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# ROLL OF HONOR

Past Masters

of the

Pennsylvania State Grange

Organized September 18, 1873 at Reading, Pennsylvania

* DAVID B. MAUGER	1873-1876
* VICTOR E. PIOLLET	1876-1880
* LEONARD RHONE	1880-1898
* W.F. HILL	1898-1908
* WILLIAM T. CREASY	1908-1914
* JOHN A. McSPARRAN	1914-1924
* PHILIP H. DEWEY	1924-1927
* E.B. DORSETT	1927-1932
* J.A. BOAK	1932-1938
* KENZIE S. BAGSHAW	1938-1944
* SHARP FULLERTON	1944-1950
* BEATTY H. DIMIT	1950-1956
* J. COLLINS McSPARRAN	1956-1962
* JOHN W. SCOTT	1962-1968
* A. WAYNE READINGER	1968-1974
* J. LUTHER SNYDER	1974-1979
* ROBERT E. STEESE	1979-1979
* CHARLES E. WISMER	1979-1988
* WILLIAM H. RINGLER	1988-1992
GORDON HILLER	1992-1996
WILLIAM A. STEEL	1996-2002
BETSY HUBER	2002-2010
CARL H. MEISS, III	2010-2014
ELIZABETH DOWNEY	2014-2016
* Deceased	

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE OFFICERS  
2018-2019**

PRESIDENT/MASTER	Wayne Campbell
VICE-PRESIDENT/OVERSEER	JV Lamb – 2017-2018
LECTURER	Jennifer Nauss
STEWARD	Andrew Kieffer
ASSISTANT STEWARD	Robert Kleckner III
LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD	Lorena Baughman
CHAPLAIN	Judy Pressler
TREASURER	Henry Seidel
SECRETARY	Debra Campbell
GATEKEEPER	Gene Zvarick
CERES	Hannah Leibensperger
POMONA	Jennifer Beamon
FLORA	Virginia Mangel
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	Barbara Gross – 2015 – 2019
	Richard Mangel – 2016 – 2020
	Dr. James Diamond – 2017 – 2021
	Janet Pratt – 2018 – 2022

## **STANDING COMMITTEES 2019 STATE SESSION**

### **Agriculture & Environmental Issues**

James Huber, Chair – Lancaster County  
John Courtney – Mercer County  
Jodi Keith Kensinger – Huntingdon County  
Dustin Kunkle – Berks County  
Stanley Reyburn – Chester County  
Dale Shupp – Wyoming County

### **Government Issues**

C. Arthur Zug, Chair – Juniata County  
Lizzie Bailey – Cumberland County  
Lynn Dietrich – Berks County  
Carol Ann Gregg – Mercer County  
Carole Huber – Lancaster County

### **Good of the Order**

Barbara Schroeder, Chair – Berks County  
Glenn Gross – Venango County  
Jane Birk – Bucks County  
Janet Fishovitz – Beaver County  
Leonard Heim – Lehigh County  
George Gregg – Mercer County  
Robert Pardoe – Northumberland County  
Gerald Pratt – Bradford County

### **Family Issues**

Barbara Warden, Chair – Venango County  
Pamela Courtney – Mercer County  
Ben Hagen – Centre County  
Tammy Schaeffer – Berks County  
Donald Steeley – Bucks County  
Ronald Sweeney – Huntingdon County

### **Credentials**

Karen Poorman, Centre County  
Denae Zvarick, Montgomery County  
Patty Bird, Centre County

### **Sixth Degree**

Martha Ebersole – Perry County  
Elaine Nilon, Beaver County

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE 147<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SESSION SCHEDULE

### Thursday, October 24

10:00	Executive Committee Meeting
1:00	State Officers, Committees Arrive
	Exhibit Rooms set-up
1:00 - 4:00	Registration
1:00 - 4:00	Tour –Travel to Penn State Campus to see a Nuclear Reactor followed by a stop at the Creamery
4:30	Depart for Host Banquet (by invitation only)
6:30 - 10:00	State Officer Rehearsal
6:30 - 9:00	Registration
7:00 - 9:00	Exhibit Entries Accepted

### Friday, October 25

8:00 - 6:00	Registration
8:00 - 9:00am	Session Committee Meetings
8:00 - 10:30am	Exhibit Entries Accepted
9:00	State Session Opening
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch Recess
12:15 - 1:30	Past Officer Luncheon
1:00	Exhibit Entries Judging
1:45 - 5:30	Session Reconvenes
1:45pm	Suggestions for Officers
5:30 - 7:00pm	Dinner Recess
5:30 - 10:00	Exhibit Rooms Open
7:00pm	Presentation of Awards
9:30pm	Youth Officer Rehearsal

### Saturday, October 26

7:30-8:15	Youth Officer Rehearsal
8:00 - 6:00	Registration
8:30	Session Opens - Youth Officers
9:00am - 8:00pm	Exhibit Rooms Open
10:00 – 11:00 am	Junior Jam Registration
11:00 (tbd)	Junior Jam Depart Hotel
11:15	Election of Officers
11:30 - 1:00pm	Lunch Recess
11:45 - 1:00	Youth Luncheon
1:15 - 5:00	Session Reconvenes
5:00 - 6:30	Dinner Recess
6:30 - 8:00	Conferral of Sixth Degree / Installation of Officers / Closing of the Grange
8:00	Exhibit Rooms closed / tear down
8:00	Foundation Auction
9:15	Board Buses for Youth Party

### Sunday, October 27

8:00 - 9:00	Church Service
9:15 - 10:15	Junior Meeting
10:30 - 12:00	Pick up Exhibits
10:30 - 12:30	Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song Competition
12:30	All Grangers Banquet

**MINUTES OF THE 147<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PA STATE GRANGE SESSION**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019**

1. The 147<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania State Grange Annual Session officially opened in the Sixth Degree on Friday October 25, 2019 at 9:00 am in the Ballroom, Ramada Conference Center by Wyndham, State College, PA with Master Wayne Campbell presiding. The opening drill was under the direction of Lindsay Schroeder, Berks County.
2. Roll call found all officers present including Brother Michael Pratt filling in for Sister Janet Pratt, Executive Committee Member. Sister Doris Evans served as the pianist for the session.
3. Master Campbell lowered to the Fourth Degree.
4. Honored guests recognized were Betsy Huber, National Grange President and Past Pennsylvania State Grange President.

Past State Masters Elizabeth Downey, Carl Meiss and Past First Lady and Past National Priestess Annalist, Fae Snyder.

National Grange Representative Kay Stiles, National Grange Pomona.

Brother Joseph Stefenoni, National Leadership/Membership Director.

5. Sister Ashley Furman, Patty Bird and Ruth Vonada, Co-Chairpersons of the 2019 Host Committee, welcomed everyone to State College, Centre County, Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania State Grange Session was hosted by the Southwest Convention District.
6. Master Campbell announced the meeting will be recorded for Minutes taking purposes only.
7. Master Campbell appointed Cassidy Cheddar as Session Parliamentarian.
8. Sister Judy Pressler gave us devotions titled "Today is a New Day, Cherish It". Sister Pressler then read the scripture Proverbs 27:1 – Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring. And Matthew 6:34 – Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Her message was "We can't change yesterday but we can ruin today by worrying about tomorrow". The hymn was "Great is Thy Faithfulness" and the closing prayer was by M.S. Lowndes – Lord help me not to worry today, for my tomorrow that's on the way. But help me keep my eyes on you, for this is what will see me through.
9. Brother Andrew Kieffer announced that you need to turn your phones to vibrate. If he hears your phone, it will cost you \$10.00.
10. Junior Grange Director Lurae Benzio introduced Elisabeth Reich, 2019-2020 Junior Grange Princess and Bryce Danko, 2019-2020 Junior Grange Prince.

Elisabeth has been a Junior Granger for many years. She is a member of Valley Grange #1360 in York County. Her parents wanted her to learn the beauty of community service and giving back to places that have given so much to her. She spoke about how we need to work on teaching her generation more about Community Service. She has helped at the Elizabethtown Fair Milkshake stand and the Middletown Grange Fair to help with their chicken dinner. She would love to come to your Grange and assist you with community service projects.

Bryce is a member of Community Grange in Perry County and has been a Junior Member for five years. He is a freshman of Greenwood High School. In school he actively involved in FFA and the band where he plays the saxophone. Outside of school he is involved in Boy Scouts, Liverpool Junior Firefighter and Baseball. In 2014 Bryce went to Junior Camp for the first time and stated it was probably the best decision of his life. He has attended Family Festival, Middletown County Fair to help with their chicken dinner, Elizabethtown Fair Milkshake stand and Cumberland County Ag Expo. and other Grange activities and meetings.

Bryce would love to come to your Grange to help with banquets, community service projects or to attend your Grange meeting, Elisabeth and he would be happy to come.

11. Appointment of Session Committees—Credentials—Karen Poorman, Centre County, Denae Zvarick, Montgomery County and Patty Bird, Centre County.

- a. Sister Poorman gave a partial report of the Credential's Committee as follows:  
86 Delegates and 55 Subordinate Granges and  
42 Delegates and 27 Pomona Granges represented at this time.

With a total of 128 Delegates present at this time. Master Campbell confirmed that we do have a quorum and can proceed with our work.

12. Sixth Degree Committee—Martha Ebersole, Perry County and Elaine Nilon, Beaver County.
13. Sister Nettie Kauffman, Chair of the Salary Committee presented their report. Serving on the committee were Michael Martin, Barbara Warden, Nettie Kauffman and Henry Seidel, ex officio.

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the Salary report as recommended by the Salary Committee, motion carried.**

14. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the official schedule of the 147<sup>th</sup> PA State Grange Session, motion carried.**
15. Master Campbell presented the highlights from his Annual Master's Address. It was accepted and the full report will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
16. Sister Campbell, State Grange Secretary, presented highlights from her report. It was accepted and the full report will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
17. Brother Seidel presented the Lifetime Membership report from the Committee that met August 29, 2019 at the State Grange Office in Lemoyne. The committee is recommending that we no longer offer Lifetime membership because it is no longer profitable. Serving on the committee was Henry Seidel; Martha Ebersole and Debra Campbell.

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the Lifetime Membership report which recommends that Lifetime Membership be discontinued beginning January 1, 2020 as recommended by the Lifetime Membership Committee, motion carried.**

18. Brother Seidel, State Grange Treasurer, presented highlights from his report. Brother Seidel referred to the letter from Hamilton and Musser stating that the review has been completed. His report was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.



Brother Seidel then presented the budget for information only, the budget will be voted on at Saturday's session. The Budget can be voted on after 11:04 am., this will have allowed it to lay over the required 24 hours.

19. Sister Barbara Gross, Executive Committee Chairman, presented the Executive Committee report. Her report was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
20. Barbara Schroeder presented Resolution No. 39, "Changing the Frequency of Pomona Grange Meetings" "was read because it is a By-Laws change and is required to be presented 24 hours prior to the adoption. This resolution will be presented for adoption after 11:15 am, Saturday.
21. Brother JV Lamb, Chair of the Grange Foundation Committee, presented the Foundation report. It was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
22. Sister Lizzie Bailey, Public Relations/Membership Consultant presented her report. Sister Bailey stated that we need 2,000 new members to get this organization back to a good place. Sister Bailey presented the application for a Grange Charter to National Master Huber for the "new" Capital Region Grange in Harrisburg, Dauphin County. Sister Bailey's report was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
23. Abby Spackman of the Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation and AgrAbility. PATF is a statewide, non-profit organization that helps individuals with disabilities and older Pennsylvanians acquire the assistive technology devices and services they want. They provide financial education, financial loans for the purchase of assistive technology and more.
24. Brother Lynn Dietrich of the Government Committee presented their resolutions.

**A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution #11 as written, motion carried.**

25. Door Prizes were given by the Host Committee.
26. Session recessed for lunch at 12:04 pm.
27. Master Campbell called the session back to order at 1:30 pm.
28. Master Campbell introduced Travis Daniels, American Income Life. He gave a short introduction of AIL Insurance and said that they have been with the Pennsylvania State Grange since August 2009. To date they have awarded members with \$182,000 in claims. Mr. Daniels invited everyone to visit his table in the lobby.
29. Sister Barbara Gross gave a report on the Quilt Block program. The Grange committed to painting 100 Wooden Quilt Blocks (2' x 2') for the Farm Show Complex. Blocks have been painted by Grange members and friends of the Grange from all across the state. Several blocks were painted at Family Festival in July and along with those painted at home, we are happy to say that the first 40 blocks were delivered to the PA Farm Show Complex the first week of September. The last 60 blocks are done and will be delivered by November. Thank you to all those who painted a block! It will be exciting to see where the blocks are mounted throughout the Farm Show Complex.
30. Master Campbell stated that all candidates will be limited to two minutes. Master Campbell then asked for suggestions for State Officers. Those suggested were:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Names Suggested</u>	<u>County</u>
a. Executive Committee	Mary Jane Kent Barbara Schroeder	Greene Berks

31. Brother Douglas Bonsall, Chairman of the History Committee presented their report and some things the History Committee has been working on. Jenn Nauss presented resources that are now available on the Pennsylvania State Grange Website. Journal of Proceedings and Listing of Granges were presented last year. Charter Applications have been added to the Website. Historical highlights by terms by the Past Masters have also been completed.

Video equipment was purchased by Valley Grange to record video biographies. Steve and Karen Mohn with help from their daughter Ashley have been interviewing Grangers to give their thoughts on the Grange and past experiences. Sister Nauss presented a brief video of Fae Snyder, former First Lady and former Past National Priestess Annalist. If you have any members you would like to be recorded, please contact someone on the History Committee.

In 2023 the Pennsylvania State Grange will be 150 years old. The History Committee has been appointed to plan the celebration. They are currently looking for members to be in charge of committees.

Please check out the table in the lobby with information of Eagle Grange #1 who will be celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> year in 2022. If you would like to volunteer to be on a committee, contact one of the History committee members. Pamphlets were handed out to become a friend of Eagle Grange. David Troutman, Master of Eagle Grange presented certificates to Beth and Bernie Downey who have become Friends of Eagle Grange. The funds received from being a friend of Eagle Grange will be used to help renovate and improve their Grange building to be more of a community center. Other members of the History Committee are Susan Tau, Secretary, Anna May Nauss, Treasurer.

The report was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

32. Brother Lynn Dietrich of the Government Committee continued with presenting their resolutions.

**A motion was made and seconded to change the wording back to the original wording in Resolution #14, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to add single use plastics to Resolution No.14, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to strike the word rights and insert the word guidelines to Resolution No. 16, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to send Resolution No. 19 back to committee for rewording on the Resolve, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to amend Resolution No. 21 by inserting the word Southern before the word border, motion carried**

**A motion was made and seconded to reject Resolution No. 21, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to insert the words “will not support legislation that” before the word “prohibits” to Resolution No. 34, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to move the previous question, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to send Resolution No. 34 back to committee, motion carried.**

33. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the Archive all the Resolutions that were submitted by Vince Phillips to Archive, motion carried.**

34. Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Russell Redding was introduced and spoke regarding the issues that the Grange has been involved and appreciates the Grange and gives thanks for our involvement and what we do every day to promote Agriculture. He thanked us for the invitation to speak before our Convention.

He appreciates seeing the Quilt Squares while traveling across the state. Secretary Redding is looking forward to seeing the Quilt Blocks that will be hung in the Farm Show Complex and the one Quilt Block that has been painted honoring the PA Preferred program which will be mounted in the PA Department of Agriculture building.

Secretary Redding thanked the Grange for its voice in the discussion of Broadband. He stated our voice has been critical in advancing Broadband in Pennsylvania.

Secretary Redding thanked the Grange for their support of the 2019 PA Farm Bill and our advocacy for the bill. He also thanked the Grange for our friendship and work that we are doing for the citizens of Pennsylvania. A brief question and answer session followed his presentation.

35. Door Prizes were given by the Host Committee.
36. Sister Barbara Schroeder of the Good of the Order Committee continued with presenting their resolutions.

**An amendment was made and seconded to change the location from Reading to Harrisburg to amend Resolution No. 42 by striking the word Reading and inserting the word Harrisburg, amendment failed.**

**A motion was made and seconded to strike the second Resolve in Resolution No. 46, motion carried.**

37. Brother Donald Steeley of the Family Issues Committee continued with presenting their resolutions.

**A motion was made and seconded to send the policy statement of the Family Issues Committee back to committee to rewrite some of their policy statement, motion carried.**

38. Session closed in the Fourth Degree at 5:38 pm. Session will reconvene Saturday morning at 8:30 am.

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019**

39. The second day of the 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange opened in the Fourth Degree at 8:30 am in Ballroom 3 & 4, Ramada Hotel & Conference Center by Wyndham, State College, Pennsylvania with an opening drill by the 2019 Youth Officers:

- a. Master – Braden Gourley
- b. Overseer – Derek Snyder
- c. Lecturer – Isaac Mengel

- d. Steward – Hannah Leibensperger
- e. Assistant Steward – Josh Mengel
- f. Lady Assistant Steward – Isabella Boone
- g. Secretary – Erica Berger
- h. Treasurer – Jake Mengel
- i. Chaplain – Cassidy Cheddar
- j. Gatekeeper – Grace Wadsworth
- k. Ceres – Evy Zaleski
- l. Pomona – Lindsay Schroeder
- m. Flora – Autumn Tworkoski
- n. Executive Committee – Ben Wadsworth
- o. Executive Committee – Jodi Keith Kensinger
- p. Executive Committee – Denae Zvarick

40. Sister Wadsworth congratulated the Youth on such an outstanding drill and opening of the Saturday Session. Sister Wadsworth talked about Grange heroes and who her heroes are in the Grange. Everyone in the room are the Youth's heroes. Without your support showing the Youth the techniques, resolutions and ritual teachings of Grange values the youth would not know the value of this great organization and would like to thank you. They appreciate everyone coming to the opening, your support of their fundraising, and their annual appeals. Without all your support they wouldn't be able to do the things the youth do throughout the year. The Youth are her heroes because they take the time out of their busy schedule to participate and attend in the various activities throughout the year. During the session, Grangers were invited to support the Youth by going to Applebee's (donating 15%); IHop (donating 20%) and Hoss's (donating 20%) to the Youth Department.

Sister Wadsworth introduced the 2019-2020 Youth Ambassador Isabella Boone, Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County and Josh Mangel, Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County. They both told a little about themselves and are looking forward to this next year representing the Grange. They also offered to come to your Grange to assist you in any programs, dinners etc.

Brother Derek Snyder, Valley Grange #1360, York County and Brother Braden Gourley, Hookstown Grange #1980, Beaver County were also introduced as 2019-2020 Outstanding Youth Patrons. They interviewed each other using comic relief to both introduce themselves and entertain.

Sister Wadsworth's report in its entirety will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

41. Sister Lurae Benzio stated that the Juniors will be touring State College Sports Museum, Lunch in the park and Penn State Berkey Creamery for their Junior Jamboree. They will be staying the night at the Centre County Grange fair in the Fair Conference Room and enjoying a spaghetti dinner prepared and served at the Progress Grange Hall. Sister Benzio also invited everyone to go to the Junior Degree on Sunday at 9:00 am.
42. Brother Braden Gourley declared the Grange at ease while the State Officers took over their offices. Master Campbell called session back to order.
43. Sister Judy Pressler shared a special message called "Stop, Look and Listen". The Scripture reading was Luke 11:28 – Speak Lord, for Your Servant is listening. Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it. The message was our engineer is waiting for us to stop in the middle of our busyness, look for Him because He is always right beside us and listen for his voice...it may not be a blooming blare, but a soft whisper. The song was called "In the Garden" and the Closing prayer: God,

let us be eager to listen and to truly hear, and not do all the talking. Help us to discern your will for us through study and prayer.

44. The minutes of Friday's Session were read and approved with corrections.

45. Brother Lynn Dietrich of the Government Issues Committee continued presenting their resolutions.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy statement of the Government Issues Committee, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the policy statement and all the work of the Government Issues Committee, motion carried. The report in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.**

46. Brother Huber, Chair of the Agriculture and Environmental Issues Committee presented their resolutions.

**A motion was made and seconded to delete everything after consumables for Resolution No. 6, motion failed.**

**A motion was made and seconded to reject Resolution No. 6 in its original form, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to add the words "and National Grange" after the words Pennsylvania State Grange in Resolution No. 8, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy statement of the Agriculture and Environmental Issues Committee, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the policy statement and all the work of the Agriculture and Environmental Issues Committee, motion carried. The report in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.**

47. Sister Barbara Warden Chair of the Family Issues Committee presented their Policy Statement.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy statement of the Family Issues Committee, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the policy statement and all the work of the Family Issues Committee, motion carried. The report in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.**

48. Door Prizes were given by the Host Committee.

49. Philip Vonada, chair of the Suggestion Committee reported that there was only one name that he could confirm to be suggested for the office of Executive Committee member which was Barbara Schroeder from Berks County. The committee would encourage anyone considering running for a State office to talk to a current State Officer to discuss the requirements of each office and/or request a Job Description. The report in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

50. Master Campbell asked if there were any other suggestions for officers.

No additional names were suggested for the Office of Executive Committee at this time.

51. Worthy Steward Kieffer stated the write-in names need to be input with their exact sir names.

52. Worthy Steward Kieffer appointed the Tellers for the election.

53. At this time, the Grange was called at ease for the Election of Officers.

54. The Youth Luncheon was held in the Atrium of the Pittsburgh Marriott North Hotel at 12:00 pm.

Sister Ellen Wadsworth, Youth Director welcomed and thanked everyone for supporting the Youth.

Sister Wadsworth awarded the "Friend of the Youth" award to Wayne and Debbie Campbell, Oliver Grange #1069, Perry County for their outstanding support of the Grange Youth Program.

55. Master Campbell reconvened the Session at 1:30 pm.

56. Brother Andrew Kieffer, Steward, reported on the election results of the Executive Committee member. The results were read by the Teller for that office. The person receiving the majority of the votes was:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Officer's Elected</u>	<u>County</u>
a. Executive Committee	Barbara Schroeder	Berks County

57. Brother Henry Seidel presented the Budget.

**A motion was made and seconded that the Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee, Treasurer and Membership/PR Director explore more cost effective and timely publication options that better serve the members and the budget of the Pennsylvania State Grange; and that the committee make a report of its findings at the 2020 Pennsylvania State Grange Session.**

**A motion was made and seconded to amend the motion to delete the "at 2020 State Grange Session" and insert "in the next three months".**

**A motion was made and seconded to amend the amendment to change the "three months" to "six months and if more cost effective alternative is found, it be implemented as soon as possible and feasible", the amendment to the amendment passed.**

**A motion was made to move the previous question, motion failed.**

**A motion was made and seconded to remove "that the committee make a report of its findings in six months" from the amended amendment, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to move the previous question, motion carried.**

**The motion as amended now reads... The Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee, Treasurer and Membership/PR Director explore more cost effective and timely publication options that better serve the members and the budget of the Pennsylvania State Grange; and if a more cost effective alternative is found, it be implemented as soon as possible and feasible, the amended motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to reduce line item 124 from \$21,000 to \$0.00.**

**An amendment was made and seconded to strike \$0.00 and insert \$7,000.00, amendment passed.**

**The motion as amended now reads.... To reduce line item 124 from \$21,000 to \$7,000.00, amended motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Budget as amended.**

**A motion was made and seconded to call the previous question, motion carried.**

**A vote was taken on the motion to adopt the Budget as amended, motion carried.**

58. Chairperson Barbara Schroeder Chair of the Good of the Order Committee presented some of their committee resolutions.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy statement of the Good of the Order Committee, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the policy statement and all the work of the Good of the Order Committee, motion carried. The report in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.**

59. Door Prizes were given out by the Host Committee.

60. At 3:45 pm the Installation of Officers took place with—

- a. Installing Officer—Ashley Furman
- b. Master—Wayne Campbell
- c. Chaplain—Judy Pressler
- d. Marshall—Ruth Vonada
- e. Emblem Bearer—Philip Vonada

61. Sister Patty Bird, of the Credentials Committee, reported—  
115 Delegates representing the Subordinate Granges—67;  
51 Delegates representing 29 Pomona Granges;  
Total Delegates in attendance—166  
23 Juniors registered  
61 Guest  
Total Registered 250 Adults

62. **A motion was made and seconded to allow the Executive Committee to approve Saturday's session minutes, motion passed.**

63. Worthy Master Campbell closed Session in the Fourth Degree at 4:00 pm.

64. Worthy Master Campbell opened Session in the Sixth Degree at 6:30 pm. He then turned the chair over to Sister Anna May Nauss for the conferral of the Sixth Degree.

65. The Degree of Flora was conferred on 25 candidates with Genoa Harpster, Kellie Jo & Cole Irvin and Josh Mangel as the marching candidates. Soloist was Jennifer Beamon.

66. Sister Martha Ebersole gave the Sixth Degree report. There were 25 candidates representing 4 counties. The report in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
67. Family Activities Director Melanie Meluis announced the winners of the Quilt and other items. Brother Scott Shank, Elizabethtown Grange #2076, Lancaster County was the lucky winner of the beautiful quilt.
68. The Foundation Scholarship Auction followed the Department Awards. A big thank you to Joe Stefenoni for being the Auctioneer. The Youth baked goods brought \$343.00 which will go to the Youth Department; the Family Activities pies brought \$430.00 which was donated to the Foundation and the Auction Items donated by the State Officers and some businesses brought \$2,453.00 going to the History Committee.
69. The Youth held a bowling and pizza party at Northland Bowling Center. The Youth enjoyed a time of fellowship and games.

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019**

70. The Sunday morning Worship Service for the 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange opened with Gathering Music by Pianist, Doris Evans. State Chaplain Judy Pressler greeted everyone and gave a few announcements.

Following the Opening Prayer and Call to Worship, "Hymn of Promise" was sang. The State Graces draped the charter in memory of those State Officers who have gone to the Great Grange above. Opportunity was given to name others we wanted to remember.

The scripture readings followed the unison praying of the Lord's Prayer. Pastor James Williams, retired United Methodist minister delivered the morning message entitled "The Children's Kingdom".

The service concluded with the closing hymn. "Children of the Heavenly Father."

There were 137 in attendance and the offering was \$556.25. \$100.00 was given to the Pastor and \$456.25 was divided between State College Food Bank and Dogs for Better Lives as requested by the Deaf and Community Service committee.

71. A Junior Grange meeting was held with the following Juniors as officers for the 2019 Junior Grange State Session—

#### 2019 Junior Grange officers for Junior Meeting:

Master – Abby Kehs – Russellville Junior Grange—Chester County  
Overseer – Evan Espenshade – Elizabethtown Junior Grange—Lancaster County  
Lecturer – Merle Rayburn – Russellville Junior Grange—Chester County  
Steward – Peter Rohrbach – Fleetwood Junior Grange—Berks County  
Asst. Steward – Jackson Reich – Valley Junior Grange—York County  
Lady Asst. Steward – Emma Seidel – Virginville Junior Grange—Berks County  
Chaplain – Sadie Johnson – Hookstown Junior Grange - Beaver County  
Treasurer – Braden Thomson – Watson Junior Grange – Warren County  
Secretary – Kay Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange – Chester County  
Gatekeeper – Harvey Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange – Chester County  
Ceres – Madelyn Warham – Watson Junior Grange – Warren County  
Flora – Gayle Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange – Chester County  
Pomona – Gretchen Reich – Valley Junior Grange – York County



Executive Committee – Jacob Schroeder – Virginville Junior Grange – Berks County  
Ellie Schroeder – Virginville Junior Grange – Berks County  
Connor Kunkle – Virginville Junior Grange – Berks County  
Alan Espenshade – Elizabethtown Junior Grange – Lancaster County  
Junior Leader – Cassi Kehs – Russellville Junior Grange – Chester County  
Asst. Jr. Leader – Danni Kehs – Russellville Junior Grange – Chester County

After a very impressive Opening Drill by the Juniors, Sister Benzio, Junior Grange Director thanked and congratulated the Juniors on their drill and opening of the Junior Grange. Sister Benzio thanked the Host Committee and the many volunteers that assisted the Juniors for the Jamboree. A special thank you to Progress Grange for providing a delicious Spaghetti Dinner and ice cream sundaes.

Sister Benzio thanked 2019-2020 Junior Princess Elisabeth Reich and 2019-2020 Junior Prince Bryce Danko for teaching the Juniors the opening and closing drills. She invited everyone to go to the Exhibit room. They had 178 entries and 8 Mini Junior entries.

A big change in the Junior program is the title, the “Junior Grange Prince and Princess” will be changed to “Junior Grange Ambassadors” which is aligning the program with the National Junior Grange Ambassadors program. Sister Benzio then announced that 2019-2020 Junior Prince Bryce Danko will be going to Minnesota for National Grange to compete for the National Junior Ambassador title.

Sister Benzio presented the Prince and Princess with a check in the amount of \$50.00 from the Jonathan Sattazahn Fund.

Sister Benzio awarded the Junior Grange Supporter of the Year was awarded to Center County Y P of H. for all their help with the Banquet at Camp as well as all the help they did for State Session. She presented them with a sneaker that will be passed to each Supporter of the Year and is going to have a plaque made up that will have the Supporters of the Year listed on it.

Sister Benzio introduced and thanked her committee. She also announced that she is adding a new committee member, Tina Reich, Valley Grange #1360, York County. She also thanked her husband and children for supporting her and putting up with her.

Honored guests were; National Grange Master Betsy Huber and National Grange Pomona Kay Stiles; Wayne Campbell, President of the Pennsylvania State Grange and wife Debbie Campbell; Lurae Benzio, State Jr. Grange Director; Princess Elisabeth Reich and Prince Bryce Danko.

Junior Princess Elisabeth Reich, Valley Grange #1360, York County congratulated the Juniors for their meeting and opening drill.

Junior Prince Bryce Danko, Community Grange #1767, Perry County thanked the parents and Grangers for attending the Junior Degree this morning.

