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# ROLL OF HONOR

Past Masters

of the

Pennsylvania State Grange

Organized September 18, 1873 at Reading, Pennsylvania

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

# **PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE OFFICERS 2020-2021**

PRESIDENT/MASTER	WAYNE CAMPBELL
VICE-PRESIDENT/OVERSEER	RICHARD MANGEL
LECTURER	JENNIFER NAUSS
STEWARD	ANDREW KIEFFER
ASSISTANT STEWARD	ROBERT KLECKNER III
LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD	LORENA BAUGHMAN
CHAPLAIN	JODI KEITH-KENSINGER
TREASURER	HENRY SEIDEL
SECRETARY	DEBRA CAMPBELL
GATEKEEPER	GENE ZVARICK
CERES	HANNAH LEIBENSBERGER
POMONA	JENNIFER BEAMON
FLORA	VIRGINIA MANGEL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	DR. JAMES DIAMOND – 2017 – 2021 JANET PRATT – 2018 – 2022 BARBARA SCHROEDER – 2019-2023 RUTH VONADA – 2020 - 2024

## **STANDING COMMITTEES 2021 STATE SESSION**

### **Agriculture & Environmental Issues**

James Huber, Chair – Lancaster County  
John Courtney – Mercer County  
Carol Ann Gregg – Mercer 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  
George Gregg – Mercer County  
Carole Huber – Lancaster County

### **Good of the Order**

Jane Birk, Chair – Bucks County  
Robert Beamon – Berks County  
Janet Fishovitz – Beaver County  
Leonard Heim – Lehigh County  
Matthew Irons – Warren County  
Robert Pardoe – Northumberland County

### **Family Issues**

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

### **Credentials**

Barbara Schroeder, Berks County  
Derek Schroeder, Berks County

### **Sixth Degree**

Denise Clare, Berks County  
Anna Heffner, Berks County

# PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE 149<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SESSION SCHEDULE

## Thursday, October 14

1:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
1:00 pm	Exhibit Rooms set-up
4:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Convention Registration
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Exhibit Entries Accepted
7:30 pm	State Officer Rehearsal

## Friday, October 15

Committee Meetings at their discretion

8:00 am – 6:30 pm	Convention Registration
8:00 am – 10:30 am	Exhibit Entries Accepted
9:00 am	OFFICIAL OPENING
12:00 pm	Luncheon (General and Past Officer Luncheon)
1:00 pm	Judging of Exhibits
1:45 pm	Session Reconvenes
	Suggestions for Officers
	Two-minute comments for candidates
5:30 pm	Dinner Recess
6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Quilts of Valor Presentation
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Exhibits Rooms Open
7:30 pm	Presentation of the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degrees
9:30 pm	Youth Officers Rehearsal

## Saturday, October 16

8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Convention Registration (Registration will have someone “on call” the rest of the day)
9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Exhibits Rooms Open
8:30 am	Session opens with Youth Officers
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Junior Jam Registration *Depending on Jam Schedule*
11:30 am	Additional Suggestions and Election of Officers
12:00 pm	Youth Luncheon
2:00 pm	Session Reconvenes
5:30 pm	Dinner Recess
7:00 pm	Conferral of Sixth Degree
8:00 pm	Installation of Officers
	Closing of Session
	Foundation Scholarship Auction
TBD	Youth party

## Sunday, October 17

8:00 am	Church Service
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Junior Grange Meeting/Degree
10:00 am – 11:30 am	Pick-Up All Exhibits
10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Sign-A-Song & Public Speaking
12:30 pm	Milk Punch Reception
1:00 pm	All Granger Banquet



**MINUTES OF THE 149<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNUAL PA STATE GRANGE SESSION**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021**

1. The 149<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania State Grange Annual Session officially opened in the Sixth Degree on Friday October 15, 2021 at 9:00 am in the Valley Forge Casino Resort, King of Prussia, PA with President Wayne Campbell presiding. There was no opening drill due to the size of the stage.
2. Sister Rachel Bailey, Director of Deaf and Community Service thanked everyone for their community service as we are changing lives. The committee is collecting donations for the Good Samaritan Homeless Shelter. Sister Bailey announced the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners for the Community Service Awards. All contest winners will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
3. Roll call found all officers present. Sister Doris Evans served as the pianist for the session.
4. President Campbell lowered to the Fourth Degree.
5. Sister Jenn Nauss presented a candle lighting service in celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Grange with the State Officers.

Since its founding, the Grange has understood the importance of leadership skills – both in expecting the most of its current leaders to developing these skills in future leaders. The founders recognized the importance of nurturing leaders and of sharing the burden of responsibility fairly among officers.

When the time came to name the new organization, the founders decided to use a term that Oliver Hudson Kelley had read in a novel – “Grange”. “Grange” referred to old English farm estate, which the founders thought was an appropriate reference for their new agricultural fraternity. When determining how to assign leadership responsibilities, they used titles and positions which were found on those old farm estates. Although officer titles have been modernized in many Granges, the leadership structure established by the founders has remained unchanged – 13 officers (plus an executive committee in many Granges). Responsibility for leading the Grange is shared by these 13 individuals who have clearly defined roles within the organization.

From the beginning, the founders realized that responsibility and power needed to be shared. They also urged that leaders take these roles seriously. In fact, the Declaration of Purposes states this in the section titled, “The Office Should Seek the Man, and Not the Man the Office”. “We desire a proper equality, equity, and fairness; protection for the weak; restraint upon the strong; in short, justly distributed burdens and justly distributed power”.

The Grange has long sought to instill these ideals in its members, providing leadership training to current officers, as well as to Youth and Junior members. No matter what level of the Grange, the quality of the organization relies on the quality of its leaders. True leaders do more than attend a monthly meeting and don a sash. Those most effective officers are those that lead the way – and work alongside – their members. This is no easy feat, but worth the effort. In the Secretary’s charge in the 4th Degree, the secretary instructs new members, “In our fraternity there is work for all and those reap the most abundant harvest of Grange benefits who contribute most liberally of their own time and talent.”

As the Grange in Pennsylvania celebrates 150 years, it is critical that officers in all Granges step forward to lead their members through the difficult waters of change – to celebrate the

achievements of the last 150 years and identify how the Grange can move forward toward the next 150 years. The accomplishments of the past are worthy of recognition, but they do not light our way to find new ways to be relevant and serve our communities. Our leaders have the potential to be that light, leading our Granges into the future – if they are up for the challenge.

As Former CEO of General Electric, Jack Welch, once said, “A leader's job is to look into the future and see the organization, not as it is, but as it should be.” Let this 150th Anniversary be the fuel to spark our enthusiasm to find that light – and be that light – in our Granges.

6. Honored guests recognized were Betsy Huber, National Grange President and Past Pennsylvania State Grange President and National Grange Representative. A prerecorded recording was played at this time. President Huber encouraged everyone to attend the National Regionals. She recommends everyone attend the 154<sup>th</sup> National Grange Session in the Great Plains Region.

President Campbell called Sister Mary Jane Kent and Sister Marty Dinsmore to the stage. President Huber recognized Harveys Aleppo Grange #1444 for being a Distinguished Grange in 2019. National Grange also recognized the Kent family in the Grange Legacy Families program through six generations within the Grange.

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

7. Brother Terry Murray, Co-Chair of the 2021 Host Committee, welcomed everyone to King of Prussia, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania State Grange Session was hosted by the South Eastern Region. Brother Murray introduced his committee. Brother Michael Adams is also a Co-Chair.
8. President Campbell announced the meeting will be recorded for Minutes taking purposes only.
9. President Campbell appointed Brother Michael Martin as Session Parliamentarian.
10. Sister Jodi Keith-Kensinger gave us devotions titled “Unlucky but blessed at the same time”. Sister Kensinger then read the scripture Jeremiah 17:7-8 and Psalm 20:4, where we are all blessed if we look to God with our desires. We must trust God in every aspect in our lives. It’s a good thing to be a Granger.
11. There will be a 2-minute limit on all discussions. However, for the National Headquarters discussion this may be a little more lenient.
12. Sixth Degree Committee Sister Denise Clare Berks County and Sister Anna Heffner Berks County.
13. Appointment of Session Committees—Credentials—Barbara Schroeder, Berks County, and Derek Schroeder, Berks County. Sister Schroeder gave a partial report of the Credential’s Committee as follows:

87 Delegates and 53 Subordinate Granges and  
36 Delegates and 22 Pomona Granges represented at this time.

With a total of 134 Delegates present at this time. President Campbell confirmed that we do have a quorum and can proceed with our work.



14. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the official schedule of the 149<sup>th</sup> PA State Grange Session with corrections, motion carried.**

15. Brother Michael Martin, Chair of the Salary Committee presented their report. Serving on the committee were, Barbara Warden, Jacob Mengel and Henry Seidel, ex officio.

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

16. President Campbell presented the highlights from his Annual President's Address discussing the purchase of the new Pennsylvania State Grange Office. It was accepted and the full report will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
17. Brother Andrew Kieffer, State Grange Steward stated, that when you speak you must give your name, Grange and County. He also announced that you need to turn your phones to vibrate. If he hears your phone, it will cost you \$10.00.
18. Sister Nauss, State Grange Lecturer gave a short report and announced winners for reports and scrapbooks for the Lecturer's Department. She also introduced her committee members. All contest winners will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
19. Brother Henry Seidel, State Grange Treasurer, presented highlights from his report. Brother Seidel referred to the letter from Hamilton and Musser stating that the review has been completed. His report was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

Brother Seidel then presented the budget for information only; the budget will be voted on at Saturday's session. The Budget can be voted on after 11:00 am; this will have allowed it to lay over the required 24 hours.

20. President Campbell introduced Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding. He is a former Dean of the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences at Delaware Valley University formerly Delaware Valley College. Secretary Redding has spent more than 20 years representing Pennsylvania agriculture as a public servant in Harrisburg and Washington D.C. A native Pennsylvanian, Redding grew up on his family's dairy farm and now operates a general crop farm in Gettysburg with his family. He is a graduate of Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences.

Secretary Redding thanked the Delegate body for all their work. We all look at things differently than we used to. He's very proud of what Agriculture did in the past year and half. Helped make people know the importance of where our food comes from and how important farmers are. Thank you to the Grange for your voice and what you do. You do have a voice!

One issue the Department of Agricultural is dealing with is deer herds, the number of deer herds in Pennsylvania have greatly increased. This increases the risk of CWD and the ability to control it more difficult.

21. Sister Jane Birk, Chair of the Good of the Order Committee presented the following resolutions because "Our State Grange Bylaws" state in paragraph 1.14.2 any proposal to amend these By-Laws shall be submitted in writing, including the recommended language for the change, and reported upon by the Committee on By-Laws one full day before being brought to the floor for a vote of the delegates.

Resolution #24 addresses changing section 1.8.1 to read 6 regions instead of the current 8 regions.

Resolution #25 addresses the description of family.

Resolution #26 addresses the Community Grange dues.

22. Sister Lizzie Bailey, Public Relations/Membership Consultant presented her report. It's been a long 15 months. Sister Bailey was stunned how the Granges prospered during the Pandemic. Power of Grangers stepped up assisting the community.

Sister Bailey was very excited with Family Festival. She had a marketing meeting. What worked in your Grange and what didn't? A Junior Granger, Elsa, attending the workshop stated she wanted more things with animals and more things with her friends.

Sister Bailey offered to come to your Grange or be on Zoom. Just reach out to her for assistance. Sister Bailey's report was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

23. Discussion on National Grange Headquarters with President Huber. National Grange has owned the building for 61 years. The building needs a lot of work. Things are not up to code. They have fixed the boiler, air conditioning, redid the conference room, but there are many more things that need to be repaired.

However, the location may not always be the best place with things that are happening at the Nations White House.

What happens if the Government uses eminent domain and just takes the building? Planning ahead with two attorneys in case the Government does use eminent domain on the location and building.

24. Door Prizes were given by the Host Committee.
25. Session recessed for lunch at 12:04 PM.
26. President Campbell stated that all candidates will be limited to two minutes. President Campbell then asked for suggestions for State Officers. Those suggested were:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Names Suggested</u>	<u>County</u>
Executive Committee	Kenneth Merritt	York
	Tony Fishovitz	Beaver
	Clay Snyder	Venango
	Dr. James Diamond	Bucks

27. President Campbell requested that Jennifer Beamon (Pomona), Virginia Mangel (Flora) and Hannah Leibensperger (Ceres) recognize all the Past Officers that were present.
28. President Campbell and National President Betsy Huber continued the discussion on what to do with the National Grange Headquarter building.

