

PA STATE GRANGE
Press Release

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RE: PA State Grange Elects New Slate of Officers

West Middlesex, PA - On Monday, October 18, 2010, PA State Grange delegates attending the 138th Annual PA State Grange Session, elected a new slate of officers for 2010-2012.

Carl Meiss was elected as the President of the PA State Grange for a two year term. Carl is a member of Valley Grange #1360 and York/Adams Pomona Grange #40 in York County. He has served the PA State Grange as its Public Relations and Membership Director as well as Editor of their newspaper, *The Advocate*, for the past 8 years. Carl is a retired police lieutenant from the Lower Allen Township Police Department, Cumberland County, where he served 27 years. He lives in Newberry Township, York County with his wife Judy.

Other officers elected were:

- Vice President: Richard Mangel, Butler County
- Program Director: Lorena Baughman, Blair County
- Steward: Leonard Heim, Lehigh County
- Assistant Steward: Derek Schroeder, Berks County
- Lady Assistant Steward: Miranda Irons, Warren County
- Chaplain: Jennifer Nauss, York County
- Treasurer: Henry Seidel, Berks County
- Secretary: Sandra Witmer, Lancaster County
- Greeter: Andrew Kieffer, Berks County
- Ceres: Marjorie Brown, Tioga County
- Pomona: Ashley Bird, Centre County
- Flora: Jodi Keith, Huntingdon County
- Executive Committee: Nettie Kauffman, Berks County

The 138th Annual PA State Grange Session saw 218 delegates from Community and Pomona Granges and 215 guests attend. The delegates represent the nearly 260 Community Granges and 50 Pomona (County) Granges throughout the Commonwealth.

The Grange is a family, fraternal organization dedicated to the betterment of the American way of life through community service, education, legislation and fellowship.

It is the oldest agricultural and rural advocacy organization in the United States. The Grange was originally formed nationally in 1867 and was chartered in Pennsylvania in 1873.



Group photo of 2010-2012 PA State Grange Officers: (seated left to right): Nettie Kauffman, Executive Committee; Barbara Gross, Executive Committee; Beth Downey, Executive Committee; Carl Meiss, President; Miranda Irons, Lady Assistant Steward; Jennifer Nauss, Chaplain, Marjorie Brown, Ceres. (standing left to right): Jodi Keith, Flora; Richard Mangel, Vice President; Andrew Kieffer, Greeter; Brian Ebersole, Executive Committee; Sandra Witmer, Secretary; Henry Seidel, Treasurer; Derek Schroeder, Assistant Steward; Leonard Heim, Steward; Ashley Bird, Pomona; and Lorena Baughman, Program Director.



Carl Meiss, President