Juniors who received the All Star certificates for attending 2 out of 3 State events (Camp, Family Festival or Session/Jam)

Evan Espenshade – Elizabethtown Junior Grange, Lancaster County  
Peter Rohrbach – Fleetwood Junior Grange – Berks County  
Alan Espenshade – Elizabethtown Junior Grange, Lancaster County  
Emma Seidel – Virginville Junior Grange – Berks County  
Elsa Kehs – Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County  
Braden Thomson – Watson Junior Grange, Warren County

Connor Kunkle – Virginville Junior Grange, Berks County  
Madelyn Warham – Watson Junior Grange, Warren County  
Gayle Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County  
Hadyn Wiseman-Null – Virginville Junior Grange, Berks County  
Molly Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County  
Ruby Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County

Juniors who received the Super Star certificates for attending 3 out of 3 State Events (Camp, Family Festival, Session/Jam)

Bryce Danko –Community Junior Grange, Perry County  
Riley Danko – Community Junior Grange, Perry County  
Elisabeth Reich – Valley Grange, York County  
Jackson Reich – Valley Grange, York County  
Gretchen Reich – Valley Grange, York County  
Sadie Johnson – Hookstown Junior Grange, Beaver County  
Kay Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County  
Merle Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County  
Harvey Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County  
Jacob Schroeder – Virginville Junior Grange, Berks County  
Ellie Schroeder – Virginville Junior Grange, Berks County  
Abby Kehs – Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County

72. There were 198 Adults and 12 Children present at the 147th Pennsylvania All Granger Banquet which was held in the Ballroom with Overseer, JV Lamb MC for the banquet. Sister Judy Pressler, Chaplin gave the Invocation.

Sister Lurae Benzio was the Entertainment presenting her Public Speaking act that she won first place at the Eastern/Mid-Atlantic Regional Leaders and Youth Conference and she will be going to the National Grange Convention to compete in the “Night of Excellence”.

73. Brother JV Lamb, introduced the National Grange Pomona Kay Stiles. He thanked her for joining us for the 147<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania State Grange Convention.
74. Sister Stiles expressed her sincere appreciation for the opportunity to attend Pennsylvania Session. It is interesting to see how different states do different things. Sister Stiles brought greetings from the National Grange. She discussed issues the National Grange is working on and also expressed how interesting other state sessions are and that she had a great time meeting new friends.
75. Melissa Verelst from the Pennsylvania Rural Letter Carrier’s Association was introduced and gave a short presentation on her association. Others introduced were: US Representative Glenn “GT” Thompson, District 5; PA Representative Rich Irvin, District 81; Centre County Commissioners Michael Pipe, Steve Dersham and Mark Higgins; PA Farm Bureau Vice-President Chris Hoffman; PA Alpaca Princess Jillian Ranko; Centre County Dairy Princess Laurel Fogel and Centre County Grange Fair Queen Morgan Bair.
76. Brother JV Lamb introduced Brent D. Hales, Ph.D., Associate Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences and Director of Penn State Extension. His primary area of research is holistic community and economic development and entrepreneurship. He is the founder of the Southern Entrepreneurship Program, which teaches entrepreneurship skills to high school and community college students, and to displaced workers throughout the U.S. and across the globe. He is also a past president of the Community Development Society.

77. Master Wayne Campbell presented the Granger of the Year Award to Matt Espenshade Lancaster County. Brother Espenshade joined the Grange after college. He took his Sixth Degree in 1998 and his Seventh Degree in Greenville, NC the same year. Brother Espenshade is Master of Elizabethtown Grange 2076, Lancaster County.
78. Sister Patty Bird, Co-Chairman thanked everyone for coming and announced that the hotel was very impressed with everyone, our activities and manors and have invited us back in six years. The recipe books that were at your tables were donated by the PA Dairy Promotion.
79. Sister Kelly VanOrd, Chairperson of the 2020 Host Committee invited everyone to the 148<sup>th</sup> State Session. The Convention will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott Erie Conference Center, Erie, PA on October 16-18, 2020.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Debra Campbell, State Grange Secretary

### **MASTER/PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

#### President's Address to the Delegate Body 2018

National Representatives, State Officers, public officials, Delegates, and members of the Pennsylvania State Grange and guests. I stand before you to deliver an address of the activity that has taken place over the past year within the Pennsylvania State Grange. It has been an exciting, sad as well as an eventful year.

We lost many long time Grangers who were called home by our Lord to serve in that great Grange beyond. One in particular, Brother James Scott was named Granger of the year at last year's convention. Brother Jim passed away unexpectedly on December 3, 2018. Jim was so proud to have been chosen Granger of the Year. He was a staple not only in the Grange, but in his community and to his family. Let us all remember those who have gone on before us and live our lives that we too may leave the same type of memories on this earth when we are called home.

February 9th was a day I will not soon forget. Several people had gathered at Bottle Run Grange near Williamsport to empty it out prior to the sale of the property. The kitchen floor had been weakened by a water leak several years ago. When I went to lift a countertop commercial mixer I went down through the floor into a crawl space about five feet below and was knocked unconscious. There was a six burner cast iron commercial stove teetering on the edge of the collapsed floor that could have fallen in at any time. Cliff Bailey still jumped down to help me.

I want to thank Cliff Bailey whom I can truthfully say, saved my life that day. Cliff was with me and risked his own wellbeing to get down into the crawl space. In addition to the mixer a hot water heater fell on top of me. Had Cliff not removed the water heater from my chest, I would have suffocated. This accident resulted in a concussion, six broken ribs, bruised lungs, two broken teeth, breaking my left shoulder in the front and the shoulder blade, along with some other cuts and bruises. After a one-day stay in the ICU at UPMC Susquehanna, Williamsport to be sure there was no internal bleeding, I was allowed to go home.

I would like to thank the many people, Grangers and non-Grangers who sent prayers, well wishes, and cards. That accident sent ripples through the Grange all across the nation. The good news is it caused many to evaluate their buildings. I know of at least one in which a weak floor was identified and repaired. I would like to thank the doctors and nurses in both the Trauma unit and the ICU of UPMC Susquehanna Williamsport for the wonderful care and treatment that not only I received, but my wife and daughters as well.

I am still working to either help grow or close Granges that have dropped below the 13-member minimum or have fallen behind on their dues commitment. No one wants to close a Grange, but there comes a time when we must accept the fact that it is better to close and hope to re-organize in the future.

In 2018/2019 we closed or revoked the Charters of two Granges, Friendship Grange #1232 in Mercer County and Penn Grange #534 in Clearfield Co. We consolidated Bottle Run Grange #1301 in Lycoming County with Eagle Grange #1 of Lycoming County. We were able to re-organize Shartlesville Grange in Berks County after they closed in 2018. A new group of energetic people have taken leadership roles and have been working to continue to grow their numbers by trying new and innovative ideas. We are working at opening a new Grange in the Harrisburg area. We have 11 people organized at this point, and they are looking for two more people to be able to get their Charter. They have begun to do activities so when they get their Charter they can hit the ground running. We are working on opening a Grange in Clinton County and possibly re-organizing a Grange in Schuylkill County.

Debbie and I traveled all over the Commonwealth promoting the Grange, speaking at special Grange functions, and attending events representing the Pennsylvania State Grange. We loved every minute we spent with you, our Grange family. Here is a recap month by month of what we did:

October 2018 started off in Blair County at Scotch Valley Grange #510. Debbie and I helped them recognize an 85-year member of the Grange, along with several others who were recognized for their many years of service to the Grange.

I attended a public meeting in Halifax with Senator John DiSanto about Sunday hunting.

We attended a very exciting 146th annual session of the Pennsylvania State Grange. Our business meetings were packed full of resolutions. The delegate body did an excellent job of debating the issues and completing our work in a timely manner.

I attended a Penn State Ag delegates meeting that was on how to talk to people outside of agriculture about agriculture.

November began with Lizzie, Debbie and I traveling to Russellville Grange's open house. They had a very good turnout of Grangers and people from the community. National Master Betsy Huber was in attendance.

We then headed for Stowe, Vermont for the 151st session of the National Grange. Debbie and I left a few days early and stopped at some really interesting places on our way to Stowe. I served on the Ag Committee and Debbie was on the Grange Growth and Development Committee. National is always an interesting time debating resolutions from all across America.

December began with a trip to join members of Brandywine Grange to celebrate their 145th Anniversary. Debbie, Lizzie, and I then traveled to Roaring Creek Grange to meet with members of the public to see if we could reorganize this Grange. Unfortunately, only one person from the community attended and after many weeks of communication, it was decided to close and sell Roaring Creek Grange.

We attended a Christmas party at Kimmerlings Grange and a Community Children's event at North Jackson Grange. Shartlesville Grange held a community meeting in an attempt to reorganize. Several people were in attendance from the community and said they would work on getting others involved. Over the next two months, these people worked to find others in the community who shared their intent. On February 18, 2019, Shartlesville Grange was reorganized with 18 members.

We attended Elizabethtown Grange's Christmas party and installed Jennifer Beamon as State Pomona and Hannah Leibensperger as State Ceres as part of the evening activities. They were unable to attend the installation ceremony with the other State Grange officers at the close of our annual session.

January 2019 began with the Pennsylvania Farm Show. We attended the PA Preferred Dinner on Friday night. On Wednesday, there was a Public Officials luncheon, and on Thursday we hosted another public meeting on Broadband. We had a record year at the Pennsylvania State Grange stand during the Farm Show for the sale of Grange cookbooks and raffle tickets for the quilt.

Vince and I attended the public inauguration of Governor Tom Wolf. This was an impressive first time experience.

Matt Espenshade, Doug Sattazahn, Art and Dina Zug, and myself met with representatives of the Budget and Finance Committee. This was a result of Senator Judy Schwenk from Berks County, who is a Grange member, presenting SR 384. This resolution tasked the Budget and Finance Committee to look at all aspects of the dairy industry and report facts to the Senate within one year on suggested changes. The State Grange was honored to have been chosen to meet with the group.

Debbie and I represented the Pennsylvania State Grange at the annual Banquet of Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs. Their relationship helps to assure the continuation of our local fairs in Pennsylvania.

February found us in the Capitol Rotunda hosting or promoting a Grange information table at the annual Cornucopia event hosted by the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations. It is a great way to present PA agriculture to the legislators and their staff.

Debbie and I then represented the Pennsylvania State Grange at the Kutztown Rotary Club Dinner. This is an annual dinner where they recognize outstanding local farmers, FFA members, and 4-H members.

Four days after the accident on February 9<sup>th</sup>, I was on PCN representing the Pennsylvania State Grange's position opposing Sunday hunting. I was very surprised to learn the amount of people in the state who are opposed to Sunday hunting.

March came with Debbie and I helping to package 45,000 breakfast meals at the Greenwood Elementary School. These meals were to be used in Perry and Juniata Counties. The event was co-sponsored by the Greenwood FFA and Perry Valley Grange #1804.

March 12<sup>th</sup>, I joined with approximately 75 other people as we advocated for the Penn State Land Grant University at the State Capital. The Land Grant University gets no funding from tuition dollars. This makes the money in the state budget very important since it ties in to matching funds from the Federal Government as well as a percentage from local governments.

That evening, I attended Baileyville Grange's 85th Anniversary celebration. I enjoyed a covered dish dinner with a pot of homemade oyster stew. Membership awards were given out to members who have served the Grange.

We traveled to Montgomery, Pa. and met with members of Eagle Grange #1 to start planning their 150th Anniversary. Debbie and I visited Marion Grange #225 in Centre County. They are taking on some new members and are becoming active in the community again.

March 15<sup>th</sup> we traveled to Gettysburg to attend the Mid-Atlantic Leadership Conference. The conference was very well attended with over 90 people in attendance. Workshops were held throughout the weekend

on various topics. Vince Phillips held a workshop on writing resolutions and meet and greet with Representative Torren Ecker. Torren was elected by one vote.

Lynn Dietrich and I traveled to Albright College to help judge a county wide science fair. Hamburg Grange sponsors three prizes for this contest. This was a real challenge to pick only three winners from the well over 100 entries.

I attended one of Lieutenant Governor Letterman's listening sessions on Marijuana. These sessions give people, both for and against, a chance to have their voices heard.

March concluded with an Executive Committee meeting in State College followed by a state officer's meeting the next day. The officer's meeting was held at Logan Grange #109 in Pleasant Gap, Pa.

April was Grange month and I received many requests to represent the Pennsylvania State Grange across the state. It started out at Kutztown Grange with their annual community night. We traveled to Lycoming County where I was the guest speaker at the Lycoming County Legislative Dinner. I was very pleased to see a reporter there, who did an excellent job of covering the event. A member sent me her article and I was quoted numerous times. I attended the house Democrats Meet and Greet on Tourism and Recreational Development. This was a chance to meet the Legislators and discuss the topic with them one on one. This led into Grange Day on the Hill -- April 9, 2019. We only had about eight people attend but it was a good day for those in attendance. Packets were handed out to the Legislators visited. Next I attended a Penn State Ag Council meeting and then continued on to Pioneer Grange for their open House that night. Lizzie and I traveled to Lincoln Grange in Huntington County and helped with a Community Easter egg hunt that they held. There was a very nice turn out for the event and all had a great time.

I then attended and spoke at a meeting on Broadband hosted by the House Caucus. This is headed by Rep. Pam Snyder and Rep. Irvin. Also, I attended a meeting with potential members for a new Grange we are trying to get started in the Harrisburg area.

Vince and I attended a meeting in a Legislator's office with their legal representative on the proposed state mandated voluntary retirement plan. We voiced the Granges opposition to the plan as it is currently presented. This legislation did not come up for a vote in this session. Later that day, I traveled to Harvey-Alleppo Grange in Greene County to present them with their Distinguished Grange Award that they received from National Grange. This was their 6th year in a row to receive this honor. I spoke on Grange legislative issues to a very nice sized group of people in attendance.

I participated in an event hosted by the Centre Daily Times called "The Influencers". This was a group of people from across the state who all have the goal of adequate Broadband in Pennsylvania. We gathered at the State Theater in State College for a panel discussion on the issue. There were three panels and I was assigned to the panel discussing the challenges of providing adequate Broadband in Pennsylvania. Over 100 people attended the meeting, including Governor Wolf, who provided the opening remarks. The event drew coverage from local TV stations, newspapers, as well as the Pa. Cable Network.

I attended the Open House at Fleetwood Grange in Berks County. They had a large group in attendance and a light meal before the meeting. We traveled to Lawrence County where I was the speaker at the their All Granger Dinner. A wonderful meal was served and several people asked questions after my presentation on various topics. I attended and was the speaker at the Tioga Lycoming Bradford Tri-County meeting held in Fassett, Pa. I addressed the Legislative issues the Grange is working on as well as discussed the benefits we provide our members. I was the speaker at the Lehigh-Northampton Pomona Recognition Dinner held in Lenhartsville, Pa. There was a very nice group of people in attendance and all seemed very interested in what the Grange is working on in Harrisburg and Washington. Debbie and I left there and drove to

Washington D.C where we attended the National Grange Fly-In. We spent two days there attending meetings, listening to speakers, and visiting with our Legislators.

May started out in the cornfields of Virginville, Pa while attending Virginville Grange's Community Open House. Over 300 people were in attendance for their rendition of Hee-Haw. A fun filled night was had by all.

Debbie and I attended the Penn State Trustee elections during the day on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and then drove north to Potter County for a meeting in the evening. We attended the Potter County Pomona Grange meet the candidates' night. They had a nice turnout from the community and many candidates were present. A debate between the candidates took place where each was given a question with a time limit to answer and then a very brief time to respond if someone addressed an issue to someone specific.

We traveled out to Lawrence County to Liberty Grange #1780 to join in their celebrating 100 years as a Grange. It was a fun filled evening with many in the community attending to help celebrate. I helped at the semi-annual California Grange chicken BBQ. They BBQ approx. 800 halves of chicken twice a year. These events fund their Grange and Grange activities for the year. Lizzie and I attended a Town Hall meeting at Lincoln Grange, where we discussed an idea on public meetings to try and generate community involvement.

Debbie and I traveled to Berks County where we attended the Berks County Junior Grange Camp. She and I were both Judges in their Prince and Princess Competition. I attended a meeting of the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations of which the Pennsylvania State Grange is a member of the Board. I attended an event hosted by Perry Valley Grange in Perry County called Ag Day. They invite the fourth graders from two local school districts to participate in hands on exhibits and demonstrations. I was asked to assist in handing out the prizes for their essay and poster contests. Later that evening, Debbie and I visited Hamburg Grange in Berks County.

June allowed us to slow down a little bit. We started off with a work day for the Perry County Pomona Grange where we baked 853 whoopie pies with the assistance of the Perry County 4H Rabbit Club. These will be sold for .25 cents each at the Perry County Fair in August.

I attended a news conference at the Capitol hosted by several Democratic Senators on The Center for Rural Pennsylvania. It is a group helping to pursue the Broadband issue in Pennsylvania. In the evening, I attended a regular meeting of the Half Moon Grange in Centre County. I had visited them back in the fall of 2018 and had promised another visit in the Spring. With the events that occurred in early Spring, I was not able to fulfill that promise until recently.

Debbie and I hosted breakfast at Perkins Restaurant for everyone who attended Royalty day. We then joined them for a tour of the Governor's Residence and the State Capitol. They were given a guided tour of the Capitol, and then Vince gave them a tour pointing out some very unique features in the Capitol. They were able to meet some of their Representatives and were introduced on the floor of the House of Representatives. The group then traveled to Hershey Park for an exciting day.

Lizzie and I attended a rally at the Capitol to promote June as Dairy Month. It started early in the morning with a briefing by GT Thomson, our U.S. Senator, to the House Ag Committee and the general public. He then held a news conference in the Main Rotunda of the Capitol at 11:00 am, talking about the Dairy Legislation in Harrisburg and Washington.

I attended another meeting of Lincoln Grange in Huntington County. They had a public meeting that was advertised as an active intruder training. This meeting was well attended with almost 30 people in attendance. Lincoln is hoping to schedule similar events to attract the public.

Debbie, myself and our family participated in the Perry County Relay for Life. This is not a Grange event, but it is an event we have been involved with since our Son in Law was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He has been cancer free for five years now.

We ended the month on a high note by attending Youth Camp on Friday night and early Saturday morning. We left Youth Camp and traveled to York, Pa. to attend the wedding of Joyce Snyder and Ken Merritt. Ken proposed to Joyce last year at State session during the Public Speaking Contest. On June 29, 2019 he claimed the Grand Prize when he and Joyce said their wedding vows!!

July started out on an exciting note. Debbie and I spent Thursday and Friday attending Junior Camp. We conducted a workshop on car safety and safe driving tips. It was especially exciting to see our Grandson crowned the 2019/2020 Pennsylvania State Junior Grange Prince.

We went from an exciting high to the very sad task of performing the Grange Memorial Service for Dale Vonada. The family asked Anna May Nauss, Jenn Nauss, and myself to perform the service. We were honored to do so.

Family Festival was well attended and was blessed with good weather. It was hot, but not as hot as the weeks before. We had approx. 175 total people in attendance. Betsy Huber, National Master, and myself welcomed everyone on Thursday evening. Vince Phillips then did a presentation on what the Grange is doing in Harrisburg followed by the three of us answering questions. Lizzie Bailey and her daughter Kinsey provided rootbeer and orange floats Thursday and Friday nights as well as make your own sundaes on Saturday night. This was a refreshing way to help beat the heat. Family Festival concluded Sunday morning with a church service organized by the State Chaplain, Judy Pressler.

We visited Union Grange #152 in Susquehanna County where I did a presentation on what the Grange is doing legislatively and how our benefits can help save you money. A delicious meal was served before the meeting.

I closed the month out by attending the Clinton County Fair and speaking to a group of FFA students. They were doing a sheep to shawl demonstration across from the Grange booth. The Advisor along with people from Centre County who were there working the booth thought it provided the perfect opportunity to introduce the FFA members to the Grange. We are excited about several people who expressed interest in getting a Grange started in Clinton County. At this time there are no Granges in this area.

August led us to the Cumberland Ag Expo in Newville, Pa. We accompanied our Grandson, Bryce Danko the Pennsylvania State Junior Grange Prince, where he assisted out with the Cumberland Ag Expo Queen Contest. This was his first official duty outside the Grange as Junior Prince.

August is the Perry County Fair where Debbie and I both help run a food stand. It is also Ag Progress Days. This makes for a very exhausting week. Lizzie Bailey and I set up for Ag Progress Days on Monday and Lizzie stays through Thursday to manage the stand and disassemble it on Thursday. Thank you to Lizzie and the many people who come from all across Pennsylvania to help promote the display at Ag Progress Days. They had an excellent year in cookbook sales and quilt raffle ticket sales. I returned to Ag Progress Days Wednesday to attend the Public Officials Luncheon with Lizzie. This gives us a chance to meet with public officials, Secretary Redding, and hear presentations by Governor Wolf and Dean Roush of Penn State University. It was then a quick trip back to Perry County to continue cooking at the Perry County Fair!!

Lizzie, and I attended the Great Allentown Fair. We were given the opportunity to have a one-day display there where we could hand out Grange information. We were promoting the Grange in general and trying to get members for Trexlertown Grange.



September began with joining Matt Espenshade as he testified before the Milk Marketing Board. The next day, Vince and I were in Fayette County where I testified on the effects of inadequate Broadband on rural Pennsylvania.

I attended a meeting of the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations. During September, I spoke at Progress Grange in Centre County, New Vernon Grange in Mercer County, Somerset Pomona Grange in Somerset County and Trexlertown Grange in Lehigh County. While in the North Western part of the State, Lizzie and I toured the 2020 Convention facilities.

It has been a very busy year, but our work is far from done. I hope each of you will accept the challenge to find new members. Find new ways for your Grange to be active in your Community and continue to make a difference. Let's all continue to be Grange Super Hero's.

Fraternally submitted,  
Wayne Campbell  
President/Master

### **REPORT OF OVERSEER**

With all of the things involved with the Overseer's job with the State Grange the most difficult one is writing this report.

That said, this has been a very busy year for the Pennsylvania State Grange and we are in much better shape overall as a strong, respected state organization.

God acts in mysterious ways. Thus we have the State President we have. Wayne has continued to push and encourage the Grange to a leadership role in state policy making for agriculture and family affairs. As I wrote last year, I accepted this office because I see Wayne as a young, stalwart, and energetic man. When I heard of his fall, my heart stopped: "How is he, how bad, how long will he be laid up?" My mind was racing with how will I arrange my life to try to keep things moving ahead at his pace. But, thankfully, he proved to be a young, stalwart, and energetic man. Tween him and our outstanding secretary, Debbie Campbell, they never missed a beat. The Grange's business went on a usual. Wayne even did TV interviews and appeared in the Capitol. We are truly blessed to have that team.

This year we have been able to move out from under unnecessary properties and liabilities while increasing membership, organizing new, and reorganizing old Granges. What a great feeling. We now have a part time office secretary hired this summer, trained, and being trained by Debbie Campbell.

Lizzie Bailey, Membership and Public Relations Director; Vince Phillips, State Grange Lobbyist are also key people in our organization right along with our Committee Chairperson and uncountable volunteers.

Our biggest challenge now, as I heard when I joined Grange in 1957, "We need to increase membership".

As the State Officers and Executive Committee move ahead, we need to continue to make the Grange a more involved and relevant organization- serving our members and the publics' interest in this inspiring task.

Fraternally Submitted,  
JV Lamb, State Overseer/Vice President

## **REPORT OF THE PA STATE GRANGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Worthy Master, National Grange Representatives, State Officers, Delegates and members of the Pennsylvania State Grange, I am pleased to present the final report of the Executive Committee for 2018 - 2019.

At this time, I would like to introduce the members of the Committee:

Wayne Campbell - President

JV Lamb – Vice President

Richard Mangel– Exec. Comm. Vice Chairperson

Dr. James Diamond

Janet Pratt

And myself, Barbara Gross – Chairperson

I would like to extend a Thank You to the Host Committee of the 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange. You have once again done an outstanding job bringing the Session back to State College! Yes, State Session was held here in 1909 and 1913 and then in 2013 so this is the fourth time in our history that we have met in the home of our Land Grant Institution, Penn State University. Thank you Ashley Furman for chairing this task and thank you to the Grange members who have so diligently worked to bring us an outstanding, successful session.

The Executive Committee, according to the By-Laws of the Pennsylvania State Grange, is charged to act on behalf of the Grange members when not in session. They are responsible for the invested funds of the Grange as well as the oversight of all Granges and their properties. They also work with the President in monitoring the State Grange Office. The Executive Committee as well as the Treasurer consults with the Salary Committee bi-annually when they set elected Officers salaries. Needless to say, it has been a very busy and challenging year.

Congratulations to Wayne Campbell on the election to his second term in office as President of the Pennsylvania State Grange. Thank you Wayne for your tireless, unending work and commitment to the Grange. As you enter the second year of your term we offer our best wishes for your success and good health. We do not want to hear of any forays this year where you are exploring the crawl spaces of closed Granges. Thankfully you are a very strong, determined person who cannot be deterred.

And Thank you to Debbie Campbell, the pleasant person who has filled in as office Secretary for the past few years. Debbie has filled many roles – receptionist, clerical, bookkeeper, mail lady, computer guru, etc., etc. She has worked very hard to rectify the financial books and update the records of the Pennsylvania State Grange. She continues to amaze us with her organizational skills, business knowledge and her swiftness in completing tasks.

And we are delighted to welcome our newest staff member Brittney Covey who joined us in March as our part time Office Secretary. Brittney has been a lifelong member of the Grange so therefore is quite familiar with our organization. She has proven to be a quick learner and is doing a great job in assuming her duties.

We do appreciate the work of our elected Treasurer, Henry Seidel, who diligently attends year round to our invested funds as well as our working funds. Henry, we thank you for your knowledge and expertise of our financial world and the many hours you devote to the Grange's financial accounts.

Thank you to our Department Chairs – Lurae Benzio, Ellen Wadsworth, Melanie Melius, Gail Switzer, and Jenn Nauss plus all the Committee members for their hard work and dedication. You are truly the heart of the Grange – you are what we are all about – reaching out and working with or touching the lives of others, be they Grangers or friends of the Grange.

As Public Relations/Membership Director, Lizzie Bailey has a true passion for all things Grange! She has a real talent for sharing with others her delight and appreciation of the Grange as can be seen by the presentations she makes to Grangers and friends of the Grange and the publicity postings that she does weekly. If you want to learn how to improve your Grange's public relations and recruit new members, give Lizzie a call. She is always ready to provide trainings and guide you on your way. Thank you Lizzie!

And thank you to Legislative Director, Vince Phillips, for constantly keeping us informed of the legislative happenings in Pennsylvania. Vince is continually alerting the Grange to programs, policies and items that relate to the precepts of our organization and conveys information to the Pennsylvania State Grange for our consideration. His Grange presence at the State Capitol has increased the Pennsylvania State Grange's involvement and activities within the legislative scene and allotted us a voice on many committees.

The Executive Committee would like to thank Heather Hiller on the excellent job she continues to do in assembling the Pennsylvania Grange News (PGN). The articles, recipes and places to visit that she has included into the magazine has helped to make it a magazine our members want to read from cover to cover. As with other organizations, we send the PGN to a limited number of people outside the Grange. It's always great when those of us that are out on the road representing the Grange have one of these people tell us how much they look forward to receiving the PGN.

Teamwork is needed at every level of the Grange – every step of the way - every activity we participate in, so make sure you and your Grange members are treating everyone with respect, compassion, understanding and cooperation and working for the benefit of the organization.

The Executive Committee along with the help of all the State Grange Officers initiated a project to survey each Subordinate and Pomona Grange in PA to determine the health and activity level of the members, the physical condition of each building owned by the Grange and to secure a copy of the property deed for the State Grange Office files. Hopefully your Grange has been contacted and the surveys completed and returned to the State Office. If perhaps you have not completed these surveys, please do so immediately. If you were not personally contacted, please let the State Office know and we will follow up.

The Executive Committee and the State Officers discussed activities and venues that Granges could become involved in to financially benefit the Grange. Historically, cookbook sales were the answer – they initially generated funds to build a dorm on the Penn State University campus and continue to contribute to our Community Grange's treasury. In the past decade cookbook sales have declined and we still have inventory on hand. However, there are still folks asking if the Pennsylvania State Grange has a new cookbook or will have one soon. With the upcoming celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Pennsylvania State Grange there is discussion of printing an anniversary cookbook. If this happens, there will only be a limited number of books printed so make sure you order the books immediately when offered.

Discussion also centered on selling a consumable product that would generate repeat sales. As a result of the discussion, we are running a trial market of Pennsylvania Grange Apple Butter at the PA Farm Show. By this time next year, we will know if it is feasible to roll out the program state wide offering each Grange the opportunity to sell Apple Butter and reap some funds for their Grange.

The Pennsylvania State Grange Family Festival event celebrated its 17<sup>th</sup> birthday when once again it convened at the Centre County Grange Encampment and Fairgrounds. Almost 200 Grange members enjoyed tenting, campers and RV's or staying in the local motels and participating daily in the fellowship and activities. Thank you to Betsy Huber for this great vision that has turned into a real live festival.

One task the Executive Committee must attend to each year is opening and closing Granges and the marketing of property. There is always celebration when we open or reorganize Granges. Concern is noted

when Granges make the decision to sell their buildings and property. Some Granges continue to flourish when the financial burden of buildings and property are removed but others struggle to keep meeting and active. There is always sorrow when Granges cease to exist, however we must uphold Grange law when insufficient numbers of members are on the role or the current members cease to meet we have to follow the precepts of our order and action must be taken. Our first line of action is to always attempt to rebuild the membership and create an active life within the Grange but unfortunately that does not always happen. We are quite excited that Granges that have been reorganized are alive, active and growing in membership.