**A motion was made and seconded for Pennsylvania's Delegates to vote to sell the National Grange Headquarters, motion carried.**

29. Brother Douglas Bonsall, Chairman of the History Committee presented their report and some things the History Committee has been working on. Their concern is to “preserve” the records of the Pennsylvania State Grange. Since the records from the past have been preserved, the History Committee is working on preserving the future.

150 Acts of Service – please report your acts of service you do to the History Committee.

Next year they will be seeking major Sponsors. Passed out papers to all in attendance asking for the Delegates to write one word of what you believe is the main purpose of the Grange today.

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

30. President Campbell introduced Carrie Nace, Legislative Consultant. She presented the resolutions to be archived.

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the Archive Resolution list that was submitted by Carrie Nace to be archived, motion carried.**

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

**A motion was made and seconded that Resolution #2 – “Where’s the Beef” should be separated into two different resolutions, motion carried.**

Resolution #2 “Where’s the Beef” was sent back to committee to rewrite Resolution #2 and present into two different resolutions.

**A motion was made and seconded that the Resolution #3 – “Milk and Gen Youth” be rejected in its entirety because the information is incorrect, motion carried.**

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

**A motion was made and seconded to add “and encourage and promote basic AED operation training,” at the end of the resolve for Resolution #7 “AED Tax Credits”, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to remove “be it further resolved” and combine the two resolves in Resolution #8 “Dormancy Fees for Bank Account in Minor’s Names”, motion carried.**

**A motion to the amendment from the Government Committee was made and seconded to add the words “and invasive species” to the end of the resolve to Resolution No. 11 “Poison Hemlock”, motion carried.**

**A motion to amend the revised motion to strike the words “noxious weeds and invasive species” be removed and add poison hemlock, motion carried.** The resolve now reads –

RESOLVED: that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Local Pennsylvania Townships and Municipalities, be encouraged to engage in a higher level of priority in their efforts to eradicate poison hemlock.

**A motion was made and seconded in Resolution #12 “Permanent Daylight Savings” to put a period after the word round and remove the words “if the United States Congress permits states to do so”, motion failed.**

**A motion was made and seconded on Resolution #14 “Priority Postal Delivery of Living Organisms (such as chicks and bees)” to strike the word “entity” and the word “over” and add Postal Regulatory Commission and the Postmaster General to direct”, motion carried**

**A motion was made and seconded to put a period after priority and strike the words “in the postal delivery system”, motion carried.** The resolve now reads—

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange join with the National Grange to lobby the Postal Regulatory Commission and the Postmaster General to direct the U.S. Postal Service to make timely delivery of living organisms (such as chicks and bees) and other time-sensitive shipments be made a priority.

33. Door Prizes were given by the Host Committee.
34. **A motion was made to change the Session Agenda to move the Quilts of Valor from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm and the First and Second Degrees to follow, motion carried.**
35. Robert Beamon and Janet Fishovitz presented Resolution #16. Committee recommended “other action” to allow the Delegate body to make a decision.

**A motion was made and seconded to accept Resolution #16 – “Youth and Junior Funding Assessment” as written, motion carried.**

Chairperson Jane Birk, Chair of the Good of the Order Committee presented some of their committee resolutions.

**A motion was made and seconded that Resolution #19 “National Grange Theme” be rejected as originally submitted, motion carried.**

36. President Campbell called for a recess for dinner and will resume at 7:00 pm with the Quilts of Valor, with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degrees following.
37. The evening program started with the presentation of Quilts of Valor. Five quilts were presented to the following: Ray Davis, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County; Bernie Downey, Eagle Grange #1 and Allegheny Grange #1843, Lycoming County; Thomas Kehs Russellville Grange #91, Chester County; Norm Shaffer, Cumberland Valley Grange #2104, Cumberland County and David Wadsworth, Goshen Grange #121, Chester County. A very impressive program honoring these veterans for their service to their country and their fellow man. We thank you for your service.
38. The first and second degrees were presented by Valley Grange #1360. It was a beautiful, impressive and an excellent presentation.
39. Junior Grange Director Philip Vonada introduced Sadie Johnson and Harvey Reyburn, the 2021-2022 Junior Grange Ambassadors.

Sadie Johnson has been a Junior Granger since the age of five. She is a member of Hookstown Junior Grange in Beaver County. She attends South Side High School and is in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Sadie feels that it would be beneficial if the Grange would reach out to other organizations and give them more information of, who we are and what we can do for them and the impact that we have on agriculture.

Harvey Reyburn is a member of Russellville Junior Grange 550 in Chester County. He is in the marching band and concert band in school. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 44 where he is a Patrol Leader. Through the Grange he has learned of some of the issues farmers face. One of the major issues of Agriculture today is that food is falsely advertised. For example, please explain to me how you milk an almond. Harvey thinks the Grange should advocate on educating people on the importance of good quality real fresh food. The Grange should continue to support young people who are interested in agriculture because this will help agriculture get the support they need.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021**

40. The second day of the 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange opened in the Fourth Degree at 8:30 AM in the Valley Forge Casino Resort, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania with an opening drill by the 2021 Youth Officers:
- a. President – Gail Switzer, Berks County
  - b. Overseer – Evy Zaleski, Centre County
  - c. Lecturer – Desira Rickenbach, Berks County
  - d. Steward – Derek Snyder, York County
  - e. Assistant Steward – Ashlan Smith, Lancaster County
  - f. Assistant Steward – Autumn Tworkoski, Berks County
  - g. Secretary – Rob Beamon, Berks County
  - h. Treasurer – Kay Reyburn, Chester County
  - i. Chaplain – Owen Stemko, Berks County
  - j. Gatekeeper – Daniel Wilkins, Cumberland County
  - k. Ceres – Elizabeth Reich, Lancaster County
  - l. Pomona – Lexus Johnson, Beaver County
  - m. Flora – Isabella Boone, Centre County
  - n. Executive Committee – Isaac Mengel, Berks County
  - o. Executive Committee – Lindsay Schroeder, Berks County
  - p. Executive Committee – Hannah Leibensperger, Berks County
41. Sister Ellen Wadsworth congratulated the Youth on such an outstanding drill and opening Saturday of the 149<sup>th</sup> State Grange Session. Sister Wadsworth stated that the 2022-2023 program guide is out. Some of the new contests are – Chili Cookoff on Friday evening and a Corn Hole Contest on Friday and Saturday at Family Festival.
- Sister Wadsworth’s report in its entirety will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
42. Sister Gail Switzer declared the Grange at ease while the State Officers took over their offices. President Campbell called session back to order.
43. Sister Jodi Keith-Kensinger, State Grange Chaplain talked about being a pumpkin in God’s pumpkin patch. He makes us clean, puts a new face on us and a light in our hearts, Sister Kensinger referenced verses—

John 5:16  
2 Corinthians 5:17  
Romans 6:16  
Psalm 71:23  
Matthew 5:17

Become the light of the world through God's light.

44. The minutes of Friday's Session were read and approved with corrections.
45. Sister Jane Birk, Chair of the Good of the Order Committee continued presenting their resolutions.
46. Brother Huber, Chair of the Agricultural & Environmental & Issues Committee continued presenting their resolutions.

**A motion was made and seconded to remove the words "on the carbon footprint" on Resolution #2 "Where's the Beef", motion rejected.**

**A motion was made and seconded to insert "of reducing" and removing the word "on" in Resolution #2 "Where's the Beef", motion failed.**

**A motion was made and seconded to the amendment to add the words "support studies" and removing the word "works" in "Where's the Beef", motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to reject Resolution #2 "Where's the Beef" as it was written, motion carried.**

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the policy statement of the Agricultural & Environmental Issues Committee, motion carried.**

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

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

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

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

**A motion was made and seconded to reject the entire policy statement of the Family Issues Committee; motion failed.**

**A motion was made and seconded to remove everything but the last paragraph, motion carried. A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy statement of the Family Issues Committee; motion carried. The report in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.**

49. Youth Director Ellen Wadsworth reported the first-place winners for the Youth Contests. All contest winners will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

50. Sister Barbara Schroeder, of the Credentials Committee, reported—  
96 Delegates and 57 Subordinate Granges  
38 Delegates and 23 Pomona Granges  
Total Delegates in attendance – 134

51. Brother Henry Seidel presented the 2022-2023 Budget.

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2022-2023 budget as presented, motion carried.**

52. Door Prizes were given by the Host Committee.

53. Sister Jane Birk, Chair of the Good of the Order Committee continued presenting their resolutions.

54. President Campbell asked if there were any other suggestions for officers.

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

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

56. Worthy Steward Kieffer appointed the Tellers for the election as JoAnn Heim, Becky Beckert and Ginny Straub.

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

58. The Youth Luncheon was held at the Valley Forge Casino and Resort in King of Prussia at 12:00 pm.

Sister Ellen Wadsworth, Youth Director welcomed and thanked everyone for supporting the Youth. Harvey Reyburn, 2021-2022 Junior Ambassador was introduced and said that if you have any event at your Grange that you want him to come to, please contact Junior Director Phil Vonada and his parents. He encourages everyone to start a Junior Grange in their Grange so other kids can have fun.

Sister Wadsworth then introduced the 2021-2022 Youth Ambassadors Autumn Tworkowski and Ashlan Smith, 2021-2022 Outstanding Young Patron Gail Switzer. She presented them with a check from the Sattazahn Scholarship fund.

Autumn Tworkowski stated she had a great time at Session this year. She said that Ashlan, Gail and her have a great program planned and would love to come your Grange to do a program.

Ashlan Smith also stated that she had a great time at Session and looks forward to the year ahead.

Gail Switzer stated that she always enjoys coming to a State Grange event. She wants to continue to advocate for Grange and would love to be at your Grange. They would love to hit every Grange in Chester, Berks and Lancaster Counties. They will also love to come to other counties as well and are willing to do a virtual program.

Sister Wadsworth handed out the winners to the Public Speaking contest. She thanked everyone who participated and those who came to the Public Speaking contest. All contest winners will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.

Sister Wadsworth awarded the "Friend of the Youth" award to David Wadsworth, Goshen Grange 121, Chester County for his outstanding support of the Grange Youth Program.

59. President Campbell reconvened the Session at 1:30 pm.

60. Sister Jane Birk, Chair of the Good of the Order Committee continued presenting their resolutions.

**A motion was made to table Resolution #26 "Community Grange Dues" until the 2022 State Grange Session, motion carried.**

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

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

61. Brother Andrew Kieffer, Steward, reported on the election results of the Executive Committee member. The results were read by the Teller for that office. No one received a majority vote, therefore the top two will now be re-voted on. The top two receiving the majority votes were Clay Snyder, Venango County and Dr. James Diamond, Bucks County.

62. Office

Executive Committee	<u>Names Suggested</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Total of Votes</u>
	Kenneth Merritt	York	25
	Tony Fishovitz	Beaver	23
	Clay Snyder	Venango	35
	Dr. James Diamond	Bucks	43

63. Worthy Steward Kieffer asked all non-Delegates to leave the room. The ballots were then handed out. Delegates were instructed on the way to hand in their ballots.

64. Sister Jenn Nauss reported on the History Committee and Kickoff for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Grange. The History Committee feels that we really need to know what is most important to you in our organization. That was the intent on the exercise from yesterday, "What is the Grange to you". She presented a "word cloud". There were 27 words that were presented. Service was written 42 times. Other words that were written a lot were Community, Family and Fellowship. Talk to your members and focus on those things that are most important for the organization.

65. Junior Director Philip Vonada invited everyone to come to the Junior Degree tomorrow after the Church Service.

66. Brother Kieffer, Steward, reported on the election results of the Executive Committee member. The results were read by the Teller for the Executive Committee member office.

67. Office

Executive Committee	<u>Names Suggested</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Total of Votes</u>
	Clay Snyder	Venango	66
	Dr. James Diamond	Bucks	61

68. Brother Clay Snyder received the majority of the votes and was elected as the new Executive Committee Member for the next four years.



69. Brother Robert Bair and Sister Lizzie Bailey, Co-Chairs of the 2022 Host Committee invited everyone to the 150<sup>th</sup> State Grange Session. Brother Bair showed some slides of some points of interest in York. The Convention will be held at the Wyndham Hotel —York, PA on October 14 —16, 2022. The committee is planning some tours for Wednesday, October 12, 2022.
70. Brother Michael Adams, Co-Chair of the 149<sup>th</sup> State Session thanked everyone for attending this State Session and talked about the work of the committee. He also recognized all the committee members.
71. Brother Douglas Bonsall explained the years of the State Grange. The State Grange was organized on September 18, 1873 in Reading. The first Annual Meeting was in January of 1874 in Harrisburg. At that Session it was decided that all regular session would be held in December. So, in 1874 there were two sessions in one year. In the 1940's Session was moved to October.
72. Door Prizes were given by the Host Committee.
73. The Installation of Officers took place with—
- a. Installing Officer—Anna May Nauss, York County
  - b. President—Brad Nauss, York County
  - c. Chaplain—Fae Snyder, York County
  - d. Marshall—Fae Snyder, York County
  - e. Regalia Bearer—Joyce Merritt, York County
74. Sister Nauss asked everyone to sing the Anniversary Song —

Do you know State Grange will celebrate a real big date?  
Looking at our great long history,  
We must hurry now to plan before it is too late  
One hundred fifty in twenty-three,  
One hundred fifty in twenty-three,  
One hundred fifty in twenty-three,  
This is something special you will surely want to see,  
One hundred fifty in twenty-three.

