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#### Past Masters

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#### 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 2019-2020

PRESIDENT/MASTER	Wayne Campbell
VICE-PRESIDENT/OVERSEER	JV Lamb – 2017-2020
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	Richard Mangel – 2016 – 2020 Dr. James Diamond – 2017 – 2021 Janet Pratt – 2018 – 2022 Barbara Schroeder – 2019-2023

#### **STANDING COMMITTEES 2020 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 George Gregg – Mercer County Carole Huber – Lancaster County

#### Good of the Order

Jane Birk, Chair – Bucks County Robert Beamon – Berks County Gross Glenn – Venango County Janet Fishovitz – Beaver County Leonard Heim – Lehigh County Robert Pardoe – Northumberland County

#### **Family Issues**

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

#### Credentials

Kelly VanOrd, Warren County

#### PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE 148<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SESSION SCHEDULE

#### Friday, October 16

- 9:00 am Opening of Session in Unofficial Form
- 9:10 am Message by State Chaplain
- 9:15 am President's welcome and report to the Delegate Body
- 9:25 am Reading of any Bylaw changes and presentation of the Budget
- 9:45 am Announce results of the Family Activity raffle. Ask people to pick anything up that goes back to their county. All items MUST be signed for.
- 10:00 am Begin work on resolutions— Good of the Order committee Ag committee Family Issues committee Government Issues committee
  - Please note any resolution sent back to committee for further review will be presented at the 2021 session for further action.
- 10:45 am Report from the Suggestions committee, suggestions from the floor and then the two minute presentations.
- 12:00 pm Lunch Provided in the Meal Package (Tickets required)
- 12:40 pm Session Reconvenes continue work on resolutions
- 2:15 pm 15-minute recess to stretch and prepare for the Memorial Service
- 2:30 pm Grange Memorial Service
- 3:00 pm Session Reconvenes with action on resolutions
- 4:00 pm 15-minute stretch
- 4:15 pm Work on Resolutions Resumes
- 5:15 pm Session Recesses
- 6:00 pm Dinner Provided in the Meal Package (*Tickets required*)

#### Session Reconvenes

- 6:45 pm Open the floor for any additional Suggestions for Officers from the Floor
- 6:50 pm Recess for 10 minutes to Prepare for the Balloting
- 7:00 pm Balloting for all Officers
- 7:30 pm Tellers meet to Count the Ballots

#### Saturday, October 17

- 9:00 am Session Reconvenes
- 9:15 am Message by State Chaplain
- 10:00 am Action on Bylaw Change
- 10:15 am History Committee 150th Anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Grange
- 10:30 am Adoption of the Budget
- 11:00 am Election Results. If 2<sup>nd</sup> Ballot required, Election will take place immediately. Installation of Officers – (when all work is completed)



#### MINUTES OF THE 148<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PA STATE GRANGE SESSION FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2020

- The 148<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania State Grange Annual Session officially opened in the Sixth Degree on Friday October 16, 2020 at 9:00 am in the Ballroom, Headquarters for the session were at the Ambassador Banquet & Conference Center/Courtyard by Marriott, Erie, PA with Master Wayne Campbell presiding. Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic there was no opening drill.
- 2. Roll call found all officers present with the exception Sister Janet Fishovitz filling in for Sister Judy Pressler, Chaplain. Brother Dr. James Diamond, Executive Committee Member was found absent.
- 3. Master Campbell lowered to the Fourth Degree.
- 4. A greetings video was presented by National Master Betsy Huber. Master Huber congratulated us for having a State Session. As Grangers we must persevere through these challenging times and continue to do what we do best, and help our communities in any way we can. Youth and Juniors held their Public Speaking and Sign a Song contests virtually and the National contest will be done virtual as well. Bigger and better Regionals are being planned for next year and hope many of us will attend. We will all be eager to see each other then.

We are also planning for another big event. Grange Revival which will be held in Sturgis, South Dakota, July  $20^{th} - 24^{th}$ . Registration is available on the National Grange Website.

National finances have been much better this year with the end of the California law suits and the settlement payout. Working on making upgrades to the National Grange Headquarters. Many more upgrades are necessary. Donations to the National Grange Building Fund is always welcome.

- 5. Sister Kelly VanOrd, Chairperson of the 2020 Host Committee, welcomed everyone to Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania State Grange Session was hosted by the Northwest Region Crawford, Clarion, Erie, Elk, Forrest, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Venango and Warren Counties. Invited everyone to take a tour around Erie, there is a lot to see.
- 6. Appointment of Session Committee—Credentials—Kelly VanOrd, Warren County.
  - a. Sister Kelly gave a partial report of the Credential's Committee as follows:

81 Delegates and 47 Subordinate Granges and29 Delegates and 17 Pomona Granges represented at this time.

With a total of 110 Delegates present at this time. Master Campbell confirmed that we do have a quorum and can proceed with our work.

- 7. Master Campbell announced the meeting will be recorded for Minutes taking purposes only.
- 8. Master Campbell appointed Michael Martin as Session Parliamentarian for this session.
- 9. Master Campbell announced that you need to turn your phones to vibrate. If Steward Andrew Kieffer hears your phone, it will cost you \$10.00.

- 10. Each person addressing an item of business on the floor will have up to two minutes to speak and may only address the issue once unless a question is directed to them. Master Campbell stated that when a Brother or Sister has the floor please extend to them the courtesy of your attention.
- 11. A motion was made and seconded to make the runoff ballot, if it is necessary, on Saturday morning after the Devotions by the Chaplain; motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the official schedule of the 148<sup>th</sup> PA State Grange Session with changes to the election of officers; motion carried.

12. Sister Janet Fishovitz gave us a message on "God's Promises" which was provided by State Chaplain Judy Pressler. I'm sure you have heard it and even may have said it, "God won't give you more than you can handle." But that exact quote is not in the Bible. Rather there is a similar message in I Corinthians 10:13, that says God is faithful, he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear, **BUT when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.** 

Here are a couple of scriptures to emphasize God's promises: God didn't promise days without pain BUT he did promise strength for the day (Isaiah 41:10); God didn't promise laughter with sorrow, BUT he did promise comfort for the tears (II Corinthians 1:3-4) and God didn't promise sunshine without rain BUT he did promise light for the way (Psalm 119:105).

Here are a few encouraging quotes that may lift your spirits:

When it rains, look for rainbows. When it's dark, look for the stars. When you feel alone, look for God..... They are there....just as God has promised.

Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day.....we must look for it....it is good that we can be here together today.

Sister Fishovitz finished the devotions with a prayer.

- 13. 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*.
- 14. 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 10:15 am., this will have allowed it to lay over the required 24 hours.
- 15. Master Campbell read all the resolutions that require bylaw changes and must lay over 24 hours before voting.

Resolution 20—to extend the 2023 State Grange session is not a change to the bylaws. The Bylaws state it will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend. This resolution is just requesting it start it on Thursday instead of the normal Friday. It is still being held the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend; therefore, it is not a bylaw change.

Resolution 21— **RESOLVED:** that the current section 1.10.7 be deleted as currently worded and replaced by the following: "No new Lifetime Memberships are available as of 1/1/2020. The Lifetime memberships as of 12/31/2019 will continue to be honored by the Pennsylvania State Grange. The Secretary of the C/S Grange shall take a credit of \$11.00 per Lifetime member on each quarterly report to the State Grange. This resolution will be presented for adoption after 10:21 am, Saturday.

- 16. Family Activity raffle winners were announced. Please pick up anything that goes back to your county. All items MUST be signed for. The quilt was won by a ticket that was sold at the Farm Show.
- 17. Brother Robert Beamon of the Good of the Order Committee presented their resolutions.
- 18. Master Campbell stated that all candidates will be limited to two minutes. Master Campbell then asked for suggestions for State Officers. Those suggested were:

	Office	Names Suggested	<u>County</u>
a.	Master	Wayne Campbell	Perry
b.	Overseer	Richard Mangel	Butler
c.	Lecturer	Jenn Nauss	York
d.	Steward	Andrew Kieffer	Berks
e.	Assistant Steward	Robert Kleckner III	Berks
f.	Lady Assistant Steward	Lorena Baughman	Blair
g.	Chaplain	Judy Pressler Jodi Keith-Kensinger	Centre Huntingdon
h.	Treasurer	Henry Seidel	Berks
i.	Secretary	Debra Campbell	Perry
j.	Gatekeeper	Gene Zvarick	Montgomery
k.	Ceres	Hannah Leibensperger	Berks
I.	Pomona	Jennifer Beamon	Berks
m.	Flora	Virginia Mangel Denae Zvarick	Butler Montgomery
n.	Executive Committee	LeDon Young Ruth Vonada	Centre Centre

19. Brother Beamon of the Good of the Order Committee continued presenting their resolutions.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Resolution No. 24 – Hosting and Funding of Future Pennsylvania State Grange Sessions to strike the entire first Resolve; motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to table Resolution No. 24 – Hosting & Funding of Future Pennsylvania State Grange Sessions until after lunch; motion carried.

- 20. Session recessed for lunch at 12:00 pm.
- 21. Master Campbell called the session back to order at 1:00 pm.
- 22. Brother Beamon of the Good of the Order Committee continued presenting Resolution #24.

A motion was made and seconded to amend to strike the 2<sup>nd</sup> Resolve in Resolution No. 24 – Hosting & Funding of Future Pennsylvania State Grange Sessions and add that a statewide committee be appointed to serve on an advisory role to assist with the planning of the annual session, amendment passed. The amended Resolution No. 24 was voted on and passed.

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

A motion was made and seconded to amend Resolution #3 – Reinstate Country of Origin (COOL) Labeling by deleting "to close loopholes reinstate within the labeling system of all meat products to include the Country-of-Origin and not only the Country of Processing to the Labeling (COOL)" and adding "to require the Country of Origin as well as the Country of Processing on the labels of all meat products"; motion carried.

Resolutions now reads **RESOLVED**: our Congressmen/Congresswomen should work with the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to require the Country of Origin as well as the Country of Processing on the labels of all meat products.

The amended resolution No. 3 – Reinstate Country of Origin (COOL) Labeling was approved.

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

A motion was made and seconded to amend the policy statement by adding, Local Food Systems are desired by many consumers, provide enhanced markets for producers, and add food security. The Pennsylvania State Grange supports establishing and growing local food systems; motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the policy statement as amended; 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 work of the committee in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

#### 24. Sister Barbara Warden of the Family Issues Committee presented their resolutions.

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 work of the committee in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings.* 

- 25. Master Campbell called Vince Phillips, Legislative Director who is retiring in December to give him an opportunity to speak to the Delegate Body. Vince stated that he was thankful to be given a chance to be the lobbyist for the Pennsylvania State Grange.
- 26. Sister Janet Fishovitz presented the Memorial Service with the assistance of the three Graces, Virginia Mangel, Flora; Hanna Leibensperger, Ceres and Jennifer Beamon, Pomona.

Those we honored are Jesse D. Ericson who served on the State Executive Committee for 9 years and passed away on April 26, 2020, Nancy Ann McMillin, who served as Nurse Nancy at the State Junior Camp and was to serve as a co-chair for this year's State Session and passed away on August 14, 2020 and Edward Murphy, who served as past State Youth Director and passed away on August 5, 2020.

27. Brother Lynn Dietrich of the Government Committee presented their resolutions.

#### A Motion was made and seconded to reinsert the words "and certification" on Resolution No. 15 --Service Animal Certifications; motion carried.

Resolution now reads: **RESOLVED**: any animal that is used as a service animal must go through proper training and certification and owners must carry documentation to that effect when they bring the animal to a public place.

A motion was made and seconded to amend by inserting "after service or emotional support animal" after service animal to Resolution No. 15, motion failed.

Resolution No. 15 -- Service Animal Certifications was approved as amended.

A motion made and seconded to amend Resolution #8 -- Protection of Nursing Home Residents and Staff for COVID-19 to insert the words "Infectious Disease" after (PPE) and; motion carried.

#### A motion was made and seconded to reinsert the 2<sup>nd</sup> Resolve as written on Resolution #8:

Resolution now reads **RESOLVED:** that daily, clear reports from long-term care facilities on any infectious disease cases be made available to the public. **Motion carried** 

A motion was made and seconded to reject Resolution #17 -- COVID-19; motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to combine the two Resolves in Resolution #18 -- Recreational Easements; motion carried.

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 work of the committee in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

#### A motion was made to recess until after Dinner; motion carried.

28. Master Campbell reconvened session at 7:05 pm. Betsy Huber, National Grange President Pete Pomper, National Grange Community Service Director joined the Session through Zoom for some Community Service awards with pins. Those who received pins were Jodi Keith Kensinger and Stacy Keith who made almost 300 face masks; Jennifer Beamon who made 400 + face masks, Tammy Jurkowski and Denise McCloskey who opened up Progress Grange as a Food Distribution Location serving over 3,000 people.

- 29. Ruth Vonada reported on the winners of the Deaf and Community Service reports.
- 30. Jenn Nauss recognized winners of the Lecturer's contest. Philip Vonada won the Best of Show for the Talent contest and will participate in a Virtual Talent Contest with National Grange.
- 31. Philip Vonada, Chairperson of the Suggestions Committee for State Officers gave their report. Suggestions were then taken from the floor. The report in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*
- 32. Master Campbell asked if there were any other suggestions for officers. Those suggested were:

<u>Off</u>	ice	<u>Suggestions</u>	<u>County</u>
a.	Executive Committee	Mary Jane Kent	Greene County
b.	Chaplain	Deana Schrawder	Berks
c.	Overseer	Ken Merritt	York
d.	Gatekeeper	Thomas Kostelansky	Armstrong

They were each given a chance to talk for a two-minute speech.

- 33. Worthy Steward Kieffer stated the write-in names need to be input with their exact surnames.
- 34. Worthy Steward Kieffer appointed the Tellers for the election.
- 35. At this time, the Grange was called at ease for the Election of Officers. Tellers met to count the ballots and will report tomorrow on the results.
- 36. Worthy Master Campbell closed the Grange in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree at 8:25 pm.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020

- 37. The second day of the 148<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange opened in the Fourth Degree at 9:00 am in Ballroom at the Ambassador Banquet & Conference Center, Courtyard by Marriott, Erie, Pennsylvania.
- 38. Sister Janet Fishovitz shared a special message which was provided by State Chaplain Judy Pressler called "It Took a Miracle". The message reminded of some of the miracles mentioned in the Bible:

Jesus turning the water into wine, Jesus feeding the thousands with a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish, Jesus walking on water and even God creating the whole world!

There is a lesson for us in this unusual time: Remember that the caterpillar grows its wings during its season of isolation. And often in life what appears to be an ending is really a glorious new beginning (R. H. Heinlein). May it be so with you today and in the days ahead. Always believe that something wonderful is about to happen. Think about this hymn: It Took a Miracle.

It took a miracle to put the stars in place It took a miracle to hang the world in space, But when He saved my soul, Cleansed and made me whole It took a miracle of love and grace

39. The minutes of Friday's Session were read and approved.

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

- 40. Sister Kelly VanOrd, Chairman publicly thanked the hotel for accommodating us for this Session.
- 41. Sister Ellen Wadsworth presented some contest winners results. She had two contestants for Public Speaking, Jodi Keith-Kensinger and Ashley Mohn. Youth will be holding another Paint night on Zoom next Saturday night. The last one was very successful, 30 people participated from all across the country.
- 42. Brother Andrew Kieffer, Steward, reported on the election results. The results were read by the Teller for that office. The person receiving the majority of the votes was:

<u>Of</u>	fice	Officer's Elected	<u>County</u>
a.	Master	Wayne Campbell	Perry
e.	Overseer	Richard Mangel	Butler
f.	Lecturer	Jennifer Nauss	York
g.	Steward	Andrew Kieffer	Berks
h.	Assistant Steward	Robert Kleckner III	Berks
i.	Lady Assistant Steward	Lorena Baughman	Blair
j.	Chaplain	Jodi Keith-Kensinger	Huntingdon
k.	Treasurer	Henry Seidel	Berks
١.	Secretary	Debra Campbell	Perry
m.	Gatekeeper	Gene Zvarick	Montgomery
n.	Ceres	Hannah Leibensperger	Berks
0.	Pomona	Jennifer Beamon	Berks
p.	Flora	Virginia Mangel	Butler
q.	Executive Committee	Ruth Vonada	Centre

- 43. Brother Douglas Bonsall, Chairman of the History Committee presented information on the 150<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania State Grange Celebration.
- 44. Sister Kelly VanOrd thanked her committee and said that with the COVID-19 Pandemic it was a very trying year but they got through it. She also thanked everyone for coming to the 148<sup>th</sup> State Grange Session and if you get the time, please drive around and take in some of the scenery.
- 45. Brother Terry Murray, Chairperson of the 2021 Host Committee invited everyone to the 149<sup>th</sup> State Session. The Convention will be held at the Valley Forge Casino Resort, Valley Forge, PA on October 14-17, 2021.

46. The "Archive all the Resolutions" were presented recommended by Vince Phillips, Legislative Consultant for review by the Delegate Body.

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

A motion was made and seconded to not print the Archived section of the Legislative Policy; motion carried.

47. Brother Henry Seidel presented the Budget.

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

48. Brother Robert Beamon of the Good of the Order Committee presented some of their committee resolutions.

A motion was made and seconded to strike "\$11.00" and insert "one-fourth of the annual dues"; motion carried. Resolution No. 21 – By-Law Change – Lifetime Membership was approved as amended.

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 work of the committee in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

- 49. Sister Kelly VanOrd, of the Credentials Committee, reported-
  - 83 Delegates representing the 48 Subordinate Granges;
    29 Delegates representing 17 Pomona Granges;
    5 non-Delegates (State Officers)
    Total Delegates and State Officers in attendance 117

50. At 10:08 am the Installation of Officers took place with-

- a. Installing Officer—Susan Tau
- b. Chaplain—Jean Hollabaugh
- 51. Worthy Master Campbell closed Session in the Fourth Degree at 11:00 am.

Fraternally Submitted, Debra Campbell State Grange Secretary

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

President's Address to the Delegate Body 2020

Delegates and Officers of the Pennsylvania State Grange. This past year has been the most unusual year I believe any of us have ever experienced. We started out with the usual activities after a State Session. Debbie was hurrying before we even returned home to get the resolutions to National Grange that needed

to be forwarded from Pennsylvania. You'll remember there were only 8 days from when our session ended on October 27<sup>th</sup> to when National Grange session convened on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Debbie and I traveled to Minnesota to represent Pennsylvania State Grange as our Delegates.

December was filled with visits to Granges as they celebrated the coming Christmas and New Year holiday seasons.

January brought with it the Pennsylvania Farm Show. We had another great year selling our Grange cookbooks, selling raffle tickets for the Family Activities' beautiful quilt, and promoting the Grange. Vince Phillips organized a very informative meeting on achievements in broadband over the last year, including Henry McCreary from Huntingdon County where they formed their own Internet Service Provider Co-Op. The Juniors and Youth Royalty participated in the Pa Preferred Dinner and then worked in the Grange stand Saturday and Sunday.

With the Farm Show behind us, we focused on the Cornucopia event in the State Capitol in February. This event is held by the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations. It gives Legislators the opportunity to visit with many of Pennsylvania's Agricultural groups and a taste of Pennsylvania foods.

As March rolled around, we began to focus on Legislative activities. I had the opportunity to take Bryce Danko, the Pennsylvania State Grange Junior Prince and the National Grange Junior Ambassador, to Washington D.C. for the first National Grange Youth Legislative Event. We were joined there by Elisabeth Reich and her mother Tina. Elisabeth is the Pennsylvania State Junior Grange Princess. Youth from all across the country participated in this event. It gave them a chance to meet with their Congressmen and voice their opinions. They toured the Capitol and were the first to use the newly remodeled conference room at the National Grange Headquarters.