We continue to see a decline in membership numbers - we now have less than 6,200 Grange members holding membership in 184 Community Granges in Pennsylvania. And those membership numbers have a direct correlation to dues payment which ultimately determines the revenue on which the Grange operates. Bottom line is we need more members to create greater income to insure the financial health of our organization. And that is up to each and every Grange member to seek new members to assure our organizations prolonged existence. Have you asked anyone to join in the past month, year???? Ask your neighbors, friends and family—you never know who might say yes!

Some years, we have been able to balance our budget because of Closed Grange Funds income. These are the funds that are held in a trust for seven years for each Grange when it relinquishes its-Charter and disposes of the property. Closed Grange Funds fluctuate from year to year and some years are very lean years, so the membership must generate sufficient funds to continue the level of programs and services that are presently funded. So the Executive Committee leaves you with this challenge; **Each Two, Get One** - a new member that is and then our membership would increase by 50% in the coming year and our financial concerns would be alleviated.

As I complete my third term and twelfth year as a member of the Executive Committee, I would like to say thank you to the Delegate body for entrusting me with this task. It was not always easy or pleasant, but at all times I strived to keep the precepts of the order as my guide in action. Thank you to the members of the Executive Committee for their services to this great organization. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to have served with each of you.

And on a personal note, thank you to my family for giving me a strong Grange foundation. A special Thank You to Glenn who has chauffeured me back and forth to most of the meetings and events and supported my endeavors. And Thank You to my kids and grandkids who understand when we miss birthdays, games and special events. Thank You all and may God Bless the Executive Committee in the coming years in all your work with the Grange and may God Bless and guide our wonderful organization!

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Gross, Executive Committee Chair

## **REPORT OF THE LECTURER**

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, Delegates, and Fellow Grangers,

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Pennsylvania State Grange as Lecturer this past year. I have enjoyed meeting new Grangers, leading workshops, and continuing to support Lecturers throughout the state. My committee and I have striven to diligently carry out the work of the Lecturer's Department, as well as develop new contests and programs for the coming years.

It has been a busy year and it is hard to believe that it has been a year since I was elected to serve the Pennsylvania State Grange in this role. Following the 2018 State Grange Session, I completed my term as the National Grange Outstanding Young Patron at the National Grange Session in Stowe, Vermont in November.

In January, I volunteered at the Pennsylvania State Grange booth at the PA Farm Show. In March, Pennsylvania hosted the Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference and I am pleased to say that it was a tremendous success! This conference – only in its second year – combined the former Mid-Atlantic Lecturer's Conference and the Eastern Regional Youth Conference. Almost 100 Grangers from the Mid-Atlantic Region attended. Workshop tracks were planned for Lecturers, Youth, and Grange Leaders and were well received by attendees. Words are not sufficient to thank those who gave their time to plan, set up, and attend this conference.

In March, I also participated in the State Officers' Planning Meeting. This spring, I had the opportunity to visit Open Houses at Virginville Grange and Pioneer Grange. Thank you for the invitations to attend, and I look forward to attending other Grange Open Houses and other events in the coming year.

The summer seemed to go by in the blink of an eye! In July, I attended the PA Junior Grange Camp and served as a counselor for the week. I led the Ritual workshop and coordinated Vespers for the week. It was a wonderful opportunity to work with other Grangers and to see first-hand the amazing talents of our Juniors. Family Festival came quickly on the tails of Camp, and I was honored to lead two workshops that weekend. The Talent Contest was held at Family Festival and I am pleased to report the following winners.

**Vocal:**

- 1 – Jen Beamon, Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County
- 2 – Jen Kehs, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

**Instrumental:**

- 1 – Jodi Keith Kensinger, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County

**Variety:**

- 1 – Virginia Straub, Log Cabin Unity Grange #2110, Mercer County
- 2 – Derek Schroeder, Virginville #1832, Berks County; Derek Snyder, Valley #1360, York County; Braden Gourley, Hookstown #1980, Beaver County; Josh and Isaac Mengel, Fleetwood #1839, Berks County

Congratulations to Jen Beamon of Hamburg Grange #2103 in Berks County for being selected as our Best of Show winner! Jen will represent Pennsylvania at the Evening of Excellence at the National Grange session in Minnesota this November. In 2020, the National Grange session will be held in Pennsylvania – I hope to see more entries in the Talent Contest vying for the opportunity to represent Pennsylvania here in our own state!

I am excited to roll out some new contests and programs for the coming years. We will be re-organizing and rejuvenating Regional Leadership Conferences in 2020. I hope to report on more details at the State Grange Session in October, but the plan is to hold three 1-day conferences in the Spring of 2020 – one in Western PA, one in Central PA, and one in Eastern PA. These low-cost conferences will provide a great opportunity to build communication between the Subordinate and State Granges and meaningful leadership development opportunities for all Grangers. Please look for more information in the next few months and I hope I will see many of you at these conferences.

New contests will be introduced in 2020, including a "Design a Program" Contest and a Lecturer's Grant. The "Design a Program" Contest will allow Lecturers (and other Grangers) to share programs they have designed and winning entrants will receive an award. All entries will be compiled into an "Idea Guide" for Lecturers to reference. The Lecturer's Grant will be awarded to one, or more, Lecturers who wish to develop quality programming for their Granges, but whose Granges may lack the resources to allow for this. Grants will be awarded to help offset costs and allow Lecturers to present their programs at their Granges. Please refer to the 2020-2021 Guide to Contests and Programs for more details.

Words cannot adequately convey my appreciation for all of the support and welcome I have received this past year. I am honored to be serving the Grange in this role and I hope to continue to be a support to Subordinate and Pomona Lecturers throughout Pennsylvania.

Thank you to Brittany Covey in the State Grange office for all of her help. Thank you to my fellow State Officers and the Executive Committee for all of their support. Thank you to our Worthy State Master Wayne Campbell and State Secretary Debbie Campbell for all of their help and support.

Thank you to my family, especially my parents and grandmother, for their continued support and always being willing travel companions and “unofficial committee members”. A very sincere thank you to all of my Grange mentors – including several past State Lecturers – for all of their support, advice, and always lending an ear.

“Thank you” does not seem sufficient to share my gratitude for the Lecturer’s Committee for all of their hard work throughout the past year! I have enjoyed our time brainstorming together and working together; I could not do it without you! I look forward to the next year!

Fraternally submitted,  
Jenn Nauss  
State Lecturer

Committee Members—  
Sara Benzio  
Miranda Irons  
Tammy Schaeffer  
Denae Zvarick

## **2019 LECTURER CONTEST WINNERS**

### **Talent Contest**

#### **Vocal:**

1. Jen Beamon, Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County
2. Jen Kehs, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

#### **Instrumental:**

1. Jodi Keith Kensinger, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County

#### **Variety:**

1. Virginia Straub, Log Cabin Unity Grange #2110, Mercer County
2. Derek Schroeder, Virginville #1832, Berks County; Derek Snyder, Valley #1360, York County; Braden Gourley, Hookstown #1980, Beaver County; Josh and Isaac Mengel, Fleetwood #1839, Berks County

**BEST OF SHOW:** Jen Beamon, Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County

### **Lecturer’s Reports/Scrapbooks**

#### **Subordinate:**

##### **Up to 75 Members**

1. Cheryl Miller, Union Grange #325, Centre County
2. Chester Tau, Hayfield Grange #800, Crawford County

3. Judy Stevenson, Wesley Grange #1675, Venango County
4. Marjorie Craven, Edgewood Grange #688, Bucks County

#### **76-149 Members**

1. Ashley Furman, Logan Grange #109, Centre County
2. Linda Roan, Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County
3. Tina Reich, Valley Grange #1360, York County

#### **150+ Members**

1. Brenda Lengel, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
2. Heidi Berger, Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County
3. Dee Ruckert, Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County

#### **Pomona:**

1. Kenna Kurtz, Centre County Pomona #13
2. Nettie Kauffman, Berks County Pomona #43
3. Arvilla Allen, Crawford County Pomona #26
4. Janet Fishovitz, Beaver County Pomona #66

#### **Community Night/Day (Open House) Reports/Scrapbooks**

#### **Subordinate:**

##### **Up to 75 Members**

1. Tammy Schaeffer, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
2. Judy Stevenson, Wesley Grange #1675, Venango County
3. Nancy Sattazahn, Kutztown Grange #1836, Berks County
4. Cheryl Ruoss, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

#### **76-149 Members**

1. Lorrie Wesner, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County
2. Ashley Furman, Logan Grange #109, Centre County
3. Linda Roan, Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County

#### **150+ Members**

1. Brenda Lengel, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

#### **Pomona:**

1. Arvilla Allen, Crawford County Pomona #26
2. Mary McMillin, Lawrence County Pomona #65
3. Georgette Mummert, Huntingdon County Pomona #6

#### **Container Pot Decorating**

#### **Funny:**

##### **Subordinate**

1. Miranda Irons, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County
2. Debra Kieffer, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
3. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

#### **Juniors**

1. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

**Pretty:****Subordinate**

1. Deanna Hollabaugh, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County
2. Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
3. Jodi Keith Kensinger, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
4. Sandra Hill, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

**Juniors**

1. Logan Eisenhower, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County

**Grange:****Subordinate**

1. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

**Juniors**

1. Sarah Riegel, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County

**BEST OF SHOW: Deanna Hollabaugh, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County**

**Tissue Box Covers****Holiday/Seasonal:****Subordinate**

1. Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
2. Shirley Swires, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
3. Thelma Slippey, Shavers Creek #353, Huntingdon County
4. Ruth Kurtz, Hartslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County

**Most Creative:****Subordinate**

1. Walter McChessney Jr., Hartslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County
2. Laura McCardle, Shavers Creek Grange #353, Huntingdon County
3. Katherine Stine, Hartslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County
4. Jodi Keith Kensinger, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County

**Juniors**

1. Addison McGuire, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

**BEST OF SHOW: Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County**

**Craft Stick Art****Prettiest:****Subordinate**

1. Jen Beamon, Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County
2. Shelley Fayewicz, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
3. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #570, Blair County
4. Nettie Kauffman, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County

**Juniors**

1. Kay Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange #91, Chester County
2. Ava Jenkins, Pioneer Junior Grange #452, Berks County



3. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
4. Sarah Riegel, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County

**Funniest:**

**Subordinate**

1. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
2. Walter G. McChessney, Jr., Harslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County
3. Shelley Fayewicz, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

**Juniors**

1. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
2. Julie Eisenhower, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County
3. Connor Servin, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County
4. Logan Eisenhower, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County

**Most Creative:**

**Subordinate**

1. Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
2. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

**Juniors**

1. Tabitha Samsel, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County
2. Lila Samsel, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County
3. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange, #547, Lawrence County
4. Sadie Johnson, Hookstown Junior #181, Beaver County

**BEST OF SHOW: Key Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County**

**Wreathes**

**Holiday:**

**Subordinate**

1. Bryan Poorman, Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County
2. Patty Bird, Logan Grange #109, Centre County
3. Janet Schlegel, Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County
4. William McGregor, Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County

**Juniors**

1. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

**Pretty:**

**Subordinate**

1. Ashley Furman, Logan Grange #109, Centre County
2. William McGregor, Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County
3. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
4. Kenna Kurtz, Logan Grange #109, Centre County

**Juniors**

1. Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
2. Ava Jenkins, Pioneer Grange #452, Berks County

**Grange:****Subordinate**

1. Marty Dinsmore, Harveys-Aleppo Grange #1444, Greene County
2. Nettie Kauffman, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County
3. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Berks County
4. Fern Sonon, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

**BEST OF SHOW: Bryan Poorman, Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County**

**My Favorite Anything****Wood:**

1. Margaret Storm, Pleasant Hill Grange #1861, Cambria County
2. Gloria Fogle, Pleasant Hill Grange #1861, Cambria County
3. Donald Kauffman, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County
4. Ann Fogle, Pleasant Hill Grange #1861, Cambria County

**Plastic:**

1. Addison McGuire, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
2. Luca Loccisano, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

**Material/Yarn:**

1. Barbara Gross, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
2. Sharon Heck, Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County
3. Gretchen Kralj, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
4. Shirley Swires, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

**Miscellaneous:**

1. Jodi Keith Kensinger, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
2. Kelly VanOrd, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County
3. Margaret Storm, Pleasant Hill Grange #1861, Cambria County
4. Addison McGuire, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

**Pen in Hand**

No entries

**Art****Nature:**

1. Marci Jenkins, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
2. Shirley Swires, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
3. Deanna Hollabaugh, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County
4. Bill Yeckley, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

**Animals:**

1. Miranda Irons, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County
2. Shirley Swires, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

**Abstract:**

1. Shirley Swires, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
2. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

3. Lindsay Schroeder, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
4. Helen Lafferty, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

**People:**

No entries

**Street Art/Graffiti on Canvas**

1. Charles Brenneman, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
2. Virginia Yeckley, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
3. Betty Brenneman, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
4. Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

**BEST OF SHOW: Marci Jenkins, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County**

**Photography**

**Pennsylvania – My Home:**

1. Susan Snyder, Valley Grange #1360, York County
2. Mary McMillin, Westfield Grange #1514, Lawrence County
3. Lorrie Wesner, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County
4. Gloria Fogle, Pleasant Hill #1861, Cambria County

**Sunrise/Sunset:**

1. Ian Lengel, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
2. Jim Snyder, Valley Grange #1360, York County
3. Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
4. Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County

**Pets/Animals:**

1. Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
2. Michelle Lengel, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
3. Vicky Baird Confer, Logan Grange #109, Centre County
4. Gloria Fogle, Pleasant Hill Grange #1861, Cambria County

**Plants:**

1. Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
2. Susan Snyder, Valley Grange #1360, York County
3. Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
4. Shelley Fayewicz, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

**Churches:**

1. Lorrie Wesner, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County
2. Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
3. Marci Jenkins, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
4. Miranda Irons, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County

**BEST OF SHOW: Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County (Pets/Animals)**

## **Miscellaneous Photos**

### **Digitally Enhanced Photography:**

1. Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
2. Gloria Fogle, Pleasant Hill Grange #1861, Cambria County
3. Shelley Fayewicz, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

### **Photo Collage:**

1. Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
2. Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
3. Ian Lengel, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
4. Kay Rebyburn, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

### **Photo Gallery/Slide Show/Story Board**

1. Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County

## **REPORT OF CHAPLAIN**

I am now finishing my third year as State Chaplain and it has been a quiet year compared to the last one. Quiet sometimes is a good thing.

I have been cleared from my neurosurgeon. My new vertebrae are all fused in place and I am free to do as I please. Thankfully, use of my arm has been restored to about 95+ per cent and that is just fine with me.

We have spent the summer months mowing lawn, gardening for ourselves and donations to the local food banks and just enjoying a simple country life. We were excited to be able to attend Family Festival and visit with old friends and make some new ones. I attended workshops on the Spotted Lantern Fly threat, safe food handling, and English paper piecing. All were very interesting and I came away with lots of good tips and information to share.

I called on our Worthy Lecturer, Jenn Nauss, to provide musical accompaniment and David Wolfgang, a Lay Speaker with the Fairbrook United Methodist Church, to provide the morning message for the Worship Service at Family Festival. There were 75 people in attendance and the offering was \$274.00. I asked that \$150 be divided between Jenn and David and the remaining \$124 be donated to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Centre County.

I am in planning mode for the Worship Service for the Annual State Grange Meeting as I write this report. The Rev. James Williams, retired Methodist minister from the State College area, has agreed to provide the morning message. Doris Evans, the musician for the State Grange Convention, will provide accompaniment. The Graces will conduct a Memorial Service during the Worship Service.

I thoroughly enjoy writing the articles for the Grange News. I am always ready to give credit to my Lord for the topics and inspiration that come to me as I begin to write them. It is so humbling and rewarding to hear from fellow Grangers how the contents touch them from time to time. I give God the glory for that.

As I wrap up this third year, I feel thankful for the opportunity to have been a part of the State Officer Corp, to provide worship services for the various get-togethers, to offer prayers when asked and to send out messages from our Friend and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sincerely and Fraternally Submitted  
Judy Pressler  
Pennsylvania State Chaplain

## **REPORT OF TREASURER**

Worthy State Master, National and State Officers, Delegates and Members of the Pennsylvania State Grange, it is a pleasure to bring you greetings from the office of Treasurer at this 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

Today, we are reviewing financial information for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. My records, as well as the records of the Department Heads and State Office were forwarded to the accounting firm of Hamilton & Musser, P.C. in Mechanicsburg. The audit is being performed under the direction of Sharon Miller.

As your Treasurer, I am responsible for keeping the financial records of the following accounts: the Scholarship Funds including the Leonard Rhone Grant, Ellis M. Santee Loans, Subordinate Grange Trust Funds (for both Active and Closed Granges), Subordinate Grange Improvement Loans, Lifetime Membership, Property Account, Emergency Fund and a portion of the general assets of the Pennsylvania State Grange. I also manage the assets of the Pennsylvania State Grange Foundation.

Debbie Campbell, Pennsylvania State Grange Secretary, managed the day to day financial requirements of the State Office.

### **Scholarship Funds:**

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, one grant was awarded from the Leonard Rhone Scholarship Fund. This \$300 grant is available to Grange members in good standing. The student must attend Penn State and preference is given to those who pursue the study of agriculture or home economics (known today as Human Development and Family Services).

There were five (5) loans made during the past fiscal year from the Ellis M. Santee trust. One (1) was for \$1,000.00 and four (4) were for \$750.00. The late Ellis M. Santee, a country doctor from Shickshinny and an active Grange member, established the Santee Student Loan program. This student loan is available to members of the Grange or children of Grange members. The Santee Loan program operates on the interest earned on the investments and is administered by Wells Fargo. These loans are to be repaid within three (3) years of graduating from or leaving school and are interest free. The program depends on the student's repayment of the loans to ensure continuation of the program.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, there were twenty-nine (29) students involved in the program. One (1) student was new to the program and one (1) student completed the repayment of their loan during the year. The education committee has decided to increase the size of the loans from a minimum of \$500 to a minimum of \$2,000 in hopes of attracting more applications and providing more help to people seeking additional education.

Applications are available from the State Treasurer and the State Office and can be downloaded from the Pennsylvania State Grange website, [www.pagrange.org](http://www.pagrange.org). This is one of our benefits that continues to be promoted to help add and retain younger members.

### **Subordinate Grange/Pomona Grange Trusts:**

These are funds received by Subordinate and Pomona Granges from the sale of Grange real estate. The National Grange Digest requires that these funds are to be held in trust and invested by the State Grange with no less than 90% of the interest being returned to the Subordinate or Pomona Grange every six (6) months, as long as the Subordinate or Pomona Grange remains active. The Pennsylvania State Grange

returns 97%. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, there were one hundred (100) Granges with invested funds. Thirty-Eight (38) of those Granges are closed. Five (5) had their assets transferred to the State Grange after having been closed for seven (7) years. One (1) Closed Grange added funds to the trust for the first time, one (1) Active Grange was granted the balance of its assets. One (1) Active Grange was moved to the Closed list and one (1) Closed Grange was reorganized and had its assets moved from the Closed list to the Active list.

#### **Subordinate Grange Improvement Loans:**

During the past year, the State Grange Master and Executive Committee continued the program of loaning funds to Subordinate Granges desiring to make improvements to their Grange properties. These funds are from the Subordinate Grange Trust funds from the sale of Granges who have surrendered their charters. These funds must be held in trust for seven (7) years in the event the Subordinate Grange would reorganize. This program invests Grange dollars back into Grange improvements. One (1) new loan was approved during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 and one (1) Grange completed the repayment of its loan. There were five (5) Granges with loans in the program. Granges interested in utilizing this program must submit an application to the State Office for approval by the State Grange Master and State Grange Executive Committee.

#### **Lifetime Members:**

As of June 30, 2019, there have been a total of 1,600 members who have become lifetime members since the program's inception in 1984. We gained one (1) new lifetime member during the Grange fiscal year.

In closing, I thank you for your trust and confidence. The Executive Committee and I continue to look for ways to improve the return on investment for all assets of the Pennsylvania State Grange, the Active & Closed Grange Trust Funds and the Grant and Scholarship Funds. I will continue to work to keep the best interest of the Grange and its membership in mind when considering future investment options.

Fraternally submitted,  
Henry L. Seidel, Treasurer



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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Directors of  
Pennsylvania State Grange  
Lemoyne, Pennsylvania

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have reviewed the accompanying consolidating financial statements of Pennsylvania State Grange (a nonprofit organization) and Pennsylvania State Grange Foundation (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the consolidating statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets – modified cash basis as of June 30, 2019, and the related consolidating statement of support, revenue, and expenses – modified cash basis for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidating financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the consolidating financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidating financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidating financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

### Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the consolidating financial statements for them to be in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

### Accountant's Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying consolidating financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting.

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## **Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 of the consolidating financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The consolidating financial statements are prepared in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our conclusion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## **Supplementary Information**

The supplementary information included in pages 16-22 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic consolidating financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidating financial statements. The supplementary information has been subjected to the review procedures applied in our review of the basic consolidating financial statements. We are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the supplementary information. We have not audited the supplementary information and do not express an opinion on such information.

The accompanying supplementary information included in pages 23-28 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic consolidating financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management. We have not audited or reviewed such information, and we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on it.

October 17, 2019

Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania



*Certified Public Accountants*



# 2018-2019 Fiscal Year to Date

		2018-2019	2018-2019	2019-2020	
		Year to Date	Budget	Proposed Budget	Description
	<b>***REVENUE</b>				
1	<b>MEMBERSHIP &amp; DUES</b>				
2	Subordinate Dues	272,199	277,024	218,340	Subordinate Dues for 4,699 members
3	Lifetime Members - Interest from Fund	15,563	15,567	15,642	Interest received from the Lifetime membership account
4	Lifetime Members - Principal from Fund	0	15,750	23,870	898 Lifetime Members
5	Golden Sheet	-5,605	0	11,640	388 Golden Sheet Members - Deducts \$3.50
6	Youth	-5,905	0	2,506	179 Youth Members
7	Initiation Fees	1,292	1,500	1,300	Includes individual (\$5) and family (\$10)
8	Junior Dues	199	250	210	\$1 - year per Junior
9	Associate Dues	1,078	900	960	\$11 per Associate Member (22)
10	National Grange Assessment	6,268	6,785	6,428	\$1 per member from Subordinates
11	<b>TOTAL DUES &amp; FEES</b>	<b>285,089</b>	<b>317,776</b>	<b>280,796</b>	
13	<b>SALES OF MERCHANDISE</b>				
14	Cookbooks	21,257	14,000	14,000	Sales Total for 2010, 1985, 1972, 1030
15	Rental Promotional Items	66	100	100	Other sale items (coasters, plates are only items still on books)
16	<b>TOTAL SALES AND TAX</b>	<b>21,323</b>	<b>14,100</b>	<b>14,100</b>	
17	<b>OTHER INCOME</b>				
18	Property Fund Headquarters Interest	12,398	8,956	8,959	Interest received from the investment representing the sale of the former Headquarters
19	Interest/Dividends	13,572	19,987	24,317	Account Interest, Capital One account, Fulton Checking, Active and Closed Grange interest and Admin. Fees
20	Grange Property	86,201	80,137	143,348	90% of money rec. when a closed Grange's assets are transferred to State after 7 yrs
21	Reimburse Membership Fund	9,578	8,904	15,928	10% of money rec. from Closed Grange
22	Membership Seals	498	400 #	500	The State Grange buys seals in bulk and sells to Granges since National Grange is now charged shipping. Rather than showing as inventory, we just treat it as expense and income.
23	Washington Trip	0	1,000	1,000	Income from people attending the Washington Fly-in
24	Bus Tours	0	1,000	1,000	Income from any other bus trip scheduled (not Fly-in)
25	State Session Registration	1,962	3,000	2,000	State Grange portion of registration fees from Session (1/2 of registration fee)
26	State Session Run Contributions	4,160	6,480	4,500	Revenues for all reservations that are reserved by the State Secretary except Natl Delegates; PR, Off. Sec, Aut. Sec, Legislative, Plaintiff, etc.
27	Sixth Degree Application Fee	170	100	100	Application fee for the Sixth Degree at Session
28	Legislative Day	0	500	0	Income for Grange Day
29	Family Festival	9,898	8,000	9,000	Income for Family Festival including any Donations from Sponsors
30	PA Grange News Ads	848	12,000	1,000	Ads sold for PA Grange News - 6 issues
31	Vision Insurance and Service Fee	4,061	5,000	4,100	Vision Insurance Program (includes \$6 service fee)
32	Legislative	0	0	0	Grant monies received
33	Grange Donations/Disaster	2,489	1,000	1,000	This is a pass through account
34	Local Grange Fund	200,146	5,000	5,000	General Expense recouped from Local Granges for copies, postage etc. from assisting when they lack funds and to pay expenses for closed Granges.

					2018-2019	Proposed Budget	Description
					Budget		
				Year to Date			
	Misc Contributions / Commissions			1,078	2,000	100	Donations/commission & Misc (sometimes pass through)
36	TOTAL OTHER INCOME			347,059	163,464	221,852	
37	TOTAL INCOME			653,472	495,340	516,748	
38	***EXPENDITURES						
39	Payroll			50,098	60,000	76,000	Gross Payroll — President - \$45,480 — Bookkeeper \$15,000; Part-time Secretary-\$15,000
40	Taxes, benefits			12,310	12,000	18,250	Employer tax, Health Ins. Sickness, life ins payment, IRA
41	TOTAL EMPLOYEE			62,408	72,000	94,250	
42	GRANGE HEADQUARTERS						
43	Insurance			5,311	8,500	6,000	All Insurance other than health. Includes Workman's Comp
44	Sprink Water & Soda			110	200	100	Includes all beverages, condiments
45	Repairs and Other			0	500	500	Repairs to office space
46	Rent Expense			31,294	35,000	35,000	to Lindo Properties. Lease expires July 31 of 2019
47	TOTAL HEADQUARTERS			36,715	44,200	41,600	
48	STATE SESSION						
49	Rooms/Food for Officers/Comm., etc.			22,608	23,400	23,400	Cost of rooms less Officer/comm. member req. cost.; Legislative, PG, Ofc. Sec.; Aust. Ofc. Sec.
50	Pre-session Meetings			765	650	800	Committee discussion of resolutions as required
51	Session-Labor			300	300	300	Pay for Office Help at Session
52	Reports/Printing			534	1,000	700	Printing cost
53	Sixth Degree Expenses			448	1,500	500	Amy expenses affiliated with Sixth Degree - Purchasing new curtains - one time expense
54	Journal of Proceedings			0	150	150	Printing Cost
55	Flowers/Awards			262	250	300	As needed
56	Hooting Nat'l Rep.			277	500	500	Travel Expenses
57	Misc.			39	1,000	1,000	All other expenses
58	TOTAL STATE SESSION			25,233	28,750	27,650	
59	PROMOTIONS						
60	Farm Show			2,693	4,000	4,000	Includes all expenses affiliated w/ events including give-aways
61	Ag Progress Days			1,380	3,000	1,800	Includes all expenses affiliated w/ events including give-aways
62	Grange Week			0	500	500	Includes all expenses affiliated w/ Grange Week
63	Family Festival			9,017	8,000	9,000	Includes all expenses affiliated with Family Festival
64	Miscellaneous Promotions			0	250	250	Seminars and other events
65	TOTAL PROMOTIONS			13,090	15,750	15,550	

## 2018-2019 Fiscal Year to Date

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# 2018-2019 Fiscal Year to Date

			2018-2019 Year to Date	2018-2019 Budget	2019-2020 Proposed Budget	Description
105	PA GRANGE NEWS					
106	Printing/Mailing List Expense		25,917	24,000	25,000	Printing PCN and Maintenance on mailing list
107	Postage		2,516	5,000	0	Actual PCN Postage (new company postage is in total)
108	TOTAL PCN		28,433	29,000	25,000	
109	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES					
110	Advocates (Deputies)		0	1,000	1,000	Mileage
111	President General Expenses		5,590	9,000	9,000	President travel and Meals. Expenses that pertain directly to the President
112	President Housing		0	7,200	7,200	Housing for a President who lives out-of-town
113	Membership General		7,173	4,000	5,000	Regular Expenses for the office of Membership Director and Mileage
114	Membership Restricted		4,750	8,904	15,928	Benefits to Membership that are above and beyond the basics (refer to line 20)
115	Public Relations Department		1,532	2,000	2,000	Any advertising, publicity, Events to adv Grange, Signs (not quilt block signs)
116	Legislative Department		2,719	3,000	3,000	Any activity relating to Legislative activities
117	Local Grange Expense		131,246	5,000	5,000	General Exp incurred for Local Granges (copies, postage etc). Fund set up to allow the State Grange to assist Local Granges when they lack funds. Also used to pay expenses for closed Granges.
118	Vision Plan Expense		3,777	4,200	4,000	Vision Insurance — See line 31
119	TOTAL ADMIN		156,788	44,304	52,128	
120						
121	CONTRACT SERVICES					
123	Payroll Services		2,236	2,200	1,500	Payroll - Changed to Paytime effective October, 2018. Paytime's cost are less
124	Legal Counsel		3,795	5,000	5,000	As needed
125	Legislative Director		23,076	24,000	24,000	
126	PCN Publisher		21,167	20,000	20,000	
127	Membership PR Director		24,550	25,000	33,000	
128	Accounting Audit		13,146	10,000	13,000	Future Full Audit
129	TOTAL CONTRACTS		87,970	86,200	96,500	
130	COOKBOOKS					
131	Printing Purchase		0	5,000	2,500	Cost of printing is recorded as Cookbooks are sold. Not the bulk printing of CB
132	Postage Supplies		2,847	1,500	2,800	Postage Expense (post meter and ACS) and shipping boxes
133	Sales Tax		1,130	1,200	1,200	Sales tax expense (what is paid after the liability account is balanced)
134	TOTAL COOKBOOK		3,976	7,700	6,500	See Line 14
135	RESALABLE/PROMOTIONAL ITEMS					
136	Cost basis		0	100	100	Cost of item is recorded here as items sell
137	Postage/Supplies		0	50	50	Postage exp if items are shipped
138	TOTAL RESALE EXP.		0	150	150	