We will host the meet in Reading as you have been told,  
This is where the State Grange came to be  
All it takes is Pennsylvania Grangers, young and old.  
One hundred fifty in twenty-three.  
One hundred fifty in twenty-three,  
One hundred fifty in twenty-three,  
This is something special you will surely want to see,  
One hundred fifty in twenty-three

75. **A motion was made and seconded to allow the Executive Committee to approve Saturday's session minutes, motion carried.**
76. Worthy President Campbell closed Session in the Fourth Degree at 5:00 pm.
77. Worthy President Campbell opened Session in the Sixth Degree at 7:00 pm. He then turned the chair over to Sister Anna May Nauss for the conferral of the Sixth Degree.

78. The Degree of Flora was conferred on 13 candidates with Mike and Jane Adams and Melanie and Terry Murray as the marching candidates. Soloist was Jennifer Beamon.
79. Sister Denise Clare Berks County gave the Sixth-Degree report. There were 13 candidates representing 7 counties. The report in its entirety was accepted and will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
80. Family Activities Director Melanie Melius announced the winners of the Quilt and other items. All contest winners will appear in the *Journal of Proceedings*.
81. Session closed in the Fourth Degree at 5:38 pm. Session will reconvene Sunday morning at 8:30 am with the Church Service.
82. The Foundation Scholarship Auction followed the Department Awards. A big thank you to Robert Bair for being the Auctioneer. The Youth baked goods brought \$774.00 which will go to the Youth Department. The Auction Items donated by the State Officers and some businesses brought \$3,304.00 going to the History Committee.
83. The Youth had a Scavenger Hunt and then played games and a time of fellowship.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021`**

84. The Sunday morning Worship Service for the 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange opened with Gathering Music by Pianist, Doris Evans. State Chaplain Jodi Keith-Kensinger greeted everyone and gave a few announcements.

Following the Opening Prayer, the State Graces draped the charter in memory of those State Officers who have gone to the Great Grange above. Opportunity was given to name others we wanted to remember.

Pastor Martha Kriebel, retired United Church of Christ minister delivered the morning message on being a Servant of God. She brought Shepie the Sheep Dog with her for the service.

There were 127 in attendance and the offering was \$764.00. \$100.00 was given to the Pastor Kriebel and \$664.00 was given to the D&CS Committee which they donated it to the Good Samaritan Homeless Shelter.

85. A Junior Grange meeting was held with the following Juniors as officers for the 2021 Junior Grange State Session—

2021 Junior Grange officers for Junior Meeting:

Master — Merle Rayburn — Russellville Junior Grange — Chester County  
 Overseer — Sarah Scharf — Russellville Junior Grange — Chester County  
 Lecturer — Jackson Reich — Valley Junior Grange — York County  
 Steward — Sadie Johnson — Hookstown Junior Grange — Beaver County  
 Asst. Steward — Harvey Reyburn — Russellville Junior Grange — Chester County  
 Lady Asst. Steward — Gayle Reyburn — Russellville Junior Grange — Chester County  
 Chaplain — Gretchen Reich — Valley Junior Grange - York County  
 Treasurer — Braden Thomson — Watson Junior Grange — Warren County  
 Secretary — Ruby Reyburn — Russellville Junior Grange — Chester County  
 Gatekeeper — Foster Kehs — Russellville Junior Grange — Chester County  
 Ceres — Savannah Beamon — Hamburg Grange — Berks County

Flora – Elsa Kehs – Russellville Junior Grange – Chester County  
Pomona – Molly Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange – Chester County  
Executive Committee – Emma Seidel – Virginville Junior Grange – Berks County

After a very impressive Opening Drill by the Juniors, Brother Philip Vonada, Junior Grange Director thanked and congratulated the Juniors on their drill and opening of the Junior Grange.

Honored guests were; National Grange President and National Grange Representative Betsy Huber and Philip Vonada, State Junior Grange Director; Junior Ambassador Sadie Johnson and Junior Ambassador Harvey Reyburn.

Junior Ambassador Sadie Johnson, Hookstown Grange #1980, Beaver County congratulated the Juniors for their meeting and opening drill.

Junior Ambassador Harvey Reyburn, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County thanked everyone for coming and supporting the Junior Grangers and he is looking forward to upcoming events.

Junior Director Vonada introduced Samantha Wilkins, National Junior Director and Bryce Danko, National Junior Ambassador. Brother Bryce Danko stated that this past two years has been a lot of fun, going coast to coast touring the country and meeting lots of new people. To the Juniors, you are all doing a great job so far. He also thanked everyone for all the support he has been given! Sister Wilkins congratulated all the Juniors for the great job with the drill and opening of the Grange. She encourages everyone to invite families and children to increase the Junior program.

Junior Director Vonada thanked everyone for the appeal monies the Junior Department has received. The money is used to help with Junior Camp and other activities throughout the year. He thanked his Junior Committee for all their hard work.

Juniors were recognized for receiving the All-Star certificates for attending two out of three State events (Camp, Family Festival or Session/Jam)

Juniors were also recognized for receiving the Super Star certificates for attending three out of three State Events (Camp, Family Festival, Session/Jam)

Brother Vonada awarded the Junior Grange Supporter of the Year was awarded to Derek Schroeder for all his help at Junior Camp, Family Festival, State Session and any other time help is needed. Brother Vonada presented him with a sneaker that will be passed to each Supporter of the Year and a plaque that will be hung at the Pennsylvania State Grange Office with all the Supporters of the Years names listed on it.

86. There were 190 members and guests present at the 149th Pennsylvania All Granger Banquet which was held in the Ballroom with Overseer, Richard Mangel presiding as MC for the banquet. Sister Jodi Keith-Kensinger, Chaplin gave the Invocation.
87. Sister Kay Reyburn and Sister Cassie Kehs were the Entertainment presenting their song “For Good” from the musical Wicked. They will be going to the National Grange Convention to perform at the “Night of Excellence”.
88. The 2021-22 Pennsylvania Dairy Queen Mikayla Davis was introduced and did a short program on Dairy and Baseball. Mikayla is a member of Ontelaunee Grange in Berks County.

89. Brother Richard Mangel, introduced the National Grange President Betsy Huber. He thanked her for joining us as the National Grange representative for the 149<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania State Grange Convention.
90. Sister Betsy Huber expressed we are really blessed in Pennsylvania with all our Youth. She said it is a pleasure to be with us this year. Sister Huber thanked everyone for all the support of her in National and knowing that we have her back.

March 13, 2020, everything stopped, lives changed overnight. Families had to adjust to being at home with families. What benefits has the shutdown done for us? Stronger families, re-learning to cook, accomplishments, computer skills (zoom), fundraisers and who to serve our communities.

Sister Huber is amazed and proud of Grangers for their creativity and perseverance through this time. It has really been wonderful to see. This Pandemic has really caused a reset in our society. Many have learned what is really important in their lives.

They really want to help others and make a difference in their communities because it makes them feel good. It fulfills them and lifts their spirits. The ability to join together as one voice to influence the Government and make a difference in their lives and economic health. This is not changed even though 150 years have passed. As families look at their lives and things open up again, we need to let them know that the Grange can fulfil the needs that they have discovered, family time, helping others, socializing with others in their communities and getting to know their neighbors. Teaching them how to make a difference in community issues as well as in legislative issues. We need to let the world know what we have been doing. Take advantage at this time to invite your neighbors to join you. Things have changed, society has changed. The Grange was out there during the Pandemic and still doing things for their communities. Keep up the great work and open your doors to the public. Next year she would like to see twice as many people at the "All Granger's Banquet" and twice as many Delegates.

91. President Wayne Campbell thanked the Host Committee for all their hard work and for a fantastic session. He also thanked Carrie Nace for attending the session and to learn more about what the Grange is.
92. President Wayne Campbell presented the Granger of the Year Award. He started by eliminating Grangers by asking everyone to stand up and everyone under sixty was asked to sit down. He then asked everyone who lives West of the Mississippi to sit down. If you are not a resident of Berks County, sit down until Sister Nettie Kauffman was the last one standing. The 2021 Granger of the year was awarded to Nettie Kauffman, Berks County. Sister Kauffman has been a member of the Grange for almost 65 years and started out as a Junior Granger. Sister Kauffman stated that she is not the only one that does the work, it's her whole Grange. Sister Kauffman is a member of Ontelaunee Grange #1617. She has dedicated her life to the Grange and enjoys what she does. Sister Kauffman thanked President Campbell for the award.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Debra Campbell, State Grange Secretary

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

President's Address to the Delegate Body 2021

Worthy National President, Delegates, Officers, fellow members, and guests of the 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange. This past year has been a very trying year for all of us. We were fortunate to

be able to hold an in-person session last year at the Ambassador Convention Center in Erie Pennsylvania. They were excited to have us as we were their first convention since March of 2020.

The National Grange Convention is held in November and was to be held here in the Valley Forge Casino and Resort Convention Center. Many people here today had spent a lot of time researching tours, checking out transportation needs, getting a group of people lined up to iron all the 7<sup>th</sup> Degree gowns, planning a great event for Juniors from across the nation, only to have everything come to a screeching halt. This was not only people here in Pennsylvania but included Grangers all along the east coast who were a part of the Hosting committee. I would like to thank National Grange President Betsy Huber for her efforts to get the National Grange session back here as soon as possible.

December was again a very different December. Debbie and I did not attend any Grange holiday events in 2020.

January brought with it more disappointment with the cancellation of the Pennsylvania Farm Show. The Juniors and Youth Royalty normally participated in the PA Preferred Dinner and then worked in the Grange stand Saturday and Sunday. This was another experience they did not get to share in. I would like to thank Carrie Nace for arranging for participants in our virtual Farm Show meeting on Broadband and Lizzie Bailey for setting up the ZOOM and YouTube connections. This allowed us to continue to push for adequate and affordable Broadband.

I would like to thank the many Granges who continued to be an important link in their communities even as Covid 19 ravaged the state. They held drive through fund raisers, they opened their halls to serve as food distribution centers, they made masks and distributed them to those who needed them and helped in so many other ways. It truly exemplified the lesson to persevere.

February brought several ZOOM meetings on Broadband as legislators finally got the message that we live in a have and a have not world when it comes to Broadband. Students were trying to learn virtually but many had no access to the internet. Our daughter is a Special Needs teacher. She was making rounds to her students who did not have internet or who were having difficulty learning online and dropping off assignments and picking up previously dropped off assignments. No, she was not being compensated for this additional work and travel. It was dedication to seeing her students not get left behind. If you talk with many teachers, they will share similar stories.

February was the start of a new Grange journey for the Pennsylvania State Grange. I was contacted by a realtor I had been working with about a property in Juniata County that he thought might meet our needs. After three months of visits, talks, and negotiations, on May 11, 2021, at 3:00 pm we signed the paperwork purchasing the property at 26 CJEMS Ln., Mifflintown, Pa. 17059. We now have a new office for the Pennsylvania State Grange. We moved the office from Lemoyne over the Memorial Day Weekend. Thank you to the many Grangers who gave up part of their holiday weekend to assist with the move. Using a closed trailer, an 18-foot open trailer, and several cars and trucks we got almost everything into the new office. Father's Day afternoon Debbie and I moved the last pickup load of items out of 20 Erford Rd. I had advised Linlo Properties we may be purchasing a new property and again as soon as we finalized the purchase. They began looking for a new tenant as soon as I told them we may be moving. It took a while, but by mid-August they had found a new tenant. Our lease ran through July 2022, but we were able to terminate the lease effective December 31, 2021. This will save us just a little over \$20,000.00.

I did an interview with a local TV station in late February when our local physicians' offices were removed from getting the Covid 19 Vaccines. The family practice office Debbie and I rely on had over 900 people on the list when they stopped receiving the vaccine. The one point I made in the interview, rural people were not asking to be first, we were simply asking to be included. Here again it was a Broadband issue. All

appointments had to be scheduled online and many people in rural areas didn't have access. People could call their family practice.