Then the COVID-19 Pandemic hit the USA. Life changed in an instant. Brittany and I left the office the afternoon of March 19, 2020 and said we'd see each other tomorrow. Tomorrow was 3 months later. Granges had to stop meeting as everyone was urged to stay home and only go out for life-sustaining supplies.

Grangers did what Grangers do; they sprang into action. They made masks, went to the grocery store for neighbors with health concerns, and turned Grange Halls into food distribution centers. All across America, Grangers were busy helping others. Even as I prepare this address, we are still under strict guidelines to help prevent the spread of the virus. Granges have been able to begin meeting and doing fundraisers provided they follow CDC guidelines.

The pandemic has put many of our Brothers and Sisters under severe pressure when it comes to being able to pay their bills and maintain their properties. They were forced to cancel many of their annual fundraising events, putting them in a financial bind. Many are falling behind on property taxes and utility bills. I am already receiving requests to sell Grange properties because of this. We must continue to try and get statewide legislation to exempt our halls from the undue burden of property taxes.

We must continue to promote the Grange in all of our communities. We are still one of the best kept secrets. I continue to get comments from people when I ask them if they know about the Grange, and they tell me it's that building along route so and so. We cannot expect to grow if we are not willing to let others know what we do and what we have to offer them.

Even in these times of COVID 19 Pandemic, we will help you with promotions on Facebook, or in advertising your fundraisers, or any other way you would like us to. You just need to ask.

We have seen strides in the legislature over the past year. Here is a listing of actions that have been taken:

Senate Resolution 47 was adopted by the Senate. It directed the PA Joint State Government Committee to do a study on Broadband options. Pennsylvania State Grange was the only rural advocacy membership group appointed to the advisory committee that put it together. Status: Report completed September 2020.

Senate Resolution 48 was adopted by the Senate to have a review done by the Legislative Budget & Finance Committee on whether telecommunications companies were complying with state law regarding minimum band width. Status: Report completed June 2020.

Fiscal Code bill, Senate Bill 712 contained two \$300,000 expenditures for Broadband pilot projects in north central PA and parts of PA included in the Appalachian region of the State. Status: Enacted as part of the FY 2019-2020 State Budget.

Capital Budget bill, Senate Bill 905 provides \$10 million to the Northumberland County Industrial Development Authority for a regional Broadband expansion project. NOTE: Although in FY 2020-21, the Capital Budget listing does not necessarily mean that the money will be spent. There is more legislative activity on bills before you get to enactment.

SB 835 sets up an independent Broadband Authority with grant-making powers. Status: it passed the Senate and is in the House Consumer Affairs Committee.

SB 1118 makes it easier for rural electric cooperatives to extend Broadband using existing lines. Status: It is on the Senate voting calendar. Companion bill, HB 2438, was on the Senate calendar but was tabled although it passed the House.

HB 3848 converts a telecommunications tax credit fund to a Broadband expansion matching funds grant program. Status: It passed the House and is on the Senate calendar.

HB 305 requires that a state-owned property inventory be conducted to determine which could be leased to telecommunications companies for cell phone and Internet expansion. Status: It passed the House and was on the Senate calendar but was tabled.

HR 64 would establish a bipartisan Bicameral Broadband Commission. Status: It passed the House committee and is currently on the House calendar.

There are at least eight additional bills or resolutions that were introduced but are in their original committee.

SB 725 and HB 1585 would create Restore PA. A \$4.5-billion-dollar loan which would fund multiple projects including an unspecified amount for Broadband expansion. Status: They are still in their respective Senate and House Environmental Resources Committees.

House Consumer Affairs Committee:

- HB 2786 million from CARES Act Federal COVID-19 money dedicated to Broadband expansion
- HB 1400 would make it easier for telecommunication companies to install small-cell facilities on utility poles
- HB 2055 would make it easier for municipalities to become their own Internet Service Provider
- HB 2722 mandates Broadband accessibility for residents of public housing

- HB 2637 mandates "Broadband emergency lifeline" for low-income residents
- HR 63 would direct the PA Joint State Government Commission to audit telecommunications companies to make sure they are compliant with PA law

As you can see it has been a very busy year in Harrisburg, even with the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please continue to communicate with your Senators and Representatives voicing your concerns about the need for adequate Broadband. We need to keep in mind it not only has to be adequate, it has to be affordable!

I would ask that you invite myself or any of the Pennsylvania State Grange officers to attend your meeting and talk about what the Grange is doing for you and your community. Go to our website and view the slide presentation the History Committee has under their tab. This is a wonderful presentation to introduce new people to what the Grange is and what we have accomplished over the last 150 plus years.

Fraternally submitted, Wayne D. Campbell President/Master

#### **REPORT OF OVERSEER**

What a year we have had!

The best news is that God has been with us.

This is a year where we as Pennsylvania State Grange have made many positive moves. We have been heard in the halls of our State Capitol. Many Grange properties that were liabilities to us have been sold. Members of our smaller Granges have been consolidated.

I cannot take any credit for all these positive actions.

We are so fortunate of this time in our history to have a State Master/President and his wife, our State Secretary, who live and breathe the Grange. They have worked tirelessly through the COVID-19 Pandemic to keep our organization a group to be recognized. No, not as a "look at me, I am President", but as "What more can I do to promote the Grange!"

We have achieved increased membership benefits that, when used save us way more than our yearly dues.

Our membership numbers are stable. Yet, we need to keep working for new members. We are not a dying organization unless we coil up and let it happen. We need to show our message to the community, invite them to come in and share all the good things we have to offer.

When we do that, we will continue to prosper and be a benefit to our families, communities, and the State.

Fraternally submitted, JV Lamb Overseer/Vice President

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

Worthy Master, State Officers, Delegates and members of the Pennsylvania State Grange, I am pleased to present the final report of the 2019 – 2020 Executive Committee.

These were your members serving on the 2019 – 2020 Executive Committee.

Wayne Campbell – President JV Lamb – Vice President Dr. James Diamond – Exec. Comm. Vice Chairman Janet Pratt Barbara Schroeder Richard Mangel – Chairman 2019 – 2020 committee

I would like to express my thank you to the Host Committee of the 148<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange being held in Erie, Pa. This has been a trying time to host the State Grange Session during this pandemic. Thank you goes out to Kelly Van Ord for chairing the 148<sup>th</sup> Session Committee and all of the other members who worked with Kelly to make the session a success. This year's session took on many turns and changes and Kelly and her committee have worked with the hotel and the State Grange to make this session happen.

At our 2019 State Grange Annual Session the Delegate Body passed several resolutions charging our President, Wayne Campbell, and the Executive Committee with the responsibility to find a way to have the PGN printed at a much-reduced cost in order to save the State Grange money. Wayne, along with the Executive committee, and several members held numerus Zoom meetings discussing ideas and have decided to return the publishing to the Pennsylvania State Grange Office starting with the Jan/Feb. 2021 issue of the PGN. I think our members will be happy with what they see.

We were also charged to look into and recommend how many locations there will be for future State Grange Annual Session and possible ways to finance the future session. A committee was appointed and there were Zoom meetings held to discuss and come up with recommendations. These recommendations will be presented to the 2020 Delegate body to act upon.

This year had started out like many other years with many challenges. First, we attended the 2020 Pennsylvania Farm Show, where we had a great looking booth and many helpers to man the booth, we also had another good year of cookbook sales. Many thanks go out to Barb Gross and Lizzie Bailey for working with the State Farm Show association and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and getting the many Quilt Blocks displayed throughout the Farm Show complex. Also, for putting together the quilt block trivia game where anyone could enter and learn more about the quilt blocks and the Grange. It was a success.

It wasn't long after that we started to see things change as the COVID-19 virus took hold and many people started getting sick. The Governor made a decision to shut everything down to try and stop the spread of this virus. This shut down included Grange meeting and activities. Making it hard to do Grange business as usual. We had to comply. During this time our President, Wayne Campbell, had to close down the State Grange office for doing business but yet Wayne found ways to communicate with our Grange members/family. The pandemic caused many Granges on the border of closing, to close because of not being able to hold fundraisers. Wayne and the Executive Committee held many Zoom meeting to address these Grange consolations/closings and other issues as they came up. This was not something that we wanted to do but had to be done. I also want to thank Debbie Campbell for sitting in on all Executive Committee meetings and taking minutes and typing them up for the committee. What a stressful year.

I would also like to say thank you to all of our Department Chairs – Lurae Benzio – Juniors, Ellen Wadsworth – Youth, Melanie Melius – Family Activities, Gail Switzer – Deaf & Community Service, Jenn Nauss – Lecturer and all of their committees for coming up with ideas and ways our members could stay involved during the time of the pandemic. When you talk to them be sure and thank them for their hard work and dedication.

I would also like to thank Lizzie Bailey our membership/PR director, Vince Phillips our Legislative Director, and Brittney Covey our part time office staff, for all of their dedication and hard work during this time of the pandemic.

Needless to say, I can't thank those enough who have worked with me this past year to make my job as Chairman easy. A thank you to Wayne Campbell - President, Debbie Campbell – State Grange Secretary, Lizzie Bailey - PR/Membership, Vince Phillips – Legislative Director, Brittney Covey – office staff, and a special thanks to the Executive Committee members, Dr. James Diamond, Janet Pratt, Barb Schroeder, and JV Lamb.

As this is my final year of my 4-year term on the State Grange Executive Committee I want to say it has been a rewarding experience, one I will always remember. I want to thank my wife Virginia and the rest of my family who have always been there to help when I needed them.

May God Bless each and every one of you in the future and may you all prosper.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Mangel 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, even in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Many plans have changed several times throughout the year, but we have aimed to keep the Lecturer's Department and many contests and programs active.

It has been a year of many unexpected changes and interruptions. It seems like it has been much more than a year since we were gathered at last year's State Session in State College. Who would have guessed a year ago what would transpire in 2020?

#### **REGIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES**

The Lecturer's Department, in conjunction with the other departments of the Pennsylvania State Grange, planned a series of Regional Leadership Conferences from March through May. Workshops were planned on the following topics: Ritual 101, Parliamentary Procedure (with a presentation by the Bald Eagle FFA), Juniors, Community Service, Hospitality, and Membership. Breakout sessions with state officers and department chairs occurred over lunch. Much gratitude is extended to Logan Grange #109 in Centre County, Big Knob Grange #2008 in Beaver County, and Kutztown Grange #1836 in Berks County for their willingness to host these conferences. We were able to hold the conference in the central region, which was a success! Over 50 people attended the conference on March 7<sup>th</sup> and evaluations received were positive and indicated that there is a need for meaningful leadership training. We also had nearly 50 registrations in the western region and were well on the way to a well-attended conference in the east.

Sadly, because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the last two conferences in the western and eastern regions had to be cancelled.

We look forward to hosting Regional Leadership Conferences in 2021 pending it is safe to do so with the virus!

#### **CHANGES TO CONTESTS**

The theme for this year was flexibility! Throughout the spring and summer, rules, recommendations, and resulting plans were changing constantly. With the cancellation of Family Festival and the changes to the State Session, the Lecturer's Committee redesigned several of the department's contests.

The Talent Contest was moved to a virtual format with the cancellation of Family Festival. While we wish that we had received more virtual submissions, we were pleased to name Philip Vonada of Penns Valley Grange #158 in Centre County as this year's Best of Show winner. Philip sang Josh Groban's "You Raise Me Up" and will represent Pennsylvania at this year's National Grange Virtual Evening of Excellence in November. Congratulations to Philip!

I know that our Grangers have many talents and I hope to see more participation in next year's Talent Contest. Start planning your acts now!

With the changes to State Session, there will not be exhibit rooms at session this year. Because of that, the Lecturer's Committee decided to cancel the Art and My Favorite Anything contests for 2020. We hope that we will be able to resume these contests in 2021. The committee spent much time planning how to redesign the remainder of the department's contests to continue them in a somewhat modified way.

The Photography Contest has gone virtual for 2020 with a new class – Beauty in the Midst of Crisis. The Pen in Hand contest also features a new class for 2020 – "One thing I learned during social distancing..." One of the most disappointing things about 2020 was the need to cancel so many events and activities that were planned, including many Grange's Open Houses. In recognition that Granges may have not been able to have their Open Houses this year, the Open House Contest was changed to a new contest called "Creative Connections". For Granges that were able to hold their Open Houses, they were able to fill out the forms similarly to in the past. For Granges that had planned Open Houses but were not able to hold them, a new class was added for them. A final new class was added for Granges that could not plan or hold an Open House, but were able to share their Grange stories with their communities in other ways. We are hopeful that we will receive entries in this new contest to honor the work of Granges and their Lecturers/Program Directors during these unprecedented times!

This is the first year for the "Design a Program" Contest and Lecturer's Grant. We hope that there will be a positive response to these new contests and that the State Lecturer's Department can continue to support and recognize local Lecturers/Program Directors for their important work!

Words cannot adequately convey my appreciation for all of the support and welcome I have received this past year, as well as the understanding and flexibility as plans have changed due to the pandemic. I appreciate your support of the Regional Leadership Conferences and am excited to see you at the conferences in 2021. 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 and to our Worthy State Master Wayne Campbell and State Secretary Debbie Campbell for all of their help and support.

I continue to be appreciative for all of my Grange mentors for lending a listening ear and offering words of advice and help.

"Thank you" does not seem sufficient to share my appreciation for the Lecturer's Committee for all of their hard work throughout the past year! I could not do it without you and am thankful for a wonderful team to work with!

Fraternally submitted, Jenn Nauss Lecturer/Program Director

Committee Members— Sara Benzio Miranda Irons Tammy Schaeffer Denae Zvarick

#### **2020 LECTURER CONTEST WINNERS**

#### **Talent Contest**

Vocal: 1 – Philip Vonada, Penns Valley Grange #158, Centre County

BEST OF SHOW: Philip Vonada, Penns Valley Grange #158, Centre County

#### Lecturer's Reports

#### Subordinate:

#### Up to 50 Members

- 1 Ruthie Garner, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
- 2 Cheryl Miller, Marion Grange #223, Centre County
- 3 Walter McChessney, Hartslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County
- 4 Marjorie Craven, Edgewood Grange #688, Bucks County

#### 51-99 Members

- 1 Drew Fegley, Hookstown Grange #1980, Beaver County
- 2 Nancy Sattazahn, Kutztown Grange #1836, Berks County
- 3 Debra Kieffer, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
- 4 Holly Yearick, Walker Grange #2007, Centre County

#### 100+ Members

No entries

#### Pomona:

- 1 Mary Jane Kent, Greene County Pomona Grange #63
- 2 Georgette Mummert, Huntingdon County Pomona Grange #6
- 3 Shirley Swires, Blair County Pomona Grange #37
- 4 Audrey Brubaker, Lebanon County Pomona Grange #59

#### Lecturer's Scrapbooks

#### Subordinate:

#### Up to 50 Members

- 1 Cheryl Ruoss, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
- 2 Judy Stevenson, Wesley Grange #1675, Venango County

#### 51-99 Members

1 – Tammy Jurkowski, Progress Grange #96, Centre County

#### 100+ Members

- 1 Brenda Lengel, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 2 Tina Reich, Valley Grange #1360, York County

#### Pomona:

- 1 Nettie Kauffman, Berks County Pomona Grange #43
- 2 Janet Fishovitz, Beaver County Pomona Grange #66
- 3 Mary McMillin, Lawrence County Pomona Grange #65

#### **Creative Connections Reports/Scrapbooks**

Class A – Granges who were able to hold their Open House -

No winning entries

#### Class B – Granges who had planned their Open House but could not hold it

#### Subordinate:

#### Up to 50 Members

- 1 Tammy Schaeffer, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
- 2 Judy Stevenson, Wesley Grange #1675, Venango County
- 3 Jen Beamon, Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County
- 4 Jason Gruber, Stony Point Grange #1694, Mercer County

#### 51-99 Members

- 1 Jane Birk, Plumsteadville Grange #1738, Bucks County
- 2 Drew Fegley, Hookstown Grange #1980, Beaver County

#### 100+ Members

1 – Lorrie Wesner, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County

#### Pomona:

1 – Mary McMillin, Lawrence County Pomona Grange #65

#### Class C – Granges who could not hold their Open House

#### Subordinate:

#### Up to 50 Members

- 1 Cheryl Ruoss, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
- 2 Bonnie Casselberry, Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County
- 3 Walter McChessney, Hartslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County

#### 51-99 Members

No winning entries

#### 100+ Members

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

#### Pomona:

1 – Mary Jane Kent, Greene County Pomona Grange #63

#### Pen in Hand

#### Class 1 – Poetry

No entries

#### Class 2 – Short Story

1 – Meg Lomax, Plumsteadville Grange #1738, Bucks County 2 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

#### Class 3 – My favorite Grange memory...

No entries

#### Class 4 – One thing I learned during Social Distancing...

1 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

#### **Design a Program**

1 – Tina Reich, Valley Grange #1360, York County – Veteran's Day

2 – Tina Reich, Valley Grange #1360, York County – Valentine's Day

#### Lecturer's Grant

No applications

#### **Photography**

#### Class 1 – Pennsylvania – My Home

- 1 Marci Schlegel, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
- 2 Tammy Jurkowski, Progress Grange #96, Centre County
- 3 Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 4 Molly Scott, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

#### Class 2 – Sunrise/Sunset

- 1 Jesse Garbrick, Progress Grange #96, Centre County
- 2 Jim Snyder, Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 3 Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
- 4 Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County

#### Class 3 – Pets/Animals

- 1 Marci Schlegel, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
- 2 Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
- 3 Wendy Martin, Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 4 Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

#### Class 4 – Landscape

- 1 Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 2 Susan Snyder, Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 3 Tim Schaeffer, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
- 4 Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County

#### Class 4b – Plants

- 1 Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
- 2 Wendy Martin, Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 3 Jesse Garbrick, Progress Grange #96, Centre County
- 4 Shelley Fayewicz, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

#### Class 5 – Churches

- 1 Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
- 2 Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
- 3 Marci Schlegel, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
- 4 Mary McMillin, Westfield Grange #1514, Lawrence County

#### Class 6 – Beauty in the Midst of Crisis

- 1 Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
- 2 Deanna Hollabaugh, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County
- 3 Philip Vonada, Penns Valley Grange #158, Centre County
- 4 Hannah Leibensperger, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County

BEST OF SHOW: Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County – Beauty in the Midst of Crisis

#### **REPORT OF CHAPLAIN**

This indeed has been a different and challenging year not only for me as a Chaplain of the Pennsylvania State Grange, but for everyone worldwide.

It will be billed as the year of the COVID-19 Pandemic: the year with a pause in our local, county and state Grange meetings as we know them, the year that we used our modern technologies more than we ever expected, the year when we were separated from loved ones, the year when a hug was never missed as much. It has been a year when we were confronted with opportunities to "make do" and "make new" ways of communicating and carrying on.

Following State Grange in the Fall of 2019, I settled in to writing my bimonthly articles for the Pennsylvania Grange News. That has been the most rewarding and satisfying experience during these past months. I always testify that they are God-inspired and have been humbly pleased to receive notes/thoughts from Grangers when they have touched someone. It is truly a mission of love and service on my part.

I did attend the Grange Leadership Conference in March and it was very interesting, informative and helpful as well as comforting to meet and be with fellow Brothers and Sisters just before the pandemic shut everything down.

I am not very technologically savvy so I have not participated in a lot of ZOOM conferences and activities. I do enjoy reading about all the fun and different opportunities they provided for all ages of Grangers.