# 2018-2019 Fiscal Year to Date

			2018-2019 Year to Date	2018-2019 Budget	2019-2020 Proposed Budget	Description
140	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES		0	1,000	1,000	Other Expenses. Used also as pass through account When paying the Annual Assessment Fee from National, we first use the Assessment Fee Liability account. Any amount over the Liability will be taken from this expense line item
141	Assessment Expense		6,635	6,785	6,428	Used when the Assessment Fee is paid by Subordinate Groups are not adequate to cover the fee from National. See Line 10
142	Group Assessment Expense		0	0	0	4,878 Individual Members and Youth
143	National Groups Dues - Individual				68,292	22 Associate, 35 Affiliate Members
144	Associate and Affiliate Members				798	388 Golden Sheet
145	Golden Sheet Members				0	77 Family Plans; 220 Members
146	Family Plans				2,156	898 Lifetime Members
147	Lifetime Members				12,572	
148	National Dues Expense		84,837	86,604	0	When paying National Dues, we first use the National Dues Liability account. Any amount over the Liability will be taken from this expense line item
149	TOTAL MISC		91,472	94,389	91,246	
150	CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS					
151	Advocates		0	500	500	Expense related to a Advocate Conferences
152	Regional Leadership Meetings		0	1,000	1,000	Expense related to regional training meeting held by President Membership
153	Departmental Planning Meetings		0	1,000	1,000	Dir
154	National Groups Conference - Delegates		1,011	1,000	4,000	Expenses incurred with Committee Planning Meetings
155	National Groups Participants		0	1,000	1,250	Delegates Expenses for National Groups
156	Tours		0	1,000	1,000	Youth, Juniors and Talent Travel
157	Washington Bus Tour		0	1,000	1,000	See Line 24
158	TOTAL CONF/WORK		1,011	5,500	9,750	Expenses affiliated with the Wash Fly-in, pass through line 23
159	DONATIONS/DISASTERS		2,992	1,000	1,000	Money that we donate to others/Sponsorships
160						
161	TOTAL EXPENSES		555,018	477,343	511,474	Total Expenses
162	NET REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES		\$ 98,454	\$ 17,997	\$ 5,274	Amount left over after Expenses are deducted from Revenue (income). Can be negative, but this means there is not enough money to cover expenses and we will be accessing savings to cover the difference.
	State Groups Checking Account Current Balance as of 09-04-2018			\$ 54,086.30		
	State Groups Savings Account Current Balance as of 09-04-2018			\$ 106,419.19		
	State Groups Trust Fund			\$ 150,000.00		

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

SCHEDULES OF GRANGE FUNDS  
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018

CLOSED GRANGES	Date Closed	June 30, 2018 Balance	Interest Earned	Interest Paid Grange	Interest Paid State Grange	Additions/ Withdrawals	June 30, 2019 Ending Balance
Bedford - #619	September 2014	58,623.69				*	58,623.69
Boot Jack - #1680	August 2017	64,226.59	1,798.35		1,798.35		64,226.59
Brady - #1118	October 2011	26,326.66				(26326.66)	\$0.00
Briar Creek - #146	December 2017	36,303.61	435.64		435.64		36,303.61
Buffalo Valley #320	December 2016	35,468.12	830.39		830.39		35,468.12
Carter Camp - #1563	August 2015	20,862.87	250.35		250.35	345.00	\$21,207.87
Charleston Valley - #34	December 2011	19,319.25	502.30		502.30	(19319.25)	\$0.00
Community - #1994	March 2012	13,800.00	386.40		386.40	(13800.00)	\$0.00
Cross Creek Village - #1731	August 2012	35,000.00	980.00		980.00		35,000.00
Decatur - #1920	July 2017	2,329.03					2,329.03
Donegal - #1927	May 2012	29,595.15				(29595.15)	\$0.00
Eureka - #816	November 2016	34,843.44	975.62		975.62		34,843.44
Fort Granville - #1902	August 2014	1,191.00	559.20		559.20	18,780.37	\$19,971.37
Friendship - #1232	August 2018	13,795.00	\$372.73		\$372.73	1,127.58	\$14,922.58
Green Grove - #1955	August 2015	29,036.54					\$29,036.54
Henderson - #1315	August 2014	2,790.00	78.12		78.12		\$2,790.00
Lawrence - #333	May 2014	3918.39					\$3,918.39
Lightstreet - #31	July 2012	74,421.91					\$74,421.91
Mahoning - #1732	March 2014	70.11					70.11
Mendon - #855	August 2012	1300.00	23.13		23.13	427.54	1927.54
Miller's Run - #2020	December 2012	45,543.87					\$45,543.87
Mountain - #567	July 2015	638.60					\$638.60
Mountain - #1307	January 2018	20,197.42	\$565.33		\$565.33		\$20,197.42
North Woodbury - #1933	December 2017	24,489.95	682.20		682.20		\$24,489.95
Penn - #234	June 2019	24,119.06	\$771.80	\$23.14	\$748.66	0.00	\$24,119.06
Pine Run - #250	January 2015	7,090.00	198.52		198.52		\$7,090.00
Plum Creek Valley - #1702	April 2014	1,354.58					\$1,354.58
Reynoldsville - #1825	December 2015	3,555.36	99.55		99.55		\$3,555.36
Rostraver - #919	June 2018	59,915.00	\$1,677.62		\$1,677.62		\$59,915.00
Shannonville - #1865	August 2015	43,830.99	1,227.27		1,227.27		\$43,830.99
Tamarack - #1388	August 2013	14,215.31	398.02		398.02		\$14,215.31
Valley - #52	July 2015	29,471.50					\$29,471.50
Valley - #1184	May 2016	57,490.16	1,609.72		1,609.72		\$57,490.16
Valley - #1420	March 2016	11,284.66	315.97		315.97		\$11,284.66
Wappasening - #188	August 2015	0.00				1,878.87	\$1,878.87
Weishample - #1898	March 2012	4,309.93				(4309.93)	\$0.00
West Valley - #1760	June 2018	9,693.93	\$271.43		\$271.43		\$9,693.93
White Deer - #122	June 2018	31,304.32	\$630.43		\$630.43		\$31,304.32
TOTAL CLOSED GRANGES		901,926.00	15,640.29	23.14	15,617.15	(70,791.63)	831,134.37

Notes: (1) - Brady, Charleston Valley, Community, Donegal & Weishample were forwarded to the PA State Grange after having been closed for 7 years.

(2) - Wappasening is new to the list.

(3) - Penn transitioned from the Active list

(4) - Plainfield transitioned to the Active list

PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE  
SCHEDULES OF GRANGE FUNDS  
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018

ACTIVE GRANGES	June 30, 2018 Balance	Interest Earned	Interest Paid Grange	Interest Paid State Grange	Additions/ Withdrawals	June 30, 2019 Ending Balance
Atlantic - #344	\$11,755.00	\$376.16	\$364.88	\$11.28	\$0.00	\$11,755.00
Baileysville - #1991	36,742.34	\$1,175.76	\$1,140.50	\$35.26	0.00	\$36,742.34
Brandywine - #60	87,102.91	\$2,787.30	\$2,703.70	\$83.60	0.00	\$87,102.91
California - #941 (Northumberland - #218)	54,740.30	\$1,751.68	\$1,699.14	\$52.54	0.00	\$54,740.30
Carmichaels - #1380	67,750.00	\$2,059.60	\$1,997.82	\$61.78	(6,775.00)	\$60,975.00
Clearfield Pomona - #33	19,885.00	\$636.32	\$617.24	\$19.08	0.00	\$19,885.00
Cochran - #2030	42,190.00	\$1,350.08	\$1,309.58	\$40.50	(2,000.00)	\$40,190.00
Community - #2048	18,290.00	\$585.28	\$567.74	\$17.54	0.00	\$18,290.00
Dawson - #419	105,398.84	\$3,200.32	\$3,104.31	\$96.01	(12,933.00)	\$92,465.84
Eagle - #1 (West Branch - #136)	2,000.00	\$184.68	\$179.14	\$5.54	7,542.41	\$9,542.41
Eagle - #1 (Bottle Run - #1301)	16,660.00	\$547.92	\$531.49	\$16.43	22,867.50	\$39,527.50
East Lynn - #1263	264,611.66	\$8,467.58	\$8,213.56	\$254.02	0.00	\$264,611.66
East New Castle - #1536	27,068.72	\$866.20	\$840.22	\$25.98	0.00	\$27,068.72
Edinboro - #947	52,813.45	\$1,690.04	\$1,639.34	\$50.70	0.00	\$52,813.45
Elk Creek - #997	34,000.00	\$1,088.00	\$1,055.36	\$32.64	0.00	\$34,000.00
Fulton - #66	78,879.98	\$2,524.16	\$2,448.44	\$75.72	0.00	\$78,879.98
Gibson - #798 (Harford #418)	17,600.00	\$563.20	\$546.32	\$16.88	0.00	\$17,600.00
Goshen - #121	24,051.50	\$770.77	\$747.64	\$23.13	(63.00)	\$23,988.50
Hartslog Valley - #375	39,600.00	\$1,203.84	\$1,167.74	\$36.10	(3,960.00)	\$35,640.00
Hayfield - #800	14,935.00	\$457.99	\$444.26	\$13.73	(1,495.00)	\$13,440.00
Hillcrest - #1674	5,926.15	\$189.64	\$183.96	\$5.68	0.00	\$5,926.15
Honeybrook - #1688	66,811.92	\$2,137.98	\$2,073.86	\$64.12	0.00	\$66,811.92
Kennett - #19	52,390.00	\$1,676.48	\$1,626.20	\$50.28	0.00	\$52,390.00
Kimberton - #1304	115,162.56	\$3,685.84	\$3,575.28	\$110.56	0.00	\$115,162.56
Laurel Point - #915	22,302.39	\$713.68	\$692.28	\$21.40	0.00	\$22,302.39
Laurel Point - #915 (Blanco - #2099)	15,396.82	\$492.70	\$477.92	\$14.78	0.00	\$15,396.82
Little Gap - #1882	19,700.00	\$630.40	\$611.50	\$18.90	0.00	\$19,700.00
London - #1492	57,540.75	\$1,841.30	\$1,786.08	\$55.22	0.00	\$57,540.75
London Grove - #63	45,470.00	\$1,455.04	\$1,411.40	\$43.64	0.00	\$45,470.00
Long Branch Comm. - #2072	45,695.00	\$1,462.24	\$1,418.38	\$43.86	(17,282.00)	\$28,413.00
Mahoning Valley - #1649 (Wilmington #1477)	59,427.87	\$1,901.70	\$1,844.66	\$57.04	0.00	\$59,427.87
Marion - #223	15,380.00	\$328.13	\$318.27	\$9.86	0.00	\$15,380.00
Marshallton - #1394	41,310.00	\$1,321.92	\$1,282.28	\$39.64	0.00	\$41,310.00
Menallen - #1091	79,425.00	\$2,541.60	\$2,465.36	\$76.24	0.00	\$79,425.00
Mt. Nebo - #1872	234,300.00	\$7,497.60	\$7,272.68	\$224.92	(23,430.00)	\$210,870.00
Ontelaunee - #1617 (Centerport #1600)	19,275.00	\$616.80	\$598.30	\$18.50	0.00	\$19,275.00
Perry Valley - #1804	132,390.00	\$4,314.92	\$4,185.48	\$129.44	(13,240.00)	\$119,150.00
Plainfield - #1727	36,878.00	\$1,180.10	\$1,144.70	\$35.40	(2,000.00)	\$34,878.00
Pleasant Hill - #1505	36,383.50	\$1,164.28	\$1,129.36	\$34.92	0.00	\$36,383.50
Pleasant Valley - #1643	38,717.53	\$1,238.96	\$1,201.80	\$37.16	0.00	\$38,717.53
Red Lion - #1781	221,004.63	\$7,072.14	\$6,859.98	\$212.16	0.00	\$221,004.63

Richland - # 1413 (Sandy Creek - #2021)	22,408.73	\$693.01	\$672.23	\$20.78	(3,008.73)	\$19,400.00
Ridgeview - #1948	33,082.50	\$1,058.64	\$1,026.90	\$31.74	0.00	\$33,082.50
Rural Valley - #1750	5,145.00	\$157.77	\$153.05	\$4.72	(515.00)	\$4,630.00
Russellville - #91 (Fernwood #1329)	3,000.00	\$96.00	\$93.12	\$2.88	0.00	\$3,000.00
Sanatoga - #25	31,500.00	\$1,008.00	\$977.76	\$30.24	0.00	\$31,500.00
Seipstown - #1657	203,263.18	\$6,233.31	\$6,046.32	\$186.99	(20,333.18)	\$182,930.00
Shavers Creek - #353 (Donation #330)	4,950.00	\$150.40	\$145.90	\$4.50	(500.00)	\$4,450.00
Shenango Township - #2057	74,126.55	\$2,372.04	\$2,300.88	\$71.16	0.00	\$74,126.55
Sinking Valley - #484	12,600.00	\$383.04	\$371.56	\$11.48	(1,260.00)	\$11,340.00
South Buffalo - #1908	17,659.60	\$541.51	\$525.27	\$16.24	(1,769.60)	\$15,890.00
Spring Church - #1803	6,300.00	\$201.60	\$195.56	\$6.04	0.00	\$6,300.00
Star - #993	99,822.80	\$3,233.48	\$3,136.48	\$97.00	0.00	\$99,822.80
Stony Point Grange - #1694	25,375.66	\$795.78	\$771.91	\$23.87	(911.82)	\$24,463.84
Union City - #89 (Corry #55)	13,739.41	\$439.66	\$426.48	\$13.18	0.00	\$13,739.41
Unionville - #1971 (S. Rock # 1441)	7,055.00	\$209.76	\$203.48	\$6.28	(2,000.00)	\$5,055.00
Vernon - #936	26,018.93	\$832.60	\$807.64	\$24.96	0.00	\$26,018.93
Walker - #2007	31,535.02	\$1,009.12	\$978.86	\$30.26	0.00	\$31,535.02
Washington - #1949 (Battlefield #2063)	18,990.00	\$607.68	\$589.46	\$18.22	0.00	\$18,990.00
Watson - #1068	819.82	\$10.93	\$10.60	\$0.33	(819.82)	\$0.00
Wesley - #1675 (Sugar Creek # 1131)	2,920.62	\$93.46	\$90.66	\$2.80	0.00	\$2,920.62
Westfield - #1514 (N. Beaver #1646)	14,175.00	\$457.90	\$444.07	\$13.83	0.00	\$14,175.00
Willis - #1690	29,929.72	\$957.76	\$929.04	\$28.72	0.00	\$29,929.72
York Run - #1699	38,352.63	\$1,227.28	\$1,190.48	\$36.80	0.00	\$38,352.63
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE GRANGES</b>	<b>3,099,731.99</b>	<b>98,521.06</b>	<b>95,565.86</b>	<b>2,955.20</b>	<b>(83,886.24)</b>	<b>3,015,845.75</b>
<b>PA State Grange Assets in Trust Fund</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,733.33</b>		<b>\$4,733.33</b>	<b>(25,000.00)</b>	<b>\$125,000.00</b>
<b>Grand Total for Trust Fund</b>	<b>3,249,731.99</b>	<b>103,254.39</b>	<b>95,565.86</b>	<b>7,688.53</b>	<b>(108,886.24)</b>	<b>3,140,845.75</b>

Notes: (1) - Plainfield moved from the Closed list  
(2) - Penn moved to the Closed list.



## REPORT OF SECRETARY

Worthy State Master, National Grange President Betsy Huber, National Grange Pomona Kay Stiles, Officers, Delegates, and Members of the Pennsylvania State Grange, I bring you greetings and wishes for a very successful and enjoyable 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange here in State College, PA.

As your State Secretary, I am responsible for processing Membership Awards and special recognitions. The State Grange recognizes Grange members that have 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 35 and 45 years of membership in the Grange with a letter of appreciation for their service. The State and National Grange recognizes members that have 25 years with a Silver Star Certificate, 40 years with a seal, 50 years with a Golden Sheaf booklet, 55, 60, 65 and 70 years with a seal to add to the booklet, 75 years with a certificate, and 80 and 85 years with a letter. The number of certificates, seals and letters sent this fiscal year are as follows:

5-years	31	50-years	60
10-years	22	55-years	34
15-years	28	60-years	39
20-years	15	65-years	30
25-years	73	70-years	21
30-years	24	75-years	13
35-years	12	80-years	4
40-years	31	85-years	2
45-years	28		

I am thrilled to report that the total number of certificates recognized this year were 467, which is an increase of 25 from last year. I really appreciate the Secretaries who recognize your members and please continue doing so. I would like to encourage those Secretaries who do not recognize their members to please consider recognizing them. They really appreciate the acknowledgment for the years of service they have given to the Grange.

I would like to give a special recognition to the 75, 80 and 85 year members recognized this year. They are:

- 75 years** —Emily Way, Half Moon #290, Centre County  
—Martha Anderson, Hartslog Valley #375, Huntingdon County  
—David, Richards, Port Matilda #1284, Centre County  
—Charles Kissling, Bernville #1887, Berks County.  
—Dilmon Dunbar, Ondawa #174, Bradford County  
—Keith Robbins, Ondawa #174, Bradford County  
—Robert Stewart, Rural Valley #1750, Armstrong County  
—Paul J. Miller, Virginville #1832, Berks County  
—Feryl J. Treichler, Virginville #1832, Berks County  
—Jean A. Wetzel, Virginville #1832, Berks County  
—Wilbur R. Zendt, Walker #786, Juniata County  
—Betty Naser, Chestnut Ridge #1133, Cambria County  
—Helen Oakley, Union #152, Susquehanna
- 80 years** —Emily Way, Half Moon #290, Centre County  
—Jean C. Lundy, Wysauking-Sheshequin #58, Bradford County  
—Esther Stepanovich, Jefferson #1373, Butler County  
—Helen Oakley, Union #152, Susquehanna County
- 85-years** — Ruth Griffin, Scotch Valley #510, Blair County  
— Norman O. Merkel, Virginville #1832, Berks County

CONGRATULATIONS to all 75, 80, and 85 year recipients for being members of this organization for so many years!

I am also responsible for processing Lifetime Membership Applications. During this fiscal year we have issued one new Lifetime Membership, with a total of 1,600 Lifetime Members.

Worthy Master Wayne and I visited many Granges and Grange events throughout this year. I loved seeing Grangers from all over the state! It is really exciting when we are able to assist a Grange in increasing their membership or reorganizing a Grange. In January, we headed to the Farm Show stand to talk to non-Grangers about the Grange! We had many who were interested in joining a Grange or organizing a Grange in their area. We sold lots of cookbooks, heard many stories, which recipes are favorites, and asking if we were going to bring out another cookbook.

April and May we traveled all across the state to various Granges in helping to celebrate Grange Month. We attended the Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference in Gettysburg, PA. It was a great weekend of fellowship and wonderful workshops.

Wayne and I attended the National Grange Fly-in. There were many very interesting workshops plus we visited and talked with our Legislators. If you haven't attended the National Fly-in, you must plan on attending next year! It was a great couple of days and very informative!

Wayne and I were again thrilled to spend time with the Youth and then a few days with the Juniors at their camps! We both love spending time with our young people and all the enthusiasm they have about the future of the Grange. A special thank you to Ellen and Lurae for giving us the opportunity to join you for Youth and Junior Camp! Junior Camp was especially exciting to witness our Grandson, Bryce Danko become the 2019-2020 Junior Grange Prince!

Family Festival—Centre County —Wayne and I, along with our daughter Jennifer, and her husband Ken, our Grandchildren, Maci and many Grange volunteers, prepared breakfast for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, as well as lunches for Friday and Saturday and Saturday dinner. My family and I have been cooking for Family Festival for 15 years (I remember the amount of years because our first year of cooking, our Grandchildren, Bryce and Riley were just babies). If you have never attended Family Festival, consider joining us. It is a great weekend of fun, fellowship, relaxation and delicious food!

We attended many fairs this year, including the Perry County Fair where Wayne and I are the co-chairs of the Pomona Grange Food Stand; it turned out to be our best year yet! In addition, we visited the Cumberland County Ag Expo, Centre County Grange Fair, and Elizabethtown Fair. Thank you to everyone for the invitations as we really enjoyed seeing the differences on how each fair is ran successfully. It was a great experience and lots of fun working in the Milkshake stand at the Elizabethtown Fair – thanks to Matt Ependshade and Sandy Witmer!

I would like to thank Brittany Covey for all her assistance this past year. Since Brittany started as the Office Secretary in March of this year, she quickly took the challenge of the position and ran with it. With her Grange knowledge and secretarial and bookkeeping background, she has been a great asset to the Pennsylvania State Grange. With her taking care of the everyday Office Secretary duties, I was able to get to work on trying to get the membership database cleaned up with accurate addresses and a more accurate list of our members. Of course this challenge is a work-in-progress.

I would like to thank the 2019 Host Committee for inviting the Pennsylvania State Grange to hold the Annual Session in State College, Centre County.

It is indeed an honor to serve as your Pennsylvania State Grange Secretary.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Debra Campbell, State Secretary

## **REPORT OF GATEKEEPER**

Worthy Master, fellow officers, delegates, members and guests of the Pennsylvania State Grange annual session.

The past year has been extremely rewarding as my wife Denae and I welcomed our first child Aurora Dawn on January 16, 2019

Our Grange year began in October at State Session in Cranberry, Township. In November Denae and I attended Russellville Grange's annual Corn and Pie night on the 1<sup>st</sup>. The same week we attended the Chester County Pomona chicken pot pie dinner on the 3rd at Russellville Grange followed by a wonderful dinner at the home of Executive Committee Member Dr. James Diamond with the Kauffman's on the 8th. Two days later we attended the Pioneer Grange spaghetti dinner. We then made the long drive to Stowe, Vermont for the annual national session where I was selected to serve as Chairperson for the 2020 National Session in Valley Forge, PA. We ended November on a sad note with the funeral of former PA State Grange First Lady Jane Wismer. We attended 3 holiday parties in December – Keystone Grange, Plumsteadville Grange, and Elizabethtown Grange.

Early January had us attending a Reading Royals hockey game with other PA State Grange youth and young adults. This was immediately followed the next day at the annual PA Farm Show where we manned the PA State Grange booth. In February we brought back the annual Keystone Grange flea market which was a success. A trip to Fleetwood Grange to support their blood drive and an appearance at the Russellville Grange to support their Junior program with the annual Italian Night completed our February. March has us running over the state again with a Chester County Pomona meeting and a Hamburg Grange meeting in Berks County in the same day. We were able to escort the Outstanding Young Patron Jodi Kensinger with us. With the 2021 state session coming to our area we had a meeting at Gouglersville Grange to discuss hotel options and set roles, Denae and I offered to lead the Junior activities. We also made it to Gettysburg for the Mid Atlantic Leaders Conference. March continued with a tour of the Valley Forge Casino Resort for the 2020 National Session followed by another pot pie dinner at Hamburg Grange. We ended the month with a state office meeting at Logan Grange in Centre County.

April was a busy month as it was Grange Month. We started the first weekend with our first annual spaghetti supper at Keystone Grange, this was a huge success! The following days found me sitting in at a state Lecturer's committee meeting, followed by meeting with Eagle Scouts for improvements to the grounds at Keystone Grange and the Pioneer Grange open house program. We then attended the Trexlertown Grange chicken pot pie dinner and the Young Adults gathering in Lancaster. In May we made a trip to Huntingdon County for their annual Seventh Degree Club dinner followed by the first annual Keystone Grange Ladies' Tea Luncheon. This was successful beyond our expectations. We also met with Girls Scouts for their kitchen project at our Grange hall. Memorial Day had us outside our hall as we promoted the Grange and offered free drinks to the annual parade crowd.

June and July featured camps, picnics and ice cream socials. I was elected to Master of the Montgomery County Pomona Grange in June. Keystone Grange had its first ice cream social in June and it was a profitable event. We attended State Youth Camp the end of June and Junior Camp in early July. Aurora, Denae, and I did a "Sleeping Beauty" workshop for the kids. Keystone Grange had its annual picnic in mid-July then it was off to Family Festival. August had us travelling to Chester County a few times for Sixth Degree practice with Chester County Pomona Grange. We attended the Middletown Grange Fair and had a second ice cream social. September included a Pomona meeting, picnic and the conferral of the Sixth Degree with Chester County Pomona. We attended another 2021 state planning session at Gouglersville Grange and had a Youth/Young adults picnic at the home of Andrew Kieffer.

All through the months we held PA State Zoom meetings and National Regional Zoom meetings to begin the planning of 2020 National Session. It is an honor to be 2020 Chairperson and each one of you reading this is my inspiration for a successful session. I look forward to seeing all of you through the upcoming year and hope you will be able to attend National Session in Valley Forge next year.

Fraternally

Gene Zvarick  
Gatekeeper  
PA State Grange

### **REPORT OF CERES**

In my first year as State Ceres, I was able to attend multiple Grange open houses within my county, along with Pomona meetings and regular Grange meetings. Throughout the year it was convenient for me and important with being at school that we as a state utilized Zoom to hold meetings on important ideals that needed to be touched upon or to just keep up-to-date with each other. For me it was a very beneficial adaptation the Grange has accompanied. I attended the PA Farm Show working in the booth for an entire day with my mom, Cindy, aunt, Tammy and other fellow Grangers. Being able to promote our organization in such a way that we do at the Farm Show is one of my favorite things, especially being able to do it with my family.

I also attended Berks Country Junior Grange Camp, serving as a counselor, while in June I attended PA State Youth Camp, where I got to enjoy fellowship, friendship, community service and the company of my fellow Grange Youth. Due to schooling circumstances I was unable to attend Family Festival however, I was still able to write the vespers for one of the nights, providing a message that inspires me and share it with others. While at school I have been attending Elizabethtown Grange meetings, being an adopted addition to their Grange. I look forward to State Session in State College, PA, seeing everyone, hearing all about their previous year, and performing my duties at session, while also planning the future of our organization.

Remember, "Anything in life worth having is worth working for." – Andrew Carnegie

Fraternally,  
Hannah Leibensperger, State Ceres

### **REPORT OF POMONA**

Worthy Master, National Representative(s), State Officers and Members of the Pennsylvania State Grange,

In my first year as State Pomona, I was able to attend several Grange meetings in my county, along with some open houses. I enjoyed our State Officer workshop day in March of this year to discuss things on the

state level. At that meeting, we divided the Granges across the state among the officers to contact and visit. I was lucky to reach out to the Lebanon County Granges and the Northumberland and Montour County Granges. I was able to attend the Berks County Junior Grange Camp, PA State Youth Camp, and PA State Junior Camp. I also served along with the other Granges to choose the Santee Student Loan recipients. At Family Festival in July, the Granges provided the vespers each night. I really enjoyed relaxing during the weekend. I look forward to this upcoming State Session in State College, PA, and National Session in Minnesota where I will be singing during the Evening of Excellence to represent PA.

Fraternally,  
Jennifer Beamon, State Pomona

## **REPORT OF FLORA**

Worthy Master, National Representative(s), State Officers and Members of the Pennsylvania State Grange,

2018 was a busy year for me as I had the privilege of helping to host our 2018 State Session. Once that session was over and all of the bills were paid, I was back home and again knee deep in Grange planning for 2019. That meant attending our Pomona planning meeting and getting things set up for 2019.

Then came our November road trip as we headed up the east coast, destination, Vermont and National Grange. But before we got there, we, along with friends, Janet and Tony, decided to go part way with the first night stop in Syracuse New York. Wow!!! Tucking ourselves in for the night was not too bad, but wake up was horrible. Snowfall that night dumped 12 inches of snow. No shovel, no broom, just one little scraper to clean off the car. Once done, we were on the road to Vermont. The rest of the trip was not so bad. When arrived at the resort there was not much snow, and we were fine with that. After a few days there, we were headed on the next leg of our journey which was Niagara Falls, Canada, for a day then back home we went.

After arriving back home, we went into clean up detail after a nasty ice storm that took out our power for 6 days. Now it was time to jump back into Grange work full speed ahead, December Pomona meeting. Before the holidays we found time to go to Washington County to see the reopening of the Grange that earlier Dick and I went to close. What a delight to see so many young couples with upcoming junior grangers as we all celebrated and enjoyed a wonderful time with them. Talk about jam packing things together. I was happy to see 2019 roll around. Now it is time to shovel snow and do my FA contest entries for 2019 while I had a bit of down time.

When spring came, we began traveling and calling on Granges to do a survey for the state office and to help us complete their Grange file at the state office with some much-needed information. Then summer came, and next came our Big Butler Fair. Our Pomona sets up a Grange kitchen for the 9 days of the fair. Dick and I were in charge of that. So now the planning began. Getting help, getting food, and helping with a local Grange fair display, this took us off the road and into the kitchen for 9 days. After that we got a 3-week break and we began planning for a display at the Butler Farm Show.

We then took a much-needed trip by traveling to South Carolina to see our grandson graduate from Army Basic Training as he prepares to go into the PA Army National Guard. Now September is here and a lot is still happening. A lot of preparations now are going into getting things ready for State Session in Centre County. As Flora I have a few responsibilities in getting my team together to set up, do the Sixth Degree and tear down immediately after, packing it up and getting it on the truck to go to Erie County for 2020.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the State Session. It was a very busy year in Grange and all the work is not yet complete, but my commitment and determination will see me through. My road trips have no ending, but I will keep trudging along in hopes that I can help someone out along the way as I look to 2020.