In March I participated in training for Penn State Capitol Day which was being held Virtually. Since it was virtual you were paired with people you would have been with had it been in person as well a Penn State support person. The event was held on March 18, 2021. Although we were unable to get additional funding for the Land Grant part of the University, they maintain level funding. I encourage you to talk with your legislators about increasing this line item in the budget. They are currently being funded at a 2011 rate. This means cutting expenses which translates into lost personnel, not being able to purchase new equipment, not maintaining properties, etc. which eventually will start to show in the research they provide that keeps our farmers on top and our food supply safe, and battles things like the Spotted Lantern Fly.

Due to a severe injury, I suffered in April, I was unable to travel through mid-May. Covid 19 Vaccines were becoming more available, and Granges were beginning to have in person meetings, do more dinners, and host community events.

At the end of June, the government mandates on mask wearing, except in medical facilities, business restrictions, etc. came to an end. Vaccinations had steadily risen to a point where you could almost feel safe.

The Youth and Juniors were optimistic they could have in person camps. We were planning for and looking forward to Family Festival. The great news is all these activities went as planned and had good attendance. Thank you to everyone who helped at these functions. These are all group efforts to make them successful. Debbie and I traveled to Sturgis South Dakota along with our Grandson, Bryce Danko the National Grange Junior Ambassador, to attend the National Grange Revival. We had a wonderful time reuniting with Grange friends from across America and making new friends. We took in many of the National tourist sites and, as a group, we went to Mount Rushmore and attended the lighting ceremony. It was an amazing site, and two military jets unexpectedly flew over.

But then the Delta Variant gave rise to yet another increase in infections and deaths. Vaccination became even more important to prevent being hospitalized and preventing deaths. Unfortunately, there has been so much political turmoil in the past year, it has been hard to get anyone to focus on the common good.

We must continue to promote the Grange in all 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 what the Grange is, 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, what we have to offer them, and most importantly, invite them in. In this time of political turmoil, we are needed now more than ever.

September brought some very exciting events. Virginville Grange #1832 in Berks County was finally able to celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. They had to cancel the event twice due to Covid but were excited when we all gathered at C J Hummel's Restaurant on September 12, 2021. Debbie and I visited Eagle Grange #1 in Lycoming County on September 18, 2021, as they celebrated 150 years of continuous service. This event was followed by a dinner at the Country Cupboard Restaurant in Lewisburg Pa. where the History Committee officially kicked off the celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Grange which we will celebrate in 2023. They had a beautiful candle lighting ceremony talking about the first 25 Granges that were started in Pennsylvania leading to the formation of the Pennsylvania State Grange. Meecee Baker gave an excellent talk that should provoke discussions among us as to how are we going to assure we are still active in another 150 years? She focused on the letter "P." Her main point was, are we willing to "pivot" or in other words, are we willing to change to maintain the Grange? The answer to that is in your hands.

Even with the political turmoil we have seen strides in the legislature over the past year. Here is a listing of actions that have been taken:

### **Agricultural Legislation**

HB101 provides limited liability to farms engaging in agritourism or agri-entertainment. Status: passed by the Pennsylvania House and Senate and signed into law as Act 27 of 2021. This was a big win for the Pennsylvania State Grange.

SB434 providing for milk sell by date and best by date labeling. Status: passed by the Pennsylvania House and Senate and signed into law as Act 62 of 2021.

HB187 limits liability for milk being donated to hunger programs. Status: passed by Pennsylvania House on February 5th and is in Senate Agriculture Committee.

HB186 allows milk hauling during emergency. Status: passed by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives on February 4th and is in Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB191 allowing for wedding barns to be exempted from the Uniform Construction Code. Status: Passed Senate March 2021, currently in the House L&I Committee.

### **Broadband**

HB166 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. Status: In House Local Government Committee.

HB1742 funds the Broadband Authority with Federal COVID stimulus money. Status: In Consumer Affairs.

HB1621 eases obstacles for installation of small cell facilities on utility poles. Status: Passed in House and Senate and signed into law. Act 50.

SB442 Inventory of state properties to see where there can be a cellular add-on in rural areas (such as fire towers). Status: Passed by Senate on May 25th and in House Appropriations Committee.

HB1766 Amends Fiscal Code, in emergency COVID-19 response, establishing the County Block Grant - Broadband Deployment and Development Program. Status: In House Consumer Affairs.

SB341 Amends Title 66 (Public Utilities), in alternative form of regulation of telecommunications services, further providing for additional powers and duties of commission. Status: Passed by Senate on May 25th and in House Appropriations Committee

SB705 regulates Telemedicine as an importance resource to rural PA Status: In Senate Appropriations.

### **2021-22 State Budget**

2021-22 State Budget enactment: Governor Wolf's proposal to seize monies from the PA Race Horse Development Fund and use it for non-agricultural purposes. Status: The proposal was rejected as part of the State Budget passed by the General Assembly in 2021. This was another win for the Pennsylvania State Grange and Pa agriculture.

Supported increased funding for Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences and Penn State Extension. Status: enacted 2021-22 State Budget continues funding at current level, unfortunately no increase in funding was provided.

Supported continued funding for University of PA School of Veterinary Medicine. Status: Was funded in the State Budget

Advocated doubling the PASS line item in the State Budget. This program provides fresh farm products to food banks in PA. Status: PASS line item was increased in the 2021-22 state budget

As always, it was a 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. The Pandemic has really brought to light the existence of the Digital Divide creating the have and the have nots.

I 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 the Pennsylvania State Grange website and view the slide presentation under the History 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  
Pennsylvania State Grange

## **REPORT OF OVERSEER**

Worthy Master, National Representative, State Officers, Delegates, and Guests.

As my first year as your State Overseer comes to an end, I can really say that the 2020 – 2021 Grange year has been very different, thanks to the Covid-19 pandemic.

After the October 2020 State Session in Erie and change in some officers we reorganized the State Grange Executive Committee appointing Barb Schroeder chairman for the 2020 – 2021 year. As the year started out the State Grange Executive Committee had to hold its meetings by way of Zoom. That sure was different. But the committee persevered and accomplished the business of the Grange at hand.

In January 2021 Vince Phillips are legislative Director retired so we had to replace him. We interviewed a firm in January 2021 and hired them to replace Vince Phillips. Are new legislative group being Novac Strategic Advisor's and Carrie Nace is our Legislative Consultant. She has been doing a great job.

Another job we were charged with was the Grange News, by now you should have seen several months copies of our new Grange News which we are doing in house. We need to thank Lizzie and Brittany for the work they are doing with the magazine.

Over the past several years we have been discussing on looking for a new place to call our State Grange office home. Wayne has been doing a great job in looking for someplace. On March 10, 2021 we had the opportunity to view a property/building that Wayne had found and thought it might make a good State Office. We as the Executive Committee looked at it and after discussion made an offer on the property. Today we have a new location for the Pa State Grange Office at 26 CJEMS Lane Mifflintown Pa. 17059. If you have the opportunity to stop by and check out the new State Grange Office, I know you will be well pleased.

We as a committee have had to deal with many Grange issues. Some Grange closings and some Grange consolidations. We are not always happy with what we have to do but these are the times we are in.



I can truly say this has been a challenging year for all the Granges. With the Covid-19 pandemic in full force, Granges had to close down meetings and were restricted from doing any type of fund raisers or community service in person projects. Granges struggled with ways to raise money to pay their bills and keep their Granges alive. We as the Executive Committee heard your problems and we came up with a loan program to help Granges during the Covid period. As to date I did not hear of any Grange that took advantage of this program.

During the Covid-19 pandemic I heard of a lot of Granges across the State doing whatever they could to help their communities in need. From holding food drives, making and distributing masks, and giving food to Hospitals for their staff working around the clock as well as many other services. I want to say THANK YOU to all those who went above and beyond to help those in need.

We as Grangers will continue to have many challenges in the coming months and years. We need to step up our efforts in rebuilding our Grange membership. We have so much to offer our communities which they don't even know about. We are our own worst enemy as we are afraid to tell those around us our story and ask them to join us. If I can be of any help in your Grange just ask and I will do my best to help you in any way I can.

I want to thank all those who have worked hard for the Grange in the past year, Wayne Campbell, Debbie Campbell, Lizzie Bailey, Brittany Covey, Barb Schroeder, Janet Pratt, Ruth Vonada, and Dr. James Diamond. What a great group.

Sincerely;  
Richard Mangel  
State Grange Overseer

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

National Master Betsy Huber, Worthy Master, State Officers, Delegates and members of the Pennsylvania State Grange, I am pleased to present the final report of the 2020-2021 Executive Committee.

These were your members serving on the 2020-2021 Executive Committee.

Wayne Campbell – President  
Richard Mangel– Vice President  
Dr. James Diamond  
Janet Pratt  
Ruth Vonada  
Barbara Schroeder, Chairperson 2020-2021

Thank you to the Southeast Region Host Committee for the 149th Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange in Valley Forge. Planning session in any year is difficult and time consuming and to do so during a pandemic is even more difficult. From working with a hotel that has only been partially open for the last 18 months to using Zoom for meetings to promote the safety of members, you have persevered over the challenges.

This was a year which started with life on hold for various Grange events. National Session which was to be held in Pennsylvania in November 2020 went virtual due to the pandemic. In January, the Farm Show was held virtually which is traditionally a large event for the Grange involving dozens of volunteers of all ages (not to mention the many cookbooks which are sold there). As the year progressed, things started to move in a positive direction. Our Youth and Juniors were able to hold their camps in person with a few adjustments due to the ongoing COVID pandemic. We were able to gather with our Grange family at Family

Festival in July. We were also able to return to Ag Progress Days in August. Last but not least, here we are at Session with all Grange members able to attend.

Several significant changes have occurred for the Pennsylvania State Grange over the last twelve months. We have successfully moved the publication of the PGN to the Pennsylvania State Grange Office accomplishing the savings that was desired by the Delegate Body in 2019. Thank you to Brittany Covey, Lizzie Bailey, and Jane Birk for all their work on assembling, proofreading, and designing each PGN. We hope that everyone has enjoyed the publication since the change. There have been some speed bumps in the process, but we feel we have been able to still produce a quality publication at a savings to the Grange. We would also encourage anyone to submit information to the PGN about their Grange events and accomplishments. This is your magazine and your place to share your ideas and successes.

With the retirement of Vince Philips, we needed to find a new Legislative Consultant. We believe we have found a good fit in Carrie Nace from Novak Strategic Advisors. If you haven't taken the time to read her articles within the PGN, please do so. If your Grange has a legislative issue they would like help with, Ms. Nace can help you, please reach out to her.

The biggest change for the Pennsylvania State Grange in many years was the successful purchase of the new State Headquarters in Mifflintown. This has been a focus for the Executive Committee for many years and we are glad to have found a space that will fit our needs for years to come. Formerly a retail space, it has two spacious floors with plenty of room for office space for our Master, office secretary, State Grange Secretary, and our consultants. It has a large space that is presently being used for a conference room. The first floor has plenty of space to display some of the historical items collected by the Grange. The lower level is presently being used as storage, but the Executive Committee is looking into renovations to allow for sleeping quarters in the lower level for use by future Masters who may need to stay at the office from time to time. In the near future, President Campbell will be scheduling work days to get members to help with cleanup and simple maintenance. If you haven't been out to see the office yet, this would make a great time to come by and get a tour!

In September we were able to (finally) celebrate the kickoff of the 150th Anniversary Celebration for the Pennsylvania State Grange. MeeCee Baker was the speaker at the event and made some excellent points for the future of our organization. With her permission, here are the highlights of her presentation, which focuses on "P's."

- It is **PEOPLE** that make Grange memories special.
- The Grange is in crisis and we have to **PAY** attention to membership and Grange Hall loss trends. If we don't pay attention and **PIVOT** to take decisive action, the Grange will be without members in less than 20 years. To do so, we have to know ourselves as a rural service organization.
- **PROVIDE** a statewide membership option.
- **PURGE** the policy manual as many of the policies are outdated and harmful to progress.
- **PARTICIPATE** in a statewide service project like Perry County Pomona Grange recently did (they paid 4-H dues for every youth in the county wishing to participate).

I believe that this is important food for thought for all levels of the Grange, and believe these items would be an excellent topic of discussion at your Subordinate Grange.

Thank you to everyone who has made this year successful despite the challenges, including President Wayne Campbell and all the State Officers, Lizzie Bailey, our Membership/Public Relations Director, Carrie Nace, our Legislative Consultant, and Brittney Covey, our office secretary. Additionally thank you to our Department Chairs for all they do throughout the year: Junior Director Philip Vonada, Youth Director Ellen Wadsworth, Family Activities Director Melanie Melius, and Deaf & Community Service Director Rachel Bailey.