I missed the Family Festival. I hesitated to enlist a speaker for the Worship Service and had at one point decided that I might give the morning sermonette myself. Perhaps this was a God Wink that it was postponed!

All in all, I am looking forward to the State Session in 2020, although it too will be different. If I am elected to serve another term, I will do so willingly, and with God's help, do the best I can to bring the Message to all.

Fraternally. Judy Pressler 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 148<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

Today, we are reviewing financial information for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. 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 was 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.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:**

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, 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 of \$2,000.00 made during the past fiscal year from the Ellis M. Santee Trust. 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, 2020, there were thirty (30) students involved in the program. Two (2) students were new to the program and one (1) student completed the repayment of their loan during the year.

Applications are available from the State Office and can be downloaded from the Pennsylvania State Grange website, <u>www.pagrange.org</u>. 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, 2020, there were ninety-seven (97) Granges with invested funds. Thirty-Four (34) of those Granges are closed. Four (4) had their assets transferred to the State Grange after having been closed for seven (7) years. One (1) Closed Grange and two (2) Active Granges added funds to the trust for the first time.

#### 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, 2020 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, 2020, there have been a total of 1,604 members who have become lifetime members since the program's inception in 1984. We gained four (4) new lifetime members during the Grange fiscal year. At last year's State Session, the delegate body decided to discontinue offering new lifetime memberships after December 31, 2019.

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, 2020, 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 the 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 accompanying 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.

#### Emphasis of a Matter

As further explained in Note 11, Pennsylvania State Grange and Pennsylvania State Grange Foundation are operating in an environment economically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our conclusion is not modified with respect to this matter.

October 20, 2020

Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

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# Proposed Budget 2021-2022

Actual         Budget         Proposed Budget           8,240         int.1,200         int.3,60         int.3,60           3,870         15,605         15,600         int.3,00           3,870         15,605         12,000         int.3,00           3,870         13,464         2,18,460         2,13,00           3,870         13,464         13,464         2,000           3,870         13,464         13,600         12,000           2,506         13,464         13,464         10,000           2,500         13,464         13,464         1,500           0         13,464         13,464         1,600           2,500         13,464         1,500         1,862           2,000         13,464         1,500         1,862           2,100         1,500         1,500         1,862           9,000         2,19         2,200         2,200           9,010         1,900         1,862         2,864           1,000         1,500         1,800         1,800           9,010         2,300         1,800         1,800           1,000         2,344         1,4000         4,800 <td< th=""><th>L</th><th></th><th>2019-2020</th><th>2019-2020</th><th>2020-2021</th><th>2002-1202</th><th></th></td<>	L		2019-2020	2019-2020	2020-2021	2002-1202	
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Uteline Members - Principal from Turding         23,370         12,000         12,000         12,000         12,000           Guident Seaf         11,640         13,454         10,220         9,180           Guident Seaf         13,620         13,843         2,500         9,180           Mathers         1,1640         1,344         10,220         9,180           Initiation Ress         2,000         1,340         2,500         1,800           Initiation Ress         2,300         1,300         2,500         2,500           Matoral Grange Austernent         2,800         8,514         1,000         2,500           Matoral Grange Austernent         2,800         8,514         1,000         1,000           Matoral Grange Austernent         2,800         8,514         1,000         1,000           Matoral Grange Austernent         2,800         8,514         1,000         1,000           Matoral Grange Austernent         2,800         2,800         2,800         2,800           Matoral Grange Austernent         2,800         2,804         2,800         2,800           Matoral Grange Austernent         2,800         2,800         2,800         2,800           Matoral Grange Austernent	m		15,642	15,505	15,600	12,200	Interest received from the Lifetime membership account
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vouth         2,506         1,862         1,860         1,960 <th< th=""><th>S</th><th></th><th>11,640</th><th>13,464</th><th>10,920</th><th>9,180</th><th>306 Golden Sheaf Members - (Pays \$30.00)</th></th<>	S		11,640	13,464	10,920	9,180	306 Golden Sheaf Members - (Pays \$30.00)
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Indiactor feet         I         1,300         770         1,500         1,000           Indiactor feet         I         I         1,300         1,000 <t< th=""><th>^</th><th>FFA Members</th><th>0</th><th>1,800</th><th>0</th><th>0</th><th>Donation for any 1st Year Dues for FFA Youth Mem No FFA members</th></t<>	^	FFA Members	0	1,800	0	0	Donation for any 1st Year Dues for FFA Youth Mem No FFA members
Indic Dues         1         210         1         220         220         220         220           Andonal Grange Assessment         E         6,230         E,200         E,200 <td< th=""><th>8</th><th>Initiation Fees</th><th>1,300</th><th>770</th><th>1,500</th><th>1,000</th><th>Includes individual (\$5) and family (\$10)</th></td<>	8	Initiation Fees	1,300	770	1,500	1,000	Includes individual (\$5) and family (\$10)
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TOTAL DUES & FEES         280,796         214,481         268,168         252,046           SALES OF MERCHANDISE         III,000         8,674         III,000         10,000           SALES OF MERCHANDISE         IIII,000         8,674         IIII,000         10,000           Apple Butter         IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII	11	National Grange Assessment	6,428	6,156	6,200	6,200	\$1 per member from Subordinate
SMES OF MERCHANDISE         Image: Merchandise         Merchandise <thmerchandise< th=""> <thmerchandise< th="">         Merchand</thmerchandise<></thmerchandise<>	12		280,796	214,481	268,168	252,046	_
SALES OF MERCHANDISE         I							
Coolbooks         I,0000         I,0000         I,0000         I,0000         I,0000         I,0000           Apple Butter         I         I         I         I,000         I,000         I,000           Reale/Promotional Items         I         I         I,000         I,000         I,000           Reale/Promotional Items         I         II         II         II         II         II           TOTAL SLISS AND TXX         I         II         II         II         II         II         II         II           Other Nuclear         I         II         II         II         II         II         II         II         II           Other Nuclear         I         II         II <t< th=""><th>13</th><th>SALES OF MERCHANDISE</th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th></t<>	13	SALES OF MERCHANDISE					
Apple Butter         Apple Butter         2,3398         1,800         4,800           Resale/Promotional tems         1         00         100         4,800           Resale/Promotional tems         1         00         100         100           TOTAL SALES AND TAX         1,4,100         11,072         15,900         4,900           OTHER INCOME         1         10,03         8,959         8,950         14,900           Property Fund/Headquarters Interest         1         10,038         15,640         8,950         8,950           Interest/Dividends         2         24,317         10,898         15,640         8,950         8,950           Interest/Dividends         2         24,317         10,898         15,640         9,560         8,950           Restricted Membership Fund         2         24,317         10,893         15,640         9,560         9,560           Membership Fund         2         23,310         15,633         15,640         9,560         9,560         9,560         9,560         9,560         9,560         9,560         9,560         9,560         9,560         9,560         9,560         9,560         9,560         9,560         9,561         9,560	14	Cookbooks	14,000	8,674	14,000	10,000	Sales Total for 2010, 1984, 1950
Recale/Promotional Items         100         100         100         100           TOTAL SALES AND TAX         14,100         1,072         15,900         1,4900           TOTAL SALES AND TAX         14,100         1,072         15,900         1,4900           Property Fund/Headquarters Interest         Restricted Membership         10,898         8,958         8,956         14,900           Property Fund/Headquarters Interest         Restricted Membership Fund         Restricted Membership Fund         10,898         15,650         9,560           Restricted Membership Fund         Restricted Membership Fund         2,4317         10,898         15,653         9,560           Restricted Membership Fund         Restricted Membership Fund         2,4317         10,898         15,653         9,560           Bust Tours         Restricted Membership Fund         Restricted Membership Fund         2,331         15,640         9,560           Bust Tours         Restricted Membership Fund         Restricted Membership Fund         2,331         15,640         9,560           Bust Tours         Restricted Membership Fund         Restricted Membership Fund         2,331         15,640         9,560           Bust Tours         Restricted Membership Fund         2,331         2,340         2,3	15	Apple Butter		2,398	1,800	4,800	1,200 Pint Jars at \$4 each
TOTAL SALES AND TAX         14,100         14,100         14,000         14,900	16	Resale/Promotional Items	100	0	100	100	Other sale items (coasters are only items still on books)
OTHER INCOME         Image: Construct of the construct of t	17	TOTAL SALES AND TAX	14,100	11.072	15,900	14,900	
OTHER INCOME         Image of the model         Image of the model         S,950         S,940         S,950							
Froperty Fund/Headquarters Interest         8,959         8,958         8,950         8,950           Interest/Dividends         2,4,317         10,898         15,655         9,560         8,956           Closed Grange Assets         1         10,898         15,640         95,943         95,943           Restricted Membership Fund         1         10,898         15,640         95,943         0           Membership Seals         1         10,000         0         10         0         0         0           Washington Trip         1         10,000         0         1,000         0 <th>18</th> <th>OTHER INCOME</th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th>	18	OTHER INCOME					
Interest/Dividends         24,317         10,898         15,655         9,560           Closed Grange Assets         1         15,893         15,640         95,963           Restricted Membership Fund         0         0         0         95,943           Restricted Membership Fund         1         0         15,640         95,660           Membership Fund         0         0         0         95,943           Membership Fund         0         1,000         417         500         450           Washington Trip         1,000         0         1,000         0         0           Washington Trip         1,000         0         1,000         1,000         4,500           Bus Tours         1,000         2,340         2,000         2,500         0           State Session Registration         2,000         2,500         4,500         2,500         0           State Session Registration         2,500         3,520         4,000         4,500         2,500           State Session Registration         2,000         2,500         3,520         4,000         2,500           State Session Registration         2,000         2,500         3,520         4,000         2	19	Property Fund/Headquarters Interest	8,959	8,958	8,940	8,950	Interest received from the investment representing the sale of the former Headquarters
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Washington Trip         Utility	23	Membership Seals	500	417	500	450	and income.
Bus Tours         Image: March Mar	24	Washington Trip	1,000	0	1,000	0	Income from people attending the Washington Fly-in
State Session Registration         1         2,000         2,500 <th2,500< th="">         2,500         <th2,500< <="" th=""><th>25</th><td>Bus Tours</td><td>1,000</td><td>0</td><td>1,000</td><td>0</td><td>Income from any other bus trips scheduled (not Fly-in)</td></th2,500<></th2,500<>	25	Bus Tours	1,000	0	1,000	0	Income from any other bus trips scheduled (not Fly-in)
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Family Festival         9,000         2,643         9,000         9,500         3,00         1,000         1,000         1,000         4,200         3,00         1,000	29	Legislative Day	0	0	•	0	Income for Grange Day
PA Grange News Ads         1,000         492         200         300         300         300         1,000         1,000         4,200         3,863         4,200         1,000         1,000         1,200         1,000         1,200 <th1,200< th=""> <th1,200< th=""> <t< th=""><th>30</th><th>Family Festival</th><th>000'6</th><th>2,643</th><th>000'6</th><th>9,500</th><th>Income for Family Festival including any Donations from Sponsors</th></t<></th1,200<></th1,200<>	30	Family Festival	000'6	2,643	000'6	9,500	Income for Family Festival including any Donations from Sponsors
4,100         4,204         3,863         4,200           0	31	PA Grange News Ads	1,000	492	200	300	Ads sold for PA Grange News - 6 issues
0         0	32	Vision Insurance and Service Fee	4,100	4,204	3,863	4,200	Vision Insurance Program (includes \$6 service fee)
0 12,887 0 0	33	Legislative	0	0	0	0	Grant monies received
	34	PPP Loan Forgiveness Loan	0	12,887	0	0	PPP Loan Forgiveness Loan - Pandemic Grant

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1		0202-6102	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget	Description
35	Miscellaneous Income	0	1,710	0	500	Credit Card Rewards
36	36 Grange Donation/ Disaster	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	This is a pass through account
37	Local Grange Fund	5.000	297,337	50,000	50,000	Income from Sale of Local Grange Property and Assets This is a pass-through account
38		100	2,311	1,000	1,000	Donations/commission & Misc (sometimes pass-through)
39	TOTAL OTHER INCOME	221,852	504,859	113,898	188,653	
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40	TOTAL INCOME	516,748	730,412	397,966	455,599	
	***EXPENDITURES					
41	Payroll	76,000	63,202	64,486	64,486	Gross Payroll — President - \$46,390 — Part-time Secretary-\$18,096
42	Taxes, benefits	18,250	12,059	13,200	13,200	Employer tax, Health Ins. Stipend, life ins payment, IRA
43	TOTAL EMPLOYEE	94,250	75,261	77,686	77,686	
44	GRANGE HEADQUARTERS					
45	Insurance	6,000	7,349	7,500	7,500	All Insurances other than health. Includes Workman's Comp
46	Spring Water & Soda	100	0	0	0	Includes all beverages, condiments
47	Repairs and Other	500	0	150	150	Repairs to office space
48	48 Rent Expense	35,000	37,548	35,000	37,500	to Linlo Properties. Lease expires July 31, 2022 with two-year renewal options
49	TOTAL HEADQUARTERS	41,600	44,897	42,650	45,150	
50	STATE SESSION					
51	Rooms/Food for Officers/Comm., etc.	23,400	12,867	19,000	19,000	Cost of rooms less Officer/comm. member req. cont.; Legislative; PR; Ofc. Sec., Asst. Ofc. Sec., Nationals Rep.
52	Pre-session Meetings	800	370	650	500	Committee discussion of resolutions as required
53	Session-Labor	300	300	300	300	Pay for Office Help at Session
54		700	341	300	300	Printing cost
55	Sixth Degree Expenses	500	0	50	0	Any expenses affiliated with Sixth Degree
56	56 Journal of Proceedings	150	0	0	0	Printing Cost
57	Flowers/Awards	300	45	100	50	As needed
58	Hosting Nat'l Rep.	500	156	500	500	Travel Expenses
59	59 Misc.	1,000	231	500	250	All other expenses
60	TOTAL STATE SESSION	27,650	14,308	21,400	20,900	
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5	63 Ag Progress Davs	1.800	505	2.000	1.500	Includes all expenses affiliated w/ events
64	Grange Week	200	0	0	•	Includes all expenses affiliated w/ Grange Week
65	65 Family Festival	000'6	9,786	000'6	9,500	Includes all expenses affiliated with Family Festival
66	66 Miscellaneous Promotions	250	0	200	250	Seminars and other events (Leadership)
57	TOTAL BROMADTIONIC	15 550	13,681	15.200	14.750	

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88	DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES					
69	Community Service	800	0	800	800	Deaf and Community Service Expenses
8	Junior Grange	800	318	800	800	Junior Grange Expenses
12	71 Youth/Young Adults	800	409	800	800	Youth Expenses
22	Family Activities	800	348	800	800	Family Activities Expenses
73	Lecturer	2,000	771	2,000	2,000	Lecturer Expenses
74	74 Historical Committee	500	200	500	500	Historical Committee Expenses
35	Executive Committee	5,000	1,818	3,000	2,000	Ex Comm Expenses Mileage and meals
76	76 Other State Officers	1,000	0	300	300	Mileage for all other Officers
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22	Membership Seals	500	441	500	450	נומו עם אין
78	78 Special Committee	100	•	100	100	Any expenses incurred by a Special Committee (i.e. Salary Committee)
20	79 Heritage Quilt Trail	750	750	750	750	Quilt Blocks and Signs for Heritage Quilt trail
80	TOTAL DEPART. & COMM.	13,050	5,354	10,350	6,300	_
81	HONORARIUMS					
82	Community Service	1,150	1,000	1,150	1,150	
83	83 Family Activities	1,150	1,000	1,150	1,150	
84	Lecturer	1,150	1,000	1,150	1,150	
85	Jr. Director	1,800	1,500	1,800	1,800	
86	Youth Director	1,800	1,500	1,800	1,800	
87	Treasurer	3,750	3,713	3,938	3,938	Salary Committee and Delegate Approved
88	88 Secretary	2,500	2,438	3,000	3,000	Salary Committee and Delegate Approved
8	TOTAL HONORARIUMS	13,300	12,150	13,988	13,988	
8	90 OFFICE EXPENSES					
91	Dues, Subs, Memberships	500	421	500	500	Newspaper Subs/Organization Dues/Memberships to other Organizations
92	92 Quarterly Reports	500	172	300	200	Mailing/Postage Outside Printing
93	93 Postage	2,000	2,037	2,000	2,200	Cookbook postage goes in and out of this account. In-house Postage
8	Office Supplies	3,000	1,833	2,750	2,250	All office supplies, paper, ink etc. & Cleaning supplies
95	Maintenance Agreements/Rentals	2,000	1,870	2,000	2,000	Postage Machine Rental
96	96 Equipment Repairs	100	0	100	100	Misc Equipment Repairs
97	97 Telephone	3,200	3,338	3,200	3,500	Telephone
98	98 Website	350	529	0	265	Website maintenance, hosting and email - 2020-2022
99	Computer Support	3,500	5,030	5,000	5,100	IT services/Membership Database Services (McDonald)
100	100 Computer updates	3,000	650	1,000	1,000	Software, cables etc. Computer purchases are listed as an asset
101	101 Bank Fees	250	32	50	50	Bank and Credit Card Fees
102	102 Copier lease	3,000	2,817	3,000	3,000	Copier lease (Leaf), Maint Agrmt; per copy (Quality Digital Ofc Solutions)
103	103 Copies	2,000	1,947	2,000	2,100	In-House Copies
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Local Grange Fund Transfer         5,000         266,519         266,519           Local Grange Fund Expenses         4,000         3,674         3,674           Vision Plan Expense         3,674         3,674         3,674           Vision Plan Expense         2,000         3,674         3,673           Vision Plan Expense         2,000         3,674         296,037           Vision Plan Expense         1,500         1,343         296,037           Payroll Services         1,500         1,343         296,037           Payroll Services         1,500         2,500         2,557         2,500           Payroll Services         1,500         2,4,050         2,4,050         2,537           Regal Counsel         2,500         2,4,050         2,4,050         2,4,050           Renbership PR Director         2,4,000         2,4,050         2,4,050         2,4,050           Renbership PR Director         2,4,000         2,4,050         2,4,050         2,4,050         2,4,050         2,4,050         2,4,050         2,4,050         2,4,050         2,4,050         2,4,050         2,4,050         2,4,050         2,4,050         2,4,050         2,4,050         2,4,050         2,4,050         2,4,050         2,4,050 <td>3,000</td> <td>2,601</td> <td>3,500</td> <td>2,600</td> <td>Any activity relating to Legislative activities</td>	3,000	2,601	3,500	2,600	Any activity relating to Legislative activities
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137 MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES					
6,428 6,156	6,428	6,156	6,528	6,200	Annual Assessment Fee - National Grange
139 National Grange Dues – Individual 68,292 64,631 69	68,292	64,631	69,622	65,000	4,596 Individual Members and 133 Youth