Fraternally yours,  
Virginia "Ginny" Mangel, State Flora

## **REPORT OF THE DEAF & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Worthy State Master, National Representative, State Officers, Delegates and Guests: This year has been another exciting and rewarding year. I could not have done it without the help of my amazing Grange family. I would like to thank all the officers and staff at the State Grange Office for their continued support. I would also like to thank my committee of Samantha Gourley Charmo, Jimmy Knoerdel, Judy Shupp, Ruth Vonada, and Grace Wadsworth for their work, ideas, and support. Sadly, we did lose a committee member this year with Carol Kushma's passing. She was an active member of the committee and we surely miss her.

Last year at State Grange Session we collected boxes upon boxes of items for the Gleaners Food Bank and The Western PA School for the Deaf. THANK YOU for the overwhelming support. We sent 12 boxes to each of the locations. It was amazing to see your response. We were also successful with our book, CD and DVD sale at State Grange. We raised \$92 from this sale and sent \$100 to Dogs for Better Lives. Thank you to all that donated books and CDs and to all of those that purchased books and CDs.

Throughout the past couple of years, we implemented new projects across the state and continued to push you to work hard in your local communities to complete your service ideas. As you know, we have been raising money to sponsor an autism dog. We sent a check earlier this year for \$5000 to Perfect Fit Canines, located in Pittsburgh, PA.

In July, I was able to attend the state Junior Grange camp for the entire week. Samantha Charmo and I held a community service workshop. Each of the four groups completed a different project relating around the Disney theme. It is always fun to be at camp, but I thoroughly enjoy getting to spread the word of my committee to the future of Grange, our juniors.

The fourth Bike-Hike was held on Saturday morning raise money to support Big Brothers Big Sisters in Centre County. Many Grange and Junior Grange members registered to participate, with the majority being Junior Grangers. We were able to collect \$597. Robert Beamon was recognized for raising the most money. A big thank you to all those that sponsored a biker or hiker as well as to those that participated in the event. During Family Festival we, again, sponsored a cake walk, which involved neither cakes, nor walking, and collected \$168.00. This money was also donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Centre County. In addition, half of the offering (\$124) from Sunday's church service was donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters. Next year we are considering doing a silent auction throughout the weekend to help raise funds for another organization. Please keep your eyes out for more information about this. Also, thank you to all those that donated to our Family Festival projects. We had a full table of items that our PA State Grange Junior and Youth royalty delivered to Pets Come First during the Family Festival weekend.

This year at State Grange Session we collected items for Centre Safe: Empowering Survivors, Eliminating Violence, formerly known as the Centre County Women's Resource Center (CCWRC) and the State College Food Bank. We had a heaping table full of donations, so thank you to all of the Granges or individuals who supported these collections. We will also be sending a check for \$250 to the State College Food Bank from the Sunday morning church service offering.

We also had the book, CD and DVD sale at State Grange session. We raised \$61.75. Money from this will be donated to Dogs for Better Lives. In addition, money from the offering (\$206) will be added to this amount and the committee will also add in another \$32.25 to have a total monetary donation of \$300 going to Dogs for Better Lives this year.

I would like to thank all the Granges for answering the appeal letter. The money will be used toward awards and all of the projects that we are working on this year. We can also help your Grange with any projects you may have. Please let me know, my goal is to donate as much money as we can to our projects. Money sitting in the checkbook is not helping anyone.

We had 55 reports from across the state make their way to my mailbox. As they arrived, I had the chance to look through the amazing projects that have been occurring around the state. Keep up the great work! I hope you had the time to stop by the exhibit and view the books and reports of your fellow grangers! I compiled a document with the different projects that occurred around the state. Be on the lookout for these projects as suggestions for upcoming community service ideas.

In order to receive money from National Grange, 25% of our Granges must complete and submit a report. So please be sure that your Grange is submitting these much-needed reports each year. Although the books some create are absolutely wonderful, all I really need is the report. I encourage you to complete a book, but strongly ask that these reports are submitted. Thank you to all of those that have done so! Unfortunately, this year, we were unable to receive national funding as we did not reach 25% of reports completed. Below are the results of the judging of the community service books:

**Granges with 25 or less member:**

1. Sinking Valley Grange #484
2. London Grove Grange #63

**Granges with 26-60 members:**

1. Hamburg Grange #2103
  2. Hayfield Grange #800
  3. Harvey's Aleppo #1444
- Honorable Mention: Schnecksville Grange #1684

**Granges with 61 or more members:**

1. Valley Grange #1360
2. Hookstown Grange #1980
3. Big Knob Grange #2008
4. Honorable Mention: Plumsteadville Grange #1738

**Pomona Granges**

1. Centre County #13
  2. Bucks County #22
  3. Berks County #43
- Honorable Mention: Lehigh-Northampton Pomona #68

Congratulations to Valley Grange #1360, as their book represented Pennsylvania at the National Grange Session in Minnesota in November 2019.

We had four contestants in our Sign-A-Song contests this year. Jodi Keith-Kensinger and Philip Vonada in the subordinate category and Foster and Elsa Kehs in the junior category. Congrats to Philip Vonada for earning first place. He will be representing Pennsylvania at the Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference/Eastern Regionals in the spring.

Congratulations and thank you to Big Knob Grange who was the only participant in our new “Community Service Project of the Year” contest. I hope others will participate next year!

Please be reminded that I would like you to e-mail [pagrange.dacs@gmail.com](mailto:pagrange.dacs@gmail.com) when your Grange completes community projects. I will post your projects on Facebook. This allows others around the state (and nation) to see the work you have done and get ideas for more community service projects.

If you have any suggestions for state-wide projects that we can do, please see me, or stop by our exhibit. Again, I would like to thank everyone for their support. I would especially like to thank my committee and the state office for their help. Without all of them, I would not be able to do this job.

Fraternally yours,  
Gail Switzer, Director

Committee members,  
Samantha Gourley Charmo  
James Knoerdel  
Judy Shupp  
Ruth Vonada  
Grace Wadsworth

### **REPORT OF THE FAMILY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

Worthy State Master, Worthy National and State Officers, Brothers and Sisters of the Grange. I would like to report that my committee and I had a good 2019 year. This is my third year as Director, I hope that things were better organized this year, I know a little more of the workings and responsibilities of being a Director. My committee is also available to answer your questions.

The Family Activities started on September 10, 2019 with a letter sent to the State Master and Executive Committee asking if Family Activities could hold another quilt raffle. Family Activities heard their decision from the State Master and Executive Committee for a quilt raffle. Family Activities was approved to have another quilt raffle by the State Master and Executive Committee.

We have the current small games of chance number for the tickets. I will talk with the committee at State Session in our meeting about color of tickets, number of tickets, and new food contest for 2021 and new contest for 2022. I will order the tickets as soon as I get home from State Session, so tickets will be back before the Farm Show in January. This year the tickets were ready in late November, picked up the tickets sorted into packets for selling at the Farm Show, we sold 710 tickets, a very good start on ticket sales. After the Show we went to State Office to stuff envelopes for Subordinate and Pomona Grange packets with contest fliers and quilt tickets to be sent out.

Next was Family Festival, “The Movers and The Shakers” was this year’s theme. The workshops started on Thursday evening and wrapped up on Saturday evening. There was a workshop English Paper Piecing, making your own wreath; painting quilt blocks. They were all well attended and everyone had a great time.

We went on a tour Friday afternoon to the Pasto Ag Museum in Rock Springs. It is on the grounds where Ag Progress is held. 55 people went on the tour, everyone said they really liked the tour and seeing all the Antique household items, tools and farm machinery. They asked a lot of questions and received a lot of great answers.



Wraps for Hugs Program –41 wraps were presented to Dewendy Johnson from York County for the Gift of Life, she couldn't make the trip to Family Festival, so she picked the wraps up at the State Grange Office which is not far from her office. Dewendy said to say THANK YOU to all PA STATE GRANGE MEMBERS for making the wraps.

Friday evening was the Family Activities Dinner with about 135 people attending, we had hamburgers, hotdogs, macaroni and potato salads, baked beans and bar cookies baked by Centre County Pomona Grange #13. THANK YOU LADIES for making the cookies for Fridays dinner.

Master Campbell said we had about 175 people coming and going at Family Festival this year there was a lot of people to enjoy the workshops and the tour. All the GREAT meals we had, a "BIG THANK YOU" Wayne and Debbie and endless people in the kitchen to help prepare the food. Every night we had Ice Cream floats or Sundaes that were enjoyed by all. Everyone had a lot of fun at the Family Festival.

Ag Progress was held August 13-15. THANK YOU to everyone who helped sell quilt raffle tickets. There were 102 tickets sold, that was great, there will not be very many to sell at State Session this year.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Melanie Melius, Director

**TOTAL ENTRIES – 144 Total Entries – 26 Quilt Blocks –**

**Class 1 - Kelleys Colors –**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Diane Geschwindt, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Ann Nagel, Pleasant Hill Grange #1505, Lawrence County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Mangel, Unionville Grange #1971, Butler County

**Class 2 Quilts –**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Shields, Atlantic Grange #344, Crawford County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Mangel, Unionville Grange #1971, Butler County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

**Class 4 Quilts –**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

**Class 5 Quilts –**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gretchen Kralj, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Barbara Gross, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

**Class 6 Wall Hanging –**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Shirley Swires, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jackie Clabaugh, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

**Class 7 Wall Hanging –**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ellen McClelland, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gretchen Kralj, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sue Courson, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County

**Class 8 Quilt –**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Amanda Brozana-Rios, Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Barbara Warden, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Barbara Gross, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County

**Class 10 - Baking/Cooking- Cherry Pie**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mary Ann Haagen, Walker Grange #2007, Centre County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jessica Reyburn, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Letty Riley, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County

**Class 11 Baking/Cooking- Choc. Chip Cookies**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ruth Griffin Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gayle Reyburn, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Carolyn Hupp, Chestnut Ridge Grange #1133, Washington County

**Class 12 Baking/Cooking -Haystack Candy**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Laura Sharpnack, Chestnut Ridge Grange #1333, Washington County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Ann Haagen, Walker Grange #2007, Centre County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pat Beck, Scrubgrass Grange #1705 – Venango County

**Class 13A – Afghan**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nicole Rubenacker, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Mangel, Unionville Grange #1971, Butler County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jennifer Caulk, Wesley Grange #1675, Venango County

**Class 14A Baby Afghan**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jill Cavaleiro, Jefferson Grange #1373, Butler County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Reppert, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Ann Nagel, Pleasant Hill Grange #1505, Lawrence County

**Class 14B Baby Afghan**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sharon Heck, Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jill Cavaleiro, Jefferson Grange #1373, Butler County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Shirley Garren, Frankfort Springs Grange #1989, Beaver County

**Class 15 Embroidery**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Karen Poorman, Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gladys Keiffer, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Shirley Swires Scotch Valley #510, Blair County

**Class 16 Counted Cross Stitch**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cyndi Wetzel, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Mangel, Unionville Grange #1971, Butler County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lisa Butler, Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County

**Class 16A Cross Stitch**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Karen Poorman, Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ilene Altenhiem, Central Grange #1216, Potter County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ellen Schaller, Harmony Grange #1692, Northampton County

**Class 17 Plastic Canvan**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cyndi Wetzel, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ilene Altenheim, Central Grange #1216, Potter County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Mangel, Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County

**Class 18 Cotton Thread**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Mangel, Unionville Grange #1971, Butler County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Gloria Hahn, Mahoning Valley Grange #1649, Lawrence County  
3<sup>rd</sup> June Stricker, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County

**Class 19 Table Centerpiece/Candle**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sue Courson, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jackie Clabaugh – Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ellen Wadsworth, Goshen Grange #121, Chester County

**Class 20 Table Centerpiece Coffee/Soup Mug**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Debra Kieffer, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jackie Clabaugh – Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ellen Wadsworth, Goshen Grange #121, Chester County

**Class 21 Table Centerpiece Holiday**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lois Runninger, Richland Grange #1413, Venango County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jackie Clabaugh – Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Marian Weitzel, Goughersville Grange #1743 – Berks County

**Class 22 Mosaic Artwork**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dee Ruckert, Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Diane Geschwind, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jessica Reyburn, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

**Class 23 Shadow Box Vacation**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Donald Kauffman, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County

**Class 24 Shadow Box Holiday**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Irvin Kauffman, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County

**Class 26 Shadow Box Other**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Diane Geschwindt, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lois Runninger, Richland Grange #1413, Venango County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Art Beckert, Hookstown Grange #1980, Beaver County

This year we did something “NEW”, we had 12 Cherry pie entries so we wanted to donate some money this year to the Scholarship Fund so we put them in the Auction and we raised \$405.00 for the Scholarship Fund. THANK YOU ALL who spent the money on all the good pies.

We had a total of 20 counties that participated this year—

Subordinate Director of the Year: Jane Reppert – Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County #43

Pomona Director of the Year: Virginia Mangel – Butler County Pomona #17

People’s Choice Award: Karen Poorman – Baileyville Grange #1991/ Centre County Pomona #13

State Grange Quilt was won by: Scott Shank – Manheim, PA – Elizabethtown Grange #2076, Lebanon County

Total Subordinate Reports received: 36

Total Pomona Reports received: 16

2020 Quilt Block Pattern – Saunder’s Gavel – Royal Blue Marbling Print, Gold SOLID, White SOLID

We had to put a New Class in this year, it is CLASS 16A CROSS STITCH.

I hope all enjoyed their time at State Session 2019 in State College. To all the GRANGERS who took in the tour of the Nuclear Reactor it was a great turn out, we had 26 people that got to see the Blue glow in 24' of water. Thank you everyone.

I would like to say Thank You to all my ladies for their help, Evelyn, Cindy, Shirley, Jodi, Karen and Isabella.

Fraternally yours,  
Melanie Melius, Family Activities Director

Committee members:  
Evelyn Cottrell Region D  
Shirley Garren Region E  
Cindy Schlegel Region H  
Jodi Keith Kensinger Region G

### **REPORT OF THE JUNIOR GRANGE COMMITTEE**

Dear Worthy President, State Officers, Delegates and Guests,

Greetings and Welcome to the 2019 Pennsylvania Grange State Session! It is a great time of year to be in Happy Valley, home of the Penn State Nittany Lions! I hope you have a chance to take in some of this fun college town while you are here for the long weekend. (Several of our Grange members are alumni and would be happy to share with you some great dining options!)

It is my pleasure to report to you the happenings of the PA Junior Grange this past year and to let you know of our future plans. As always, the year goes so quickly and we find ourselves wishing it would slow down. Once again, my personal life has been full of heartache as well as new endeavors. It is part of the process we call LIFE. As I think back over the Junior activities since last year's State Session in Cranberry Township, I do so with a smile in my heart. I love watching these young Juniors mature and grow into respectable members of our Order. I love how they embrace and care deeply about this Organization at a time when the adult members chatter about the lack of interest "these days". If you take a moment or two to spend time with the Juniors and Youth, you will learn that they are eager to learn, lead and love the Grange as much as anyone. Give them a chance. In fact, give them more than a chance. Make them part of what happens inside the walls of your Grange Hall. Elect them into an office position, ask them to serve on a committee, invite them to share their ideas. I promise you that your heart will smile like mine when you welcome them in. Here are the details of our amazing Junior Grange activities....

#### **ROYALTY TRIP - June**

The Royalty Trip is always a favorite for the Prince and Princess and others in attendance and this year did not disappoint. I was unable to attend so Junior Grange committee member Heather Druckenmiller went in my place. We are thankful to Wayne and Deb Campbell for setting up a tour of the Governor's Mansion that was enjoyed. The Juniors were recognized on the House floor and visited with a few Representatives. After the Capitol visit, the Juniors and Youth went on the annual Hershey Park trip. What a great way to end the day!

#### **COUNTY CAMPS – May & June**

There were a couple of County Camps held in May & June. Berks Co. had a fun weekend with their Family Games themed camp. They always have a lot of Juniors and staff to make this weekend a fun time. Also, in May, over Mother's Day weekend, Russellville Junior Grangers enjoyed the weekend with activities, games, crafts and more. In June, Beaver County enjoyed their "Wild Wild West" with campers completing activities, crafts and more. State Prince Zachary Perseghetti was able to attend all week and we were happy to welcome PA Outstanding Young Patron, Jodi Kensinger for part week.

## STATE JUNIOR GRANGE CAMP - July

The Juniors were at the 'happiest place on earth' when they attended the Disney themed week at the PA State Junior Camp in Howard, PA. It was the 72<sup>nd</sup> annual State Camp. Enjoy reading the camp highlights for more info:

### Camp Highlights

- We were honored to have so many special guests helping out this year. Driving all the way from Colorado was the Daniel & Jenna Greer Family who blessed us with their talents and energy for the Grange. Their son, Billy, is the National Junior Ambassador and it was great having him share his journey with our Grangers. The entire Greer Family was a true blessing to our week! Another very special VIP guest for most of the week was the National Junior Grange Director, Samantha Wilkins. She and her family had just moved to PA and we were excited that her sons could attend camp...their very first Grange camp ever!! Also sharing their time with us throughout the week was Jodi Kensinger, Pennsylvania State Grange Outstanding Young Patron. We had visitors from the Beaver County JG Camp Committee with Becky Beckert leading us in Vespers one night. I am also honored to have several State officers helping at camp as a counselor, workshop leader or other: Wayne & Debbie Campbell, Jen Nauss, Andy Keiffer, Gene Zvarick, and Jen Beamon. THANK YOU to all of you!
  - We had 62 campers (24 were NEW campers), 6 helpers, 17 counselors, 11 staff members for a total of 97 people! It was AWESOME having so much help this year! Everyone was able to fully enjoy the week without getting too worn out.
  - It is always a hot week at camp but the Juniors and staff found ways to stay cool during the week. We had a much needed schedule change early in the week and brought out the slip and slide to cool off the campers. (Normally this isn't done until Friday). It was a GREAT surprise for everyone! We traveled to Bald Eagle State Park on Monday to enjoy some time at the Lake. The day ended with some fun Disney Trivia games and jeopardy. Tuesday was spent on campus attending fun workshops and playing more games (and the waterslide mentioned above). The evening entertainment was a Magician who had all of us scratching our heads on some of the tricks!! He was good at his craft and funny as well. Wednesday brought us more Disney themed workshops, the introduction of the Court (see list below) and an afternoon at the lake again. The evening fun started with Skit Night and ended with a VERY special finale, The Princess Pageant! Seven of our bravest male counselors shared their beauty and poise in an evening gown contest and the winning "Princess" and the crowd favorite was Duchess Joshulina (Josh Mengel). ALL of the campers went to bed with smiles on their faces!! On Thursday, we had some very hot and muggy weather. A trip to the Ropes Course was on the morning agenda and the afternoon was full of workshops lead by some special guests who had arrived for the day. The evening had some fun "Pie in your Face" Disney Jeopardy Fun. A movie was played before bedtime. Friday is a busy day since it is not only the last full day of the camp week, but also Coronation Night. There are special awards also given out at Coronation. (see list below). The evening ended with the annual Dance and final Candle-light Vesper Service. Yes – there are also some tears shed. It is a long, fun, emotional and rewarding week for everyone!
- \* High Test Ritual Awards went to Jacob Schroeder, Grace Tempel, Sadie Johnson, Elisabeth Reich
  - \* Camp Superlatives were awarded to Connor Servin, Cameron Narad, Billy Greer, Peter Rohrbach
  - \* 2019-20 PA Junior Grange Princess is Elisabeth Reich from Valley Grange, York CO. and the PA Junior Grange Prince is Bryce Danko from Community Grange in Perry Co.
  - \* The Court members were Abby Kehs (Chester Co), Kay Reyburn (Chester Co), Avery Tworkoski (Berks Co), Jordan Downey (Lycoming Co), Evan Espenshade (Lancaster Co) and Peter Rohrbach (Berks Co).

State Camp is a wonderful chance to spend time with your fellow Junior Grangers from throughout the state. Our Juniors have had the chance to meet fellow Grangers from across the country as well. Junior Grange Camp builds our future Grange leaders, teaches responsibility, instills the love of Grange ritual, and excites us for the upcoming Grange activities. The 2020 PA State Junior Grange Camp theme is “Wildlife Adventure”. As always – it will be a fantastic week!

#### **FAMILY FESTIVAL – July**

Just a couple of weeks after the State JG Camp we see each other again at Family Festival. The Juniors had fun with the Rock & Roll 50's theme and activities. The water games are always a great time with the new Prince and Princess running them. Thank you to committee members Suann Johnson, Derek Snyder and Derek Schroeder for being their early to help facilitate the fun. It was great to have all of the JG Committee there on Saturday for the Junior activities. The Juniors spent time playing games and enjoying the weekend events held by other committees. The Talent Show winners are: Age 5-9 Vocal 1st place Elsa Kehs; Age 10-14 Vocal 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Russelville Juniors (donated their winnings to the Community Service Dept); Age 10-14 Instrumental 1<sup>st</sup> place Kay Reyburn.

#### **STATE SESSION – October 2019**

The Junior Jam is a fun time during State Session for the youngest members of our Order to share in fellowship, partake in activities within the Host area and enjoy some fun times. The Juniors will be heading to the Penn State University Sports Museum for a tour followed by a trip to the Arboretum on campus for lunch, games and fun. A trip to the Berkey Creamery is also planned and will be a great afternoon treat! They will then travel to the Centre County Fairgrounds where they will be staying for the night. Progress Grange is providing dinner and the Juniors will end their day with a few activities and a movie to settle them. Plan on joining the Juniors on Sunday for their meeting.

#### **SUPPORT & THANK YOU**

The above-mentioned activities could not possibly be held without the very generous support of our fellow Grange members who answered our Junior Grange appeal. We appreciate the monetary donations given to help keep down the costs of camp and other activities. A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone that supported the Junior Grange throughout this past year. There are so many people to thank for their dedication and help with the program. (I always worry when I start listing names that I will forget someone.) I appreciate the creative talent of Lindsay Schroeder for all of the photography she does during Grange camp and other activities. Thank you to the many Grange officers and committee members who attend camp as either a counselor, workshop leader or to assist in any way. I thank the Centre Co. Y.P. of H for the wonderful food they prepare for our end of camp Banquet. Thank you to our Youth Director, Ellen Wadsworth, for being one of my best friends in the Grange and supporting the Junior program and helping me achieve my goals. And of course, I can't do ANY of this without my Junior Grange Committee. You are the BEST and I get a little misty-eyed thinking about the friendships we have made because of this journey we are all on! I could not do my job without any of you!!

#### **In closing...**

There is one group of people I have not mentioned directly or thanked and that would be the JUNIORS themselves! Pennsylvania is blessed to have a great group of Junior Grange members who are excited to learn more about our organization and build strong life-long friendships while doing it. I love each and every one of you and can't wait to see what the year 2020 brings to the Junior Program!

Fraternally submitted,  
Lurae A, Benzio  
Pennsylvania State Junior Grange Director

Committee,  
Heather Druckenmiller  
Suann Johnson  
Derek Schroeder  
Derek Snyder  
Dina Zug

### **2019 JUNIOR GRANGE OFFICERS FOR STATE SESSION**

Master – Abby Kehs – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County  
Overseer – Evan Espenshade – Elizabethtown Junior Grange #2076—Lancaster County  
Lecturer – Merle Rayburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County  
Steward – Peter Rohrbach – Fleetwood Junior Grange #1839—Berks County  
Asst. Steward – Jackson Reich – Valley Junior Grange #1360—York County  
Lady Asst Steward – Emma Seidel – Virginville Junior Grange #1832—Berks County  
Chaplain – Sadie Johnson – Hookstown Junior Grange #1980—Beaver County  
Treasurer – Braden Thomson – Watson Junior Grange #1068—Warren County  
Secretary – Kay Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County  
Gatekeeper – Harvey Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County  
Ceres – Madelyn Warham – Watson Junior Grange #1068—Warren County  
Flora – Gayle Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County  
Pomona – Gretchen Reich – Valley Junior Grange #1360—York County  
Executive Committee – Jacob Schroeder – Virginville Junior Grange #1832—Berks County  
Ellie Schroeder – Virginville Junior Grange #1832—Berks County  
Connor Kunkle – Virginville Junior Grange #1832—Berks County  
Alan Espenshade – Elizabethtown Junior Grange #2076—Lancaster County  
Junior Leader – Cassi Kehs – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County  
Asst. Junior Leader – Danni Kehs – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County

**JUNIOR GRANGE SUPPORTER OF THE YEAR** – Center County Y P of H – for all their help with the Banquet at Camp.

### **Super Stars – 2 of 3 Events (JG Camp or Family Festival or Junior Jam)**

Evan Espenshade – Elizabethtown Junior Grange #2076—Lancaster County  
Peter Rohrbach – Fleetwood Junior Grange #1839—Berks County  
Alan Espenshade – Elizabethtown Junior Grange #2076—Lancaster County  
Emma Seidel – Virginville Junior Grange #1832—Berks County  
Elsa Kehs – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County  
Braden Thomson – Watson Junior Grange #1068—Warren County  
Connor Kunkle – Virginville Junior Grange #1832—Berks County  
Madelyn Warham – Watson Junior Grange #1068—Warren County  
Gayle Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County  
Hadyn Wiseman-Null – Virginville Junior Grange #1832—Berks County  
Molly Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County  
Ruby Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County

### **All Stars – 3 of 3 Events (All: JG Camp, Family Festival, Junior Jam)**

Bryce Danko –Community Junior Grange #1767—Perry County  
Riley Danko – Community Junior Grange #1767—Perry County  
Elisabeth Reich – Valley Junior Grange #1360—York County  
Jackson Reich – Valley Junior Grange #1360—York County  
Gretchen Reich – Valley Junior Grange #1360—York County  
Sadie Johnson – Hookstown Junior Grange #1980—Beaver County

Kay Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County  
Merle Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County  
Harvey Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County  
Jacob Schroeder – Virginville Junior Grange #1832—Berks County  
Ellie Schroeder – Virginville Junior Grange #1832—Berks County  
Abby Kehs – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County

### **2019 Junior Grange Contest Winners**

#### **Recycled Craft – age 5-9**

1. Grace Tempel – Pioneer Junior Grange #1777—Berks County
2. Ruby Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County
3. Elsa Kehs – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County
4. Addison McGuire – Liberty Grange #1780—Lawrence County

#### **Recycled Craft – age 10-14**

1. Cameron Cannon – Liberty Grange #1780—Lawrence County
2. Ava Jenkins – Pioneer Junior Grange #1777—Berks County
3. Chase Kosciuszko – Liberty Grange #1780—Lawrence County
4. Abby Kehs – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County

#### **Baking – Chocolate Brownie – age 5-9**

1. Dexter Irons – Watson Junior Grange #1068—Warren County
2. Addison McGuire – Liberty Grange #1780—Lawrence County
3. Travis Riegel – Marion Junior Grange #1853—Berks County
4. Owen Kutz – Virginville Junior Grange #1832—Berks County

#### **Baking – Chocolate Brownie – age 10-14**

1. Chase Kosciuszko – Liberty Grange #1780—Lawrence County
2. Maddy Warham – Watson Junior Grange #1068—Warren County

#### **Baking – Other Flavor Brownie – age 5-9**

1. Sarah Riegel – Marion Junior Grange #1853—Berks County
2. Owen Kutz – Virginville Junior Grange #1832—Berks County

#### **Baking – Other Flavor Brownie – age 10-14**

1. Chase Kosciuszko – Liberty Grange #1780—Lawrence County
2. Braden Thomson – Watson Junior Grange #1068—Warren County

#### **Creative Writing – age 5-9**

1. Addison McGuire - Liberty Grange #1780—Lawrence County

#### **Creative Writing age 10-14**

No Entries

#### **Scrapbook Page – age 5-9**

1. Lila Samsel – Marion Junior Grange #1853—Berks County
2. Gayle Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County
3. Luca Loccisano – Liberty Grange #1780—Lawrence County
4. Gabriella Lindsay – Watson Junior Grange #1068—Warren County



**Scrapbook Page – age 10-14**

1. Sadie Johnson – Hookstown Junior Grange #1980, Beaver County
2. Tabitha Samsel – Marion Junior Grange #1853—Berks County
3. Chase Kosciuszko – Liberty Grange #1780—Lawrence County
- Sarah Berger – Fleetwood Junior Grange #1839—Berks County

**Building Blocks—Legos, etc. – age 5-9**

1. Dexter Irons – Watson Junior Grange #1068—Warren County
2. Addison McGuire -- Liberty Grange #1780—Lawrence County
3. Lila Samsel – Marion Junior Grange #1853—Berks County
4. Ellie Schroeder – Virgenville Junior Grange #1832—Berks County

**Building Blocks—Legos, etc. – age 10-14**

1. Tyler Parrish – Fairview Junior Grange #1351—Beaver County
2. Tabitha Samsel – Marion Junior Grange #1853—Berks County
3. Jackson Reich – Valley Junior Grange #1360—York County
4. Braden Thomson – Watson Junior Grange #1068—Warren County

**Building Blocks—Wood – age 5-9**

1. Nolan Fayewicz – Virgenville Junior Grange #1832—Berks County

**Building Blocks—Wood – age 10-14**

No Entries

**Building Blocks—Other – age 5-9**

No Entries

**Building Blocks—Other – age 10-14**

No Entries

**Pumpkin—Painted – age 5-9**

1. Addison McGuire – Liberty Grange #1780—Lawrence County
2. Molly Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County
3. Lindsey Supplee – Walker Grange #786—Juniata County
4. Dexter Irons – Watson Junior Grange #1068—Warren County

**Pumpkin—Painted – age 10-14**

1. Tabitha Samsel – Marion Junior Grange #1853—Berks County
2. Kay Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County
3. Madelyn Warham – Watson Junior Grange #1068—Warren County
4. Harvey Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County

**Pumpkin—Other – age 5-9**

1. Gayle Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County
2. MacKenzie Goughler – Virgenville Junior Grange #1832—Berks County
3. Sarah Riegel – Marion Junior Grange #1853—Berks County
4. Travis Riegel – Marion Junior Grange #1853—Berks County