We look forward to continuing to serve you, the members of the Pennsylvania State Grange, in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Schroder  
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. My committee and I have striven to diligently carry out the work of the Lecturer's Department, as well as develop contests and programs for the coming years. A year and a half has passed since the COVID pandemic began and we continue to see the impact of COVID on our Grange work. The committee and I have tried to be responsive and flexible to continue the work of the Lecturer's Department, even though it may have looked different than in past years.

Although it may have looked different than past years, it has certainly been a busy year since last October. As we get closer and closer to the Grange's sesquicentennial anniversary, I have been working with the History Committee to develop plans for this significant occasion and all the events associated with it.

Since it was still not safe to meet in large numbers in-person this past spring, the Regional Leadership Conferences were moved to a virtual medium. The Lecturer's Department coordinated a series of Virtual Leadership Workshops that were presented on Saturday mornings throughout the months of March, April, and May. Thank you to the State Grange officers, departments, and staff for presenting workshops!

- March 20, 2021 – Legislative – Carrie Nace, State Grange Legislative Director
- March 27, 2021 – Membership – Lizzie Bailey, State Grange Membership Director
- April 17, 2021 – Lecturers – Jenn Nauss, State Grange Lecturer
- April 24, 2021 – Family Activities – Karen Poorman, Member of the State Grange Family Activities Department
- May 1, 2021 – Youth/Young Adults – Ellen Wadsworth, State Grange Director of Youth and Young Adults
- May 8, 2021 – History Committee – Doug Bonsall, Chair of the State Grange History Committee
- May 15, 2021 – Community Service – Rachel Bailey, State Grange Community Service Director
- May 22, 2021 – Juniors – Philip Vonada, State Grange Junior Director

All virtual workshops are available for viewing on the home page of the State Grange website:

[www.pagrange.org](http://www.pagrange.org)

As always, the summer seemed to go by in the blink of an eye! It was wonderful to see Grangers at the events this summer! In July, I attended the PA Junior Grange Camp and served as a counselor for the week. I led the Literary Program and Vespers workshop. It was a wonderful opportunity to work with other Grangers and to see the amazing gifts of our Juniors. Shortly after Junior Camp, Family Festival was held. I coordinated a Paint and Create workshop led by Jackie Gianico, a painting instructor from State College. Jackie led the group in painting a nighttime firefly scene. Everyone had a great time and left with a beautiful painting they had created! I also led Minute to Win It games on Friday evening of Family Festival. It was a wonderful evening seeing Grangers of all ages participating, competing, and laughing together! The Talent Contest was also held at Family Festival and I am pleased to report the following winners:

**Vocal:**

- 1 – Kay Reyburn and Cassy Kehs, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
- 2 – Merle Reyburn, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

**Variety:**

- 1 – Derek Schroeder, Virginville #1832, Berks County; Derek Snyder, Valley #1360, York County

Congratulations to Kay Reyburn and Cassy Kehs of Russellville Grange #91 in Chester County for being selected as our Best of Show winners! Kay and Cassy will represent Pennsylvania at the Evening of Excellence at the National Grange session in Kansas this November.

I know that our Grangers have many talents and I urge you to enter the talent contest to share those talents. Please encourage your fellow members to share their gifts too!

August and September were full of anniversary events. I was honored to attend and participate in Eagle Grange #1's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on August 7, 2021. I also was pleased to attend Virginville Grange #1832's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on September 12, 2021. On September 18, 2021, I also attended and participated in the Pennsylvania State Grange's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kick-Off Luncheon. There are many exciting activities and events planned during the next two years leading up to the 2023 State Grange session. This is a momentous achievement for the State Grange and I hope that all members across the state are proud and excited to play their part!

After wonderful participation in the Virtual Photography contest last year, plus much positive feedback, the department has moved the photography contest to a virtual medium for the year (and in the future). As Granges have been unable to "do what they have always done", we have seen many Granges think outside the box and try new projects and activities. To recognize that Granges tell their "Grange story" in many different ways, we are also adopting the Creative Connections contest in place of the Community Night/Open House contest. Granges who have held traditional Open House programs should still report on their Open Houses. Granges who did not hold an Open House, but held another designated activity or program to share their story, should fill out the form accordingly.

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

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

I appreciate all of my Grange mentors for their support and always lending an ear or offering advice or help.

"Thank you" does not seem sufficient to share my gratitude for the Lecturer's Committee for all of their hard work throughout the past year! I could not do it without you! A special note of thanks to Miranda Irons and Dena Zvarick who have stepped down from the committee in the past year – thank you for all of your help and support! Welcome to Ashley Mohn, who has graciously agreed to serve on the committee. I'm thrilled to work with such a great team!

Fraternally submitted,

Jenn Nauss  
State Lecturer

Committee—  
Sara Benzio, Beaver County  
Ashley Mohn, Berks County  
Tammy Schaeffer, Berks County

## **2021 LECTURER CONTEST WINNERS**

### **Talent Contest**

#### **Vocal:**

- 1 – Kay Reyburn and Cassy Kehs, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
- 2 – Merle Reyburn, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

#### **Variety:**

- 1 – Derek Snyder and Derek Schroeder, Valley Grange #1360, York County, and Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

**BEST OF SHOW:** Kay Reyburn and Cassy Kehs, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

### **Lecturer's Reports**

#### **Subordinate:**

##### **Up to 50 Members**

- 1 – Tammy Schaeffer, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
- 2 – Liz Kattner, Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County
- 3 – Jackie Clabaugh, Hartslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County
- 4 – Marty Dinsmore, Harveys-Aleppo Grange #1444, Greene County

##### **51-99 Members**

- 1 – Drew Fegley, Hookstown Grange #1980, Beaver County
- 2 – Nancy Sattazahn, Kutztown Grange #1836, Berks County
- 3 – Holly Yearick, Walker Grange #2007, Centre County

##### **100+ Members**

- 1 – Tina Reich, Valley Grange #1360, York County

#### **Pomona:**

- 1 – Georgette Mummert, Huntingdon County Pomona Grange #6

### **Lecturer's Scrapbooks**

#### **Subordinate:**

##### **Up to 50 Members**

- 1 – Cheryl Miller, Marion Grange #223, Centre County
- 2 – Chester Tau, Hayfield Grange #800, Crawford County
- 3 – Judy Stevenson, Wesley Grange #1675, Venango County

##### **51-99 Members**

- 1 – Doug Bonsall, Eagle Grange #1, Lycoming County
- 2 – Tammy Jurkowski, Progress Grange #96, Centre County
- 3 – Cheryl Ruoss, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

**100+ Members**

1 – Dee Ruckert, Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County

**Pomona:**

1 – Arvilla Allen, Crawford County Pomona Grange #26

2 – Cheryl Miller, Centre County Pomona Grange #13

3 – Janet Fishovitz, Beaver County Pomona Grange #66

4 – Laura McMillin, Lawrence County Pomona Grange #65

**Creative Connections Reports/Scrapbooks****Class A – Granges that held Open Houses****Subordinate:****Up to 50 Members**

1 – Cheryl Miller, Marion Grange #223, Centre County

2 – Judy Stevenson, Wesley Grange #1675, Venango County

**51-99 Members**

1 – Cheryl Ruoss, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

**100+ Members**

None

**Pomona**

1 – Laura McMillin, Lawrence County Pomona Grange #65

2 – Georgette Mummert, Huntingdon County Pomona Grange #6

**Class B – Granges that held a designated activity to “tell their Grange’s story”****Subordinate:****Up to 50 Members**

1 – Liz Kattner, Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County

**51-99 Members**

None

**100+ Members**

None

**Pomona**

None

**Pen in Hand****Class 1 – Poetry**

1 – Daniel Ramsey, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

**Class 2 – Short Story**

1 – Daniel Ramsey, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

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

1 – Mary McMillin, Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County

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

1 – Amanda Brozana Rios, Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County

**Design a Program**

1 – William Bildheiser, Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County – “How to Make a Cold Pack from Everyday Items”

2 – Janet Fishovitz, Beaver County Pomona Grange #66 – “All Things Hats”

**Lecturer’s Grant**

- Centre County Pomona Grange #13; Cheryl Miller, Lecturer
- Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County; Liz Kattner, Lecturer
- Marion Grange #223, Centre County; Cheryl Miller, Lecturer

**Photography****Class 1 – Pennsylvania – My Home**

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

2 – Liz Kattner, Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County

3 – Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County

4 – Jane Reppert, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

**Class 2 – Sunrise/Sunset**

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

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

3 – Victoria Konkus, Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County

4 – Cindy Schlegel, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County

**Class 3 – Pets/Animals**

1 – Liz Kattner, Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County

2 – Mary McMillin, Liberty Grange #1780, Lawrence County

3 – Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County

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

**Class 4 – Landscape**

1 – Derek Schroeder, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

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

3 – Wendy Martin, Valley Grange #1360, York County

4 – Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County

**Class 5 – Churches**

1 – Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County

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

3 – Judy Stevenson, Wesley Grange #1675, Venango County

4 – Wendy Martin, Valley Grange #1360, York County

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

- 1 – Matt Espenshade, Elizabethtown Grange #2076, Lancaster County
- 2 – Shelley Fayewicz, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 3 – Wendy Martin, Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 4 – Tammy Schaeffer, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County

**BEST OF SHOW** – Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County (Sunrise/Sunset)

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

- 1 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 2 – Karl Brobst, Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County
- 3 – Donald Kauffman, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County

**Plastic:**

- 1 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 2 – Bill Steel, Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County

**Material/Yarn:**

- 1 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 2 – Marybeth Southworth, Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County
- 3 – Sandra Hill, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 4 – Nichole Rubenacker, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

**Miscellaneous:**

- 1 – Karl Brobst, Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County
- 2 – Dee Ruckert, Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County
- 3 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 4 – Lindsay Schroeder, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

**Junior****Wood:**

- 1 – Natalie Rodgers, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

**Plastic:**

- 2 – Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

**Material/Yarn:**

- 1 – Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

**Miscellaneous:**

- 1 – Sadie Johnson, Hookstown Junior Grange #181, Beaver County
- 2 – Natalia Brobst, Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County
- 3 – Natalie Rodgers, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County
- 4 – Alexander DeLillo, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

**BEST OF SHOW:** Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County – Material/Yarn



## **Art**

### **Nature:**

- 1 – Marci Schlegel, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
- 2 – Jodi Keith Kensinger, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
- 3 – Tammy Schaeffer, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
- 4 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County

### **Animals:**

- 1 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 2 – Jodi Keith Kensinger, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County

### **Abstract:**

- 1 – Missy Clark, Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County
- 2 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 3 – Jodi Keith Kensinger, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
- 4 – Nettie Kauffman, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County

### **People:**

- 1 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 2 – Jodi Keith Kensinger, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County

### **Street Art/Graffiti on Canvas**

- 1 – Jodi Keith Kensinger, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
- 2 – Nettie Kauffman, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County
- 3 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 4 – Jackie Clabaugh, Hartslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County

**BEST OF SHOW:** Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County – People

## **REPORT OF STEWARD**

Greetings Worthy State Master, National and State Officers, Delegates and Members of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

It, of course, has been another interesting year in regards to COVID and politics but I won't be giving my thoughts on those items in my report. I will simply recap my Grange activities from the past year.

It was a different experience running my first full slate of officer elections. I feel it went rather well, despite the COVID restrictions and abbreviated schedule. I learned a few things to change or do in a different order. This year we will be only electing one officer and I want to thank everyone for their cooperation and a special thank you to my three tellers that will count the votes.

I was able to attend the coronation for the Berks County Junior Grange Royalty and spent the week at State Jr Camp as a counselor. This was my 25th year at State Junior Camp as either a camper or staff member. After leading the opening and closing drills each day of camp for many years, we switched it up and I taught the campers how to run a proper Jr Grange meeting. Every year with the Juniors creates great memories. My final significant Grange events were helping the first day moving the State Office and unloading the new cookbooks. I look forward to the State Grange fully utilizing our new building.

I look forward to another successful session and year serving as your PA State Grange Steward.

Fraternally,  
Andrew Kieffer

### **REPORT OF CHAPLAIN**

Worthy State Master, National and State Officers, Delegates and Members of the Pennsylvania State Grange,

I have had an incredible honor to represent PA State as Chaplain for the last year. In the course of 2021, I have written over a half dozen articles for the PGN and participated in a few state events. One of my favorite events that I got to participate in was the 2021 PA State Grange Junior Camp—Wilderness Survival. I was able to join the kids for a couple of days and go into the wilderness with them. From the first night we got there, they were able to acquire necessary traits to conquer the outdoors through various bible stories: bravery and courage through David's experience with Goliath; Strength from Sampson; Trust with Noah; Protection with Daniel in the lion's den; Love from Jesus; and Wisdom through King Solomon. Who does not love hanging out with the young juniors? They are the future for our organization!