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		2019-2020	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget	Description
140	140 Associate and Affiliate Members	798	644	952	700	23 Associate; 24 Affiliate Members
141	141 Golden Sheaf Members	0	0	0	0	306 Golden Sheaf (Exempt from National Dues)
142	142 Family Plans	2,156	2,093	2,156	2,100	70 Family Plans; 228 Members
143	143 Lifetime Members	12,572	11,662	12,684	11,662	833 Lifetime Members
144	144 Sales Tax	1,200	685	1,400	1,400	Cookbooks and Lobbyist Sales Tax
145	5 TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS EXP.	91,446	85,871	93,342	87,062	
146	146 CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS					
147	147 Advocates	500	0	0	0	Expense related to a Advocate Conferences
148	148 Regional Leadership Meetings	1.000	0	1,000	1,000	Expense related to regional training meeting held by President/Membership Dir
149	149 Departmental Planning Meetings	1,000	0	009	1,000	Expenses incurred with Committee Planning Meetings
150	150 National Grange Conference - Delegates	4,000	600	1,000	1,000	Delegates Expenses for National Grange
151	151 National Grange Participants	1,250	1,200	1,000	1,500	Youth, Juniors and Talent Travel
152	152 Tours	1,000	0	1,000	0	See Line 25
153	153 Washington Bus Tour	1,000	0	1,000	0	Expenses affiliated with the Washington Fly-in, pass through line 24
154	4 TOTAL CONF/WORK	9,750	1,800	5,600	4,500	
155	155 DONATIONS/DISASTERS	1,000	2,593	1,000	1,000	Disasters Assistance
156	6 TOTAL EXPENSES	510,074	687,350	497,600	480,471	Total Expenses
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157	157 NET REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 6,674	\$ 43,063	\$ (99,634)	\$ (24,872)	
	State Grange Checking Account Current Bal. as of 8/27/2020	as of 8/27/2020	\$ 39,506.72			
	State Grange Savings Account Current Bal. of 08/27/2020	of 08/27/2020	\$ 124,351.85			
	State Grange Trust Fund		\$ 125,000.00			

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE** 

## SCHEDULES OF GRANGE FUNDS YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 AND 2019

CLOSED GRANGES	Date Closed	June 30, 2019 Balance	Interest Earned	Interest Paid Grange	Interest Paid State Grange	Additions/ Withdrawals	June 30, 2020 Ending Balance
Bedford - #619	September 2014	68,623.69	0.00		0.00		68,623.69
Boot Jack - 1680	August 2017	64,226.59	1,091.85		1,091.85		64,226.59
Briar Creek - #146	December 2017	36,303.61	617.16		617.16		36,303.61
Buffalo Valley # 520	December 2016	35,468.12	504.17		504.17		35,468.12
Carter Camp - #1563	August 2015	21,207.87	359.50		359.50		21,207.87
Community - # 1994	March 2012	0.00	20.70		20.70		0.00
Cross Creek Village - #1751	August 2012	35,000.00	315.00		315.00	(35,000.00)	0.00
Decatur - #1920	July 2017	2,329.03	0.00		0.00		2,329.03
Eureka - #816	November 2016	34,843.44	592.34		592.34		34,843.44
Fort Granville - #1902	August 2014	19,971.37	339.51		339.51		19,971.37
Friendship - #1232	August 2018	14,922.58	253.68		253.68		14,922.58
Green Grove - # 1955	August 2015	29,036.54	0.00		0.00		29,036.54
Henderson - #1315	August 2014	2,790.00	47.43		47.43		2,790.00
Lawrence - #533	May 2014	3,918.39	0.00		0.00		3,918.39
Lightstreet - #31	July 2012	74,421.91	0.00		0.00	(74,421.91)	0.00
Mahoning - #1732	March 2014	70.11	0.00		0.00		70.11
Mendon - #855	August 2012	1,927.54	17.35		17.35	(1,927.54)	0.00
Miller's Run - #2020	December 2012	45,543.87	0.00		0.00	(45,543.87)	0.00
Mountain - #567	July 2015	638.60	0.00		0.00		638.60
Mountain - # 1307	January 2018	20,197.42	343.36		343.36		20,197.42
North Woodbury -#1923	December 2017	24,489.95	416.33		416.33		24,489.95
Penn - #534	June 2019	24,119.06	428.20		428.20	1,454.14	25,573.20
Pine Run - #250	January 2015	7,090.00	120.53		120.53		7,090.00
Plum Creek Valley - #1702	April 2014	1,354.58	0.00		0.00		1,354.58
Reynoldsville - #1825	December 2015	3,555.36	60.44		60.44		3,555.36
Roaring Creek Valley - # 2041	December 2018	0.00	0.00		0.00	41,231.18	41,231.18
Rostraver - #919	June 2018	59,915.00	1,018.56		1,018.56		59,915.00
Shannondale - #1865	August 2015	43,830.99	745.13		745.13		43,830.99
Tamarack - #1388	August 2013	14,215.31	241.66		241.66		14,215.31
Valley - #52	July 2015	29,471.50	0.00		0.00		29,471.50
Valley - #1184	May 2016	57,490.16	977.33		977.33		57,490.16
Valley - #1420	March 2016	11,284.66	191.84		191.84		11,284.66
Wappasening - #188	August 2015	1,878.87	0.00		0.00		1,878.87
West Valley - #1760	June 2018	9,693.93	164.80		164.80		9,693.93
White Deer - #122	June 2018	31,304.32	382.76		382.76		31,304.32
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TOTAL CLOSED GRANGES		831,134.37	00101-010	0.00	00000010	(114,208.00)	716,926.37

Notes: (1) - Cross Creek Village, Lightstreet, Mendon & Miller's Run were forwarded to the PA State Grange after having been closed for 7 years. (2) - Roaring Creek Valley is new to the list.

# **PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE**

## SCHEDULES OF GRANGE FUNDS YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 AND 2019

ACTIVE	June 30, 2019	Interest	Interest	Interest Paid	Additions/	June 30, 2020
GRANGES	Balance	Earned	Paid Grange	State Grange	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
Atlantic - #344	11,755.00	317.38	307.87	9.51	0.00	11,755.00
Baileyville - #1991	36,742.34	992.04	962.29	29.75	0.00	36,742.34
Brandywine - #60	87,102.91	2,351.78	2,281.23	70.55	0.00	87,102.91
California - #941 (Northumberland - #218)	54,740.30	1,477.98	1,433.65	44.33	0.00	54,740.30
Carmichaels - #1380	60,975.00	1,646.32	1,596.94	49.38	0.00	60,975.00
Clearfield Pomona - #33	19,885.00	536.89	520.79	16.10	0.00	19,885.00
Cochranton - #2030	40,190.00	1,089.80	1,057.11	32.69	0.00	40,190.00
Community - #2048	18,290.00	493.83	479.02	14.81	0.00	18,290.00
Dawson - #419	92,465.84	2,496.58	2,421.69	74.89	0.00	92,465.84
Eagle - #1 (West Branch - #136)	9,542.41	991.65	961.91	29.74	(1,509.91)	8,032.50
Eagle - #1 (Bottle Run - #1301)	39,527.50	213.43	207.03	6.40	(30,000.00)	9,527.50
East Lynn - #1263	264,611.66	7,144.51	6,930.19	214.32	0.00	264,611.66
East New Castle - #1536	27,068.72	730.85	708.94	21.91	0.00	27,068.72
Edinboro - #947	52,813.45	1,415.13	1,372.68	42.45	(5,000.00)	47,813.45
Elk Creek - #997	34,000.00	918.00	890.46	27.54	0.00	34,000.00
Fulton - #66	78,879.98	2,129.76	2,065.88	63.88	0.00	78,879.98
Gibson - #798 (Harford #418)	17,600.00	475.20	460.95	14.25	0.00	17,600.00
Goshen - #121	23,988.50	647.69	628.27	19.42	0.00	23,988.50
Harmony - # 1692	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	110,354.00	110,354.00
Hartslog Valley - #375	35,640.00	962.28	933.43	28.85	0.00	35,640.00
Hayfield - #800	13,440.00	348.36	337.91	10.45	(1,340.00)	12,100.00
Hillcrest - #1674	5,926.15	160.01	155.22	4.79	0.00	5,926.15
Honeybrook - #1688	66,811.92	1,803.92	1,749.81	54.11	0.00	66,811.92
Kennett - #19	52,390.00	1,414.53	1,372.10	42.43	0.00	52,390.00
Kimberton - #1304	115,162.56	3,109.39	3,016.12	93.27	0.00	115,162.56
Laurel Point - #915	22,302.39	1,017.88	987.35	30.53	0.00	22,302.39
Laurel Point - #915 (Blanco - #2099)	15,396.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,396.82
Little Gap - #1882	19,700.00	531.90	515.95	15.95	0.00	19,700.00
London - #1492	57,540.75	1,553.60	1,507.00	46.60	0.00	57,540.75
London Grove - #63	45,470.00	1,165.39	1,130.43	34.96	(5,750.75)	39,719.25
Long Branch Comm #2072	28,413.00	735.16	713.09	22.07	0.00	28,413.00
Mahoning Valley - #1649 (Wilmington #1477)	59,427.87	1,604.55	1,556.43	48.12	0.00	59,427.87
Marion - #223	15,380.00	398.58	386.64	11.94	(1,540.00)	13,840.00
Marion - # 1853	0.00	453.71	440.10	13.61	29,590.00	29,590.00
Marshallton - #1394	41,310.00	1,115.37	1,081.91	33.46	0.00	41,310.00

ACTIVE GRANGES	June 30, 2019 Balance	Interest Earned	Interest Paid Grange	Interest Paid State Grange	Additions/ Withdrawals	June 30, 2020 Ending Balance
Menallen - #1091	79,425.00	2,144.47	2,080.15	64.32	0.00	79,425.00
Mt. Nebo - #1872	210,870.00	5,693.49	5,522.70	170.79	0.00	210,870.00
Ontelaunee - #1617 (Centerport #1600)	19,275.00	520.42	504.82	15.60	0.00	19,275.00
Perry Valley - #1804	119,150.00	3,278.84	3,180.48	98.36	(11,925.00)	107,225.00
Plainfield - #1727	34,878.00	941.70	913.46	28.24	0.00	34,878.00
Pleasant Hill - #1505	36,383.50	982.36	952.90	29.46	0.00	36,383.50
Pleasant Valley - #1643	38,717.53	1,045.38	1,014.03	31.35	0.00	38,717.53
Red Lion - #1781	221,004.63	5,967.12	5,788.11	179.01	100,000.00	321,004.63
Richland - # 1413 (Sandy Creek - #2021)	19,400.00	523.80	508.10	15.70	(1,940.00)	17,460.00
Ridgeview - #1948	33,082.50	893.23	866.44	26.79	0.00	33,082.50
Rural Valley - #1750	4,630.00	125.01	121.27	3.74	0.00	4,630.00
Russellville - #91 (Fernwood #1329)	3,000.00	81.00	78.57	2.43	0.00	3,000.00
Sanatoga - #25	31,500.00	850.50	824.99	25.51	0.00	31,500.00
Seipstown - #1657	182,930.00	4,487.83	4,353.20	134.63	(18,295.00)	164,635.00
Shavers Creek - #353 (Donation #330)	4,450.00	109.17	105.90	3.27	(445.00)	4,005.00
Shenango Township -#2057	74,126.55	2,001.42	1,941.39	60.03	0.00	74,126.55
Sinking Valley - #484	11,340.00	278.31	269.96	8.35	(1, 130.00)	10,210.00
South Buffalo - #1908	15,890.00	429.03	416.17	12.86	0.00	15,890.00
Spring Church - #1803	6,300.00	170.10	165.01	5.09	0.00	6,300.00
Star - #993	99,822.80	2,695.22	2,614.37	80.85	0.00	99,822.80
Stony Point Grange - #1694	24,463.84	643.19	623.89	19.30	(2,000.00)	22,463.84
Union City - #89 (Corry #55)	13,739.41	328.10	318.25	9.85	(2,426.00)	11,313.41
Unionville - #1971 (S. Rock # 1441)	5,055.00	136.48	132.39	4.09	0.00	5,055.00
Vernon - #936	26,018.93	702.52	681.46	21.06	0.00	26,018.93
Walker - #2007	31,535.02	851.45	825.92	25.53	0.00	31,535.02
Washington - #1949 (Battlefield #2063)	18,990.00	512.73	497.36	15.37	0.00	18,990.00
Wesley - #1675 (Sugar Creek # 1131)	2,920.62	78.86	76.51	2.35	0.00	2,920.62
Westfield - #1514 (N. Beaver #1646)	14,175.00	367.34	356.33	11.01	(1,420.00)	12,755.00
Wills - #1690	29,929.72	808.11	783.87	24.24	0.00	29,929.72
York Run - #1699	38,352.63	1,035.52	1,004.47	31.05	0.00	38,352.63
TOTAL ACTIVE GRANGES	3,015,845.75	81,126.15	78,692.86	2,433.29	155,222.34	3,171,068.09
PA State Grange Assets in Trust Fund	125,000.00	3,375.00		3,375.00	00.0	125,000.00
Grand Total for Trust Fund	3,140,845.75	84,501.15	78,692.86	5,808.29	155,222.34	3,296,068.09

Notes: (1) - Harmony and Marion 1853 are new to the list

## **REPORT OF SECRETARY**

Worthy State Master, Officers and Delegates of the Pennsylvania State Grange, I bring you greetings and wishes for a very successful 148<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange here in Erie, PA. Unfortunately, it will be a Session like no other, however, we still have a job to do.

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	41	50-years	45
10-years	19	55-years	27
15-years	10	60-years	26
20-years	3	65-years	21
25-years	44	70-years	20
30-years	27	75-years	4
35-years	10	80-years	1
40-years	17	85-years	1
45-years	11		

With what we have endured since March, I am thrilled to report that the total number of certificates recognized this year were 327, it is a decrease of 140 from last year; however, with Granges not meeting for months I feel it is still pretty good. I really appreciate the Secretaries who recognize your members, and would encourage you to continue. I would like to ask those Secretaries who <u>do not</u> recognize their members to please consider starting. 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	<ul> <li>Hilda Pflug, Big Knob #2008, Beaver County</li> <li>Donald Shaffer, Big Knob #2008, Beaver County</li> <li>E. Saunders Dixon, Goshen #121, Chester County</li> <li>Iva Books, Milford #773, Juniata County.</li> </ul>
80 years	—Lois Miller, Big Knob #2008, Beaver County

85-years — Helena Latshaw, Ontelaunee #1617, Berks County

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

In November, the Worthy State Master and I traveled to Minnesota as your National Grange Delegates. It is such a beautiful State. While there, our Grandson, Bryce Danko was named the National Grange Junior Ambassador. In January, we headed to the Farm Show and worked in the booth to talk to non-Grangers about the Grange! We sold lots of cookbooks, and were asked many times if we were going to bring out another cookbook. We were thrilled to be able to tell them we were working on a 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook!

In February, Bryce and I attended the National Grange Fly-in which was held in New Hampshire. New Hampshire has held the first Primary in the nation since 1920. We toured the New Hampshire State Capitol as well as Campaign Headquarters. We also visited the Millyard Museum which was a very interesting tour. Bryce especially enjoyed the antique fire trucks and rifles. Everything was so interesting and informative! We learned so much and had a great time! If you have never gone to the National Grange Fly-In, I definitely recommend that you consider going next year.

Family Festival—Centre County –Unfortunately this was cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

There were no fairs this year. It was hard on everyone as people kept saying to me, you must be relieved. Wayne and I didn't have the 1,200 Whoopie Pies to make or the 45 lb. barbeque and all the meat to be cooked off for Soups along with all the shopping to get all the supplies, etc., which is a lot of work; however, it is more enjoyable doing what we do for the community and the interaction we have with the community at the Food Stand.

On a brighter note, Grangers were able to do "Drive by" dinners and made out really well in some cases selling more than they would have with an inside dinner. There were also a lot of Community Service projects done by Grangers across the country. I have seen so many people willing to support their local non-profits as well as local businesses. I feel our communities have come to realize with the situation this year, how important having local businesses in your area.

I would like to thank Brittany Covey, Pennsylvania State Grange Office Secretary, for all her assistance this past year. She is a great asset to the Pennsylvania State Grange.

I would like to thank the 2020 Host Committee for inviting the Pennsylvania State Grange to hold the Annual Session in Erie, Erie County.

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

Fraternally Submitted, Debra Campbell Secretary

## **REPORT OF GATEKEEPER**

Worthy Master, fellow officers and delegates of the 148th annual Pennsylvania State Grange Convention,

My year began with the annual session in State College in October 2019 which was the first State Grange convention for Aurora. In November Denae, Aurora, and I travelled to Minnesota for the annual National Grange Convention as official representatives of the 2020 National Convention in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. We officially invited members to Valley Forge at the Celebration Banquet. This was also Aurora's first National Convention.

In December I attended three holiday events with three different Granges including, Keystone, Plumsteadville, and Elizabethtown.

January 2020 began with the Pennsylvania Farm Show and talking to the attendees at the Grange booth. We had our monthly 2020 National Session planning meeting on Zoom as well as a monthly Pennsylvania State Grange planning meeting via Zoom.

In mid-January we attended a Reading Royals hockey game with Berks County Youth and celebrated Aurora's first birthday. February was a great month for my home Grange, Keystone, where we held a Hail and Farewell event for one of our long-time members and former mayor of Trappe. This event drew in many community leaders and it was a positive to have so many dignitaries in our Grange hall. March began with a regional State Grange conference at Logan Grange which was well put together by the Lecturer's committee. This was a very informative and inspirational day spent with fellow Grange members. March is when it all began to fall apart. On March 13, Montgomery County went into lock down due to Corona virus concerns. Our Pomona and subordinate meetings were cancelled until further notice. The Mid Atlantic Regional Conference was cancelled and the remainder for the year became uncertain. The National Grange moved to online events with the weekly talent shows on Saturday evenings and the Pennsylvania Grange began weekly bingo nights. During the uncertain times the Grange persevered and moved online to fill the needs of its members. In April I held a National Grange Facebook Live event to provide updates for the upcoming National Session in Valley Forge. There was a lot of uncertainty with the pandemic and our future events. Then the annual Family Festival, Youth, and Junior camps were cancelled. Yet, the Grange persevered with a virtual Youth camp and a virtual Junior Camp where I was a "counselor" for virtual cabin 9. in August we attended the Virginville Grange 100th anniversary drive through event where we learned about the many wondrous things that Grange has done over the years. We soon found out that State and National Grange would be officer and delegates only. The 2 years of work on Valley Forge was lost but not forgotten.

Fraternally submitted Gene Zvarick Gatekeeper

## **REPORT OF CERES**

This past year has definitely been one to remember. As I am a college student, I was sent home from school early and had to finish the semester online and was unable to have a graduation. After attending State Session in October, I was able to continue to participate and attend Elizabethtown Grange's monthly meetings. I was able to help Pioneer Grange #1777, complete their Thanksgiving Potato Filling Sale making over 600 pounds of filling. I attended Elizabethtown Grange's annual Christmas party where we celebrated the Granger of the Year Mathew Espenshade, but also celebrated another year of family, friendship and community service. Due to COVID- 19 open houses were cancelled. I was unable to attend virtual Youth and Jr camp due to completing clinicals, however I heard it was a great way to connect with each other considering the circumstances. I look forward to a great State Session in October and look forward to seeing everyone in the upcoming year, fingers crossed we can all be together soon!

Fraternally, Hannah Leibensperger Ceres

#### **REPORT OF POMONA**

In my second year as State Pomona, I was unfortunately unable to attend many events due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Despite the pandemic, I was able to attend several Grange meetings in my county before everything was shut down. I was able to attend PA State Youth Camp and PA State Junior Camp virtually, which was quite a different experience but still very enjoyable for the campers. My daughter Savannah was also a "first-time camper" at State Junior Camp. After not seeing many Grangers since January, my husband Robert and I were very happy to attend Young Adults weekend in August near Harrisburg, PA. It was a great weekend full of fellowship with those who we missed. I look forward to this upcoming State Session in Erie, PA.

Fraternally, Jennifer Beamon Pomona

## **REPORT OF FLORA**

2019- 2020 has been a wild year for all of us Grangers. It has been Local, County, State, and National wide. But the big picture is worldwide.

