I have to keep a printed copy?



Answer #6

YES!!!

Electronic files are wonderful but are easily lost with hardware/software failures... a copy of all minutes in a binder (or book of similar form) is a MUST.



Question #7

Is my Grange a
501(c)3 Non-profit?



Answer #7

No. Granges in Connecticut are either 501(c)5, 501(c)8, or 501(c)10



Question #8

Can my Grange accept tax-deductible donations?



Answer #8

No*

No matter the 501(c) - 5, 8 or 10 designation, Connecticut Granges are not permitted to issue tax deductible letters to donors or participate in any other benefits attached to 501(c)3.



Question #9

**My Grange doesn't need 501(c)3,
we can just use the State Grange's
number.**

Yes

No



Answer #9

No.

**The State Grange is not 501(c)3.
The State Grange Foundation is a
501(c)3 that can accept donations on
behalf of Granges by following a
specific procedure.**



Question #10

**All Golden Sheaf
(50 Year)
members are exempt
from paying dues.**

Yes

No



Answer #10

No.

Only members who received their Golden Sheaves prior to January 1, 2001 are exempt from paying dues.