Shortly after Junior camp, we moved right into Family festival in July. My very good friend Rev. Millie Baker, came to Centre Hall to give the message and spend time with our group. It was such a delight to see the children partake in the church service that morning as well. This was one of my main goals for this year.... To get the kids more involved and active in church services. I want them to feel like they matter and are important in God's eyes.

Life seems to be picking up once again after a year off from covid. God has used covid to remind us of our many blessings and to be thankful to those in our lives that are near and dear to our hearts. I look forward to seeing what the next year brings for our organization and what new things I can contribute to it! God Bless!

Love Always,  
Jodi Keith Kensinger  
Pennsylvania State Grange 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 149th Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

Today, we are reviewing financial information for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. 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 Zachary Smith.

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 PA State Grange. I also manage the assets of the PA State Grange Foundation.

### **Scholarship Funds:**

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, 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 two (2) 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, 2021, there were twenty-nine (29) students involved in the program. 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 PA State Grange website, [www.pagrange.org](http://www.pagrange.org). This is one of our benefits that continues to be promoted to help add and retain younger members.

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

These are funds received by Subordinate and Pomona Granges from the sale of Grange real estate. The National Grange Digest requires that these funds are to be held in trust and invested by the State Grange with no less than 90% of the interest being returned to the Subordinate or Pomona Grange every six (6) months, as long as the Subordinate or Pomona Grange remains active. The PA State Grange returns 97%. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, there were one hundred-four (104) Granges with invested funds. Thirty-Five (35) of those Granges are closed. Four (4) had their assets transferred to the State Grange after having been closed for seven (7) years. Three (3) Active Granges merged their assets. One (1) moved from Active to Closed. Four (4) Closed Granges and four (4) 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. Three (3) new loans were approved during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. There were six (6) 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, 2021, there have been a total of 1,604 members who have become lifetime members since the program's inception in 1984. No new lifetime members were added during the Grange fiscal year due to the delegate body's decision 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 PA 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

September 24, 2021

Wayne D. Campbell, President  
Pennsylvania State Grange  
26 CJEMS Lane  
Mifflintown, PA 17059-8334

Dear Wayne,

I am writing this letter to explain the delay in finalizing the June 30, 2021 review of the Pennsylvania State Grange financial statements.

As of today, we have not received all of the items needed to complete the review. Please note that this is not due to anyone purposely not providing the needed documents. However, there has been a delay in the ability to obtain certain annuity statements from the investment broker. Once these are available to us, we will move quickly to complete the June 30, 2021 review.

Thank you for your assistance and your patience in this matter. Please let me know if any additional details would be helpful.

Sincerely,

James A. Krimmel, MBA, CPA, CFE, CFF  
Shareholder

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## 2022-2023 Proposed Budget

	2020-2021 Budget	2020-2021 Actual	2021-2022 Budget	2022-2023 Proposed Budget	Description
<b>***REVENUE</b>					
<b>1 MEMBERSHIP &amp; DUES</b>					
2 Subordinate Dues	218,460	173,699	208,384	180,000	Subordinate Dues for 4,145 mem. (\$15,085.50 delinquent) Inc and 65 Family Plans (198 Family Plan Members)
3 Lifetime Members - Int from Fund	15,600	14,789	12,200	13,500	Interest received from the Lifetime membership account
4 Lifetime Mem - Principal from Fund	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	792 Lifetime Members 792 x \$44 = \$34,848 (\$11,088 pd to Nat'l Grange)
5 Golden Sheaf	10,920	7,620	9,180	7,140	238 Golden Sheaf Members - (Pays \$30.00)
6 Youth	2,268	1,862	1,862	1,848	132 Youth Members (Pays \$14.00)
7 FFA Members	0	98	0	0	Donation for any 1st Year Dues for FFA Youth Members
8 Initiation Fees	1,500	695	1,000	700	Includes individual (\$5) and family (\$10)
9 Junior Dues	220	221	220	221	\$1 - year per Junior
10 Associate Dues	1,000	880	1,000	528	12 Associate Member
11 National Grange Assessment	6,200	4,681	6,200	0	\$1 per Sub. member - Will be credited to next Report
<b>12 TOTAL DUES &amp; FEES</b>	<b>268,168</b>	<b>216,545</b>	<b>252,046</b>	<b>215,937</b>	
<b>13 SALES OF MERCHANDISE</b>					
14 Cookbooks	14,000	3,444	10,000	10,000	300 Pint Jars at \$6 each
15 Apple Butter	1,800	570	4,800	5,400	Other sale items (coasters, plates are only items still on books)
16 Resale Promotional Items	100	11	100	50	
<b>17 TOTAL SALES AND TAX</b>	<b>15,900</b>	<b>4,025</b>	<b>14,900</b>	<b>15,450</b>	
<b>18 OTHER INCOME</b>					
19 Prop. Fund Headqtr Int.	8,940	8,686	8,950	0	Interest received from the investment representing the sale of the former Headquarters
20 Interest/Dividends	15,655	5,226	9,560	9,950	Account Interest, Capital One account, Fulton Checking, Active and Closed Grange Interest and Admin. Fees
21 Grange Property	14,076	26,102	95,943	198,395	Money rec. when a closed Grange's assets are transferred to State after 7 yrs
22 Membership Sale	500	540	450	500	State Grange buys seals in bulk and sells to Granges since National Grange charges shipping.
23 Washington Trip	1,000	0	0	0	Income from people attending the Washington Fly-in
24 Bus Tours	1,000	0	0	0	Income from any other bus trip scheduled (not Fly-in)
25 State Session Reg.	2,000	1,335	2,500	2,000	State Grange portion of registration fees from Session (1/2)
26 State Session Rm Cont.	4,000	840	4,500	4,500	Revenue for all reservations that are reserved by the State Secretary except Nat'l Delegates; PR, Ofc. Sec, Asst. Sec.; Legislative; Pianist, etc.
27 Sixth Degree App. Fee	100	0	250	150	Application fee for the Sixth Degree at Session
28 Legislative Day	0	0	0	0	Income for Grange Day
29 Family Festival	9,000	8,214	9,500	9,500	Income for Family Festival including any Donations from Sponsors
30 PA Grange News Ads	200	680	300	600	Ads sold for PA Grange News - 6 issues
31 Vision Insurance & Serv Fee	3,863	4,572	4,200	4,000	Vision Insurance Program (includes \$6 service fee)
32 Legislative	0	0	0	0	Grant monies received
33 Water Bill Income	0	100	0	400	Grange well supplies water to the neighbor - \$100 Quarterly
34 Miscellaneous Income	0	220	500	200	Credit Card Rewards
35 Grange Donation/ Disaster	1,000	963	1,000	1,000	This is a pass through account



## 2022-2023 Proposed Budget

		2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	Description
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget	
36	Local Grange Fund	50,000	239,148	50,000	50,000	Income from Sale of Local Grange Property and Assets -- This is a pass through account
37	Misc Contributions/Commissions	1,000	400	1,000	1,000	Donations/commission & Misc (sometimes pass through)
38	<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>112,334</b>	<b>297,025</b>	<b>188,653</b>	<b>282,195</b>	
39	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>396,402</b>	<b>517,596</b>	<b>455,599</b>	<b>513,582</b>	
	<b>***EXPENDITURES</b>					
40	Payroll	64,486	66,276	64,486	65,734	Gross Payroll -- President - \$46,390 -- Part-time Secretary-\$19,344
41	Taxes, benefits	13,200	12,197	13,200	12,500	Employer tax, Health Ins. Suspend, life ins payment, IRA
42	Insurance, Workman's Ins.		690		690	Workman's Compensation Insurance
43	<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE</b>	<b>77,686</b>	<b>79,163</b>	<b>77,686</b>	<b>78,924</b>	
44	<b>GRANGE HEADQUARTERS</b>					
45	Insurance	7,500	7,008	7,500	8,000	Headquarters Insurance
46	Major Repairs and Maintenance	150	0	150	20,000	Major Repairs over \$500.00
47	Minor Repairs and Maintenance			0	1,000	Minor Repairs under \$500.00
48	Internet & Telephone	3,200	3,422	3,500	972	Internet and Telephone Bundle
49	Sewage	0	0	0	1,117	Sewage Bill for new Office
50	Electric		80	0	1,200	Electric Bill for new Office
51	Lawn - Landscaping Care		0	0	1,680	Mowing/grass; upkeep on landscaping
52	Snow Removal		0	0	500	Snow removal upon request
53	Local Property Taxes	35,000	0	0	2,175	Property Taxes
54	Rent Expense		36,653	37,500	0	to Lino Properties. Lease ending December 31, 2021
55	<b>TOTAL HEADQUARTERS</b>	<b>45,850</b>	<b>47,162</b>	<b>48,650</b>	<b>36,644</b>	
56	<b>STATE SESSION</b>					
57	Rooms/Food for Off. Comm., etc.	19,000	3,763	19,000	19,000	Cost of rooms less Officer/comm. member req. cont.; Legislative; PR; Off. Sec.;
58	Pre-session Meetings	650	0	500	300	Asst. Off. Sec., National's Rep.
59	Session-Labor	300	0	300	300	Committee discussion of resolutions as required
60	Reports/Printing	300	120	300	200	Pay for Office Help at Session
61	Sixth Degree Expenses	50	0	0	50	Printing cost; Folders for Booklet etc.
62	Flowers/Awards	100	0	50	50	Any expenses affiliated with Sixth Degree
63	Hosting Nat'l Rep.	500	0	500	500	As needed
64	Misc. / Equipment	500	0	250	500	Travel Expenses
65	<b>TOTAL STATE SESSION</b>	<b>21,400</b>	<b>3,884</b>	<b>20,900</b>	<b>20,900</b>	All other expenses
66	<b>PROMOTIONS</b>					
67	Farm Show	4,000	250	3,500	3,500	Includes all expenses affiliated w/ events including give-aways
68	Ag Progress Days	2,000	0	1,500	1,500	Includes all expenses affiliated w/ events including give-aways
69	Family Festival	9,000	0	9,500	9,500	Includes all expenses affiliated with Family Festival
70	Miscellaneous Promotions	200	0	250	250	Seminars and other events
71	<b>TOTAL PROMOTIONS</b>	<b>15,200</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>14,750</b>	<b>14,750</b>	

## 2022-2023 Proposed Budget

		2020-2021 Budget	2020-2021 Actual	2021-2022 Budget	2022-2023 Proposed Budget	Description
72	DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES					
73	Community Service	800	86	800	800	Deaf and Community Service Expenses
74	Junior Grange	800	800	800	800	Junior Grange Expenses
75	Youth/Young Adults	800	765	800	800	Youth Expenses
76	Family Activities	800	34	800	800	Family Activities Expenses
77	Lecturer	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	Lecturer Expenses
78	Historical Committee	500	500	500	500	Historical Committee Expenses
79	Executive Committee	3,000	241	2,000	2,000	Ex Comm Expenses -- Mileage and meals
80	Other State Officers	300	131	300	300	Mileage for all other Officers
						State Grange buys seals in bulk and sells to Granges since National Grange charges shipping. Rather than showing as inventory, we just treat it as expense and income.
81	Membership Seals	500	437	450	500	
82	Special Committee	100	0	100	100	Any expenses incurred by a Special Committee (i.e. Salary Committee, etc.)
83	Heritage Quilt Trail	750	200	750	750	Quilt Blocks and Signs for Heritage Quilt trail
84	TOTAL DEPART. & COMM.	10,350	3,195	9,300	9,350	
85	HONORARIUMS					
86	Deaf & Community Service	1,150	1,650	1,150	1,150	\$500 is for 2019-2020; checks were never received and reissued
87	Family Activities	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	
88	Lecturer	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	
89	Jr. Director	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	
90	Youth Director	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	
91	Treasurer	3,938	3,938	3,938	3,938	Salary Committee and Delegate Approved
92	Secretary	3,000	3,050	3,000	3,000	Salary Committee and Delegate Approved
93	TOTAL HONORARIUMS	13,988	14,538	13,988	13,988	
94	OFFICE EXPENSES					
95	Dues, Subs, Memberships	500	944	500	950	Newspaper Subs/Organization Dues/Memberships to other Organizations
96	Quarterly Reports	300	249	200	300	Mailing/Postage -- Outside Printing
97	Postage	2,000	1,128	2,200	2,200	Cookbook postage goes in and out of this account. In-house Postage
98	Office Supplies	2,750	1,743	2,250	2,250	All office cleaning supplies
99	Maint. Agreements/Rentals	2,000	1,453	2,000	1,500	Postage Machine Rental
100	Equipment Repairs	100	0	100	100	Misc Equipment Repairs
101	Website	0	0	265	250	Website maintenance, hosting and email - 2020-2022
102	Computer Support	5,000	5,220	5,100	5,000	IT services/Membership Database Services (McDonald)
103	Computer updates	1,000	2,575	1,000	1,500	Software, cables etc. Computer purchases are listed as an asset
104	Bank Fees	50	62	50	50	Bank and Credit Card Fees
105	Copier lease	3,000	2,671	3,000	3,000	Copier lease (Leaf), Maint Agmt; per copy (Quality Digital Ofc Solutions)
106	Copies	2,000	1,120	2,100	2,000	In-House Copies
107	TOTAL OFFICEEXP	18,700	17,165	18,765	19,100	