September 2019 started out really well. I was in high gear getting ready for state session. While in that mode there were many functions here in the county and our Subordinate Grange. We took care of doing the judging of Family Activities projects to birthday dinner, All Granger Banquet, selling apple dumplings, leaf clean up, and getting ready for old man winter to set it. Somewhere in the midst of all of that, came state session in Centre County. Our session went very well. Resolutions went through without a hitch. The Sixth degree, which I am responsible for went very well. I wish to thank the Flora Court ladies for volunteering to assist with me. I had a great bunch of guys and gals to help set up the 6<sup>th</sup> degree court on stage and then tear it all down that same evening. With such shortness of time and the scheduling it seems we never have proper time to do some of the things that need done respectfully. However, we did take in 29 new Sixth degree candidates. This is the most since I have been State Flora. What a fulfilling feeling to see them get their rose and become one of us. Well done volunteers!!!

As the months after state session started to fly by, November, December, January, and February were all times to regroup and do your projects for Family Activities over the winter. However, to my dismay, I found myself going into the northwest corner of the state to help direct the correct way to close a Grange. Of course there were a lot of stumbling blocks to this one. I went from Warren Co. and to Crawford Co. a few times hoping each trip would be my last. But, by mid-March and the virus pandemic hit we were now doing much of this work from home. We were self-quarantined.

April came and we were on the move a little bit and back to Crawford Co. I went. Rundell's Grange had finally sold their building. Wow, that is one off of the list. Now we are on the road to Warren Co. again to see what happened to Brokenstraw Grange. Oh my, to my surprise they shut the building and left and it was a mess. I was with my husband who was in the lead on this one, we started taking stuff out of the building to sell because the neighbor was going to buy it. Wow, again that was great. From then we turned it over to our State President Wayne, who took over and got that deal closed. I hope I do not ever see that happen to another Grange Hall. It was depressing to see what was left after so many young people were excited to get it going in the community, but to many other things got in their way and Grange energy was no longer there.

Now COVID-19 hits us full force. We are basically on lock down in the state. I made it through the rest of winter keeping busy making things of the Grange to give for community service. I helped Dick on three much needed done projects amid my sewing articles for community service. I crocheted afghans, made two quilts, and a whole lot of wheelchair bags for nursing homes. Spring came and I got outside to do clean up after winter and it really felt good. Now we are moving into summer and our Grange is still not meeting because of the state mandates. Not much has changed this summer and August is here and still no Grange meetings. However, we have been doing things over the phone and keeping the people aware of what is happening. Now it is time to plan for state session. Well, it won't be like we are used to. A short version is being planned, I am looking forward to seeing some of you and doing some real business. Till then I will

pray that you all have been healthy and strong. We will get back to reality someday. I have learned a lot over this time and as my doctor quoted to me recently, "wear the masks" "it will not hurt you and it just may save your life." Stay well.

Fraternally yours, Virginia Mangel Flora

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

Worthy State Master, State Officers and Delegates: What a year this has been! I would like to thank all the officers and staff at the State Grange Office for their continued support during these unprecedented times. I would also like to thank my committee of Samantha Gourley Charmo, Jimmy Knoerdel, Judy Shupp, Ruth Vonada, and Grace Wadsworth Stauffer for their work, ideas, and support.

Last 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 also sent a check for \$250.00 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 (\$206.00) was added to this amount and the committee added in another \$32.25 to have a total monetary donation of \$300.00 going to Dogs for Better Lives this year.

In preparation for the Regional meetings this spring, the Community Service Committee decided to create a project to make appreciation bags for police officers or other community heroes. The initial goal was to do 200 bags at each conference. Due to the inconveniences of COVID-19 pandemic, as you know, we only were able to complete one regional meeting in early March. Ellen Wadsworth and Betsy Huber helped in completing bags and delivered them to Jennersville Hospital. Later in the summer, some youth and young adults assembled over 400 bags. These bags were dispersed across the southern and eastern side of Pennsylvania to community heroes.

In May the National Grange announced the Operation Graduation project. Following in their footsteps, we collected names of graduates from across Pennsylvania. We had 36 names that were gathered from juniors graduating Pre-K to adults graduating from certification programs and college degrees. Each graduate received a note and gift card to celebrate in a socially distanced manner.

This year was definitely not what we expected and it was disappointing not being able to complete all that we had planned. However, I know many wonderful things happened in your communities. Between members making face masks to Granges providing meals for essential staff, it was clear that you all were able to continue to make a difference in your communities.

As always, thank you to the Granges that have submitted their report form. 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!

Please be reminded that I would like you to e-mail <u>pagrange.dacs@gmail.com</u> when your Grange completes community projects. We 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 reach out to a member of the committee. 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.

Lastly, I have gone back to school to further my education and want to ensure that I am able to focus on my studies. With this change, I will be moving out of the role as Director of the Community Service and Deaf Activities Department. It has been a pleasure serving the Pennsylvania State Grange in this capacity. I look forward to assisting when able and continuing to take part in future community service projects.

Fraternally yours, Gail Switzer, Director

Committee Members— Samantha Gourley Charmo James Knoerdel Judy Shupp Ruth Vonada Grace Wadsworth Stauffer

## 2020 DEAF & COMMUNITY SERVICES CONTEST WINNERS

#### Granges with 25 or less members:

- 1 Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 2 Sinking Valley #484, Blair County
- 3 Harveys-Aleppo #1444, Greene County

#### Granges with 26-60 members:

1 – Wesley Grange #1675, Centre County Honorable Mention – Plumsteadville Grange #1738, Bucks County

#### Granges with 61 or more members:

1 – Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County
2 – Progress Grange #96, Centre County
3 – Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County
Honorable Mention – Logan Grange #109, Berks County
Honorable Mention – Valley Grange #1360, York County

#### **Pomona Granges**

1 – Beaver County Pomona Grange #66

2 – Centre County Pomona Grange #13

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

Worthy State Master, Worthy State Officers and Brothers and Sisters of the Grange. I would like to report that my committee and I had a great year. This is my fourth year as Director, I hope you found that things were better organized. Committee members are available to answer your questions, see contact information in the State Grange Directory.

On September 12, 2019 the Family Activities Department sent a letter to the State Master and Executive Committee asking if we could hold another quilt raffle. Family Activities was given permission to again have another quilt raffle. The committee and I will discuss new food contest for 2020 and new contests for 2021.

We will get the new small games of chance number for the tickets from the State Master, so tickets will be back before the Farm show in January. This year we sold 637 tickets at the Farm Show which was a very good start on ticket sales.

The theme for Family Fest was, "Survival on Grange Island". We were organizing the Family Activities dinner with youth on Friday night, getting the tour setup, and all of the good workshops we are going to have.

Then our Days went dark, we were told to stay at home everything was shut down, you work from home, kids did their school from home online. Everything was getting cancelled, all the events, fairs, dinners, vacations, camping trips, proms, graduations, baseball and football.

No Ag Progress Days this year, dates were August 11, 12, 13, it was online if anyone watched, but it was just not the same. Some things are coming back slowly just to stay safe and healthy. Let's think good thoughts for everything to be back next year.

Tickets had to be returned to me by October 3rd so we can draw tickets before State session, "WHY" you are asking? The State Master called me with a letter he received in the mail, stating the small games of chance number that the county it was from, ALL tickets must be drawn in that county. That is why tickets need to be back by the time we need them, we will be going to the State office to draw tickets so I hope everyone bought their tickets before the State session, as we will have no tickets to sell.

Merle and I were delegates for Centre County, Subordinate Grange Baileyville #1991. We set up two Quilts in the back of the room on one of the tables we were given to sit at. On one corner was the 2020 quilt for this year the other corner was next year's Quilt 2021 "Remember Me" and in the middle we laid the new quilt block pattern for 2021 "Purple Envelope" shades of purple and also the new 2021 Contest papers.

Family Activities had gotten a total of 19 prizes this year. Thank You for All the Sisters, Brothers and Granges that donated the prizes for this year's raffle.

#### 2020 FAMILY ACTIVITIES WINNERS WERE-

- 1. Quilt Kelli Briggs, Avella, PA
- 2. Christmas Door Hanger Bobbi Jo Solley, Edinburg, PA
- 3. Fall Door Hanger Central Grange #1216
- 4. Stainless Steel Tumblers Sheila Donmoyer, Annville, PA
- 5. Cashew Nuts JV Lamb, New Castle, PA
- 6. Crystal Holder w/Candle Mary Ann Haagen, Howard, PA
- 7. Crystal Bowl Amy Koenig, Germantown, PA
- 8. Subway Gift card w/ Candy Bar Mike Iannitelli, Phillipsburg, NJ
- 9. Gift Card #1 Dorothy Zahn, New Castle, PA
- 10. Gift Card #2 Grover Cleveland, Covington, PA
- 11. Fall Basket Central Grange #1650
- 12. Kitchen Basket Jeanette Finkle, Mill Creek, PA
- 13. Christmas Basket Patricia Bird, Bellefonte, PA
- 14. Fall Basket Central Grange #1650
- 15. PA Maple Syrup Lurae Benzio, Industry, PA

- 16. Fall Basket Phyllis Simmons, Fredericksburg, PA
- 17. Apple Butter Pomona Grange #63
- 18. Apple Butter Rachel Murphy, Lebanon, PA
- 19. PA Maple Syrup Mary Rucinski, Williamsport, PA
- 20. Gift Card w/ 2 Bottles of Hand Sanitizer Marjorie Brown, Liberty, PA

Hope you are all staying safe and healthy. Pray that we get together next year. I have added Karen Poorman and Isabella Boone to my committee.

Fraternally yours Melanie A Melius Director Family Activities Department

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 2020 Pennsylvania Grange State Session! I am going to echo many others when I comment on this past year and what did, or did not happen! There are lessons we have learned this year and perhaps the biggest one is to know that things can come to a screeching halt and turn things upside down for a while, but a good attitude, perseverance and faith will get us through! Although things were very different this year for the Junior Department, we were still able to do a few events and keep a few traditions alive, even if they were altered a bit. I could type paragraphs of the disappointment we've all had. I could share the sadness that we all felt when activities were cancelled. But that is not the way the Juniors operate. It's not the way Grangers operate, period. We look for the good. We find the positive. We make a few changes. We implore the help from others. We think outside the box and we keep marching forward. That is how I saw the year 2020 and how the Grange and the Junior members took on the roadblocks. My report will be shorter than in years past, but it is still full of passion for our Juniors, Faith in our future and love for all who support our youngest members.

Here are the details of our altered Junior Grange activities for 2020....

**PA FARM SHOW**: In early January, the Pennsylvania Farm Show comes to life in Harrisburg and all things Agriculture shines bright for a week. The Junior Grange Royalty always participates by attending the Opening Ceremony and helping in the Grange Booth. PA State Junior Grange Princess, Elisabeth Reich and PA State JG Prince, Bryce Danko represented the PA Juniors proudly during the Farm Show. They enjoyed the PA Preferred Reception on Friday evening. It was a chance to meet other commodities and PA dignitaries. It is also a great photo opportunity. On Saturday morning, Elisabeth and Bryce were part of the opening ceremony with the Youth Grange Ambassadors. They both enjoyed their time in the spotlight before heading "to work" in the various booths. Elisabeth is a Junior Member of Valley Grange #1360 who run the famous milkshake booths. She was on duty throughout the week working alongside her family and other Grange friends. Bryce was in and out of the Pennsylvania State Grange Booth throughout the week helping his grandparents, Wayne & Deb Campbell, as well as representing the Grange as a young member. **Royalty Trip** – Did not take place.

**PA County & State Camps** -Berks and Beaver County did not hold their camps this year. The 2020 PA Junior Grange State Camp DID happen - - - - VIRTUALLY! Thank goodness for technology and young people who embrace it all. When the decision was made to not hold camp in the normal way, I quickly turned my energy to how we can still have a camp for the Juniors. After consulting on a few ideas with my Junior Grange Committee, I set up an online registration to see how many would be interested. I was overwhelmed with the response. It wasn't long before I had over 35 Juniors signed up to attend a Virtual Camp. That number grew until it reached 79!! That is the most campers we have had in a very long time. I was very happy. There were also 18 Counselors who signed up to assist in the Virtual JG Camp. In the end, only 70 Juniors were able to participate in camp.

Camp began with a Facebook LIVE video from Log Cabin Grange located in Crawford County. One of my Committee members, Suann Johnson and her daughter Sadie along with my husband and I drove up on Sunday and were greeted by Ginny Straub, Joel & Christie Straub and their son Sawyer. They had a small campfire ready for us to cook some S'mores. Several of the Perseghetti children (who are members of Log Cabin Grange) arrived and helped to kick off the week of camp. Ginny Straub shared a Vesper Service and used her famous cookies as props and subject for her words of faith. The rest of the camp week consisted of Morning Emails with Daily Activities consisting of Crafts, Science Experiments, Cooking class and Community Service ideas. There were morning videos of a few Grange families providing the Flag Presentation and Pledge of Allegiance. Thank you to the Zug/Long Families, Reyburn family, Kehs Family, Patton Family for providing those videos. Each evening were events that the Campers could tune into to watch and participate in. On Monday, there was a camp song sing-a-long with Jen Beamon and Gail Switzer leading the way. Tuesday, we had a Fun Trivia Night with Committee member Tina Reich helping. Wednesday was Bingo Night and committee member Suann Johnson did the calling. On Thursday we had a Talent Night and 12 Juniors shared their musical, vocal or other talent with all of us who tuned in to watch. Friday Night we had a special video, a special Vesper service and we ended the night with Philip Vonada singing "Pass It On", a camp tradition on the last night. Saturday, we shared another Camp video created by Lindsay Schroeder.

It was decided to NOT have the PA Junior Grange Prince or Princess Contest this year. We felt that they would miss out on so many of the fun and education events that the Royalty would normally participate in throughout their reign. The new Royalty would miss out on Family Festival, the many Fairs that they can visit, State Session (including Junior Jam), and the Farm Show 2021; just to name a few. We look forward and we are hopeful that we can have the contest in 2021. The current Royalty of Elisabeth and Bryce will continue until then.

## **FAMILY FESTIVAL** – Did not take place.

Other Junior Grange news since the last Journal of Proceedings would be a new Jr Grange Committee member. I am happy to have Mrs. Tina Reich from Valley Grange #1360 as part of the crew. She has been a Grange member for several years and has 3 children who are enjoying the life as a Junior member. Her oldest daughter is the current PA Junior Grange Princess, Elisabeth Reich. I am happy to have the energy, ideas and passion that Tina shares with the group and with the Juniors.

On a sad note – I have a committee member who will be leaving the Group as of State Session but plans on still "helping out" whenever possible. Mr. Derek Schroeder has been on the Jr Grange Committee since I began this journey. He has been a wealth of knowledge to me and has given me so many insights on how to better myself and the position as JG Director. Derek has always offered to look at "the other side" of the situations and has been able to help the program move forward in many ways. I am going to miss his sense of humor (even though I don't always get it) and his willingness to do ANYTHING for the Juniors. He is a

Grange member who embodies all things Grange and is a wealth of knowledge, talent and gifts (even if he doesn't think he has them). Thank you, Derek, for your service on the Junior Grange Committee!

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 2021 brings to the Junior Program! Let's hope it is not virtual and we can hold all of our events in person!! Fingers crossed!!

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

Committee Members— Heather Druckennmiller Suann Johnson Tina Reich Derek Schroeder Derek Snyder Dina Zug

## **2020 STATE JUNIOR GRANGE CONTEST WINNERS**

#### **Pumpkin Decorating**

#### Age 5-9: Painted Category

1st- Travis Riegel, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County 2nd-Alyssa Bradford, Fairview Junior Grange #541, Beaver County 3rd- Sara Riegel, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County 4th-Daxter Irons, Watson Junior Grange #382, Warren County

#### Age 10-4: Painted Category

1st: Abby Dow, Fairview Junior Grange #541, Beaver County
2nd: Logan Eisenhower, Marion Junior Grange #344, Berks County
3rd: Tyler Parrish, Fairview Junior Grange #541, Beaver County
4th: Keila Meyers, Fairview Junior Grange #541, Beaver County

#### Age 5-9: Other (non-painted) Category

1st: Addison McGuire, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547
2nd: Gabriel Anzueto Estrada, Penns Valley Grange #158, Centre County
3rd: Aubrey Check, Watson Junior Grange #382, Warren County
4th: Kaleb Lindsay, Watson Junior Grange #382, Warren County

#### Age 10-14: Other (non-painted) Category

1st: Sadie Johnson, Hookstown Junior Grange #181, Beaver County 2nd: Madelyn Warham, Watson Junior Grange #382, Warren County 3rd: Allyson Spencer, Watson Junior Grange #382, Warren County 4th: Braden Thomson, Watson Junior Grange #382, Warren County

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

Worthy Master, National Officers, State Officers, Delegates and Guests: I don't even know how to begin to describe this past year. Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would live in a time where the whole country willingly shut down, travel stopped, people stayed home, and all because of an invisible virus. It still makes me wonder even now if people learned what is really important, how to talk with each other, and how important family is.

First, thank you to all of the Granges who sent in appeal money to the Youth and Young Adults Department. Even though our programming was severely reduced this year, your donations made it possible to do some different things over the year. We truly appreciate your kindness and generosity in a year where you may not have been able to fundraise or do activities yourself but yet you still donated to support the youth. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

#### **2019 NATIONAL GRANGE SESSION**

The youth of Pennsylvania started the year on a great note, beginning with the 2019 National Grange Session in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The following Pennsylvania youth participated in the National Youth Ambassador and the Outstanding Young Patron contests – Jodi Keith Kensinger. Lindsay Schroeder and Jodi Kensinger represented the Mid-Atlantic Region and Pennsylvania in the Youth Contest of Grange Baseball. Jodi Kensinger competed in the Code Reading contest this session. She placed 2nd in the Novice category. In addition, Lindsay Schroeder served the National Grange Session as photographer and Philip Vonada as one of the Communications Fellows during National Session. Jennifer Beamon represented Pennsylvania in the Evening of Excellence with her vocal talent. Youth and Young Adult attendance was lower this year than in the past, primarily because Pennsylvania was to host the National Grange Session in November 2020 and our Youth and Young Adults are/were heavily involved in the planning and planned execution of the event. Even though our numbers were few, Pennsylvania was well represented and we all can take pride in the accomplishments of these great youth and young adults!

#### FARM SHOW 2020

In January the Youth Ambassadors, Isabella Boone and Josh Mengel, and Outstanding Young Patrons, Derek Snyder and Braden Gourley attended the PA Preferred Reception on Friday evening and participated in the Opening Ceremonies with Braden Gourley giving the Time for Remembrance. For the rest of the afternoon the youth helped with the Grange booth and enjoyed the Farm Show activities.

#### YOUTH COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETING

The Youth and Young Adults Committee met at the end of January for an intense planning session. The committee brainstormed lots of great new ideas that would set 2020 apart in the record books. Unfortunately, due to the events of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the majority of those great plans are being pushed a year and will be introduced in 2021. Stay tuned!

#### PA REGIONAL LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

The PA State Lecturer organized three regional leadership meetings across the state throughout the Spring of 2020. Fortunately, one of those Leadership Conferences was able to take place on March 7th. The Youth Director and Lecturer co-hosted a workshop during this leadership conference on ways that we make our Granges unhospitable (sometimes unintentionally) and ways to make our Granges hospitable. Unfortunately, the other two conferences to be held later in the spring were cancelled.

#### MID-ATLANTIC LEADERS CONFERENCE

The Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference (MALC) was to be held in New Jersey, March 2020. For the Youth Department, it was the first casualty of COVID-19 Pandemic. Potomac #1 in Washington DC will be hosting

the MALC in 2021 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

2020 saw our 5th 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, however the weekend was postponed until late August and was much smaller and lower key than usual. We are looking for prospective locations for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Adults weekend in 2021. Look for more information on this event and many more across the state in the coming year.