**Pumpkin—Other – age 10-14**

1. Sadie Johnson – Hookstown Junior Grange #1980—Beaver County
2. Braden Thomson – Watson Junior Grange #1068—Warren County
3. Allysen Spencer – Watson Junior Grange #1068—Warren County

**Art – Self Portrait – age 5-9**

1. Gayle Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91— Chester County
2. Ruby Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County
3. Gabriella Lindsay – Watson Junior Grange #1068—Warren County
4. Lillian Dusko – Virgenville Junior Grange #1832—Berks County

**Art – Self Portrait – age 10-14**

1. Kay Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County
2. Chase Kosciuszko – Liberty Grange #1780—Lawrence County
3. Cameron Cannon – Liberty Grange #1780—Lawrence County
4. Merle Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County

**Art – Pretty Posies – age 5-9**

1. Gretchen Reich – Valley Grange #1360—York County
2. Gayle Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County
3. Molly Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County
4. Natalee Zug – Walker Grange #786—Juniata County

**Art – Pretty Posies – age 10-14**

1. Allison Parrish – Fairview Junior Grange #1351—Beaver County
2. Kay Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County
3. Chase Kosciuszko – Liberty Grange #1780—Lawrence County
4. Harvey Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County

**Art – Wild Animals – age 5-9**

1. Ruby Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County
2. Jacob DeLillo – Liberty Grange #1780—Lawrence County
3. Karlie Supplee – Walker Grange #786, Juniata County
4. Gayle Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County

**Art – Wild Animals – age 10-14**

1. Sadie Johnson – Hookstown Junior Grange #1980—Beaver County
2. Ava Jenkins – Pioneer Junior Grange #1777—Berks County
3. Kay Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County
4. Tabitha Samsel – Marion Junior Grange #1853—Berks County

**Art – Automobiles – age 5-9**

1. Jacob Schroeder – Virgenville Junior Grange #1832—Berks County
2. Kaleb Lindsay – Watson Junior Grange #1068—Warren County

**Art – Automobiles – age 10-14**

1. Merle Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County
2. Harvey Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County
3. Cameron Cannon – Liberty Grange #1780—Lawrence County

**Art – America the Beautiful – age 5-9**

1. Ruby Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County
2. Lila Samsel – Marion Junior Grange #1853—Berks County
3. Karlie Supplee – Walker Grange #786—Juniata County
4. Gayle Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County

**Art – America the Beautiful – age 10-14**

1. Ava Jenkins – Pioneer Junior Grange #1777—Berks County
2. Hadyn Wiseman-Null – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County
3. Chase Kosciuszko – Liberty Grange #1780—Lawrence County
4. Peter Rohrbach – Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County

**Photography – Me in a Selfie – age 5-9**

1. Emma Seidel – Virginville Junior Grange #1832—Berks County
2. Addison McGuire - Liberty Grange #1780—Lawrence County
3. Dexter Irons – Watson Junior Grange #1068—Warren County
4. Grace Tempel – Pioneer Junior Grange #1777—Berks County

**Photography – Me in a Selfie – age 10-14**

1. Riley Danko – Community Junior Grange #1767—Perry County
2. Sadie Johnson – Hookstown Junior Grange #1980—Beaver County
3. Cadence Tempel – Pioneer Junior Grange #1777—Berks County
4. Ava Jenkins – Pioneer Junior Grange #1777—Berks County

**Photography – Favorite Farm Animal –age 5-9**

1. Lila Samsel – Marion Junior Grange #1853—Berks County
2. Gabriella Lindsay – Watson Junior Grange #1068—Warren County
3. Emma Seidel – Virginville Junior Grange #1832—Berks County
4. Grace Tempel – Pioneer Junior Grange #1777—Berks County

**Photography – Favorite Farm Animal – age 10-14**

1. Ava Jenkins – Pioneer Junior Grange #1777—Berks County
2. Chase Kosciuszko – Liberty Grange #1780—Lawrence County
3. Jackson Reich – Valley Grange #1360—York County
4. Riley Danko – Community Junior Grange #1767, Perry County

**Photography – Our American Flag – age 5-9**

1. Grace Tempel – Pioneer Junior Grange #1777—Berks
2. Gretchen Reich – Valley Grange #1360—York County
3. Dexter Irons – Watson Junior Grange #1068—Warren County

**Photography – Our American Flag – age 10-14**

1. Cadence Tempel – Pioneer Junior Grange #1777—Berks County
2. Ava Jenkins – Pioneer Junior Grange #1777—Berks County
3. Kay Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County
4. Madelyn Warham – Watson Junior Grange #1068—Warren County

**Photography – Hometown Heroes – age 5-9**

1. Dexter Irons, Watson Junior Grange #1068—Warren County

**Photography – Hometown Heroes – age 10-14**

1. Peter Rohrbach – Fleetwood Junior Grange #1839—Berks County
2. Chase Kosciuszko – Liberty Grange #1780—Lawrence County

**Photography – Junior Grange Meeting – age 5-9**

No Entries

**Photography – Junior Grange Meeting – age 10-14**

1. Kay Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County

**Mini Junior Grangers who submitted Art Work:**

Wyatt Casselberry – Liberty Grange #1780—Lawrence County  
Makenna McGuire – Liberty Grange #1780—Lawrence County  
Savannah Beamon – Hamburg Grange #2103—Berks County  
Riley Beamon – Hamburg Grange #2103—Berks County  
Alexander DeLillo – Liberty Grange #1780—Lawrence County  
Michaela Martin – Valley Grange #1360—York County  
Kenzi Irons – Watson Junior Grange #1068—Warren County  
Aubrey Check – Watson Junior Grange #1068—Warren County

## **REPORT OF THE YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS COMMITTEE**

Worthy Master, National Officers, State Officers, Delegates and Guests: It has been another exciting and rewarding year and every day I am thankful that I get to spend time with our amazing Youth and Young Adults! Again this year, our Youth have been very active on all levels of Grange activities – local, county, State and National. The Youth and Young Adults Committee and I are extremely appreciative of the many individuals and Granges who sent donations to the Youth Department. Your donations make a difference in the lives of our Youth!

**2018 NATIONAL GRANGE SESSION**

The youth of Pennsylvania started the year on a great note, beginning with the 2018 National Grange Session in Stowe, Vermont. The following Pennsylvania youth participated in the National Youth Ambassador and the Outstanding Young Patron contests – Grace Wadsworth, Andrew Kieffer and Denae Zvarick. Philip Vonada, Derek Snyder and Andrew Kieffer represented the Mid-Atlantic Region and Pennsylvania in the Jeopardy Contest. Kudos to Philip Vonada for placing third in this national contest. Jennifer Nauss and Philip Vonada competed in the Code Reading contest again this session. Philip placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Novice category while Jenn placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Patron category and also was awarded her Code Reading card. In addition, Gail Switzer and Derek Snyder served on the National Grange Youth Officer Team as Master and Assistant Steward respectively. The highlight of the weekend, at least for some PA Youth was the Parlie Pro contest. A team of 6 plus a coach and substitutes practiced throughout the year on their parliamentary procedure and their practice paid off with a 1<sup>st</sup> place win. The Parlie Pro contest consisted of a written test, a demonstration of the Opening and Closing of the Grange with a shortened business

meeting in between. The team did not know what actions each member was given and had to complete all of the actions in the time allotted. At the end of the meeting demonstration, the judges then asked each person a question on procedures. The winning Parlie Pro team consisted of Andrew Kieffer, Grace Wadsworth, Denae Zvarick, Jennifer Beamon, Jennifer Nauss and Philip Vonada, with awesome coaching by Robert Beamon. Substitutes included Gail Switzer, Derek Snyder and Cassidy Cheddar. Pennsylvania was well represented and we all can take pride in the accomplishments of these great youth and young adults!

### **FARM SHOW 2019**

In January the Youth Ambassadors, Mikayla Davis and Isaac Mengel, and Outstanding Young Patron, Jodi Keith Kensinger, represented the Pennsylvania State Grange at the Farm Show's PA Preferred Reception on Friday evening. The youth and young adults were able to mingle and meet various officials such as the Governor, Secretary of Agriculture, and many other dignitaries. On Saturday, the youth participated in the Opening Ceremonies with Jodi Kensinger giving the invocation. For the rest of the afternoon the youth helped with the Grange booth and enjoyed the Farm Show activities.

### **MID-ATLANTIC LEADERS CONFERENCE (Formerly Eastern Regional Youth Conference)**

The Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference (MALC) was held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, hosted by the Pennsylvania State Grange, March 15-17, 2019. Many Youth and Young Adults from Pennsylvania participated in the planning of the conference as well as attending and participating. There were workshops for all interests as well as games and community service projects. The workshops hosted by the Youth and Young Adults Committee included the Game of Life – Practical Tips for Young Adults, Drill Like a Pro, the National Youth Team Workshop, and Self Defense Skills. Pennsylvania had several youth participating in contests this weekend. Here are the participants: in the new Grange Baseball competition – Isaac Mengel, Mikayla Davis, Philip Vonada, Abby Kehs, Cassy Kehs, Jodi Keith Kensinger, Dani Kehs, Jackson Reich, Gail Switzer, Lindsay Schroeder, Isabella Boone, Heather Druckenmiller, Jennifer Nauss, and Tammy Schaeffer. The overall Youth and Young Adult winners eligible to compete at National Session are Gail Switzer, Lindsay Schroeder and Jodi Kensinger. Placing in the Public Speaking contests – Prepared Speech age 22-25 – Jodi Keith Kensinger 1<sup>st</sup> place; Prepared Speech age 35+ - Lurae Benzio 1<sup>st</sup> place; Impromptu Speech age 14-21 – Isaac Mengel 1<sup>st</sup> place; Impromptu Speech age 22-25 – Gail Switzer 1<sup>st</sup> place, Philip Vonada 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Heather Druckenmiller 3<sup>rd</sup> place; Impromptu age 35+ - Ruth Vonada 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Lurae Benzio won Best of Show and will be eligible to compete at National Session. New Jersey will be hosting the MALC in 2020 and I hope to see many more youth, young adults, young couples, and Grangers of all ages at this great leadership weekend. Remember, you don't have to be competing in a contest to attend.

### **YOUNG ADULTS WEEKEND**

2019 saw our 4th Annual Young Adults weekend. This event was planned for the older youth from ages 21-35. The committee planned a weekend full of fun and fellowship. The Young Adults weekend was held on 26-28 April in Lancaster, PA, at a local hotel. We continued with a two-night schedule so that participants could travel and arrive on Friday night and be ready to start with a full day on Saturday. The weekend schedule included several games, crafts, workshops and community service projects. This coming year, the committee has selected Harrisburg for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Adults weekend. Look for more information on this event and many more across the state in the coming year.

### **ROYALTY TRIP**

This year the Royalty Trip to Harrisburg was held on 11 June. The Youth Ambassadors and Young Patron met at the Governor's Mansion before heading into the Capitol. We had an amazing tour of the Governor's Mansion and Rose Garden and then went to the Capitol to meet with Representatives and Senators. The group was introduced on the Senate floor and had several photo ops with House and Senate members. Following a lunch, the action-packed day ended with a few thrill-packed hours at Hershey Park to celebrate their reign.

### **PA STATE GRANGE YOUTH CAMP**

The Youth and Young Adults held "Grange Youth European Adventure" from June 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> at Camp Sylvan Hills. We continued our incentive for first-time youth campers to attend at half-price. This continues to be a great promotion with seven new first-time campers attending. We had a total of 26 campers with a total of 34 in attendance for at least a portion of the weekend. The entire weekend was planned around traveling in Europe. The campers enjoyed meal selections from Italy, France, Germany, Spain and the UK. During the Coronation Ceremony we announced the new Youth Ambassadors for the 2019-2020 year: Isabella Boone from Centre County and Joshua Mengel from Berks County. Both of these Youth are eager to come speak during Grange meetings or participate in events. Plan to add them to your calendar. Following coronation and dinner, the campers were treated to an International Fair. Several campers and visitors brought items from their trips to Europe and share these items as well as stories with the youth. To close Saturday evening, the new Youth Ambassadors conducted vespers before heading to the cabins. Sunday morning the campers enjoyed a church service conducted by Mikayla Davis. The community service project completed during camp was the decorating of kindness boxes to hold food being delivered to elderly and shut-ins by the Chester County Food Bank. Over 50 boxes were decorated during camp. Our camp weekend came to a close with a fellowship circle. Thank you to all who attended youth camp, and especially to all who assisted to make the event a huge success. We could not have succeeded without your help!

### **FAMILY FESTIVAL**

In mid-July several Youth and Young Adults traveled to Centre Hall for the Pennsylvania State Grange Family Festival. The Youth and Young Adults helped by grilling the Friday night tailgate meal of hamburgers and hot dogs. The Youth Department also hosted a Zumba workshop on Saturday morning. We conducted the Outstanding Young Patron contest during Family Festival. Congratulations to Derek Snyder and Braden Gourley for being chosen for this honor. As with the Youth Ambassadors, Derek and Braden are also available to attend Grange events and present programs when asked/invited. Please take advantage of these Grange Youth and Young Adults who are eager to come visit you!

### **STATE GRANGE SESSION**

Many youth and young adults are participating in various events during the State Grange Session in State College, Pennsylvania this week. In addition to the Youth Department contests, we also have a fantastic State Youth Officer Team opening the session on Saturday. Presenting the 2019 State Grange Youth Officer Team:

Master – Braden Gourley, Beaver County  
Overseer – Derek Snyder, York Adams County  
Lecturer – Isaac Mengel, Berks County  
Steward – Hannah Leibensperger, Berks County  
Assistant Steward – Joshua Mengel, Berks County  
Lady Assistant Steward – Isabella Boone, Centre County  
Secretary – Erica Berger, Berks County  
Treasurer – Jake Mengel, Berks County  
Chaplain – Cassidy Cheddar, Lancaster County  
Gatekeeper – Grace Wadsworth, Chester County  
Ceres – Evy Zaleski, Lancaster County  
Pomona – Lindsay Schroeder, Berks County  
Flora – Autumn Tworkoski, Berks County  
Executive Committee – Ben Wadsworth, Chester County  
Executive Committee – Denae Zvarick, Montgomery County  
Executive Committee – Jodi Kensinger, Huntingdon Co

Congratulations and great job everyone!!

## **APPRECIATION**

I would like to express my thanks to my husband David, who took care of so much this year – both at home and for the Youth Committee!

Thank you to all of the youth and young adults who have participated in activities this year. You have truly made this year a blast for me and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you.

Thank you to President Wayne Campbell for the opportunity to serve as Youth Director, and for your unwavering support and encouragement for me, the youth, and the programs.

Finally, I want to recognize and thank my wonderful committee! This year would not have been half as successful without your help, guidance, suggestions, and leadership! Thank you to:

Lindsay Schroeder  
Matt Irons  
Robert and Jennifer Beamon  
Youth Ambassadors – Mikayla Davis and Isaac Mengel (July 2018 – July 2019)  
Isabella Boone and Joshua Mengel (July 2019 – present)  
Young Patrons – Jodi Keith Kensinger (July 2018 – July 2019)  
Derek Snyder and Braden Gourley (July 2019 – present)

In closing, a sincere thank you to each of you for your generous support of the Youth and Young Adults program over this past year. Our youth and young adults' members are very special, they are the future of the Grange and are motivated and excited to be involved and working toward a common goal. You don't have to look far to see this excitement in action. Take a look around at the individuals involved at all levels of the Grange in Pennsylvania. Are there ways that you could involve the youth in your area? I would encourage you to involve the youth of your Subordinate and Pomona Granges – allow them to serve as officers, on committees, presenting programs, or assisting with community service and fundraising projects. They might just be waiting for you to ask.

Fraternally,  
Ellen M. Wadsworth  
PA State Grange Youth and Young Adults Director

## **2019 YOUTH DEPARTMENT CONTEST WINNERS**

### **Start with a Cake Mix - Chocolate Variation**

1. Mary McMillan – Westfield Grange #1514, Lawrence County
2. Dina Zug – Walker Grange #786, Juniata County
3. Margaret Storm – Pleasant Hill Grange #1861, Cambria County

### **Start with a Cake Mix - White/Yellow Variation**

1. Jen Beamon – Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County
2. Mary McMillan - Westfield Grange #1514, Lawrence County
3. Heather Druckenmiller – Valley Grange #1360, York County

### **Start with a Cake Mix - Spice/Fruit/Nut Variation**

1. Tammy Schaeffer – Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
2. Jodi Keith Kensinger – Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County

**Cupcake Decorating – 14+**

1. Heather Druckenmiller – Valley Grange #1360, York County
2. Jen Beamon - Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County
3. Margaret Storm - Pleasant Hill Grange #1861, Cambria County

**Cupcake Decorating – 5-14**

1. Sadie Johnson – Hookstown Grange #1980, Beaver County
2. Gayle Reyburn – Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
3. Harvey Reyburn - Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

**Scrapbook Page – Grange - Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Jodi Kensinger – Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County

**Scrapbook Page – Grange - Adult (36+)**

1. Margaret Storm - Pleasant Hill Grange #1861, Cambria County
2. Cindy Keith – Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
3. Karen Mohn – Marion Grange #1853, Berks County

**Scrapbook Page – Other - Juniors (5-13)**

1. Emma Seidel - Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

**Scrapbook Page – Other - Youth (14-21)**

1. Jessica Hudack – Hookstown Grange #1980, Beaver County

**Scrapbook Page – Other - Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Jodi Kensinger – Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
2. Ashley Mohn - Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
3. Lindsay Schroeder - Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

**Scrapbook Page – Other - Adult (36+)**

1. Gloria Fogle – Pleasant Hill Grange #1861, Cambria County
2. Shelley Fayewicz – Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
3. Cindy Keith – Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County

**Building Block Creation – Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Jen Beamon - Jen Beamon - Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County
2. Ashley Mohn - Marion Grange #1853, Berks County

**Building Block Creation –Adult (36+)**

1. Karen Mohn - Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
2. Derek Schroeder - Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
3. Steve Mohn - Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

**Recycled Craft – Container - Juniors (5-13)**

1. Jacob Schroeder - Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
2. Abbigail Kehs - Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

**Recycled Container – Container – Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Ashley Mohn - Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
2. Lindsay Schroeder - Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County



**Recycled Container – Container –Adult (36+)**

1. Debra Kieffer – Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
2. Beth Parrish – Fairview Grange #1351, Beaver County
3. Jerry Cramer – Cumberland Valley Grange # 2104, Cumberland County

**Recycled Craft – Fabric - Juniors (5-13)**

1. Abbigail Kehs - Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

**Recycled Container – Fabric – Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Jen Beamon - Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County
2. Ashley Mohn - Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
3. Lindsay Schroeder - Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

**Recycled Craft – Wood - Juniors (5-13)**

1. Alayna Flickinger - Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
2. Molly Reyburn - Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
3. Elsa Kehs - Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

**Recycled Container – Wood - Youth (14-21)**

1. Cassy Kehs - Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

**Recycled Container – Wood – Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Ashley Mohn - Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
2. Lindsay Schroeder - Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

**Recycled Container – Wood –Adult (36+)**

1. Derek Schroeder - Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

**Create A Commercial – Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Ashley Mohn - Marion Grange #1853, Berks County

**Design A Button – Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Philip Vonada – Penns Valley Grange #158, Centre County
2. Jodi Kensinger – Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
3. Ashley Mohn - Marion Grange #1853, Berks County

**Design A Button –Adult (36+)**

1. Steve Mohn - Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
2. Karen Mohn - Marion Grange #1853, Berks County

**Public Speaking - Prepared – Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Jodi Kensinger – Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
2. Gail Switzer – Marion Grange #1853, Berks County

**Public Speaking - Impromptu - Youth (14-21)**

1. Hannah Leibensperger – Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
2. Isabella Boone – Baileyville Grange #158, Centre County

**Public Speaking - Impromptu – Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Phil Vonada - Penns Valley Grange #158, Centre County
2. Jodi Kensinger – Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
3. Braden Gourley - Hookstown Grange #1980, Beaver County

**Public Speaking - Impromptu –Adult (36+)**

1. Tina Reich – Valley Grange #1360, York County
2. Lurae Benzio - Fairview Grange #1351, Beaver County
3. Jennifer Kehs - Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

**Public Speaking - Radio Spot – Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Braden Gourley - Hookstown Grange #1980, Beaver County
2. Jodi Kensinger –Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County

**Public Speaking - Visual Aids – Young Adult (22-35)**

1. Braden Gourley - Hookstown Grange #1980, Beaver County

**REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Worthy Master, National Representatives, State Officers, Members and Guests of the Pennsylvania State Grange: The Credentials Committee of the 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session reports the following:

Delegates representing 67 Subordinate Grange	115
Delegates representing 29 Pomona Grange	<u>51</u>
Total number of Delegates	166
 Total Guest	 61
Total number of Junior Grange Members (23) and 26 Visitors	<u>23</u>
<b>Grand total of 250 registered</b>	<b>250</b>

We want to thank the registration committee for their work.

Fraternally submitted,  
Karen Poorman, Chair, Centre County  
Denae Zvarick, Montgomery  
Patti Bird, Centre County

**REPORT OF THE PA STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION**

In 1994, at the State Session in Warren, Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania State Grange Foundation was formed by delegate action. The main purpose of the Foundation then was to administer the two Grange scholarship funds established by delegate action. The Foundation has been amended twice since then to broaden its scope.

The Deaf & Community Service Department and the Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee oversee the Sign Language Training Program Scholarship Fund, from which a grant of \$250 is available each year. The balance of this fund as of June 30, 2019 is \$1,281.94. In 2019, we had no applications for this scholarship. We encourage anyone interested in furthering their education in this area to apply for a grant.

Also included within the funds of the Foundation is the Jonathan Sattazahn Camp Fund. The purpose of this fund is to enable more children and youth to attend the PA State Grange Junior and Youth Camps. The balance of this fund as of June 30, 2019 is \$12,000.00.

The Pennsylvania Grange Scholarship Fund provides for grants to be given to Grange members in their Junior or Senior years at any institution of higher learning, for any course of study. The State Grange

Executive committee administers the funds and the State Grange Treasurer invests the funds. A scholarship committee comprised of the State Overseer, one Executive Committee member, and three additional Grange members, at least one of whom is an educator, select the grantees. The balance in this fund as of June 30, 2019 is \$83,967.88 which includes the \$1,281.94 of the Sign Language Training Programs Scholarship Fund. The winners of this year's scholarships were –

Hannah Leibensperger, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County – \$500.00

Ian Seaton, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County – \$500.00

Mitchel Grove, Red Lion Grange #1781, York County – \$500.00

Congratulations to our fellow Grangers.

A unique aspect of the Grange Scholarship Fund is that only interest earned may be used for scholarships each year. Therefore, the greater the principal, the more grants we are able to award.

A contribution can be made by sending a check to the PA State Grange Office, made out to "Pennsylvania Grange Foundation Donation." Any amount is welcome!

During this fiscal year, it was decided to setting up the opportunity to donate to the Friends of Eagle Grange and Quilt Blocks at the Farm Show.

We encourage all Granges and members to consider donating to the fund now, or leaving a bequest in your will to the Pennsylvania Grange Foundation. Thank you for your support of this extremely important and worthwhile endeavor that enhances the educational opportunities for our members.

Fraternally submitted,  
JV Lamb, Chairperson

## **REPORT OF THE HISTORY COMMITTEE**

**During the past year the History Committee continued its work to preserve the important historical documents of the Pennsylvania State Grange through microfilming (for permanent preservation) and digitizing (for easy access on the internet), initiated video interviews with Grange leaders, worked to strengthen Pennsylvania's first Grange and began looking toward the celebration of 150 years of the Grange in Pennsylvania.**

Major accomplishments in records preservation include:

- Completed the final two phases of work to microfilm/digitize State Grange documents with IMR Digital:
  - Phase 2 - digitize *Journals of Proceedings* from existing microfilm & microfilm/digitize charter applications
  - Phase 3 - microfilm/digitize Executive Committee minutes, officer registers/directories and historical publications written for the State Grange's 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, 100<sup>th</sup> and 125<sup>th</sup> anniversaries
- Finished posting of Phase 2 documents to Pennsylvania State Grange website in PDF format; visit <http://www.pagrange.org/history-committee.html>
- Updated quarterly the Charter Ledgers of all 2,110 Subordinate and 73 Pomona Granges organized in the state from 1871-present; available by Grange number, by county, by active Grange and by inactive Granges
- Wrote/posted historical summaries of significant events and accomplishments during the terms of State Masters Ringler through Campbell; summaries of all terms are now completed and posted

Many thanks to the State Grange Executive Committee for approving the committee's request for a second appeal so funding could become available for Phase 3 work. The appeal was issued in August, 2018 and generated a total of \$4,045.00 received from the following Granges and individuals:

**Allegheny County**

Mt. Nebo #1872

**Beaver County**

Beaver Pomona #66

Hookstown #1980

**Berks County**

Ontelaunee #1617

Virginville #1832

**Blair County**

Blair Pomona #37

**Bucks County**

Bucks Pomona #22

**Centre County**

Logan #109

Walker #2007

**Chester County**

Russellville #91

Honey Brook Twp. #1688

**Crawford County**

Crawford Pomona #26

Hayfield #800

Cochranton #2030

**Erie County**

Edinboro #947

**Fayette County**

Fayette Pomona #49

Dawson #419

**Forest County**

Forest #853

**Greene County**

Greene Pomona #63

Harveys Aleppo #1444

**Huntingdon County**

Laura McCardle

Shavers Creek #353

**Lawrence County**

Lawrence Pomona #65

Mahoning Valley #1649

**Lehigh County**

Trexlerstown #1755

**Montour County**

California #941

**Pennsylvania State Grange Past Officers**

**Perry County**

Perry Pomona #69

Oliver #1069

Perry Valley #1804

**Susquehanna County**

Fairdale #1157

**Venango County**

Scrubgrass #1705

**Washington County**

Chestnut Ridge #1133

**York County**

Valley #1360

A very special thank you to Valley #1360, York County, for making a second very generous contribution during the year designated for the purchase of video recording equipment. The equipment is making it possible to record oral history and already a number of long-time Grange leaders have shared their thoughts and remembrances. The edited video clips will be valuable historical resources for future reference and anniversary celebrations.

In January 2019 State Master/President Campbell appointed the State History Committee to be responsible for planning the State Grange's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023 and several meetings have been held since then to brainstorm possibilities. While no specific plans are ready to be announced just yet, we do envision the celebration taking place with special events around the state during 2021, 2022 and culminating at the state session in 2023.

The State History Committee was honored during March 2019 to lead a workshop on its work for the Mid-Atlantic Leaders' Conference held in Gettysburg, PA. A large group of Grange leaders from many states attended this presentation and expressed much interest in undertaking similar historical preservation work in their respective states.

Regretfully, there has not been much demand for 36-slide PowerPoint program highlighting the history of the National and Pennsylvania State Granges compiled and made available to Granges last year. This program is perfect for a local Grange meeting to share the Grange story with long-time members, newcomers and visitors. The presentation with speaker notes in PDF format is posted on the website for viewing and the original slide file in PowerPoint format may be obtained free of charge upon request to the History Committee.

Leadership and planning support from the State History Committee continued throughout the year for Eagle Grange #1, Lycoming County. This small struggling Grange has been continuously active since its organization in 1871 but needs some extra help now. Efforts are underway to both renew/grow this Grange and to plan for Eagle's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2021 that will also serve as a kick-off for the State Grange's sesquicentennial observance continuing into 2023. A "Friends of Eagle Grange" program is currently underway providing Granges, businesses and individuals an opportunity to provide some financial support needed for renovations and improvements to the vintage Grange Hall that sits prominently along Route 15 south of Williamsport. You can visit the Eagle Grange table in the lobby of the hotel at this State Grange session to become a "Friend". Learn more about the history of Eagle Grange #1 at: <http://www.pagrang.org/pennsylvanias-first-grange---eagle-1.html>.

Committee work planned for the coming year includes:

- Complete posting of Phase 3 records to the Pennsylvania State Grange website
- Maintain the on-line Charter Ledgers to reflect current status of all Granges
- Encourage local Granges to consider preserving their records through the IMR microfilming/digitizing contract
- Continue planning to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of Eagle Grange #1 in 2021 and of the State Grange in 2023
- Schedule more video interviews to record the recollections of Grange leaders

Our thanks to Brother Bill Steel for his service on this committee for the past couple years. Bill retired from the committee during the year after completing the summaries of State Master terms.

**Again, sincere thanks are extended to all who have encouraged and supported the work of the History Committee so the Grange story is neither lost nor forgotten.**

Fraternally submitted,  
Douglas A. Bonsall, Chair  
Steve & Karen Mohn  
Anna May Nauss  
Jennifer Nauss  
Susan Tau

## **147TH ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE PAST STATE OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS ANNUAL MEETING**

The Past Officers and Past Department Heads of the Pennsylvania State Grange held their annual meeting on Friday, **October 25, 2019**, in the Ramada Conference Center, State College, PA.

The meeting was **Called to Order** by President Tammy Schaeffer.

The session guest was Kay Hoffman Stiles of Maryland. Kay is Pomona of the **National Grange**.

Douglas Bonsall offered **grace** prior to the luncheon

The fifty-five persons in attendance enjoyed lunch and fellowship. A complete list of the attendees accompanies these minutes.

Copies of the **Minutes** of the 2018 meeting were provided at each table. There was one correction noted that Jeff Wetzel was listed as National Grange Junior Director and should be National Grange Youth Director. The motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Richard Mangel, seconded by Steve Mohn; motion carried.

The 2019 **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Kelly VanOrd and also provided to all in attendance and was accepted as submitted on a motion by J. V. Lamb, second by Janet Fishovitz; motion carried.

Report of the 2018 **Audit** Committee – Martha Ebersole and Nettie Kauffman reported that they found the accounts correct and in order. The 2019 Audit Committee of Denise Clare and Carl Meiss were appointed with the books to be audited at the close of this luncheon.

