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More Information / New Grange History Presentation Now Available on State Grange Website

The History Committee of the PA State Grange is pleased to announce the addition of more historical information to the State Grange website and the re-organization other existing information posted on the website. If you wish to access this Grange historical information, go to the “Departments” tab and click on History Committee. The main page is now followed by three sub-pages:

- [Listing of Pennsylvania Granges](#)
- [Historical Highlights by Terms of State Grange Masters/Presidents](#)
- [Brief History Slide Program](#)

Previously, the information for the first two links was posted on the main history page. Hopefully the re-organization removes some of the cluttered appearance on the main page and makes it easier to find specific information. The brief slide program came about as a result of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the National Grange, celebrated in Washington, DC and around the country on December 4, 2017. When a local Pomona Grange was searching for a concise audiovisual presentation about the Grange’s history to give at their celebration of this milestone anniversary, no such program was found. The task of compiling a program was undertaken by the State Grange History Committee. As now presented, the program consists of 36 slides with speaker notes giving a very high level history of the National and State Granges with an option for adding local Grange information on a few of the slides. The program is shared on the website to acquaint more people – *members and non-members alike* – with the fascinating story of the Grange and its accomplishments during the past 150 years. Granges that may want to give the presentation as a program at a meeting may contact the History Committee Chair Doug Bonsall to access a PowerPoint version of the presentation; upon request, the program can be personalized with information about Granges chartered in particular county(ies)..

The next project of the committee will be the addition of more sub-pages to the website where the digitized State Grange newsletters and the *Journals of Proceedings* will be posted for easy access. The company that has been contracted to microfilm, digitize and index this information has recently completed the first batch of documents and the files are currently being checked and verified.

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