#### **ROYALTY TRIP**

How sad it was to cancel the Royalty Trip and annual excursion to Hershey Park this year because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Happily, though, we do plan to go to the "Happiest Place on Earth" in 2021 with this same group of royalty.

#### PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE YOUTH CAMP

Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Camp could have been another casualty of COVID-19 Pandemic, however we planned two nights of virtual youth camp activities instead. Over 20 youth and young adults connected through Zoom each night. The youth and young adults participated in games, such as Trivia and Scavenger Hunts, learned some of the program updates and basically had a chance to visit with other youth online. As the decision to cancel in-person Youth Camp was made, we also decided to ask the current Youth Ambassadors and Young Patrons to continue in their honored position for another year. With the COVID-19 Pandemic closing many locations and cancelling many events, the Youth Ambassadors and Young Patrons would have missed out on half of their year of events. The Olympics 2020 theme for Youth Camp is now pushed to be the theme for Youth Camp 2021 and so are the real Olympics.

#### FAMILY FESTIVAL

Wait until you see what is in store for Family Festival 2021 from the Youth Department!!

#### PAINT NIGHT WITH THE YOUTH AND LECTURERS COMMITTEE

One of the virtual events held this year was a Paint Night on Zoom. The Lecturers Committee and Youth Committee co-hosted and conducted a virtual Paint Night. Over 30 individuals from across the country connected via Zoom and followed along as our Paint instructor led us to paint a sunflower on a canvas. Everyone enjoyed the event and the chance to do something different with friends. We will be planning another Paint Night in the fall.

#### YOUTH FAMILY PICNIC

Our annual picnic was cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions. We will return to holding our annual Youth and Young Adults Free Family Picnic in 2021.

#### STATE GRANGE SESSION

Sadly, there will be no Youth Officer Team this year at State Grange Session in Erie, PA. There will also be no in person contests. Instead, we have moved our popular Public Speaking contest online. The deadline to register is October 1<sup>st</sup> and the competition will be held virtually on 10 October. The contests that will be held virtually this year include: Public Speaking (all categories), Folding Display (now Grange Display) contest, Create a Button contest, and Grange Commercial Contest. The contests that will not be held in 2020 include: Start with a Cake Mix, Cupcake Decorating, Scrapbook Page, Recycled Craft, and Building Block Creation.

#### APPRECIATION

Thank you to my family and the awesome Youth Committee as our great plans for the year needed to be swiftly halted and changed to virtual events. You all were troopers and remained extremely flexible through all of the adjustments! The Youth Committee includes—

Lindsay Schroeder Matt Irons Robert and Jennifer Beamon Youth Ambassadors – Isabella Boone and Joshua Mengel (July 2019 – present) Young Patrons – 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 adult 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 Pennsylvania State Grange Youth and Young Adults Director

## 2020 YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS CONTEST WINNERS

#### Public Speaking

#### Prepared Speech (22-25)

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

#### Impromptu (22-35)

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

#### Radio Spot (22-35)

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

#### DIY Speech (22-35)

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

#### Grange Commercial

1 – Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County https://youtu.be/VgWfDVZ8rm0

#### Create a Button

- 1 Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 2 Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County

#### **Grange Display**

- 1 Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 2 Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks 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 148<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session reports the following:

Delegates representing 48 Subordinate Grange	83
Delegates representing 17 Pomona Grange	29
State Officers not Delegates	_5
Total number of Attendees	117

We want to thank the registration committee for their work.

Fraternally submitted, Kelly VanOrd, Chair, Warren County Credentials Committee

## **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, 2020 is \$1,281.94. In 2020, 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 Pennsylvania State Grange Junior and Youth Camps. The balance of this fund as of June 30, 2020 is \$9,900.13.

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, 2020 is \$86,039.55 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 Dori Kralj, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County – \$500.00 Maria Schall, Banner Grange #1115, Cambria County – \$500.00 Grace Wadsworth, Goshen Grange #121, Chester 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 Pennsylvania State Grange Office, made out to "Pennsylvania Grange Foundation Donation." Any amount is welcome!

During last fiscal year, it was decided to set up the opportunity to donate to the Friends of Eagle Grange, Quilt Blocks at the Farm Show and the RULE program.

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 Pennsylvania State Grange Foundation

## **REPORT OF THE HISTORY COMMITTEE**

#### **Executive Summary**

During the past year the History Committee completed microfilming (for permanent preservation) and digitizing (for easy access on the internet) important historical documents of the Pennsylvania State Grange. One of the unexpected results of the COVID-19 Pandemic was the extra time it afforded to the several committee members responsible for posting – one by one - all the digitized records on the State Grange website. Going forward, only newly generated documents will need to be filmed.

Two other areas of committee work continued to receive enthusiastic attention during the year. Many patrons supported the work, both financially and with volunteer labor, to renew the Eagle Grange Hall near Montgomery, PA as our Grange #1 approaches its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2021. That anniversary milestone will be the kick-off for the State Grange's sesquicentennial celebration extending from 2021 through 2023. COVID did restrict travel plans to continue video interviews with Grange leaders, but resuming this recording of oral histories will be done again just as soon as circumstances permit.

#### **Records Preservation**

Major accomplishments in records preservation include:

- Completed the final phase of work to microfilm/digitize State Grange documents with IMR Digital - 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
- Completed posting of Phase 3 documents to State Grange website in PDF format; visit <u>http://www.pagrange.org/history-committee.html</u>
- Updated on a regular basis the Charter Ledgers of all 2,111 Subordinate and 73 Pomona Granges organized in the state from 1871-present; available on the website in multiple formats (by Grange number, by county, by active Granges and by inactive Granges)

#### Renewal of Pennsylvania's First Grange

Substantial progress was made during the year with the renewal of Eagle Grange #1 in Lycoming County. Generous financial contributions from both individuals and other Granges plus the proceeds from the sale of some Grange owned real estate enabled the nearly \$40,000 renovation of the first floor so, for the first time since its opening in 1888, the Eagle Grange Hall is now handicapped accessible. Work completed with a combination of volunteer and contracted labor included: painting, new flooring, two larger restrooms, interior and external emergency lights, LED conversion of ceiling lights, new kitchen equipment, an ADA-

compliant entrance ramp, exterior landscaping and designated handicap parking space. Pictures of the work in progress and the finished result can be found at: <u>http://www.pagrange.org/pennsylvanias-first-grange---eagle-1.html</u>. Future goals include the replacement of more kitchen equipment, renovation of the second floor and possible installation of new HVAC systems.

Simultaneous with the property improvements, Eagle Grange has embarked on an ambitious schedule of educational programs, community service and fund-raising projects to raise its recognition in the local community. Growing the Grange is our ultimate goal!

#### Sesquicentennial Observance

As reported last year, the History Committee was appointed by our president to provide leadership for the observance of the State Grange's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Many hours of meetings, some in-person and later by Zoom, were held to brainstorm possibilities for celebrating this significant milestone. Preliminary plans now include:

- Kick-Off Saturday, April 17, 2021
  - **Open House/Brunch at Eagle Grange #1, Montgomery** 10 am-1 pm
  - Luncheon at Country Cupboard Restaurant & Shoppes, Lewisburg 1:30 pm with motivational speaker, "Passing the Grange Light" ceremony, recognition of Pennsylvania inductees into the National Grange Hall of Fame
- Light the Cake fund raiser seeking 150 persons or Granges to purchase one of the candles on the State Grange's birthday cake
- **150 Acts of Service** extraordinary service projects in every corner of Pennsylvania
- **Degree Exemplifications in full form** first and second degrees in 2021; third and fourth degrees in 2022, fifth and sixth degrees in 2023 (first four degrees' dependent on volunteers coming forth)
- **Sponsorships by Granges, individuals and companies** A very special thank you to Perry Valley Grange #1804, Perry County, for becoming our very first Diamond (\$5,000) Sponsor!
- Extended state session in Reading October 2023 including an anniversary banquet, historical pageant and conferrals of the Fifth & Sixth Degrees in full form

At last year's state session, the delegates adopted a resolution that removed the 2023 session from the usual hosting rotation by regions of the state and made this anniversary session the responsibility of all Granges. A major concern is raising the \$20,000+ estimated costs to fund the preliminary plans above. Our "Light the Cake" fund raiser was planned to be completed by the time of the 2020 session in Erie, but COVID-19 has delayed progress on selling all 150 candles. We ask that every Grange to support our fund-raising goals.

Pomona Grange presidents are being contacted with a request to appoint a Pomona coordinator for the anniversary. Communications from the State Grange will be directed to these coordinators with specific goals to get local Grangers involved. An important link in the chain of communications between the State and Pomona Granges will be the following regional anniversary coordinators:

- Northwest Region (Granges in Crawford, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango, and Warren Counties) Kelly VanOrd; <u>kvanord@verizon.net</u>; 814-484-7295
- Northcentral Region (Granges in Centre, Clearfield, Lycoming, Montour, Potter and Tioga Counties)

   Cheryl Miller; <u>miller.cheryl39@yahoo.com</u>; 814-355-1139
- Northeast Region (Granges in Bradford, Carbon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Northampton, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming Counties) Penny Carpenetti; <u>bpcarpy@icloud.com</u>; 570-878-4244
- **Southwest Region** (Granges in Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland Counties) Janet Fishovitz; <u>jfishovitz@gmail.com</u>; 724-494-5472

- **Southcentral Region** (*Granges in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Cumberland, Huntingdon, Juniata, Perry, Somerset and York Counties*) Krista Pontius; <u>kpontius@greenwoodsd.org</u>; 717-385-6015
- Southeast Region (Granges in Berks, Bucks, Chester, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, and Montgomery Counties) Gene & Denae Zvarick; <u>gazvarick@yahoo.com</u>; 484-663-3219

#### Miscellaneous On-Going Work

- Continue work to sort records, regalia, implements, etc. received at state office from closed Granges
- Expand the number of recorded oral history interviews with Grange leaders
- Continue work on details of 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities and the 2023 State Grange Session
- Encourage active Pomona and Subordinate Granges to consider having their records microfilmed
- Encourage more Granges to make use of the Grange History PowerPoint program available at no charge; speakers from the History Committee are also available

## Thank you for supporting the History Committee's work so the Grange story is not lost nor forgotten.

Fraternally submitted, Douglas A. Bonsall, Chair (Perry County) Steve & Karen Mohn (Berks County) Anna May Nauss & Jennifer Nauss (York County) Susan Tau (Crawford County)

## **REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANT**

Following are some of the highlights of Pennsylvania State Grange lobbying and advocacy for the 2019–2020 legislative session. It includes November 2019 through August 2020 following the State Session in October 2019. This report does not contain new issues added after August 24, 2020, testimony or comments to various committees such as House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee, House Consumer Affairs Committee, House Commerce Committee, Senate Communications & Technology Committee, etc.

## LEGISLATION ON WHICH THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE LOBBIED

#### AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

- Submitted testimony to the House and Senate Education Committees on the need to expand Broadband since students will be forced to learn remotely due to COVID-19.
- Supports HB 393 and HB 394 to establish online job resources for those seeking agricultural jobs as long as PDA has a formal seat at the table.

## AGRITOURISM (see RIGHT TO FARM)

- Supports HB 1348 that provides limited liability to farms engaging in agritourism or agrientertainment. Pennsylvania State Grange was able to attract other agricultural groups to join in support of this bill.
- Supports HB 1037 and SB 453 allowing for wedding barns to be exempted from the Uniform Construction Code.

#### BROADBAND

• Supported SR 47 directing the PA Joint State Legislative Commission to report to the General Assembly on policy options to bring about universal access to Broadband. *NOTE: Pennsylvania State Grange was the only member-based farm organization to sit on the Advisory Committee preparing the Broadband Report released summer 2020. (adopted by the Senate)* 

- Supports HB 2055 which gives municipalities the ability to become their own Internet Service Provider (ISP) if telecom companies are too slow in expanding high-speed Broadband to them.
- Supports SB 1118 and HB 2438 which make it easier for rural electric cooperatives to upgrade existing electrical lines to provide Broadband services, submitted testimony.
- Supports HB 2348 which converts an existing telecommunications tax credit to a matching fund program for Broadband expansion.
- Advocates minimal cell phone fee on cell phones similar to the 911 Fee on land line telephones as a way to provide funds for Broadband expansion. Legislation not yet introduced.
- Supports HB 1400 which eases obstacles for installation of small cell facilities on utility poles; submitted testimony to the House Consumer Affairs Committee.
- Supports HB 305 Inventory of state properties to see where there can be a cellular add-on in rural areas (such as fire towers).
- Broadband access was the top legislative priority for Pennsylvania State Grange. In January 2020, we held our third annual Broadband program at the Farm Show which attracted a crowd and considerable media attention.
- Working to get legislators to join the PA House Broadband Caucus.

## NOTE on Broadband:

Although a good track record, this is just the continuation toward 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 secondclass citizens without the advantages going to others in today's ever more technology-oriented world.

#### CAMPGROUNDS

• Supported SB 863 that gives campgrounds equal rights as hotels do when it comes to dealing with abusive customers. *NOTE: Pennsylvania State Grange worked with the Campground Owners Association of PA*. (now state law)

#### **COVID-19 CRISIS**

- Supported SB 841 that gave auto dealers the ability to use remote notarization during the COVID-19 state of emergency. (now state law)
- Supports SB 1097 and HB 1822 to make the remote notarization legal permanently. **NOTE:** Auto dealers were put at a disadvantage with other states, losing sales because other states could remotely notarize auto purchase documents while PA auto dealers could not.
- Supported numbers of bills that would have allowed early reopening of certain industries like garden centers, realtors, auto dealers, etc. Some of these were vetoed. Grange did work for an unsuccessful veto override on HB 2388 (allow auto dealers waived from business shut-down).

#### DAIRY

- Pennsylvania State Grange was represented on the PA Dairy Future Commission by member Dina Zug. She chaired the Markets subcommittee in this far-reaching report issued summer 2020.
- Supports HB 1223 that would create Keystone Dairy Opportunity Zones to attract regional investment in dairy processing facilities.
- Supports HB 1224 which seeks to expand PA's ability to charge premium to milk coming into PA.
- Supported HB 915 on milk hauling during emergency (and SB 588). (HB 915 was vetoed by the Governor.)
- Testified for continuance of PA Milk Marketing Board (PMMB) over-order premium

#### DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

- Opposes the Delaware River Basin Commission's overstepping their authority by proposing a regulation banning fracking in northeast PA, ignoring established PA state law. **NOTE:** Act 13 which already regulates natural gas development. The Delaware River Basin Commission seeks to ban any fracking in northeast PA. This should NOT be construed as a position on fracking. Rather, it is whether PA law can simply be ignored.
- Supports HB 829 which prohibits Delaware River Basin Commission from regulating on-lot septic systems since those are already regulated by the Dept. of Environmental Protection.

#### **ENVIRONMENT** (see STATE BORROWING)

• Opposes cap and trade legislation and specifically Governor Wolf's executive decision to include PA in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) which would have the power to punish PA energy generators.

#### FAIRS

• Supports SB 1182 that would mandate continued disbursements to County Fairs despite their forced closure due to COVID-19.

#### FEDERAL

- Urged USDA to allow whole milk as part of the Nutrition Guidelines and contacted PA congress people re the same.
- Contacted PA Senators regarding agriculture research funding in legislation before the U.S. Senate.
- Contacted PA congressional delegation to urge ratification of the US-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement.
- Met with U.S. Senator Casey staff re Broadband funding
- Met with USDA Rural Development Director re Broadband funding.
- Researched Federal aid to farmers for milk dumping due to COVID-19.

#### **GUN CONTROL**

• Opposes HB 2344 regarding ammunition purchase restrictions

#### HEALTH

- Opposes HB 2352 that would establish the False Claims Act in PA. **NOTE: Because the bill still** *punishes anyone who makes an unintentional mistake in a contract with the state and corrects, it, the Pennsylvania State Grange holds that rural hospitals and managed care companies having Medicaid contracts would be unfairly fined.*
- Supports SB 857 and HB 2454 that would regulate Telemedicine as an importance resource to rural PA providing that attention is paid to expanding access to high-speed Broadband.
- Informed sponsor of support of HB 2105 to mandate insurance coverage for hearing aids.
- Supported amendment to HB 2543 dealing with adequate personal protective devices for nursing home staff.
- Supports HB 1862 and SB 822 which prohibit surprise billing.

#### HUNGER

- Advocated doubling the PASS line item in the State Budget. This program provides fresh farm products to food banks in PA.
- At PDA request, contacted PA congressional delegation to support continuance of USDA waiver on some documentation for people to receive COVID-19 emergency food aid (TEFAP).
- Supports HR 872 which encourages food donations to food banks.

#### HUNTING

- Opposed SB 147 and was the only farm group which consistently opposed Sunday hunting. (Enacted into law despite Grange opposition)
- Supported HB 102 requiring school space for after-hours hunting training (now law)
- Unsuccessfully advanced the case that the Legislative Budget & Finance Committee should study the reasons for the decline in hunting licenses. Pennsylvania State Grange drafted legislation but it was not introduced.

#### JUDICIAL (TORT) REFORM (see Agritourism)

• Supports SB 1239 liability protection for businesses reopening after the COVID-19 shutdown; signed onto coalition letter to legislators

#### MARCELLUS SHALE ROYALTIES

• Advocated adoption of amendments to HB 247 that would require natural gas companies to give property owners the royalties specified in state law.

#### MEDIA LEGISLATION

• Opposes HB 355 which would give municipalities the option of posting legal notices on line instead of placing ads in newspaper. *NOTE: The Grange worked with PA newspapers association on this bill.* 

#### **PROPERTY TAXES**

• Supports legislation to exempt "historic agricultural buildings" from local property taxes. **NOTE: Drafted alternate property tax exemption bill for Grange halls – drafted but not introduced.** 

#### RETIREMENT

• Opposes HB 2021 and SB 862 that would establish a state retirement plan for small businesses. NOTE: It would mandatory for small businesses to participate. Employees would be automatically enrolled with premiums coming out of their paychecks although they could opt-out but the onus is on them to do so.

#### **RIGHT TO FARM**

• Supports HB 2093 which curtails unreasonable municipal restrictions on agritourism.

#### SEPTIC SYSTEMS

• Supported SB 1030 allowing property owners to have access to new (called) alternate septic systems *NOTE: DEP estimates that 26% of PA homes have septic systems*. (now state law)

#### STATE BUDGET

- Supports increased PDA budget. (now state law.)
- Worked to restore PDA line items such as hardwoods, ag research, ag exports & marketing, etc. that were cut in the Governor's 2020 State Budget proposal. (now state law.)
- Supported increased funding for Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences and Penn State Extension. *NOTE: enacted state law continues funding at current level.*
- Support continued funding for University of PA School of Veterinary Medicine. (now state law.)

#### STATE BUDGET BORROWING

• Opposes Governor Wolf's plan to deplete \$204 million in assets of the PA Racehorse Development Fund to create a scholarship program.

- Opposes Governor Wolf's Restore PA plan (HB 1585 and SB 725) which would borrow \$4.5 billion and repay the loan by a severance tax on natural gas extraction. *NOTE: Grange opposed because that assumes an adequate revenue stream to pay back the loan and the fact that Restore PA was misrepresented as solving the Broadband issue when it would be divided to fund a dozen different types of projects.*
- Registered opposition to the November 2019 taking of \$43 million from five Special (dedicated) Funds to fund general government operations of DEP. **NOTE: It was done since the General Assembly authorized it in the FY 2019-20 State Budget.**
- Opposed House Republican attempt to raid Special Funds (HB 2004)

#### TAXES

• Re MS4 (Rain Tax) supports SB 1026 re reduced farm Rain Tax for farmers and SR 339 and HR 874 asking Congress to repeal MS4.