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	2020-2021 Budget	2020-2021 Actual	2021-2022 Budget	2022-2023 Proposed Budget	Description
<b>108 PA GRANGE NEWS</b>					
109 Printing/Mailing List Expense	27,000	26,985	24,000	28,000	Printing PGN and Maintenance on mailing list
110 PGN Expenses	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	
<b>111 TOTAL PGN</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>26,985</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>29,000</b>	
<b>112 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>					
113 Advocates (Deputies)	1,000	0	500	500	Mileage
114 President General Expenses	9,000	2,941	9,420	9,420	President travel and Meals. Expenses that pertain directly to the President
115 President Housing	7,200	0	7,200	10,000	Monies to create on-site accommodations for President
116 Membership General	4,000	0	2,500	2,500	Regular Expenses for the office of Membership Director and Mileage
117 Membership Restricted	1,564	1,373	3,000	3,000	Benefits to Membership that are above and beyond the basics
118 Public Relations Department	2,000	650	1,000	1,000	Any advertising, publicity, Events to adv Grange, Signs (not quilt block signs)
119 Legislative Department	3,500	2,934	2,600	3,000	Any activity relating to Legislative activities
120 Local Grange Fund Transfer	45,000	206,675	45,000	50,000	Transfer to the Active and Closed Custodial Accounts - Pass through acct.
121 Local Grange Fund Exp	5,000	17,717	5,000	5,000	Expenses of Local Grange Property and Assets
122 Vision Plan Expense	3,500	3,723	3,800	3,800	Vision Insurance — See line 31
<b>123 TOTAL ADMIN</b>	<b>81,764</b>	<b>236,013</b>	<b>80,020</b>	<b>88,220</b>	
<b>124 CONTRACT SERVICES</b>					
125 Payroll Services	1,300	1,449	1,350	1,450	Paytime
126 Legal Counsel	2,000	2,242	3,500	3,500	As needed
127 Lobbyist	24,500	25,970	24,500	25,000	Novak Strategic Advisors
128 PGN Publisher	7,000	5,000	0	0	Per Motion at 2019 State Grange Session
129 Membership PR Director	33,000	33,500	33,000	33,500	
130 Accounting/Audit	12,000	11,180	11,000	12,000	
<b>131 TOTAL CONTRACTS</b>	<b>79,800</b>	<b>79,341</b>	<b>73,350</b>	<b>76,450</b>	
<b>132 COOKBOOKS</b>					
133 Printing/Purchase	5,000	0	5,000	0	Cost of Printing Cookbooks
134 Postage Supplies	400	0	400	400	Postage Expense (post meter and ACS) and shipping boxes
<b>135 TOTAL COOKBOOK</b>	<b>5,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,400</b>	<b>400</b>	See Line 14
<b>136 RESALABLE/PROMOTIONAL ITEMS</b>					
137 Cost basis	100	0	100	100	Cost of item is recorded here as item is sell.
<b>138 TOTAL RESALE EXP.</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
<b>139 MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES</b>					
140 Assessment Fee	6,528	0	6,200	6,000	Annual Assessment Fee - National Grange
141 National Grange Dues - Individual	69,622	61,124	65,000	62,000	4,145 Individual Members and 132 Youth
142 Associate and Affiliate Members	952	658	700	546	12 Associate; 27 Affiliate Members
143 Golden Sheaf Members	0	0	0	0	238 Golden Sheaf (Exempt from National Dues)
144 Family Plans	2,156	1,960	2,100	1,820	65 Family Plans; 156 Members
145 Lifetime Members	12,694	11,088	11,662	11,088	792 Lifetime Members
146 Sales Tax - Cookbooks/Legislative	1,400	595	1,400	1,400	Sales tax expense (what is paid after the liability account is balanced)
<b>147 TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS EXP.</b>	<b>93,342</b>	<b>75,425</b>	<b>87,062</b>	<b>82,854</b>	

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		2020-2021 Budget	2020-2021 Actual	2021-2022 Budget	2022-2023 Proposed Budget	Description
148	CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS					
149	Regional Leadership Meetings	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	Exp. related to regional training meeting held by President/Membership Dir
150	Departmental Planning Meetings	600	0	1,000	1,000	Expenses incurred with Committee Planning Meetings
151	National Grange Conv - Delegates	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	Delegates Expenses for National Grange
152	National Grange Participants	1,000	0	1,500	1,500	Youth, Juniors and Talent Travel
153	Bus Tours	1,000	0	0	0	See Line 24
154	Washington Bus Tour	1,000	0	0	0	Expenses affiliated with the Washington Fly-in, pass through line 23
155	TOTAL CONF WORK	5,600	0	4,500	4,500	
156	DONATIONS/DISASTERS	1,000	283	1,000	1,000	Donations/Sponsorships - Raffle, Church Service etc.
157	TOTAL EXPENSES	497,180	583,404	480,471	476,180	Total Expenses
158	NET REVENUE OVEREXPENDITURES	\$ (100,778)	\$ (65,808)	\$ (24,872)	\$ 37,402	
	State Grange Checking Account Current Bal. as of 9/5/2021		\$ 76,392.69			
	State Grange Savings Account Current Bal. of 09/5/2021		\$ 68,810.66			
	State Grange Trust Fund		\$ 100,000.00			

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CLOSED GRANGES	Date Closed	June 30, 2020		Interest		Interest		Interest Paid State Grange	Additions/ Withdrawals	June 30, 2021 Ending Balance
		Balance	Earned	Paid	Grange	State Grange	Withdrawals			
Bedford - #619	September 2014	68,623.69	0.00			0.00		68,623.69		
Boot Jack - 1680	August 2017	64,226.59	642.26			642.26		64,226.59		
Briar Creek - #146	December 2017	36,303.61	363.04			363.04		36,303.61		
Buffalo - #1523	March 2020	0.00	684.43			684.43	91,257.82	91,257.82		
Buffalo Valley # 520	December 2016	35,468.12	296.57			296.57		35,468.12		
Carter Camp - #1563	August 2015	21,207.87	212.08			212.08		21,207.87		
Decatur - #1920	July 2017	2,329.03	0.00			0.00		2,329.03		
Eldred - #1604	January 2021	0.00	0.00			0.00	21,266.05	21,266.05		
Elkland - #976	June 2020	0.00	0.00			0.00	15,809.35	15,809.35		
Eureka - #816	November 2016	34,843.44	348.44			348.44		34,843.44		
Fort Granville - #1902	August 2014	19,971.37	199.72			199.72		19,971.37		
Friendship - #1232	August 2018	14,922.58	149.22			149.22		14,922.58		
Green Grove - # 1955	August 2015	29,036.64	0.00			0.00		29,036.64		
Henderson - #1315	August 2014	2,790.00	27.90			27.90		2,790.00		
Lawrence - #533	May 2014	3,918.39	0.00			0.00	(3,918.39)	0.00		
Mahoning - #1732	March 2014	70.11	0.00			0.00	(70.11)	0.00		
Mountain - #567	July 2015	638.60	0.00			0.00		638.60		
Mountain - #1307	January 2018	20,197.42	201.98			201.98		20,197.42		
North Woodbury - #1923	December 2017	24,489.95	244.90			244.90		24,489.95		
Odin - #1254	December 2019	0.00	124.75			124.75	16,633.33	16,633.33		
Penn - #534	June 2019	25,573.20	63.94			63.94		25,573.20		
Pine Run - #250	January 2015	7,090.00	70.90			70.90		7,090.00		
Plum Creek Valley - #1702	April 2014	1,354.58	0.00			0.00	(1,354.58)	0.00		
Reynoldsville - #1825	December 2015	3,555.36	35.56			35.56		3,555.36		
Roaring Creek Valley - # 2041	December 2018	41,231.18	206.16			206.16		41,231.18		
Rostraver - #519	June 2018	59,915.00	599.15			599.15		59,915.00		
Rural Valley - #1750	November 2020	0.00	23.15			23.15		0.00		
Shannondale - #1865	August 2015	43,830.99	438.31			438.31		43,830.99		
Tamarack - #1388	August 2013	14,215.31	59.23			59.23	(14,215.31)	0.00		
Valley - #52	July 2015	29,471.50	0.00			0.00		29,471.50		
Valley - #1184	May 2016	57,490.16	574.90			574.90		57,490.16		
Valley - #1420	March 2016	11,284.66	112.84			112.84		11,284.66		
Wappaseening - #188	August 2015	1,878.87	0.00			0.00		1,878.87		
West Valley - #1760	June 2018	9,693.93	96.94			96.94		9,693.93		
White Deer - #122	June 2018	31,304.32	225.16			225.16		31,304.32		
<b>TOTAL CLOSED GRANGES</b>		<b>716,926.47</b>	<b>6,001.53</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>6,001.53</b>	<b>130,038.16</b>	<b>846,964.63</b>		

Notes: (1) - Lawrence, Mahoning, Plum Creek Valley and Tamarack were forwarded to the PA State Grange after having been closed for 7 years.  
(2) - Buffalo, Eldred, Elkland and Odin are new to the list.  
(3) - Rural Valley was moved from Active to Closed

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ACTIVE GRANGES	June 30, 2020 Balance	Interest Earned	Interest Paid Grange	Interest State Grange	Additions/ Withdrawals	June 30, 2021 Ending Balance
Atlantic - #344	11,755.00	235.10	228.06	7.04	0.00	11,755.00
Baileville - #1991	36,742.34	734.84	712.80	22.04	0.00	36,742.34
Brandywine - #60	87,102.91	1,742.06	1,689.80	52.26	0.00	87,102.91
California - #941 (Northumberland - #218)	54,740.30	1,094.80	1,061.96	32.84	0.00	54,740.30
Carmichael - #1389	60,975.00	1,219.50	1,182.92	36.58	0.00	60,975.00
Clearfield Pomona - #33	19,885.00	397.70	385.78	11.92	0.00	19,885.00
Cochranon - #2030	40,190.00	803.80	779.70	24.10	0.00	40,190.00
Community - #2048	18,290.00	385.80	354.84	10.96	0.00	18,290.00
Dawson - #419	92,465.85	1,849.32	1,793.86	55.46	0.00	92,465.85
Eagle - #1 (West Branch - #136)	8,032.50	451.20	437.68	13.52	0.00	8,032.50
Eagle - #1 (Bottle Run - #1301)	9,527.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,527.50
Eagle - #1 (Delaware - #1895)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,186.99	18,186.99
East Lynn - #1263	264,611.66	5,292.24	5,133.48	158.76	0.00	264,611.66
East New Castle - #1536	27,068.72	541.38	525.14	16.24	0.00	27,068.72
Edinboro - #947	47,813.45	956.26	927.58	28.68	0.00	47,813.45
Elk Creek - #997	34,000.00	680.00	659.60	20.40	0.00	34,000.00
Fulton - #66	78,879.98	1,577.60	1,530.28	47.32	0.00	78,879.98
Gibson - #798 (Harford - #418)	17,600.00	352.00	341.44	10.56	0.00	17,600.00
Goshen - #121	23,988.50	892.87	866.10	26.77	0.00	23,988.50
Goshen - #121 (Marshallton - #1394)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41,310.00	41,310.00
Harmony - #1692	110,354.00	2,207.08	2,140.88	66.20	0.00	110,354.00
Hartslog Valley - #375	35,640.00	712.80	691.42	21.38	0.00	35,640.00
Hayfield - #800	12,100.00	242.00	234.74	7.26	0.00	12,100.00
Hillcrest - #1674	5,926.15	212.98	206.61	6.37	14,168.88	20,095.03
Honeybrook - #1688	66,811.92	1,336.24	1,296.16	40.08	0.00	66,811.92
Jefferson - #1384	0.00	187.66	0.00	187.66	56,296.64	56,296.64
Kennett - #19	52,390.00	1,047.80	1,016.38	31.42	0.00	52,390.00
Kimberton - #1304	115,162.56	2,303.26	2,234.18	69.08	0.00	115,162.56
Kimmerlings - #1529	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	58,469.42	58,469.42
Laurel Point - #915	22,302.39	753.98	731.38	22.60	0.00	22,302.39
Laurel Point - #915 (Blanco - #2099)	15,396.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,396.82
Liberty - #1780 (Westfield - #1514)	0.00	127.55	123.73	3.82	12,755.00	12,755.00
Little Gap - #1882	19,700.00	394.00	382.18	11.82	0.00	19,700.00
London - #1492	51,790.00	943.76	911.96	31.80	(5,000.00)	46,790.00
London Grove - #63	45,470.00	968.11	942.56	25.55	0.00	45,470.00
Long Branch Comm. - #2072	28,413.00	485.76	471.19	14.57	(5,500.00)	22,913.00
Mahoning Valley - #1649 (Wilmington - #1477)	59,427.87	1,188.56	1,152.92	35.64	0.00	59,427.87
Marion - #223	13,840.00	276.80	268.50	8.30	0.00	13,840.00
Marion - #1853	29,590.00	591.80	574.06	17.74	0.00	29,590.00
Marshallton - #1394	41,310.00	413.10	400.71	12.39	(41,310.00)	0.00
Menallen - #1091	79,425.00	1,588.50	1,540.86	47.64	0.00	79,425.00
Mt. Nebo - #1872	210,870.00	4,006.53	3,886.33	120.20	(40,085.00)	170,805.00
Ontelaunee - #1617 (Centerport - #1600)	19,275.00	385.50	373.94	11.56	0.00	19,275.00
Perry Valley - #1804	107,225.00	2,118.25	2,118.73	65.52	(10,725.00)	96,500.00
Plainfield - #1727	34,878.00	697.56	676.64	20.92	0.00	34,878.00
Pleasant Hill - #1505	36,383.50	727.67	705.85	21.82	0.00	36,383.50