Report of the **Grange Resale/Jewelry Table** – We make 20% profit on this merchandise. President Tammy Schaeffer thanked Kelly VanOrd and Miranda Irons for their commitment to this annual endeavor. The resale table was located in the meeting room this year so that the members of the committee did not miss the session and other activities.

#### **Old business:**

Leonard Heim made the motion, seconded by Jim Diamond, to make our annual standing contributions to the various departments of the State Grange as follows:

PA State Grange Junior Department	\$200.00
PA State Grange Youth Department	\$200.00
PA State Grange Deaf & Community Service Department	\$200.00
PA State Grange Foundation	\$200.00
PA State Grange History Committee	\$200.00

We will continue to monitor the possible need for flowers for the Memorial Service. In 2014, the cross was made with artificial flowers which will not need replaced annually. We will continue to assume this responsibility as needed. For this year's session, Patty Bird of Centre County made some changes to the memorial cross. Virginia Mangel will take the memorial cross home after session to make additional improvements.

#### **New business:**

The following officers were elected:

President	Mary Jane Kent
Vice President	Lorena Baughman
Secretary	Anna May Nauss (re-elected)
Treasurer	Kelly VanOrd (re-elected)

The balance in the bank account is \$2,006.33; balance in checking is \$891.12.

Today's "Pass the Hat" collection was \$476, plus donations of \$85 were received in the mail prior to today.

**Necrology** Report of those who have passed since our 2018 report:

Miriam Forney, Community Service Department Chairperson  
Jane Wismer, First Lady of the PA State Grange

Douglas Bonsall thanked the Past State Officers for their donations and support. The Pennsylvania State Grange will be celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023. The History Committee has been appointed to serve as the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. We will be looking for volunteers to assist with the celebration. Some ideas discussed have been a pageant, a history publication, exemplifying the degrees in full form. Doug asked the past state officers to consider volunteering to assist with the projects.

The meeting was **adjourned** with a motion by Richard Mangel and second by Jim Diamond.

Those in attendance at the luncheon were:

Jean Hollabaugh	Warren County	Chaplain
Robert Hollabaugh	Warren County	Gatekeeper
Kelly VanOrd	Warren County	Lady Assistant Steward; Junior Director; Deaf and Community Service Director; Junior Director
Braden Thomson	Warren County	Guest
Nancy Poorbaugh	Centre County	Guest
Susan Tau	Crawford County	Lecturer; Youth and Young Adults Committee; Lecturer's Committee; Deaf Committee
Chester Tau	Crawford County	Steward, Overseer
Mary Jane Kent	Greene County	Lecturer
Marty Dinsmore	Greene County	Flora
Tim Schaeffer	Berks County	Guest
Tammy Schaeffer	Berks County	Ceres
Anna May Nauss	York County	Flora, Treasurer; Youth/Young Adults Director
Brad Nauss	York County	Guest
Doug Bonsall	Perry County	Youth Director, Lecturer; Chaplain
Fae Snyder	York County	First Lady
Jenn Nauss	York County	Chaplain
Karen Mohn	Berks County	Junior Director
Steve Mohn	Berks County	Assistant Steward
J. V. Lamb	Lawrence County	Executive Committee; Overseer
Nettie Kauffman	Berks County	Youth Director; Pomona; Executive Committee
Irvin Kauffman	Berks County	Guest
John Master	Venango County	Steward; Executive Committee
Mazie Master	Venango County	Guest
Lee Pressler	Centre County	Executive Committee
Judy Pressler	Centre County	Chaplain
Barbara Gross	Venango County	Executive Committee
Vince Phillips	Cumberland County	Guest
Lizzie Bailey	Cumberland County	Guest
Denise Clare	Berks County	Lecturer
Lorena Baughman	Blair County	Lecturer
Martha Ebersole	Perry County	Lady Assistant Steward; Gatekeeper; Youth/Young Adults Director; Family Activities Director
Michael Pratt	Venango County	Assistant Steward; Junior Director; Community Service Director
Betsy Huber	Chester County	Pomona, Overseer, Master
Vera Supplee	Juniata County	Guest

Jackie Everitt	Juniata County	Guest
Ruth Britcher	Perry County	Guest
Robert Kleckner	Berks County	Guest
Carlene Kleckner	Berks County	Guest
Richard Mangel	Butler County	Gatekeeper; Overseer; Executive Committee
Virginia Mangel	Butler County	Family Activities Director
James E. Diamond	Bucks County	Youth Director
Leonard Heim	Lehigh County	Steward
Joanne Heim	Lehigh County	Pomona
Tony Fishovitz	Beaver County	Guest
Janet Fishovitz	Beaver County	Flora
Wayne Campbell	Perry County	Overseer; Master
Debbie Campbell	Perry County	Pomona; Secretary; Junior Director
Dennis Witmer	Lancaster County	Guest
Sandy Witmer	Lancaster County	Secretary
Ashley Furman	Centre County	Pomona
Carl Meiss	York County	Master
Ruth Vonada	Centre County	Deaf and Community Service Director
Beth Downey	Lycoming County	Executive Committee; Master; Junior Committee
Bernie Downey	Lycoming County	Guest
Patty Bird	Centre County	Guest

Past Officers and Department Chairmen in attendance were recognized later the same day during the afternoon session.

Respectfully submitted  
Anna May Nauss, Secretary

11/24/19 – Minutes were e-mailed to the Pennsylvania State Grange State Office for inclusion in the Journal of Proceedings of the 2019 State Session.

## **REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANT**

### **TESTIMONY/ADVOCACY**

Following are some of the highlights of PA State Grange lobbying and advocacy for the 2019-20 legislative session which began in January 2019. This report does not contain new issues added after September 30, 2019.

### **TOPICS ON WHICH THE PA STATE GRANGE LOBBIED**

#### **Broadband was the Top Issue**

- Broadband access was the top legislative priority for PA State Grange. In January 2019, we held a second program at the Farm Show which attracted a crowd and considerable media attention.
- **Legislation:**
  - Promoting installation standards for smaller scale wireless facilities - support
  - Inventory of state properties to see where there can be a cellular add-on in rural areas (such as fire towers) - support
  - Creation of a legislative commission focusing on Broadband – support
  - Oversight of a special Dept. of Education fund intended to expand Broadband access – support (not yet introduced)
  - Preserving landline access – support (not yet introduced)



- Building a firewall to prevent Broadband funds from being raided – support (not yet introduced)
- Broadband Fund established – support depending on where money comes from
- Working to get legislators to join the PA House Broadband Caucus
- **Verbal/Written Testimony to Legislative and Regulatory Committees:**
  - Senate Committee on Communications & Technology (Broadband)
  - House Consumer Affairs Committee (Broadband)
  - House Game & Fisheries Committee (Sunday hunting)
  - (Dairy) PA Milk Marketing Board testimony – support for over-order premium at several hearings
- **Grange Participation in the Legislative Process**
  - A Grange Day on the Hill in June including Grangers from the Northern Tier, Lehigh Valley and southcentral PA to lobby on universal access to Broadband, Sunday hunting, and other issues
  - National Grange Fly-In
  - Youth Royalty at State Capitol

Got the word out to local Granges about legislative events where they could press the case for Broadband, Sunday hunting (and other issues) directly to lawmakers and Wolf Administration officials. Examples: Rep. Gleim (Cumberland); Rep. Schmel (Franklin); Senator Santisario (Philadelphia); Rep. Jones (York); Gov. Wolf in Mansfield (Broadband); Senator Aument (Sunday hunting); US Rep. Houlahan (Chester/Berks); MS4 hearings storm water management fees hearings in York, Franklin Butler Counties; Rep. Sappey (Chester); Senator Dinniman (Montgomery/Delaware); Secretary Redding (Lancaster); DEP public meeting on Restore PA (Lancaster and Lycoming Counties); Briefed Rep. Meuser staff to prep for Pomona Grange presentation

**Although a good track record, this is just the start of our efforts to make sure there is universal access to Broadband in Pennsylvania. The Broadband issue is to this century as Rural Electrification was to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Not succeeding means that rural Pennsylvanians will be second-class citizens without the advantages going to others in today's ever more technology-oriented world.**

#### **SUCCESS HIGHLIGHTS**

PA State Grange works hard to push for adequate funding for the PA Department of Agriculture, Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences, and University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in the State Budget. For the current fiscal year which started July 1, 2019, agriculture did really well. Of course, next year is a new year where we will fight for this funding again.

**House passage of Broadband inventory bill**

**Senate adoption of Broadband Task Force resolution**

**Another success was enactment of a series of agriculture bills collectively known as PA Farm Bill. Included was a Grange amendment to legislation establishing the PA Dairy Future Commission naming a farmer member of the PA State Grange to the Commission.**

#### **DISAPPOINTMENTS**

**There were some specific disappointments in this legislative session where ideas proposed by PA State Grange did not succeed.**

- The Senate passed a Sunday hunting bill – Grange opposed.

- The General Assembly taking money out of dedicated funds to help balance the State Budget – Grange opposed
- Not enough action on reducing liability for farmers who use agri-tourism as a way to make ends meet and reducing liability for property owners who allow others to use their property recreationally for free – support limiting legal liability; **partial success** since bill was reported out by House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee
- Governor Wolf's veto of milk hauling legislation
- Lack of legislative action Securing a Property Tax exclusion for historic Grange Halls - support
- Lack of legislative action protecting the royalty rights of property owners with Marcellus Shale natural gas leases – support royalty rights

## **ISSUES ON WHICH THE PA STATE GRANGE WORKED**

**Following is a partial list of issues and areas where the PA State Grange worked since January 1, 2019.**

Please know that the PA State Grange is your advocacy resource. Specific positions and advocacy areas pursued by the PA State Grange come from our members. Some of our advocacy was testimony, some letters of support or opposition, and many, many personal meetings.

- Agricultural career resources legislation including PDA – support
- Ag job resource inventory – not support until PDA is included
- Dairy: Whole milk in school meal programs (federal) – support
- Dairy: Continuance of PMMB over-order premium - support
- Dairy: Legislation to allow milk hauling on Interstates even if disaster declaration - support
- Repeal Conservation easement (federal) - oppose
- (Consumer protection) What is 'Meat'? - support (not yet introduced)
- Eliminate Death Tax (federal) - support
- Reducing power of Delaware River Basin Commission bill (protect property rights)– support
- Removing Delaware River Basin Commission authority over installation of onlot septic systems already regulated by DEP - support
- Distracted driving penalties - support
- Drones and public safety – support curbs (not yet introduced)
- Farm Bill (federal) Crop Insurance - support
- Farm Bill (federal) Broadband expansion- support
- Farm Bill (federal) Nutrition to remain combined with ag programs – support
- Flood Insurance Premium Task Force – support if amended
- (Health Insurance) Ending surprise billing - support
- (Health) Telemedicine – support as long as the need for Broadband access is recognized
- (Hunting) Expand hunting education to young people - support
- (Hunting) Sunday hunting – oppose
- (Hunting) Alternative to Sunday hunting – Legislative Budget & Finance study on hunting licensing declines – support (not yet introduced)
- Need Medicare education resolution - support
- (Newspapers) Eliminate legal requirement that notices be published in print publications – oppose (not yet introduced)
- Open primary – support
- Prescription drug price transparency – support
- (Retirement) Compulsory participation by small employers in state-endorsed retirement plan with automatic employee enrollment and payroll deduction unless there is an opt-out – oppose
- Rural museum grant legislation – support
- Selling the Lt. Governor's mansion - support
- Urban agriculture – support
- Wedding barn exemption from certain building standards – support

## **PA STATE GRANGE RESOLUTIONS adopted by the GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

- None in 2019

### **REGULATORY WORK**

- (Agricultural Permits) Exempting certain Department of Environmental Protection public hearing requirements for agricultural permits such as biosolid application – support
- (Dairy) Whole milk in schools (federal) - support
- Abuse of power by the Delaware River Basin Commission (pre-empting PA law)- oppose
- Grange is a Pollinator issue committee member
- Grange is DEP Agriculture Advisory Committee member
- Grange is Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund Board member
- Grange is PA Dog Law Committee member
- Grange is PA Dairy Future Commission member
- Grange is PDA youth grant committee member
- Active with Governor's Rural Development Council (observer participant)
- Active with PA Long-Term Care Council (observer participant)

Please contact me with your questions or issues on which you feel the Grange should focus.

### **COMMUNICATIONS OUTREACH**

**Media work for the PA State Grange is done by the Public Relations staff but when content is legislative, regulatory, public policy, it is handled by the Legislative Director. A partial list of public policy media follows:**

- Articles for PA Grange Magazine
- Influencers' Meeting on Broadband (Centre County Daily record)
- Lancaster Farming Grange Page (partial)
- Media release on Milk Marketing Board testimony (several)
- Media release on Broadband (several)
- Media release on Dairy processing support from state
- Media release on Federal USDA Budget Trump Administration proposal
- Media release and op-ed on state-endorsed employer compulsory participation in retirement program
- Media release on State Budget funding for Agriculture programs
- Letters to the editor or comments on articles in numbers of publications such as Snyder County Times (Broadband), Beaver County Times (Broadband), York Dispatch (Sunday hunting); Patriot-News (Broadband); Under the Dome (raiding money from Clean & Green); WHYY (Delaware River Basin Commission; Central Penn Business Journal (Broadband); Lehigh Valley LIVE (distracted driving); Indiana County Gazette (Sunday hunting); Lancaster Online (private water wells legislation); Patriot News (State Budget); Philadelphia Magazine (Broadband); Broadband and/or Sunday hunting letters to Pocono Record, Centre County Daily Record, Reading Eagle; Politics PA (Broadband Caucus); TribWed in Westmoreland County (mandated employer retirement plan);

### **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

Part of the Legislative Director's responsibilities is to identify possible funding resources for local Grange projects or to governments, schools, etc. that Grange members are a part of. Some of these are:

- Kids' Garden grants
- Youth grants (also to FFA)
- Pollinator grants

- Paint and materials grant
- Volunteer Fire Company grants
- Educator mini-grants (agriculture projects)

In addition, the Legislative Director discovered several grant programs referred to legislators and Administration officials such as: bike trail grant to C. Zubeck (Senator Scavello); arts grant to Senator Brooks; adult disability grants to Rep. Murt and Rep. DiGirolamo; HHS drug abuse grant (Rep. Struzzi); children's' health grants to Reps. Kinsey, Rabb, Johnson-Harrell, Burgos, Senator Haywood, Senator Street); youth grant (Rep. Klunk); Lackawanna County senior isolation grant (Rep. Mullins); opioid grants to House Veterans Committee and Senate Veterans Committee; Telemedicine grant workshop FYI to Wolf Administration;

Rural prison grant forwarded to Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences for referral to another PSU department

## **ASSOCIATION**

Working with other PA State Grange staff, the Legislative Director:

- Facilities Resolution Review sessions,
- Ran a Workshop at Grange Fair (Centre County)
- Gave legislative update talks to several local Granges
- Researched existing policy resolutions to identify those that should be archived
- Drafted Resolution language
- Prepared numerous reports to Grange President on various issues/legislation
- Preparing administrative backup to PA State Grange regarding lobbying reports to the state and assisted with determining Sales Tax on lobbying each quarter, etc.

Reviewed Grange signage wording for County Fair; Alerted Granges through Public Relations Director re Senior Scams (advisory sent to Grange by Senator Schwank (Berks); assisted individual Grange members on numerous topics such as Marcellus Shale Impact Fee by county, State Budget analysis, MS4 storm water management fees, EPI-pens authorized use, portion of traffic ticket fines going to EMS, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Vince Phillips  
Legislative Director  
Pennsylvania State Grange  
717-346-1063; FAX 717-232-7005  
[legislation@pagrange.org](mailto:legislation@pagrange.org)

## **REPORT OF THE PR/MEMBERSHIP CONSULTANT**

This past year the challenges have been many. You have called to talk about issues, concerns, and how to move forward. For those of you actively working on membership in your Grange, you are creating success stories. We have been traveling all over Pennsylvania in our quest to promote and grow the Grange. Grange recognition has increased, and we find ourselves being invited to have a "seat at the table" in many different venues. I'm proud of you all and it is so appreciated when you respond to requests for help, assume roles on committees, and helping with community outreach.

I would like to take a moment and talk about family. Family is a basic unit in society and everyone's family is different. But common threads that bind us is love and fellowship. Whether family is one we are born into or whether family is one we create through our Grange, love and fellowship is at its core. Let's remind

ourselves that our organizational roots started in agriculture, growing into legislative work and providing community service work in our communities all while promoting **the importance of family values**. I will sound like a broken record as you all have heard me say, when we look at today's society, everyone is busy with work, school and activities, but in the busyness of their lives, the one thing that people crave the most is to have love and fellowship with family. We need to slow them down and remind them of family importance.

Some of the most successful events I work on throughout the year with kids in my own community are basic things that we all have done when we were growing up. Playing tag, making tents out of bed sheets, playing with dirt and water creating "mud pies", gardening, sitting under a tree and talking, journaling and the list could go on and on. It is a matter of getting people to take a break from their routine and enjoying life's precious moments. Those moments can include fun Grange events. We are seeing growth in Granges that are realizing the importance of fun, family, love and fellowship.

I have reviewed the list of new growth in the Grange as well as the information on the Granges that have merged, closed and sold Grange halls. This difficult journey that we all are traveling together to rebuild our membership in Granges will take time and effort from all of us. I would like you to remember as we work on recruiting this upcoming year. Recruiting isn't easy but you must keep track of your successes, as big or little as they may be, these successes will help to motivate you as you move forward.

There is nothing more invigorating as a challenge, I look forward in working closely with you on accomplishing our goals for 2019 -2020!

Respectfully submitted,  
Lizzie Bailey  
PR/Membership Director

#### **ONGOING FUNCTIONS:**

**Subordinate/Pomona Grange 990's** – Ongoing there are different due dates throughout the year with majority of June/July, September, and December filings.

**Constant Contact** – I am working on organizing the constant contact database to reflect leads by Grange name, County, and officer position.

**PR** – PGN Article/Weekly Email Blasts/Website/Facebook updates/press releases/member calls/follow-up etc. Design /Setup Event Flyers

**January 4** – Farm Show PA Preferred Reception

**January 5 – 1/12** – 2019 PA Farm Show Booth

**February 13** – Plumstead Grange

**February 14** – Madison Grange

**March 12 – PSU Capitol Hill Day** - Wayne, Lynn Dietrich and I attended PSU Capitol Hill Day with other PSU supporters.

**March 28 – Farm Show Meeting – Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail at Farm Show.** - Barb Gross and I met with Farm Show leaders on expanding the quilt trail. This is an active project and we are now creating block to be hung at the Farm Show. This project will take a few years to complete.

**Pennsylvania Dept of Ag:** Sec. Redding and Dept. of Ag being committee approved a PA Preferred Quilt Square on the Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail.

**March 30 – Officer’s Workshop** – I provided a workshop for the meeting. The officers all enjoyed the day. It was a nice day with everyone and the way Wayne had the meeting run.

**April 2 – Eagle Grange** – Wayne, Debbie, Doug Bonsall and myself attended Membership Community Meeting at Eagle Grange.

**April 9 – Grange Day at Capital** - I attended and we had a great day lobbying for Grange policy.

**April 10 – Madison Grange** – Membership Workshop meeting.

**April 13 – Lincoln Grange - 4/13 – Open House.** – Lincoln Grange is working on growing membership and they have been successful in obtaining a few new members. The Easter Egg Hunt was well attended and they have been planning additional events for the Grange Hall, as well as working on the upstairs meeting room with new flooring.

**April 15 – Roaring Creek** – Wayne & I traveled to the building and we have had a couple of meetings at Roaring Creek on the sale of the building.

**April 17 – Keystone Grange** - Speaking on Membership

**April 28 – 4/30 Legislative Fly-In** Wayne, Debbie, Vince, Lorena, Art & Dina Zug, and I attended.

**May 17 – Women’s Agriculture RoundTable** in Boalsburg. I attended as well as Betsy Huber. It was a very informative conference and I made some great contacts. I stopped and toured the Leonard Rhone Farm in Centre Hall. The lady who was on the board for the farm attended this Roundtable conference and escorted me to the farm to see it. I talked to the director about seeing if we could do an official tour and event for 2020 Family Festival. Talked to Wayne about tour/Farm Director speaking to us, and having an “Old Fashioned Picnic” at the farm for 2020 Family Festival tour.

**June 10 – Capitol Grange Membership Drive**

**June 11 – Royalty Trip**

**June 24 – Capitol Grange Harrisburg** – We met at State Grange Office and they tentatively selected officers who are James Swetlick President, Emily Webb Treasurer, Morgan Kuziecki, V-President, Kathy Prestia, Lecturer. They have 3 things planned to do as a group to get to know each other and look for additional members. They are going to a Free Market at Broadstreet Market in Harrisburg on July 21<sup>st</sup>. They are all taking items for the give-away stand, booking a speaker on Birds, and they are doing a Bird Walk in the Harrisburg area and going to pick apples and make apple sauce.

**July 17 – 21 – Family Festival**

**July 28 – Farm Show Exhibit** – set up Quilting Exhibit with Barb at Farm Show.

**August 13 – 15 Ag Progress Days** – Booth, luncheon, meetings, networking

**September 6 – 16 – York Fair** – Grange had a booth at no fee for the Ag Ed exhibit area

**September 18** – New Vernon Grange Workshop

**September 19** – Somerset Pomona Meeting/Membership Workshop

**September 26** – Resolutions Meeting State College

**September 26** – Trexlertown Grange Member Workshop

**October 4 – Farm City Day at Farm Show** (9 am to 2 pm) – Grange will have an activity station for kids. They estimated 2500 kids will be attending. We were invited and no fee for our station space, just our expense to create an activity & handout/craft etc. pertaining to ag education.

**October 8** – Virginville Grange 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning committee meeting.

**October 17** – Farm Show Board meeting

**October 24 – 27** – Pennsylvania State Grange Session

**Upcoming:**

**November 8** – Shartlesville Grange Spaghetti Dinner

**November 18** – West Chester Pomona Membership Workshop

**January 2020** – 2020 PA Farm Show

2nd-Set up, 3rd – PA Preferred Banquet, 4 – 11th – Booth

**Follow ups:** On a regular basis following up with Gingerhill, Hickory and Shartlesville Granges. Things are going well at these reorganized Granges, they are active with programming and recruiting members and raising funds.

Lizzie Bailey  
PR/Membership  
Pennsylvania State Grange

## **REPORT FOR THE PA GRANGE HERITAGE QUILT TRAIL COMMITTEE**

As we celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail there have been exciting things happening. Interest continues to be strong with Grangers and friends of the Grange who want to paint their own quilt block for their homes and businesses. Several “Paint Your Own Quilt Block” workshops were held across the state as well as the annual workshop at Family Festival.

At the 2019 PA Farm Show it was noted that the two 8’ x 8’ Quilt Blocks in the Cameron Street Lobby were removed when Giant became the corporate sponsor of the Expo Hall. After the Farm Show we approached the Farm Show personnel concerning remounting the two Quilt Blocks elsewhere in the complex. Farm Show personnel decided that the blocks would be placed in the McClay Street Lobby which is open to the public daily because of offices located in that area. And then, the Farm Show asked if the Grange would be willing to place additional Quilt Blocks throughout the Complex as well as create a 30’ showcase of Quilting History in the McClay Street Lobby. Of course, we said, “We’d be delighted!”.

The Showcase of Quilting History was completed in July with antique quilts, sewing items, a treadle sewing machine, wooden ironing board, sewing cabinets, a 1950 Singer Sewing machine and many quilts, patterns, and blocks. If you are in the Harrisburg area, stop in and see the exhibit. At this time, we are still working on signage for items in the case. Thank you to the many Grangers and friends of the Grange who responded to the call and donated items for the display.

The Grange committed to painting 100 Wooden Quilt Blocks (2' x 2') for the Farm Show Complex. Blocks have been painted by Grange members and friends of the Grange from all across the state. Several blocks were painted at Family Festival in July and along with those painted at home, we are happy to say that the first 50 blocks were delivered to the PA Farm Show Complex the first week of September. Now we hope the next 50 blocks are done and will be delivered by November 1! We strived to have a variety of patterns and colors so the blocks were drafted on the boards and along with the pattern and paints were distributed to folks. Thank YOU to all those who painted a block! It will be exciting to see where the blocks are mounted throughout the Farm Show Complex. Come to the 2020 Farm Show to see our blocks!

The Grange was also approached to create a block for the PA Department of Agriculture lobby. A 4' x 4' block was designed to honor the PA Preferred Program. The block features four keystones encompassing the PA Preferred Logo painted in yellow, blue, green and white.

Paint Your Own Quilt Block workshops are presented by Barbara and Glenn Gross as requested throughout the year. Granges as well as other groups may request a program presentation with a daylong workshop where they paint their own block.

Work is ongoing on our Pennsylvania State Grange website to keep it up to date with current photos and locations of Quilt Blocks. Remember that the Pennsylvania Grange will provide every Grange sponsored Quilt Block with a Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail sign at no cost. If you have a Grange sponsored Quilt Block or know of one without signage, please contact us to receive either a 2' or 4' sign. To register your Quilt Block with the Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail and have it listed on the website, fill out the form on line and send a photo of your mounted Quilt Block to the State Grange Office.

If you need assistance, directions or help in creating your one of a kind wooden Quilt Block, help is only a phone call away. Call Barbara and Glenn Gross at 724-290-3783 or Nettie and Irvin Kauffman at 610-926-5389 and they will assist with your needs. Classes are held in various locations throughout the year for Grangers, Quilt Guilds, Arts Councils, community organizations and individuals. If you want a workshop in your area, give us a call and we will work with you!

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Gross, Chair

### **REPORT OF THE SALARY COMMITTEE**

Worthy President/Master, State Officers, Delegates and Guests of the Pennsylvania State Grange, the following is the report of the Salary Committee.

The By-Laws of the Pennsylvania State Grange indicate three members appointed by the President/Master and Vice-President/Overseer shall review the salaries of the President/Master, Secretary and Treasurer and recommend to the delegate body each odd numbered year such adjustments which may be appropriate. They shall consult with the Treasurer and Executive Committee. (Adopted 2016 State Session)

Salaries, and only salaries, are set for the following elected Officers of the Pennsylvania State Grange for November 1, 2020 thru October 31, 2021 and November 1, 2021 thru October 31, 2022.

Beginning November 1, 2020	
President/Master	\$46,390
Treasurer	\$ 3,938
Secretary	\$ 3,000



Beginning November 1, 2021

President/Master	\$46,390
Treasurer	\$ 3,938
Secretary	\$ 3,000

All other benefits/compensations provided to the President/Master are set by the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Martin  
Barbara Warden  
Nettie Kauffman, Chair  
Henry Seidel, Treasurer, ex officio

### **REPORT OF THE LIFETIME COMMITTEE**

The Lifetime Membership Committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange met on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Grange Office in Lemoyne. The committee consisted of Martha Ebersole, Henry Seidel, and Debbie Campbell. Barbara Gross, Executive Committee Member and Wayne Campbell, Master were ex officios for the meeting.

Since the inception of the Lifetime Membership Program in 1984, the membership has reached a total of 1,600 members, including the addition of five members in fiscal year 2017-2018 and one member in fiscal year 2018-2019. There are 906 remaining Active Lifetime members as of September 14, 2019 and 85% of them are 55 or older.

The committee reviewed the current fees and considered new fees, but after much discussion, the committee decided to recommend that we no longer offer new Lifetime Memberships beginning January 1, 2020. This committee feels that the fees required to support current and future dues is too high, making the option unattractive. The current Pennsylvania State Grange budget actually subsidizes current Lifetime Memberships as dues increases over time have outpaced the earnings potential of the fund.

The committee also recommends that \$12,000.00 of the principal balance in the fund, be forwarded to the State Grange every year to help cover Lifetime Membership dues. Currently, 100% of the interest earned on the Lifetime Membership Fund is being forwarded to the Pennsylvania State Grange general fund on a quarterly basis.

This program should continue to be evaluated in three-year intervals, to determine if the \$12,000 principal reduction remains appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,  
Henry Seidel  
Martha Ebersole  
Debra Campbell

### **REPORT OF THE SIXTH DEGREE COMMITTEE**

Worthy Master, National Officers, Delegates, Guests, Brothers and Sisters:

The Sixth Degree Committee is pleased to report that the Degree of Flora was beautifully conferred on Saturday, October 26, 2019. There were 25 candidates representing four counties at the 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

It was an honor and a pleasure to serve on the Sixth Degree Committee and a special thank you to everyone for their dedication to the Grange.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Martha Ebersole, Perry County  
Elaine Nilon, Beaver County

### **SIXTH DEGREE CANDIDATES**

<b>Sixth Degree Member #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Grange Name</b>	<b>County</b>
PA-1118	Thomas Long	Logan Grange #109	Centre County
PA-1119	Genia Harpster	Port Matilda Grange #1284	Centre County
PA-1120	Kelli Jo Irvin	Port Matilda Grange #1284	Centre County
PA-1121	Cole Irvin	Port Matilda Grange #1284	Centre County
PA-1122	Charles Coder	Progress Grange #96	Centre County
PA-1123	Deborah Coder	Progress Grange #96	Centre County
PA-1124	David Packer	Logan Grange #109	Centre County
PA-1125	Michael Lewis	Union Grange #325	Centre County
PA-1126	Will Bracken	Port Matilda Grange #1284	Centre County
PA-1127	Barry Bracken	Port Matilda Grange #1284	Centre County
PA-1128	Rosemary Broome	Progress Grange #96	Centre County
PA-1129	Joy Stephens	Progress Grange #96	Centre County
PA-1130	Tara Mondock	Logan Grange #109	Centre County
PA-1131	John Walters	Union Grange #325	Centre County
PA-1132	Mary Walters	Union Grange #325	Centre County
PA-1133	Alexis Churm	Fairdale Grange #1157	Susquehanna County
PA-1134	Katherine Stine	Hartslog Valley Grange #375	Huntingdon County
PA-1135	Autumn Tworkoski	Hamburg Grange #2103	Berks County
PA-1136	Erica Berger	Virginville Grange #1832	Berks County
PA-1137	Joshua Mengel	Fleetwood Grange #1839	Berks County
PA-1138	Terra Ingram	Marion Grange #223	Centre County
PA-1139	Felicia Lewis	Union Grange #325	Centre County
PA-1140	Helen Packer	Logan Grange #109	Centre County
PA-1141	Amy Smith	Port Matilda Grange #1284	Centre County
PA-1142	JA Babay	Progress Grange #96	Centre County

## **AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES APPROVED RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution #5 — Vertical Farming**

#### **Hookstown Grange #1980, Beaver County**

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange and the National Grange adopt policy and lobby for legislation that intentionally supports the implementation, growth and sustaining of alternate non-traditional forms of food production such as aeroponic, hydroponic and vertical farming that are designed for high production with limited space.