## TRANSPORTATION

- Supported HB 37 to ban use of hand-held electronic devices by driver while car is in motion
- Supports SB 1041 regarding Sales Tax exemption on multi-purpose farm vehicles.

## **URBAN AGRICULTURE**

• USDA Farm Service Agency announcement of Philadelphia having a county ag committee: Info forwarded to Reps. Kinsey (D-Philadelphia), Sappey (D-Chester) DeLissio (D-Montgomery/Philadelphia), Burgos (D-Philadelphia)

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#### PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE RESOLUTIONS adopted by the GENERAL ASSEMBLY

• None in 2020

#### **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

- Thank you for serving to retiring legislators such as Reps. Murt (R-Montgomery), Barrar (R-Delaware), Readshaw (D-Allegheny), Tobash (R-Schuylkill), Turzai (R-Allegheny), Everett (R-Lycoming), and Senator Dinniman (D-Chester), etc.
- Distributed Christmas tree Peeps candies to legislators and staff (of minimum value)

#### MEMBER LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

#### Individual member legislative activity reduced significantly due to COVID-19.

- 2020 Grange Day on Hill not held due to COVID-19
- 2020 Grange Royalty visit to Harrisburg not held due to COVID-19
- 2020 Grange Family Days legislative/resolutions workshop not held due to COVID-19
- Presented in-district legislative access through tele-town halls and constituent district meetings, etc.:
  - Senator Dinniman (D-Chester)
  - Sens. Martin/Aument (R-Lancaster)
  - Senator Collett (D- Bucks/Montgomery)
  - Senator Mastriano (R-Franklin/Fulton)
  - Senator J. Ward (R-Blair)
  - Senator Yaw (R-Lycoming/Union/Sullivan)
  - Senator DiSanto (R-Dauphin/Perry)
  - Rep. Ecker (R-Adams)

- Rep. Grove (R-York)
- Rep. Otten (D-Chester)
- PA Budget & Finance Policy Center event showcasing Democratic legislative candidates in Lebanon, Dauphin, York, Cumberland Counties
- PDA Secretary Redding events
- U.S. Senator Toomey meeting in Delaware County

#### ISSUES ON WHICH THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE HAS WORKED but not since 2019 State Session

- (Consumer protection) What is 'Meat'? no activity because of inability to engage the PA Cattlemen Association on this issue.
- Drones limits and public safety no activity. Although Grange wrote draft legislation, prime sponsor has not taken action.
- (federal) Crop Insurance no "call to arms" issue at Federal level
- Supports prescription drug price transparency no real legislative/advancement shown on this issue.
- (rural telephone access) Supports continued support of land line services by the Universal Service Fund. Legislation not yet introduced since drafting is not finished by another association which is taking the lead on this issue
- (fertilizer) SB 915 waiting for advice from PA Landscape & Nursery Association which is taking lead on this issue.
- (Broadband) PA Farm Bureau led-coalition no activity at time of preparing this report.

## **REGULATORY WORK**

- (Agricultural Permits) Exempting certain Department of Environmental Protection public hearing requirements for agricultural permits such as biosolid application support.
- 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 (in state law).
- Active with Governor's Rural Development Council (observer participant)
- Active with PA Long-Term Care Council (observer participant)
- Submitted written comments on the PA Dept. of Aging Four-Year Plan on helping seniors receive long-term care services stressed need for Broadband for Telemedicine.

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

Media work for the Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania State Grange Magazine
- Monthly Lancaster Farming Grange Page (partial)
- Media release on Broadband (several) such as on legislative results on Broadband bills
- Media release on need to fund Office of Broadband Initiatives
- Media release on COVID-19 and self-reliance
- Media release on ending COVID-19 business shutdowns
- Follow up media on Grange Farm Show Broadband program
- Media release on distracted driving
- Media release on Ag Chair Mark Keller
- Media release on campground legislation

- Various opinion editorials on numerous topics such as Broadband, ratification of the US-Mexico-Canada Trade Accord
- Media release on State Budget funding for Agriculture programs
- Letters to the editor or comments on articles in numbers of publications such as AARP Bulletin and Rough Notes (insurance) about Telemedicine and Broadband; Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Central Penn Business Journal, Penn Live, Morning Call, The Center Square, Spotlight PA, various agricultural publications and more.

#### **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

Part of what the Legislative Director did was to identify grant resources and forward them to legislators whose constituent groups might have an interest. A partial list follows:

- Cultural funding grants to Senator Haywood, Reps. Kinsey, D. Williams (Philadelphia)
- Human trafficking grants to Senators Phillips-Hill (York) and Muth (Chester/Montgomery)
- Western PA Local COVID-19 grants to all Pittsburgh area Senators, Senators Brooks (Erie/Crawford/Mercer/Warren), DiSanto (Dauphin/Perry), Laughlin (Erie) and Reps. Roae (Crawford), Longietti (Mercer), Kim (Dauphin)
- Montgomery County/Phila. COVID-19 grants to Reps. DeLissio (Montgomery/Phila.) Boyle (Montgomery/Phila.), White (Phila.), Bradford (Montgomery), Ciresi (Montgomery)
- Athletic facility grants to Reps. Day (Lehigh/Berks), Samuelson (Northampton), Murt (Montgomery)
- Health Equity grants to Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine and Rep. Pashinski (Luzerne) and Frankel (Allegheny)

In addition, the Legislative Director discovered several grant programs including one for newspapers – forwarded to ag media list.

The Pennsylvania State Grange also provided information on grant workshops to National Grange, Reps. Snyder (D-Fayette/Greene/Washington), Cook (Fayette/Washington), and Sen. Stefano (Fayette/Somerset/Westmoreland).

#### ASSOCIATION WORK

The Legislative Director:

- Prepared numerous reports for Grange President and leadership on issues and legislation
- Drafted Resolution language on issues such as the US Postal Service funding issue
- Upcoming resource for 2020 Resolutions Committees' meeting
- Preparing administrative backup for state-required Lobbying Expenditure Quarterly Reports and calculation of state-mandated Sales Tax for direct lobbying expenditures
- Researched current Resolutions to determine which should be archived
- Updated and corrected Pennsylvania State Grange News newspaper distribution list
- Forwarded COVID-19 resources to Pennsylvania State Grange members
- Local library grants forwarded to Grange members
- Historic preservation grants forwarded to Grange members
- Senator Mensch's list of kids' activities for kids and parent to Grange membership
- Info on COVOD-19 food donations to Grange membership
- Speeches to Granges such as Washington County Pomona

#### MEMBER REQUESTED RESEARCH on (or FYIs to members with active interest in specific issues) such as:

- Daylight Savings Time legislation (several bills)
- Legalizing marijuana (HB 50 and SB 350)
- Broadband legislation (several bills)
- Curtailing fireworks use (repealing part of current fireworks law (SB 1227)
- MS4 also known as the Rain Tax (SB 1026, SR 339, HR 874)

- School funding issues
- Business shutdown COVID-19 order (several bills)
- Funding for PDA and Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences
- Donations of state property to municipalities
- Legislative briefings for Executive Committee members for their speeches
- How to get a Pennsylvania State Flag

Respectfully submitted, Vince Phillips, Pennsylvania State Grange Legislative Director 717-728-1217; FAX 717-232-7005 legislative@pagrange.org

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

When I addressed the delegate body in 2019 in State College, I mentioned the challenges that we faced in growing Grange membership. But never did I think our challenges would include a world pandemic! COVID-19 virus arrived, and we had strange, new challenges like staying at home; working from home, schooling at home, social distancing, wearing masks, and using lots of hand sanitizer.

Where do we start to discuss the beginning of "Stay at Home Orders" and the codes of Red, Yellow, and Green. The Pennsylvania State Grange immediately jumped into action for all news that was pertinent to COVID-19 and we shared it through social media, email blasts, Grange website, and newsletters to Grangers.

Fred Rogers of Mr. Roger's Neighborhood once shared with his viewers that when he was a young boy and he saw scary things happening, his mom would say, "look for the helpers, you will always find people helping." So, we looked, and we saw Grangers "in the thick of it" taking on challenges and developing creative ideas to serve! We are so proud of the many Grangers who embraced technology and continued to serve their communities during these challenging times. We saw donations, phone chains to check in on family, neighbors, and friends. Food distribution centers were set up, free meals to those who needed, and fundraisers turned into "drive through" events to raise money for those on the front lines.

The definitions of common words like Zoom, (to go fast), now means "electronic format for meetings at the touch of a button." Tweeting is not just for birds, but it is what we do when we send short messages on Twitter. Our "new normal" includes Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat in our everyday life as we continue to practice social distancing, working from home and interacting with our members. Members called asked about zoom conferencing, how to get the email blasts to their phones, we at the Grange office learned more about the technology on how to serve you the members so virtually. Meetings, events, programs, and social activities can be done virtually.

We need to continue to talk about Grange, ask others to attend our events, do fun things whether it is in person or virtual. The one thing that COVID-19 has done; it brings us back to the importance of family values. We are spending more time with each other; we are working on projects, cooking, crafting, playing games all came to the forefront. Don't be bashful to share about your Grange. Consider how your Grange can play a role in these types of activities.

This year has become more challenging, but we can still gather in small numbers inside or have more at outside functions. Think about ways to provide safe, fun, activities that your Grange can do and continue to share Grange with everyone whether in person or virtually!

I have put together a list of some of the things that I have been doing, if there is anything I can do for you please contact me.

#### January 2020

#### January 3 – 11

We started 2020 with participating in the PA Farm Show. It is a busy week with the PA preferred Reception, opening ceremonies, Legislative Luncheon Day, etc. The Farm Show brings a huge opportunity for engaging with the general public and sharing what the Grange does for us all. The Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail unveiled a permanent display of 100 wooden quilt blocks which are located in the Crossroads corridor beside the Main Exhibit Hall. The quilt trail provided additional opportunities as press coverage with interviews and news articles written about it. The Pennsylvania State Grange held 2 quilt trail programs on the Family Activities Stage to provide more information. Thursday the Pennsylvania State Grange held their Legislative meeting on Broadband. The week provided member leads, networking, cookbook sales and the introduction of Pennsylvania State Grange Apple Butter.

- January 13 Silver Spring Township Meeting (Re: reopening the Hogestown Grange)
- January 16 Meeting at Sheridan Press Hanover
- January 20 Roaring Creek Grange
- January 23 Dept. of Ag Quilt Block Unveiling
- January 27 CV School FFA Meeting (Hogestown Grange)
- January 28 Capital Grange Meeting

#### February 2020

The opportunity to attend the Legislative Fly-In in New Hampshire was a great learning experience in the way they handle politics and their election. We visited campaign headquarters, tours, and speakers at the New Hampshire State Capitol. Refer to the May/June 2020 PGN for an article on the Legislative Fly-In.

- February 3 Williams Grove Steam Engine Meeting (re: Quilt Block)
- February 4 Cornucopia at State Capitol
- February 11 Shermanata Grange Meeting
- February 20 9 am Friends of the Farm Show Board Meeting
  - 5:30 pm Hogestown Area Preservation Review Board Meeting
- February 24 25 Cleaned out Oden Grange

#### March 2020

- March 7 Regional Conference Workshop at Logan Grange in Centre County.
- March 10 Farm Show Committee Meeting
- March 11 CV FFA Board Meeting signed up 2 FFA members.
- March 19 Friends of Farm Show Board Meeting

#### April 2020

- April 7 Centre for Dairy Excellence Conference Call
- April 9 150<sup>th</sup> Cookbook Meeting
- April 15 1 pm Pennsylvania State Grange Facebook Live Event w/ Jody Bongiovi on how she runs her nonprofit, Heartstrings and the great work they are doing in their local communities.
- April 15 6 pm Pennsylvania State Grange 1st Virtual Bingo
- April 16 Friends of the Farm Show Board Meeting
- April 20 Pennsylvania State Grange Virtual Facebook Live Event/ Wayne Campbell and Brent Hales PSU Extension
- April 22 Pennsylvania State Grange Virtual Bingo

May 2020 May 3, 10, 17, 24 – Pennsylvania State Grange Virtual Bingo May 11 – USDA PA Community Prosperity Workshop May 14 – 150<sup>th</sup> Cookbook Meeting May 21 – Friends of Farm Show Board Meeting Virtual

June 2020 June 3, 10, 17, 24 – Pennsylvania State Grange Virtual Bingo June 11 – 150<sup>th</sup> Cookbook Meeting July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Pennsylvania State Grange Virtual Bingo

August 2020 August 9 – 12 – Virtual Ag Progress Days August 13 – 150<sup>th</sup> Cookbook Committee Meeting August 18 – PGN Committee Zoom Meeting August 5, 12, 19, 26 – Pennsylvania State Grange Virtual Bingo

We worked on providing the Heritage Quilt Trail virtually for Ag Progress Days and designed our Virtual Ag Progress Days Booth. I attended some of the virtual workshops on food preservation, listened to some keynote speakers, and toured the website for ag information.

Work has begun on the Virtual 2021 Farm Show. The Pennsylvania State Grange is working on being interactive with the attendees so we can share Grange information, sell cookbooks, and obtain leads for membership. We still have 2 more phases to the Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail at the Farm Show Complex but the COVID-19 Pandemic and adhering CDC Guidelines has halted some of these projects for this season. Glenn and Barb Gross delivered to the Friends of the Farm Show Board 12 additional quilt blocks that will be hung in the McClay Street lobby.

#### September 2020

September 1 – Virtual Program "Bees & Butterflies" presented by Kayla Fusselman 2018 American Honey Queen at American Beekeeping Federation and 4-H Program Assistant; Lucy Winn, 2020 PA Honey Queen, Sydnie Paulsrud, 2020 American Honey Princess. This program was recorded and can be found on the Pennsylvania State Grange Facebook page.

#### **Ongoing Functions:**

**PGN:** Research and discussions have been taking place throughout the year and how to produce the PGN at the Pennsylvania State Grange office.

**Subordinate/Pomona IRS 990's** – submitting 990's with different quarterly due dates throughout the year with most in the months of July, September and December.

**Weebly Website, Constant Contact, Facebook** are continually being updated. Email Blasts are done weekly. **PGN** membership articles, press releases, design/setup flyers, member calls/follow-up, and workshops. Membership workshops can be held virtually via Zoom, conference calls, etc.

Yours in Grange,

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## REPORT FOR THE PA GRANGE HERITAGE QUILT TRAIL COMMITTEE

As we entered the 11<sup>th</sup> year of the Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail exciting things were happening. Interest continued to be strong with Grangers and friends of the Grange as well as the PA Farm Show Complex. Many people wanted to paint their own quilt block for their homes and businesses. "Paint Your Own Quilt Block" workshops were scheduled across the state as well as at our annual Family Festival but unfortunately only two classes were held prior to the pandemic – one in Erie and another in Hickory Grange in the Dubois area.

The Pennsylvania State Grange surpassed their commitment of 100 Quilt Blocks for the PA Farm Show by presenting 108 Quilt Blocks (2' x 2') which have been permanently mounted in the Crossroads Hall next to the Main Exhibit Hall in the Farm Show Complex. Blocks were painted by Grange members and friends of the Grange from all across the state. We strived to have a variety of patterns and colors and the resulting display is "Awesome" with no two blocks the same! During the pandemic when we were quarantined in our homes, Glenn Gross painted another 12 Quilt Blocks (2' x 2') and donated them to PA Friends of the Farm Show to be placed in the Maclay Lobby which is open year-round. These blocks join the two 8' x 8' blocks that honor the 4-H and FFA programs and the 30' Quilting Display Case that highlights quilting from 1850 – 1950. If you are in the Harrisburg area feel free to enter the Maclay Lobby and view these displays. It is an impressive display created by the Pennsylvania State Grange.

Hopefully we will be able to hold the Paint Your Own Quilt Block workshops in the coming year. Classes 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.

The Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail Committee welcomes new members Kris and Denny McCloskey and Ben and Mary Ann Haagen joining Nettie and Irvin Kauffman and Glenn and Barbara Gross.

Work is ongoing on our Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail website to keep it up to date with current photos and locations of Quilt Blocks. Remember that the Pennsylvania State 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 and they will assist with your needs. Hopefully classes will soon be able to resume in various locations throughout the year for Grangers, Quilt Guilds, Arts Councils, community organizations and individuals. If you want a workshop or presentation in your area, give us a call and we will work with you!

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Gross, Chair Heritage Quilt Trail Committee 724-290-3783

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

#### **Resolution #1 — Food Donation Improvement Act Beaver County Pomona Grange #66**

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State and National Grange support the goals of the "Food Donation Improvement Act" and similar legislation to furnish additional liability protection to food donors who would meet the requirements of regulations established and monitored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to ensure quality and labeling standards.

# Resolution #2 — Livestock Slaughter/Processing

## Venango County Pomona Grange #57

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange urge the United States Department of Agriculture- USDA to review existing policy and provide opportunities allowing custom butchers to slaughter, package and sell animals from local farms to the local community for individual use without an Inspector on site.

## Resolution #3 — Reinstate Country of Origin (Cool) Labeling

## Berks County Pomona Grange #43

## Ontelaunee Grange #1617

**RESOLVED:** our Congressmen/Congresswomen should work with the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to require the Country of Origin as well as the Country of Processing on the labels of all meat products.

## Resolution #4 — Showing Projects at Fairs Lawrence County Pomona Grange #65

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange approach the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and request that they consider allowing young people to show their animals, home arts and general exhibits under the National Grange Fair Program Handbook in case the occasion arises where they are unable to show under 4-H or FFA. This would in no means replace either the 4-H or FFA programs, but instead would give the young people the option of finishing their projects by another means. Participation would be consistent within Public Health Policies.

## **REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE POLICY STATEMENT**

Worthy President, State Officers, Delegates, 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 the interests of our members.

The Pennsylvania State Grange is challenged each year with issues relating to food quality, straightforward advertising and fair marketing practices. The year 2020 has brought additional items to the attention of the AG Committee.

1. The COVD Pandemic has limited many Americans of a consistent source of quality foods due to processing, transportation and marketing logistics. The Pennsylvania State Grange fully supports the **Food Donation Improvement Act** limiting the liability of the donor of processed and Labeled foods and will encourage similar legislation to facilitate the donation of surplus foods either fresh or processed to those in need.

The Pennsylvania State Grange has policy dating back to 2003 asking that surplus commodities purchased by the federal government be donated to nonprofit organizations for distribution rather than to be sold and manipulate market prices.

- 2. The Pennsylvania State Grange supports and will encourage Legislation to enable custom butcher shops to purchase live animals and process for resale without the presence of an inspector. This effort would make possible the purchase of select cuts for families with limited budgets. The local independent meat producers have developed limited customer bases for whole, halves and quarters of beef. The capacities of large scale processors have fallen short of current demands for fresh and frozen meats and is expected to remain for the future. The Nebraska State Legislature has introduced a bill initiating this effort.
- 3. The Pennsylvania State Grange will continue to encourage additional regulations for **Country of Origin Labeling** to list production and processing origins for produce and meats both organic and non-organic.
- 4. The Pennsylvania State Grange will work with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture to provide "Fair" opportunities for young people, FFA and 4-H in Counties that are no longer active or have been disrupted by the lack of supervision using the National Grange Fair Program Handbook. This initiative is intended to work within the public health policies of the local county.
- 5. The Pennsylvania State Grange will support the actions of the Dairy Future Commission established by the Pennsylvania Legislature in regular session 2019-2020 as part of ACT 66. This Commission has a five-year implementation plan to help resolve issues at the farm, state, market and consumer levels.
- 6. The recent announcement of EPA and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture cooperating on the Chesapeake Bay Clean Up is a major step forward. This five-year plan to work as a team is an effort to help meet the goals mandated. The Pennsylvania State Grange encourages this action.
- 7. Local food systems are desired by many consumers, provide enhanced markets for producers, and aid food security. The Pennsylvania State Grange supports establishing and growing Local Food Systems.