### **Resolution #7 – Milk Hauling**

#### **Cumberland Valley Grange #2104**

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange actively advocate passage of legislation to allow an exemption for milk haulers from weather-related closings of Interstate highways in PA.

### **Resolution #8 — Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems Program (MS4)**

#### **Cumberland Valley Grange #2104**

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange and National Grange support legislation calling for a halt on implementation of MS4 and if implementation is continued, that farmers be exempt from having to incur costs connected with storm water management plan development or simply be exempted from the MS4 requirement altogether.

### **Resolution #37 — Reduction of or Offset from Rain Tax**

#### **Cumberland Valley Grange #2104**

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange and National Grange seek legislation that would allow farmers the use of credits against the MS4 fee based on county conservation district confirmation that they are or have implemented best runoff management practices.

### **Resolution #9 — Incentivizing Whole Milk Sales in Restaurants and Fast Food Locations**

#### **Cumberland Valley Grange #2104**

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange ask trade groups representing restaurants, hotels, and fast food locations to ask their members to consider using and selling whole milk produced by Pennsylvania's dairy farmers.

### **Resolution #10 — Requiring Urban and Suburban Fertilizer Applications Use Farming 4R Application Principles**

#### **Cumberland Valley Grange #2104**

**RESOLVED:** that Pennsylvania State Grange recommend to the General Assembly that it require urban and suburban fertilizer applications to use the 4R Principles that farmers now employ.

### **Resolution #54 — Dairy Transparency**

#### **Agriculture & Environmental Issues Committee**

**RESOLVED:** that Pennsylvania State Grange urge the Pennsylvania State General Assembly to pass legislation promoting Transparency in over order premiums determined by the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board.

### **Resolution #55 — Trade US / Mexico / Canada**

#### **Agriculture & Environmental Issues Committee**

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange asks the General Assembly to pass a Resolution urging the United States Congress ratify the United States – Canada – Mexico Trade Agreement.

## REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE POLICY STATEMENT

Worthy Master, State Officers, Delegates, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Sisters:

The members of the Agricultural and Environmental Issues committee are again honored to serve the members of the Pennsylvania State Grange. We have reviewed the resolutions presented to our committee with an open discussion and have presented them in a way that we feel best represents our members.

The Pennsylvania State Grange continues to support the **Pennsylvania Dairy Industry** with our efforts to:

1. Create and maintain Dairy Transparency within the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board and support similar legislation as it is introduced in the future to help keep prices sustainable for Pennsylvania producers.
2. Advocate for legislation to reintroduce Whole Milk in Pennsylvania's public schools.
3. Encourage restaurant, fast food and other trade groups to promote whole milk sales.
4. Exempt milk haulers from the restricted use of interstate highways during the threat of weather related State of Emergencies.

The Pennsylvania State Grange will continue to support the **Fair Packaging and Labeling act of 1967** to help insure truth in labeling of all food products to include Meat and Dairy that they not be deceptive as to their content or origin.

The Pennsylvania State Grange recognizes the need for an increased amount of food to accommodate a worldwide population growth and urges the National Grange to lobby for legislation that intentionally supports the implementation, growth and sustaining of alternate nontraditional forms of food production to include Aeroponic, Hydroponic and Vertical farming.

The Pennsylvania State Grange has supported efforts to maintain clean waters in the State of Pennsylvania by nutrient management programs for crop producers. There are significant amounts of nutrient and pesticide applied in urban and suburban applications subject to run off not currently being supervised.

The Pennsylvania State Grange recommends the Pennsylvania General Assembly require urban and suburban lawn care applicators follow the 4-R principals that Crop farmers now use.  
(Right Source---Right Rate---Right Time---Right Place)

The Pennsylvania State Grange Opposes the implementation of (MS4 the creation of separate municipal sewer systems for storm water) and if implemented that Agricultural properties not be taxed or forced to participate other than the current storm water management plan for erosion control.

The Pennsylvania State Grange urges the ratification of the US / Canada / Mexico Trade Agreement enabling commodity trading to continue and maintaining a balance of competitive trade for North America.

PA State Grange AG & Environmental Committee

Jodi Keith

John Courtney

Dale Shupp

Stanley Reyburn

James Huber, Chair

## **GOVERNMENTAL ISSUES**

### **Resolution #11 — Limiting Campaign Advertising**

#### **Valley Grange #1360**

RESOLVED: that the National Grange and Pennsylvania State Grange support legislation that would limit campaign advertising to begin no more than 6 months' prior of the election.

### **Resolution #12 — False Accusers to be Punished**

#### **Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

RESOLVED: that in the case of false allegations concerning sexual harassment and assault, that the plaintiff should be charged with libel and slander crimes.

### **Resolution 13 — Display of American Flag**

#### **Lycoming County Pomona Grange #28**

RESOLVED: that the Pennsylvania State Grange and National Grange protect the American in promoting its display in accordance with the U.S. Flag Code.

### **Resolution #14 — Single Use Plastics**

#### **Goshen Grange #121**

RESOLVED: that the Pennsylvania State Grange support legislation to at the completion of the single use plastic studies to reduce use and implement programs to tackle environmental problems posed by waste compost and single use plastics.

### **Resolution 16 — Motorcycle Processions**

#### **Goshen Grange #121**

RESOLVED: that the Pennsylvania State Grange support legislation which would improve highway safety by affording certain guidelines to organized motorcycle processions, similar to those of funeral processions.

### **Resolution #17 — Motorcycle Lemon Law**

#### **Goshen Grange #121**

RESOLVED: that the Pennsylvania State Grange support legislation which would amend the definition of "motor vehicle" in the PA Lemon Law to include "motorcycles".

### **Resolution #19 — Jury Duty Compensation**

#### **Lycoming County Pomona Grange #28**

RESOLVED: that compensation for jury service in the Pennsylvania Courts of Common Pleas and compensation rates will be set based on a formula such as used in unemployment compensation that more accurately matches income lost in the process; and be in further

RESOLVED: that mileage reimbursement be the same as the business mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service.

### **Resolution #29 — Voter ID**

#### **Lycoming County Pomona Grange #28**

RESOLVED: that the Pennsylvania State Grange and the National Grange support mandatory Voter ID laws to be passed to ensure accurate voter representation of legal US voters.

### **Resolution #31 — Prevention of Sharia Law**

#### **Lycoming County Pomona Grange #28**

RESOLVED: that the Pennsylvania State Grange and the National Grange uphold the position that legal matters in the United States be resolved within the established Constitutional Law and the United States Judicial system.

**Resolution #34 — 2nd Amendment Protection****Lycoming County Pomona Grange #28**

RESOLVED: that the Pennsylvania State Grange opposes any action by any level of government which would infringe on the right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Constitution of the United States.

**Resolution #36 — Electronic Antlerless Deer License Applications****Cumberland Valley Grange #2104**

RESOLVED: that the Pennsylvania State Grange urge the PA Game Commission to allow electronic submission and payment for antlerless deer hunting license applications.

**GOVERNMENT ISSUES COMMITTEE POLICY STATEMENT**

Worthy Master Wayne Campbell, Honored Guests, officers, and most importantly the delegates of the Pennsylvania State Grange who are given the important work of creating the policy of the Pennsylvania State Grange:

The Government Issues Committee wishes to thank Master Campbell for his efforts in promoting the policies of the Pennsylvania State Grange on local, state, and national issues. The committee wishes to thank Vince Phillips for his help in providing information to the committee, making suggestions to the delegate body, and also making our policies known to lawmakers and government decision makers. We would also like to thank Grangers, both Subordinate and Pomona, who wrote resolutions to be considered to become policy of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

The committee reviewed 26 resolutions of which were accepted, amended, rejected or already present policy.

There are a few issues the committee wishes to reemphasize to the delegate body.

The committee feels that Resolution #14, Single Use Plastics is a very important issue and we feel that further study should be made for reuse and recycling of single use plastics.

The committee discussed and felt that Jury Duty Compensation is an important issue as those who want to serve but is a financial burden with the current pay structure. The committee agreed that a plan needs to be created to adjust the pay rates for jury duty.

Resolution #36 – Electronic Antler-less Deer License Applications is important as the use of electronic submissions and payment is a convenience for the purchaser.

Repairing personal property is an American tradition and in the eyes of some people is a Constitutional right. As manufacturers are reluctant to release pertinent information necessary to diagnose problems, this requires a certified dealer to complete the repair. The Pennsylvania State Grange encourages legislation supporting the right to repair.

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve on the committee.

C. Arthur Zug, Juniata County

Lynn A. Dietrich, Berks County

Carol Ann Gregg, Mercer County

George Gregg, Mercer County

Carole Huber, Lancaster County

Lizzie Bailey, Cumberland County

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

### **Resolution #39 — Changing the Frequency of Pomona Grange Meetings**

#### **Valley Grange #1360**

RESOLVED: that the National Grange change Section 7.6.1 and the first sentence of Section 4.9.3 of the Bylaws to read, "Pomona Granges may meet as determined by each Pomona Grange at a minimum of two times per calendar year."

### **Resolution #40 — Hosting of State Session**

#### **Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee**

RESOLVED: the Master/President of the Pennsylvania State Grange and the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange appoint a committee comprised of the Master/President, one member of the Executive Committee; and one representative from each of the 6 current hosting regions to review how hosting State Grange should be handled in the future and report back to the Delegate body at the 2020 Pennsylvania State Grange session; and be it further

RESOLVED: this committee should look into the possibility of hosting State Grange in either an East and West location or an East, Central; and Western Pa location; and be it further

RESOLVED: the funding of future sessions of the Pennsylvania State Grange should be evaluated by the committee, including the possibility of a per member assessment being assessed to fund future sessions which would equally spread the burden to all Grange members.

### **Resolution #41 — Recording of Degree Work**

#### **Pennsylvania State Grange History Committee**

RESOLVED: that the Assembly of Demeter allow for audio-visual recording of the First through Seventh Degrees as conferred in full form; and be it further

RESOLVED: that the Assembly of Demeter, in coordination with the National and State Granges, arrange for the conferral of the first through Seventh Degrees in full-form, for the purpose of audio-visual recording for historical preservation purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED: that the Pennsylvania State Grange requests that the Assembly of Demeter allow the Degrees to be produced on DVD and offered to the corresponding level of Granges to present the Degree for the education and enrichment of the membership.

### **Resolution #42 — 2023 State Grange Session**

#### **Pennsylvania State Grange History Committee**

RESOLVED: that the Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee be charged with the responsibility of engaging persons from any region of the state to help with hosting duties; and be it further

RESOLVED: that the Pennsylvania State Grange History Committee, appointed to coordinate special events celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the 2023 session, determine by the time of the 2021 session if an extended time will be needed at the 2023 State Grange session and, if so, submit the appropriate resolution providing for such an extended session.

### **Resolution #56 — Resolutions Sent to PA State Grange Session**

#### **Pennsylvania State Grange Good of the Order Committee**

RESOLVED: that the Pennsylvania State Grange require that, when a resolution originates in a Subordinate Grange, the Subordinate Grange's name remain on the resolution throughout the process, and be it further

RESOLVED: that if the resolution originated with a Pomona Committee, rather than a Subordinate Grange, the county and committee name remain on the resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED: that if the resolution is also passed by a Pomona Grange, that Grange's name will be added to the resolution, but not replace the originating Grange or Committee name.

For Example:  
Resolution #142— EXAMPLE RESOLUTION TITLE  
Berks Co. Pomona #43  
Hamburg Grange #2103

OR

Resolution #143— EXAMPLE RESOLUTION TITLE  
Berks Co. Pomona #43  
Berks County Pomona Agricultural Committee

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER POLICY STATEMENT**

Worthy President, State Officers, Sister Stiles, Sister Huber, delegates, and guests,

Thank you for allowing us to serve on the Good of the Order committee again this year.

As we all know, we as an organization are struggling with membership and involvement. In order to survive, we need to adapt to attract new members. If we still were solely focused on fighting the railroad our organization would already be dead. Our organization has many significant accomplishments over the last 150 years. But to appeal to new members, we must focus less on what we have done and instead highlight what we are doing now and what we plan to do in the future.

The Grange as it is today is a diverse group. We no longer only welcome farmers and their families. We now have teachers, scientists, entrepreneurs, and many other walks of life both urban and rural and of course we still have farmers. With these changes, we must take other changes with it. We all have obligations and commitments outside of the Grange and there are times when work or family obligations need to come before Grange. We as a group need to recognize and honor these obligations both others and ours. These diverse interests and obligations are what make us an amazing organization. We need and should want all people and their views in our group.

We should encourage every person who wants to serve on a committee or an office to do so.

As installation of officers has recently been at the end of the session schedule, candidates may have an issue attending installation. These candidates should address this issue with our state president. There are many times and places installation can occur and we believe that any State president would be more than willing to make alternate arrangements with anyone unable to attend the formal installation.

We would like to thank those who put forward well-written and thoughtful resolutions to our committee. Please when you are thinking about a resolution, ask yourself, "Is this something our organization should be involved in?" Please take time to carefully consider this question before bringing a resolution to any meeting.

Thank you again for everyone who attended State session this year and we look forward to seeing you next year in Erie.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Schroeder, Chair, Berks County

Jane Birk, Bucks County  
Janet Fishovitz, Beaver County  
Glenn Gross, Venango County



Leonard Heim, Lehigh County  
Robert Pardoe, Northumberland County  
Gerald Pratt, Bradford County

## **FAMILY ISSUES**

### **Resolution #44 — Parental Rights for Pedophiles**

#### **Greene County Pomona Grange #63**

RESOLVED: that the Pennsylvania State Grange opposes the granting of unsupervised parental visitations by those who are or have been convicted of child sexual abuse.

### **Resolution #45 — Alternatives to Opioid Medication & Healthcare Reimbursements**

#### **Valley Grange #1360**

RESOLVED: that the Pennsylvania State Grange lobby the PA Department of Health to assist health care providers in seeking alternatives to opioids to manage pain; and be it further

RESOLVED: that the National Grange and Pennsylvania State Grange support legislation that hospital reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid not be determined by the questions on pain included in the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey.

### **Resolution #46 — Cyber Charter Schools**

#### **Valley Grange #1360**

RESOLVED: that the Pennsylvania State Grange support legislation that would mandate that, in districts or consortiums which offer district- or consortium-run cyber schools, parents who choose to have their children educated in non-district run cyber charter schools would be financially responsible for their child's education.

### **Resolution #47 — Use of Public Assistance Funds for Diapers for Infants & Toddlers**

#### **Big Knob Grange #2008**

RESOLVED: that Pennsylvania State Grange support legislation to amend the Public Health Service Act to allow the purchase of disposable infant and toddler diapers using public assistance funds.

### **Resolution #48 — Teaching Mandatory Age Appropriate Basic Dairy Curriculum**

#### **Centre County Pomona Grange #13**

RESOLVED: that the Pennsylvania State Grange advocates teaching of the dairy curriculum developed by the Center for Dairy Excellence Foundation to all Pennsylvania elementary and middle school educators.

### **Resolution #49 — Support Separation of Religion and State Relating to Islam**

#### **Lycoming County Pomona Grange #28**

RESOLVED: that the Pennsylvania State Grange supports current law that all school districts abide by the separation of church and state.

### **Resolution #50 — Boundary and Non-Boundary Schools**

#### **Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

RESOLVED: that the Pennsylvania State Grange recommends that the PIAA and the Pennsylvania State Department of Education form a committee to consider changes to the 1972 PA State Law in order to permit public schools to compete in separate district and state tournaments within PIAA competition.

### **Resolution #52 — Perpetrators Should Never Be Alone with Children**

#### **Harveys-Aleppo Grange #1444**

RESOLVED: that the Pennsylvania State Grange opposes the granting of any unsupervised contact by adult caretakers who have been convicted of child abuse.

## FAMILY ISSUES POLICY STATEMENT

Worthy Master, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates, and Guests:

The members of the Family Issues Committee would like to extend our thanks to the NC (North Central) – Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Tioga and Union. Counties for hosting this year’s 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session. We would also like to thank Master Wayne Campbell and the Officers and Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange for their dedicated service to our organization.

When completing our assigned task of reviewing resolutions that affect our quality of life, the Family Issues Committee focuses on problems and concerns in education, health, consumer issues, and laws and regulations governing our standards of life and death. This year, the focus in our policy statement is on the affordability of prescription drugs and cyber school funding.

In a report issued by the AARP Public Policy Institute (PPI), it was found that retail prices for 754 widely used prescription brand name, generic, and specialty drugs increased faster than inflation every year from 2006 to 2017, and in 2017, the average annual increase in drug prices was 4.2 percent, double the rate of inflation. These increases are attributable to drug price growth among brand name and specialty drugs, which more than offset price decreases among generic drugs.

Spiraling drug prices have a major impact on the health care system and ultimately affect everyone by driving up health insurance premiums and increasing the costs of taxpayer funded programs such as Medicare. Medicare beneficiaries and taxpayers are footing the bill for unjustifiable drug price increases, as are those with private health insurance.

States, rather than the federal government, appear to be leading the fight against inflated drug costs. Thirty-three states have enacted new laws aimed at lowering the price of prescription drugs. These new laws include allowing safe importation of less expensive drugs from Canada, regulating Pharmacy Benefit Managers ([third-party administrators](#) of [prescription drug](#) programs for commercial health plans, self-insured employer plans, [Medicare Part D plans](#), the [Federal Employees Health Benefits Program](#), and state government employee plans), legislating drug price transparency, and promoting volume purchasing. Pennsylvania is not one of these 33 states. No legislation related to controlling drug prices has been enacted within the last 5 years in Pennsylvania. However, as of September 26, 2019, Pennsylvania does have 13 House or Senate bills and one House resolution in various stages of the legislative process relating to prescription drug pricing.

While the efforts of the states to lower drug prices is commendable, more aggressive federal action is essential, especially for taxpayer funded programs such as Medicare. Our Committee urges Grange members to contact their state and federal lawmakers to support common-sense prescription drug pricing reform. For more information, follow AARP Public Policy Institute on Facebook or at [www.aarp.org/ppi](http://www.aarp.org/ppi), and check the progress of legislation at [legiscan.com](http://legiscan.com) or on the National Academy for State Health Policy website at [nashp.org/rx-legislative-tracker-2019](http://nashp.org/rx-legislative-tracker-2019).

The Center for Research on Education Outcomes (CREDO), located at Stanford University released an independent study on June 4, 2019 which found that students attending online (cyber) charter schools represent a quarter of all students attending charter schools in Pennsylvania and concluded that cyber charter school students demonstrated remarkably weaker growth in both reading and math as compared to students in traditional public schools or in brick-and-mortar charter schools. CREDO’s analysis of online charter schools revealed that, based on 180 days for an instructional year, the learning gap between an average traditional public school student and a cyber-charter school student equals 106

fewer days of learning in reading and 118 fewer days of learning in math. The poor performance of online charter school students holds true for special education students, poor students, and black and Hispanic students. The CREDO study concludes that “any potential benefits of online schooling such as student mobility and flexibility in curriculum are drowned out by the negative impacts on academic growth of students enrolled in such schools.” The report also urges policy makers to determine if current oversight policies or practices for online charter schools are sufficient to assure adequate performance. There are currently 15 licensed cyber charter schools operating in Pennsylvania. Education Voters of PA, a nonpartisan, nonprofit statewide public education advocacy organization, recently (September 16, 2019) issued a report finding that school district payments to cyber charter schools in 2017-2018 amounted to \$519 million—primarily local taxpayer dollars. From 2015-2016 to 2017-2018, total cyber charter tuition expenditures grew by almost \$54.4 million, not because of increases in enrollment, but due to increases in the average per-student tuition rates. Charter school tuition rates are not based on what it costs a charter school to educate its students, but on the per student expenditure of the school district from which the student comes. This tuition can range from about \$7,800 per regular education student to as much as \$40,000 per special education student. Education Voters of PA estimates that the cost of instructing a regular education student in a cyber-charter school is less than \$5,000, and urges the legislature to reform cyber charter funding so that it matches actual costs in order to eliminate wasteful spending. School districts are being forced to raise property taxes and cut opportunities for students who attend schools in their communities so that cyber charter schools can spend money on advertising, excessive executive compensation and private management fees—money that should be used for educating students.

Misuse of taxpayer dollars has occurred by cyber charter schools’ personnel. In 2014, the founder of PA Cyber, the state’s largest cyber charter school, was sentenced to 20 months in federal prison after being convicted of siphoning \$8 million from the school to his other businesses. Also in 2014, two administrators from several charter schools under the same management umbrella, including Agora Cyber, pled guilty to defrauding the schools of \$6.5 million and conspiring to conceal the fraud from 2007-2011. One of the issues is that, while individual charter schools in Pennsylvania must be set up as nonprofit organizations, there is nothing to prohibit them from being run by for-profit organizations. It is specifically allowed in the current law. Another problem is that charter schools are not held as accountable, nor are they held to the same ethical and transparency standards as traditional public schools.

Currently, Governor Wolf is taking executive action, overhauling regulations, and proposing legislation to comprehensively reform charter school law. In early October, he announced the impending closure of the Philadelphia based Achieving Community Transformation (ACT) Academy Charter School, the lowest performing cyber school for 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in Pennsylvania.

As Grangers, we need to keep ourselves informed regarding any legislation designed to reform Pennsylvania’s charter schools’ rules and regulations. We need to support responsible legislative proposals so that all of the Commonwealth’s students receive outstanding educations sustained by fiscally responsible entities prudently using our tax dollars. For more information, visit [educationvoterspa.org](http://educationvoterspa.org), [credo.stanford.edu](http://credo.stanford.edu), and to track legislation, [legiscan.com](http://legiscan.com)

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Courtney, Mercer County  
Ben Haagen, Centre County  
Tammy Schaeffer, Berks County  
Donald Steeley, Bucks County  
Ron Sweeney, Blair County  
Barbara Warden, Chair, Venango County

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39	Changing the Frequency of Pomona Grange Meetings	Good of the Order	Adopt as Amended
40	Hosting of State Session	Good of the Order	Adopt
41	Recording of Degree Work	Good of the Order	Adopt as Amended
42	State Grange Session	Good of the Order	Adopt as Amended

43	Elected State Officers	Good of the Order	Reject
44	Parental Rights for Pedophiles	Family Issues	Adopt as Amended
45	Alternatives to Opioid Medication & Healthcare Reimbursement	Family Issues	Adopt as Amended
46	Cyber Charter Schools	Family Issues	Adopt as Amended
47	Use of Public Assistance Funds for Diapers for Infants & Toddlers	Family Issues	Adopt as Amended
48	Teaching Mandatory Age Appropriate Basic Dairy Curriculum	Family Issues	Adopt as Amended
49	Support Separation of Religion and State Relating to Islam	Family Issues	Adopt as Amended
50	Boundary and Non-Boundary Schools	Family Issues	Adopt as Amended
51	Definition of When Life Begins	Family Issues	Other Action
52	Perpetrators Should Never be Alone with Children	Family Issues	Adopt as Amended
53	Transgender Males are Making a Travesty of Women's Sports	Family Issues	Other Action
54	Dairy Transparency	Agriculture & Envir Issues	Adopt
55	Trade US / Mexico / Canada	Agriculture & Envir Issues	Adopt
56	Resolutions Sent to PA State Grange Session	Good of the Order	Adopt

## Annual Sessions of the Pennsylvania State Grange

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Opening Date</u>		<u>Location</u>	<u>Opening Date</u>
1	Harrisburg	January 7, 1874	49	York	December 13, 1921
2	Williamsport	January 5, 1875	50	Williamsport	December 12, 1922
3	Lancaster	December 14, 1875	51	Pittsburgh	November 12, 1923
4	Meadville	December 12, 1875	52	Reading	December 9, 1924
5	Hollidaysburg	December 11, 1876	53	Johnstown	December 8, 1925
6	Bellefonte	December 10, 1878	54	Lancaster	December 14, 1926
7	Bloomsburg	December 9, 1879	55	Erie	December 13, 1927
8	Greensburg	December 14, 1880	56	Williamsport	December 11, 1928
9	Harrisburg	December 13, 1881	57	Indiana	December 10, 1929
10	Williamsport	December 12, 1882	58	Pottsville	December 9, 1930
11	Harrisburg	December 11, 1883	59	DuBois	December 8, 1930
12	Harrisburg	December 9, 1884	60	Williamsport	December 13, 1932
13	Harrisburg	December 8, 1885	61	Johnstown	December 12, 1933
14	Harrisburg	December 14, 1886	62	Hershey	December 11, 1934
15	Harrisburg	December 13, 1887	63	New Castle	December 10, 1935
16	Harrisburg	December 11, 1888	64	Altoona	December 8, 1936
17	Harrisburg	December 10, 1889	65	Harrisburg	November 8, 1937
18	Harrisburg	December 9, 1890	66	Washington	December 13, 1938
19	Harrisburg	December 8, 1891	67	Chambersburg	December 12, 1939
20	Harrisburg	December 13, 1892	68	Wilkes-Barre	December 10, 1940
21	Harrisburg	December 12, 1893	69	Uniontown	December 9, 1941
22	Harrisburg	December 11, 1894	70	Harrisburg	December 8, 1942
23	Williamsport	December 10, 1895	71	Williamsport	December 14, 1943
24	Altoona	December 8, 1896	72	Harrisburg	December 12, 1944
25	Harrisburg	November 9, 1897	73	Clearfield	December 11, 1945
26	Williamsport	December 13, 1898	74	Wilkes-Barre	October 22, 1946
27	Lock Haven	December 12, 1899	75	New Castle	October 28, 1947
28	Lock Haven	December 11, 1900	76	Reading	October 26, 1948
29	Johnstown	December 10, 1901	77	Kane	October 25, 1949
30	Clearfield	December 9, 1902	78	York	October 24, 1950
31	Wilkes-Barre	December 8, 1903	79	Butler	October 23, 1951
32	Erie	December 13, 1904	80	Allentown	October 28, 1952
33	Sunbury	December 12, 1905	81	Williamsport	October 27, 1953
34	DuBois	December 11, 1906	82	Washington	October 26, 1954
35	West Chester	December 10, 1907	83	Scranton	October 25, 1955
36	Altoona	December 8, 1908	84	Erie	October 23, 1956
37	State College	December 21, 1909	85	Reading	October 22, 1957
38	Butler	December 13, 1910	86	Clearfield	October 28, 1958
39	Scranton	December 12, 1911	87	Bedford	October 26, 1959
40	Clearfield	December 10, 1912	88	Harrisburg	October 24, 1960
41	Reading	December 9, 1913	89	Washington	October 23, 1961
42	Meadville	December 8, 1914	90	Reading	October 22, 1962
43	State College	December 21, 1915	91	Erie	October 21, 1963
44	Philadelphia	December 12, 1916	92	Wellsboro	October 26, 1964
45	Williamsport	December 11, 1917	93	Allentown	October 25, 1965
46	Tyrone	December 10, 1918	94	New Castle	October 24, 1966
47	Pittsburgh	December 9, 1919	95	Gettysburg	October 23, 1967
48	Allentown	December 14, 1920	96	Butler	October 22, 1968

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97	Lewistown	October 28, 1969	123	West Middlesex	October 23, 1995
98	Meadville	October 27, 1970	124	Warren	October 28, 1996
99	Somerset	October 26, 1971	125	Reading	October 27, 1997
100	Williamsport	October 23, 1972	126	Meadville	October 24, 1998
101	Reading	October 22, 1973	127	Allentown	October 23, 1999
102	Washington	October 28, 1974	128	Carlisle	October 21, 2000
103	Lancaster	October 27, 1975	129	Altoona	October 20, 2001
104	Sharon	October 25, 1976	130	Washington	October 25, 2002
105	Danville	October 24, 1977	131	Exton	October 25, 2003
106	Butler	October 23, 1978	132	Harrisburg	October 23, 2004
107	Williamsport	October 22, 1979	133	West Middlesex	October 22, 2005
108	Lewistown	October 27, 1980	134	Reading	October 21, 2006
109	Altoona	October 26, 1981	135	Williamsport	October 6, 2007
110	Harrisburg	October 25, 1982	136	Lancaster	October 17, 2008
111	Clearfield	October 24, 1983	137	Johnstown	October 17, 2009
112	Gettysburg	October 22, 1984	138	West Middlesex	October 16, 2010
113	Warren	October 27, 1985	139	Harrisburg	October 15, 2011
114	Reading	October 26, 1986	140	Butler	October 20, 2012
115	Butler	October 26, 1987	141	State College	October 19, 2013
116	Allentown	October 24, 1988	142	Reading	October 18, 2014
117	Uniontown	October 22, 1989	143	Warren	October 17, 2015
118	West Chester	October 21, 1990	144	Shippensburg	October 21, 2016
119	Altoona	October 28, 1991	145	Scranton	October 20, 2017
120	Williamsport	October 26, 1992	146	Cranberry Township	October 19, 2018
121	Clarion	October 24, 1993	147	State College	October 25, 2019
122	Carlisle	October 23, 1994			