2020 PA State Grange AG & Environmental Committee Jodi Keith-Kensinger John Courtney Stanley Reyburn James Huber, Chair

## **GOVERNMENTAL ISSUES**

## Resolution #5 — Game Commission Land

#### Berks County Pomona Grange #43

#### Berks County Agriculture – Legislative Committee

**RESOLVED:** that any land owned by the Game Commission that is taken out of cultivation be properly planted with non-invasive plant species, grasses or young trees to produce a proper habitat for wildlife and that the Game Commission be required to inhibit the growth of noxious weeds.

## Resolution #8 — Protection of Nursing Home Residents and Staff for COVID-19 Chester-Delaware Pomona Grange #3

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange support appropriate legislation to ensure that long term care facilities have sufficient access to personal protective equipment (PPE) and infectious disease testing for all staff and patients; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that daily, clear reports for long term care facilities on any infectious disease cases be made available to the public.

## Resolution #9 — Repeal of Fireworks Act of 2017 Chester-Delaware Pomona Grange #3

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange support any legislation to repeal or further restrict the consumer purchase and use of fireworks in order to protect vulnerable populations.

## Resolution #10 — School Bus Safety

#### **Chester-Delaware Pomona Grange #3**

**RESOLVED:** that Pennsylvania State Grange support a bill that advocates for using available exterior technology and reliable vision systems installed on the outside of school buses.

## Resolution #12 — Removal of Dead Trees along Roadways

**RESOLVED:** that the PA State Grange support legislation and/or regulations requiring the responsible authorities to proactively remove dead trees located along State and Municipal roadways; and be it further **RESOLVED:** that said entities be enabled to remove all branches and/or entire trees obstructing wires regardless of which utility or authority first responds to the initial report.

#### **Resolution #15** — Service Animal Certifications

#### Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County

**RESOLVED:** any animal that is used as a service animal must go through proper training and certification and owners must carry documentation to that effect when they bring the animal to a public place.

## Resolution #18 — Recreational Easements

#### **Government Issues Committee**

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange reaffirms property owners' rights to use their property as they choose in accordance with the law and this position be communicated to legislators and other policy makers should specific situations arise where these rights are compromised.

## **GOVERNMENT ISSUES COMMITTEE POLICY STATEMENT**

Worthy President Wayne Campbell, 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 President Campbell for his efforts in tirelessly promoting the policies of the Pennsylvania State Grange on local, commonwealth and national issues. The committee wishes to recognize and 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 our government decision makers. We would also like to thank Subordinate and Pomona Grangers who wrote resolutions to be considered to become policy of the Pennsylvania State Grange. The Committee reviewed 15 proposed resolutions, which were recommended for adoption as is or as amended, rejection, or found to be present policy. There are four resolutions the committee wishes to emphasize to the delegate body: #7, #8, #9, and #17.

- 1. The Pennsylvania State Grange very strongly supports the (Protection of Nursing Home Residents and Staff) (#7). It is a highly critical contemporary issue, which demands immediate legislative and executive corrective action, including accountability, for the extreme loss of life.
- 2. The Pennsylvania State Grange strongly supports the (Repeal of Fireworks Act of 2017) (#8). Legislative actions need to be implemented to repeal the Fireworks Act of 2017 and to correct the unintended issues and safety hazards it has created.
- 3. The Pennsylvania State Grange strongly supports (School Bus Safety) (#9). The installation of effective and reliable camera systems on school buses would greatly improve our children's safety by identifying lawbreakers.
- 4. Legislative and Executive action must be enacted to address what has become the most important issue affecting our country today, and within our collective memories (#17). Our farmers and rural communities have acutely and disproportionately felt the negative consequences of the COVID-19 crisis.

We would like to thank you for the opportunity and the privilege to serve on the committee.

Respectfully submitted, C. Arthur Zug, Juniata County Lynn A. Dietrich, Cumberland County Carol Ann Gregg, Mercer County George Gregg, Mercer County Carole Huber, Lancaster County Lizzie Bailey, Cumberland County

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Resolution #19 — Pomona Grange Password Potter County Pomona Grange #54 RESOLVED: that the National Grange establish a permanent password for Pomona.

#### Resolution #20 — 2023 State Grange Session Pennsylvania State Grange History Committee

**RESOLVED:** that in order to accommodate special events contemplated for the 2023 Pennsylvania State Grange 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the 2023 Pennsylvania State Grange annual meeting begin one day earlier than as in past years to begin on Thursday, October 19, 2023; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that if possible, business sessions be conducted and completed on Thursday, October 19, 2023 and Friday, October 20, 2023, thereby freeing the schedule on Saturday, October 21, 2023 for the anniversary celebration activities.

# Resolution #21— By-Law Change – Lifetime Membership 2020 Good of the Order Committee

**RESOLVED:** that the current section 1.10.7 be deleted as currently worded and replaced by the following:

"No new Lifetime Memberships are available as of 1/1/2020. The Lifetime memberships as of 12/31/2019 will continue to be honored by the Pennsylvania State Grange. The Secretary of the C/S Grange shall take a credit of one-fourth of the annual dues per Lifetime member on each quarterly report to the State Grange.

## Resolution #23 — National Grange Virtual Hall of Fame Pennsylvania State Grange History Committee

**RESOLVED:** that the National Grange remove the term "virtual" from the "National Grange Hall of Fame"; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that the National Grange more actively promote and publicize the Hall of Fame program by posting of recipient's brief biography and picture on the National Grange website; and be it further **RESOLVED:** in addition to putting the names on the website that a plaque be established with the names of recipient, state and year be hung in the National Grange headquarters to honor those individuals.

# Resolution #24 — Hosting & Funding of Future Pennsylvania State Grange Sessions Future State Session Committee

**RESOLVED**: that a statewide committee be appointed to serve in an advisory role to assist with the planning of the annual session.

Committee is recommending to try this for a few years before doing any mandatory funding. If this improves the ability of each of the three areas to host and obtain adequate funding an assessment would not be needed.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER POLICY STATEMENT

Worthy President, State Officers, and Delegates. Thank you for allowing us to serve on the Good of the Order committee again this year.

We welcomed Robert Beamon and Matthew Irons as new members of the Committee and acknowledge Gerald Pratt and Barbara Schroeder for their service to the Committee in past years.

As we anticipate kicking off activities celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the PA State Grange over the coming years, it is important to both commemorate our past achievements as well as look forward to the work yet before us to keep our legendary Order relevant going into the future. As such, we need to embrace change and "think outside the box" vs. "doing it the way we've always done it."

We realize that the COVID-19 Pandemic has affected us all in numerous ways, including cancellation of events which have included traditional fund-raisers for our local Granges. We admire the Granges that have taken steps to transform their traditional dinners, etc. into safe "drive thru" events, and encourage our local Granges to explore new or modified fundraising activities and share their successes with our fellow Granges through submissions to the PGN magazine and the periodical e-mails from the PA State Grange. For those Granges that have been unable to maintain upkeep of their halls during this time due to financial constraints, loans are available from the PA State Grange at favorable terms for this purpose during this time of crisis which shall eventually pass.

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. As such, we must focus less on what we have done in the past, and instead highlight what we are doing now (such as promoting Universal Broadband Access) and what we plan to do in the future, including involving other community members or organizations to join in mutual goals.

We would like to thank those who put forward well-written and thoughtful resolutions to all the Grange committees. Please remember when you are thinking about proposing resolutions - ask yourselves: "Is this something our organization should be involved in and why?" and "Is this present Grange policy?" Please take time to carefully consider these questions 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 at a full session in Valley Forge, PA.

Respectfully submitted, Jane D. Birk, Chair, Bucks County Janet Fishovitz, Beaver County Glenn Gross, Venango County Leonard Heim, Lehigh County Robert Pardoe, Northumberland County Robert Beamon, Berks County Matthew Irons, Warren County

## **FAMILY ISSUES**

## Resolution #25 — Pennsylvania No Fault Divorce Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County

**RESOLVED:** that when a couple divorces and one spouse has been arrested or convicted of a crime, the other spouse should be exempt from any costs related to the alleged crime and incurred by the arrested or convicted spouse.

# Resolution #26 — Chronic Pain Management

## Family Issues Committee

**RESOLVED:** The Pennsylvania State Grange urges the National Grange to support

- Research into identifying the causes of chronic pain especially in rural life
- National and state initiatives that encourage research and development of new pain relief therapies that avoid opioids and other addictive drugs
- Research into possible mitigation strategies through education, technology and other mechanisms
- Robust policy discussions and education about pain management among Grange members and their rural communities

## FAMILY ISSUES POLICY STATEMENT

Worthy Master, State Officers, and Delegates:

The members of the Family Issues Committee would like to extend our thanks to the Northwest Convention District (Crawford, Clarion, Erie, Elk, Forrest, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Venango, and Warren) for hosting this year's 148<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 COVID-19 Pandemic and its effect on the education of school-age children.

Schools provide so much more than academics to their students. In addition to teaching the core subjects of reading, writing, math, science, and social studies, the school setting is where children and adolescents learn social and emotional skills, get exercise, have access to mental health support, receive healthy meals, have access to the internet, and learn how to address social and racial injustices and inequalities. School is where disabled, or more properly named "other abled" students can receive an education that enhances their strengths and teaches them how to compensate for their areas of need. School is also the place where working parents can safely leave their children while they go about the business of earning a living to support their families.

The COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020 has upended all of our lives. It has particularly affected families with school-aged children. Parents have had to become teachers as their children participate in online learning platforms provided by school districts desperate to provide meaningful educational opportunities to the students they serve. The challenges these parents and school districts face are monumental. Access to reliable broadband service, unreliable or non-existent equipment, unfamiliarity with online learning platforms, and the frustration of trying to encourage active children to willingly engage in virtual activities are but a few of these trials. Low-income, minority, and rural children and adolescents are the most affected by the lack of reliable broadband service and access to the necessary equipment required for remote learning. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, one in five teens cannot complete schoolwork at home because they do not have a computer or internet connection.

Because being physically present in a school setting is so important to children and adolescents, the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Federation of Teachers, National Education Association, and the School Superintendents Association have jointly issued a statement supporting the SAFE return of children to in-person learning this school year. They recommend that "local school leaders, public health experts, educators, and parents must be at the center of decisions about how and when to reopen schools, taking into account the spread of COVID-19 in their communities and the capacities of school districts to adapt safety protocols to make in-person learning safe and feasible." They further state that "A one-size-fits-all approach is not appropriate for return to school decisions."

School districts in Pennsylvania have used a variety of creative approaches to reopening their schools. Some have reopened with complete in-person learning, placing numerous health and safety precautions in place. Others have instituted "hybrid" learning—a combination of in-person and virtual experiences so that the school has reduced attendance on any given day and the opportunity to deep clean the physical plant during the week. Some districts are offering only virtual learning for the first quarter or semester of the academic year, with the intent to physically open when the COVID outbreak in their area reaches lower numbers.

As schools do physically reopen and students return to classrooms, the Academy of Pediatrics recommends layers of protective actions to reduce the risk of spreading the COVID virus. Washing hands, social distancing, mask wearing, and frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces are the foundation of this safety plan. The cooperation of students, parents, school personnel, and the backing of the general public is essential in making the reopening of our schools successful.

The Family Issues Committee urges the members of the Pennsylvania State Grange, as taxpayers, to inform themselves of the ways in which their local school districts are responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic, to support parents and students as they navigate this difficult transition, to offer their expertise if asked to serve on committees or help, and to always respond with charity and kindness when decisions are being made, regardless of whether you agree or disagree with those decisions. We, as Grangers, can have a significant impact on the success or failure of our school districts, as they strive to return to in-person learning.

Respectfully submitted, Denise Claire, Berks County Pam Courtney, Mercer County Ben Haagen, Centre County Tammy Schaeffer, Berks County Donald Steeley, Bucks County Barbara Warden, Chair, Venango County

## COMPLETE RESOLUTION INDEX

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4	Showing Projects at Fairs	Agriculture & Envir Issues	Adopt as Amended
5	Game Commission Land	Governmental Issues	Adopt as Amended
6	Therapy Dogs, Service Dogs and Emotional Support Dogs	Governmental Issues	Present Policy
7	Preserving the USPS	Governmental Issues	Present Policy
8	Protection of Nursing Home Residents and Staff for COVID-19	Governmental Issues	Adopt as Amended
9	Repeal of Fireworks Act of 2017	Governmental Issues	Adopt
10	School Bus Safety	Governmental Issues	Adopt as Amended
11	USPS	Governmental Issues	Present Policy
12	Removal of Dead Trees along Roadways	Governmental Issues	Adopt
13	Supporting the US Postal Service	Governmental Issues	Present Policy
14	Vehicle Safety	Governmental Issues	Reject
15	Service Animal Certifications	Governmental Issues	Adopt as Amended
16	Public Pensions Debt	Governmental Issues	Reject
17	COVID-19	Governmental Issues	Reject
18	Recreational Easements	Governmental Issues	Adopt as Amended
19	Pomona Grange Password	Good of the Order	Adopt as Amended
20	2023 State Grange Session	Good of the Order	Adopt as Amended
21	By-Law Change – Lifetime Membership	Good of the Order	Adopt as Amended
22	2020 Grange Grant Application during a pandemic	Good of the Order	Reject
23	National Grange Virtual Hall of Fame	Good of the Order	Adopt as Amended
24	Hosting & Funding of Future Pennsylvania State Grange Sessions	Good of the Order	Adopt as Amended
25	Pennsylvania No Fault Divorce	Family Issues	Adopt as Amended
26	Chronic Pain Management	Family Issues	Adopt

## Annual Sessions of the Pennsylvania State Grange

	Location	<b>Opening Date</b>
1	Harrisburg	January 7, 1874
2	Williamsport	January 5, 1875
3	Lancaster	December 14, 1875
4	Meadville	December 12, 1875
5	Hollidaysburg	December 11, 1876
6	Bellefonte	December 10, 1878
7	Bloomsburg	December 9, 1879
8	Greensburg	December 14, 1880
9	Harrisburg	December 13, 1881
10	Williamsport	December 12, 1882
11	Harrisburg	December 11, 1883
12	Harrisburg	December 9, 1884
13	Harrisburg	December 8, 1885
14	Harrisburg	December 14, 1886
15	Harrisburg	December 13, 1887
16	Harrisburg	December 11, 1888
17	Harrisburg	December 10, 1889
18	Harrisburg	December 9, 1890
19	Harrisburg	December 8, 1891
20	Harrisburg	December 13, 1892
21	Harrisburg	December 12, 1893
22	Harrisburg	December 11, 1894
23	Williamsport	December 10, 1895
24	Altoona	December 8, 1896
25	Harrisburg	November 9, 1897
26	Williamsport	December 13, 1898
27	Lock Haven	December 12, 1899
28	Lock Haven	December 11, 1900
29	Johnstown	December 10, 1901
30	Clearfield	December 9, 1902
31	Wilkes-Barre	December 8, 1903
32	Erie	December 13, 1904
33	Sunbury	December 12, 1905
34	DuBois	December 11, 1906
35	West Chester	December 10, 1907
36	Altoona	December 8, 1908
37	State College	December 21, 1909
38	Butler	December 13, 1910
39	Scranton	December 12, 1911
40	Clearfield	December 10, 1912
41	Reading	December 9, 1913
42	Meadville	December 8, 1914
43	State College	December 21, 1915
44	Philadelphia	December 12, 1916
45	Williamsport	December 11, 1917
46	Tyrone	December 10, 1918
47	Pittsburgh	December 9, 1919
48	Allentown	December 14, 1920

	Location	<b>Opening Date</b>
49	York	December 13, 1921
50	Williamsport	December 12, 1922
51	Pittsburgh	November 12, 1922
52	Reading	December 9, 1924
53	Johnstown	December 8, 1925
55 54	Lancaster	December 14, 1926
55	Erie	December 13, 1927
56	Williamsport	December 11, 1928
50 57	Indiana	December 10, 1928
57 58	Pottsville	December 9, 1929
58 59	DuBois	
60		December 8, 1930
60 61	Williamsport Johnstown	December 13, 1932
		December 12, 1933
62 62	Hershey	December 11, 1934
63	New Castle	December 10, 1935
64	Altoona	December 8, 1936
65	Harrisburg	November 8, 1937
66	Washington	December 13, 1938
67	Chambersburg	December 12, 1939
68	Wilkes-Barre	December 10, 1940
69	Uniontown	December 9, 1941
70	Harrisburg	December 8, 1942
71	Williamsport	December 14, 1943
72	Harrisburg	December 12, 1944
73	Clearfield	December 11, 1945
74	Wilkes-Barre	October 22, 1946
75	New Castle	October 28, 1947
76	Reading	October 26, 1948
77	Kane	October 25, 1949
78	York	October 24, 1950
79	Butler	October 23, 1951
80	Allentown	October 28, 1952
81	Williamsport	October 27, 1953
82	Washington	October 26, 1954
83	Scranton	October 25, 1955
84	Erie	October 23, 1956
85	Reading	October 22, 1957
86	Clearfield	October 28, 1958
87	Bedford	October 26, 1959
88	Harrisburg	October 24, 1960
89	Washington	October 23, 1961
90	Reading	October 22, 1962
91	Erie	October 21, 1963
92	Wellsboro	October 26, 1964
93	Allentown	October 25, 1965
94	New Castle	October 24, 1966
95	Gettysburg	October 23, 1967
96	Butler	October 22, 1968
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	<b>Location</b>	<b>Opening Date</b>
97	Lewistown	October 28, 1969
98	Meadville	October 27, 1970
99	Somerset	October 26, 1971
100	Williamsport	October 23, 1972
101	Reading	October 22, 1973
102	Washington	October 28, 1974
103	Lancaster	October 27, 1975
104	Sharon	October 25, 1976
105	Danville	October 24, 1977
106	Butler	October 23, 1978
107	Williamsport	October 22, 1979
108	Lewistown	October 27, 1980
109	Altoona	October 26, 1981
110	Harrisburg	October 25, 1982
111	Clearfield	October 24, 1983
112	Gettysburg	October 22, 1984
113	Warren	October 27, 1985
114	Reading	October 26, 1986
115	Butler	October 26, 1987
116	Allentown	October 24, 1988
117	Uniontown	October 22, 1989
118	West Chester	October 21, 1990
119	Altoona	October 28, 1991
120	Williamsport	October 26, 1992
121	Clarion	October 24, 1993
122	Carlisle	October 23, 1994

	<b>Location</b>	<b>Opening Date</b>
123	West Middlesex	October 23, 1995
124	Warren	October 28, 1996
125	Reading	October 27, 1997
126	Meadville	October 24, 1998
127	Allentown	October 23, 1999
128	Carlisle	October 21, 2000
129	Altoona	October 20, 2001
130	Washington	October 25, 2002
131	Exton	October 25, 2003
132	Harrisburg	October 23, 2004
133	West Middlesex	October 22, 2005
134	Reading	October 21, 2006
135	Williamsport	October 6, 2007
136	Lancaster	October17, 2008
137	Johnstown	October 17, 2009
138	West Middlesex	October 16, 2010
139	Harrisburg	October 15, 2011
140	Butler	October 20, 2012
141	State College	October 19, 2013
142	Reading	October 18, 2014
143	Warren	October 17, 2015
144	Shippensburg	October 21, 2016
145	Scranton	October 20, 2017
146	CranberryTownship	October 19, 2018
147	State College	October 25, 2019
148	Erie	October 16, 2020