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ACTIVE GRANGES	June 30, 2020 Balance	Interest Earned	Interest Paid	Interest State Grange	Additions/ Withdrawals	June 30, 2021 Ending Balance
Pleasant Valley - #1643	38,717.53	774.36	751.14	23.22	0.00	38,717.53
Red Lion - #1781	321,004.53	5,906.77	5,729.56	177.21	(1,000.00)	320,004.53
Richland - #1413 (Sandy Creek - #2021)	17,460.00	358.90	348.14	10.76	0.00	17,460.00
Ridgeview - #1948	33,082.50	661.65	641.81	19.84	0.00	33,082.50
Rundells - #871	0.00	105.65	102.49	3.16	7,043.16	7,043.16
Rural Valley - #1750	4,630.00	46.30	44.92	1.38	(4,630.00)	0.00
Russellville - #91 (Fernwood - #1329)	3,000.00	60.00	58.20	1.80	0.00	3,000.00
Sanatoga - #25	31,500.00	630.00	611.10	18.90	0.00	31,500.00
Scotch Valley - #510	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Seipstown - #1657	164,635.00	3,100.61	3,007.59	93.02	(16,465.00)	148,170.00
Shavers Creek - #353 (Donation - #330)	4,005.00	80.10	77.70	2.40	0.00	4,005.00
Shenango Township - #2057	74,126.55	1,482.54	1,438.08	44.46	0.00	74,126.55
Sinking Valley - #484	10,210.00	204.20	198.08	6.12	0.00	10,210.00
South Buffalo - #1908	15,890.00	307.80	298.58	9.22	(1,500.00)	14,390.00
Spring Church - #1803	6,300.00	126.00	122.22	3.78	0.00	6,300.00
Star - #993	99,822.80	1,996.46	1,936.58	59.88	0.00	99,822.80
Stony Point Grange - #1694	22,463.84	449.28	435.82	13.46	0.00	22,463.84
Union City - #89 (Corry - #55)	11,313.41	226.26	219.48	6.78	0.00	11,313.41
Unionville - #1971 (S. Rock - #1441)	5,055.00	101.10	98.08	3.02	0.00	5,055.00
Valley - #1360 (Washington - #1949)	0.00	189.90	184.21	5.69	18,990.00	18,990.00
Vernon - #936	26,018.93	520.38	504.78	15.60	0.00	26,018.93
Walker - #2007	31,535.02	630.70	611.78	18.92	0.00	31,535.02
Washington - #1949 (Battlefield - #2063)	18,990.00	189.90	184.21	5.69	(18,990.00)	0.00
Wesley - #1675 (Sugar Creek - #1131)	2,920.62	58.42	56.68	1.74	0.00	2,920.62
Westfield - #1514 (N. Beaver - #1646)	12,755.00	127.55	123.73	3.82	(12,755.00)	0.00
Wills - #1690	29,929.72	598.60	580.66	17.94	0.00	29,929.72
York Run - #1699	38,352.63	767.06	744.06	23.00	0.00	38,352.63
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE GRANGES</b>	<b>3,171,068.10</b>	<b>62,870.21</b>	<b>60,802.61</b>	<b>2,067.60</b>	<b>113,585.66</b>	<b>3,284,653.76</b>
PA State Grange Assets in Trust Fund	125,000.00	2,500.00		2,500.00	(25,000.00)	100,000.00
<b>Grand Total for Trust Fund</b>	<b>3,296,068.10</b>	<b>65,370.21</b>	<b>60,802.61</b>	<b>4,567.60</b>	<b>88,585.66</b>	<b>3,384,653.76</b>

Notes: (1) - Kimerlings, Rundells and Scotch Valley are new to the list  
(2) - Jefferson is new to the list. It was first added to the Closed list, but then reorganized and was moved to the Active list.  
(3) - Delaware was new to the list and consolidated with Eagle.  
(4) - Marshalltown consolidated with Goshen, Westfield consolidated with Liberty and Washington consolidated with Valley  
(5) - Rural Valley moved to the Closed list

## REPORT OF SECRETARY

Worthy State Master, National Grange President Betsy Huber, Officers, Delegates, and Members of the Pennsylvania State Grange, I bring you greetings from the office of Secretary and wishes for a very successful and enjoyable 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange here in King of Prussia, PA.

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

5-years – 14	45-years – 25
10-years – 8	50-years – 48
15-years – 9	55-years – 28
20-years – 26	60-years – 25
25-years – 56	65-years – 19
30-years – 14	70-years – 11
35-years – 17	75-years – 13
40-years – 29	80-years – 3

I am thrilled to report that the total number of certificates recognized this year were 345, which is an increase of 18 from last year; with Granges not meeting for months this past year, I feel it is great to have this many. I really appreciate the Secretaries who recognize your members, and would encourage you to continue. I would like to ask those Secretaries who do not recognize their members to please consider starting. Your members 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 and 80-year members recognized this year. They are:

75 years	—George Fulkman, Mahoning Valley #1649, Lawrence County —Arthur W. Nesbitt, Mahoning Valley #1649, Lawrence County —Charlotte Henretty, Hayfield #800, Crawford —Grace Shollenberger, Fleetwood #1839, Berks County —Harry Keith, Lincoln #914, Huntingdon County —Gordon Hiller, Eagle #1, Lycoming County —Glenn Wertman, Delaware #1895 – Eagle #1; Northampton/Lycoming County —Jane Snider, South Buffalo #1908, Armstrong County —Ilene Kightlinger, Rundells #871, Crawford —Myrtle Horning, Seipstown #1657, Lehigh County —Norman Reifsnyder, Bernville #1887, Berks County —Carroll Snyder, Bernville #1887, Berks County —Margaret Hickman, Goshen #121, Chester County
80 years	—Jean Fegley, Fleetwood #1839 —Lynn Corl, Logan #109 —Leanna Schaffer, North Strabane #1434

CONGRATULATIONS to all 7, and 80-year recipients for being members of this organization for so many years!

In November, the Worthy State President/Master and I attended the National Grange Convention via Zoom as your Delegates. We were able to complete the necessary business but the fellowship of being in person was definitely missed.

In January, unfortunately the PA Farm Show was held virtually. It was very disappointing as we didn't get the chance to interact with the public. Hopefully next year will be much better and we will be able to have an in-person PA Farm Show.

Wayne and I were again thrilled to be able to attend Youth and Junior Camp! We both love spending time with our young people and all the enthusiasm they have about the future of the Grange. A special thank you to Ellen and Philip for giving us the opportunity to join them for Youth and Junior Camp!

Family Festival—Centre County —Wayne and I, along with our daughter Jennifer, and her husband Ken, our Grandchildren Bryce and Riley, and many Grange friends volunteered to prepare breakfast for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, as well as lunches for Friday and Saturday and Saturday dinner. My family and I have been cooking for Family Festival for 16 years (I remember the number of years because our first year of cooking, our Grandchildren, Bryce and Riley were just babies). If you have never attended Family Festival, please consider joining us. It is a great weekend of fun, fellowship, relaxation and delicious food (not that I'm partial or anything)! I know you will not be disappointed!

We attended the National Grange Rival in South Dakota. Bryce Danko, our Grandson and one of the National Grange Junior Ambassadors joined us on the trip and was able to help Wayne drive. We had a great time with many Grange friends and hope to be able to attend the next one in 2023 in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

We attended Virginville Grange #1832's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary which was very exciting and impressive. Then we attended the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Eagle Grange and the kickoff of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Grange hosted by the History Committee. They did a fabulous job with the celebration. The candle lighting ceremony was very impressive as they recognized the first 25 Granges in Pennsylvania.

We were able to visit the Great Allentown Fair, Centre County Grange Fair, and Elizabethtown Fair. We had a great time working in the Milkshake stand at the Elizabethtown Fair, thanks to Matt Espenshade and Sandy Witmer! Of course, we are still co-chairs of the Perry County Pomona Grange Fair food stand. It was great to have an in-person fair, but unfortunately the numbers were down, but the stand still did very well.

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

I would like to thank the 2021 Host Committee for inviting the Pennsylvania State Grange to hold the 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Session in King of Prussia, Montgomery 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, delegates, members and guests of the Pennsylvania State Grange annual session.

2021 has been an exciting year as Keystone Grange, as well as Granges across our state, began to hold in person meetings and additional events. I was on the host committee for State Session in Valley Forge. There were many Zoom meetings as well as site visitations.

At my home Grange, Keystone #2, we held a spaghetti dinner, flea market/craft vendor fair, and a community service project where we filled backpacks for children in difficult family situations. Our most popular event – the “Ladies Afternoon Tea” was a major success after postponing it last year.

I Attended the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kick-off lunch in September after the Eagle Grange Open House. As Keystone Grange #2, we are the next organized Grange in our state. Hard to believe there was only one Grange for two years. As this will be my final year as Gatekeeper, I want to thank Carl Meiss, Beth Downey, and Wayne Campbell for your guidance and support.

To the fellow state officers I served with, you have made the journey a very special one and I will never forget my time in office. To the delegates and Grange members across the state, I thank you for your vote of confidence, I hope I served you well.

My greatest accomplishment as Gatekeeper has yet to come. My ultimate goal is to pass the sash on to a youth member who I know will serve our state well.

Fraternally,  
Gene Zvarick  
State Grange Gatekeeper

## **REPORT OF CERES**

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

This past year has perked up from previous, however was still not ideal. I was able to complete my final year of college with a hybrid model, graduating in May with my Masters of Occupational Therapy.

After attending State Session in October, I continued to participate and attend Elizabethtown Granges monthly meetings. I also helped Pioneer Grange #1777, complete their Thanksgiving Potato Filling Sale making over 600 pounds of filling.

Unfortunately, this year I was unable to attend Elizabethtown Granges annual Christmas party, however, their continuous support and open arms have never gone unappreciated. They have been a phenomenal example of what the Grange is all about. Due to COVID- 19 open houses. I was unable to attend Youth and Junior camp due to completing clinical, however, I heard it was a great time reconnecting with everyone in person.

I have greatly enjoyed watching our Junior Prince and Princesses as well as Youth Ambassadors over the last few years grow and flourish promoting the organization we are all so humbled by. It adds a new perspective into how I was changed by the organization back when I was representing the Grange on those levels.



Grange not only makes an impact on the community but also on the individual as they participate in the activities and events. Our future leaders are the current Youth and Juniors. I look forward to a great State Session in October and look forward to seeing everyone in the upcoming year!

Fraternally,  
Hannah Leibensperger  
State Grange Ceres

## **REPORT OF POMONA**

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

In my third year as State Pomona, I was able to attend several events despite the Covid-19 pandemic. Most of the events I attended were held by local Granges until June. I was asked by our PA Junior Grange Director Philip Vonada to join the PA State Junior Grange Committee, to which my answer was, "Absolutely!" PA State Junior Grange camp is always one of my favorite weeks of the year and this year was no exception. My oldest, Savannah, was able to join me at camp and watching her experience it reminded me of all the wonderful memories I have from my Junior Grange years.

Family Festival followed State Camp where we all enjoyed the company of old friends and new friends. My husband Robert and I, along with Savannah and Riley, welcomed a baby girl in January 2021, who has been traveling all over with us and meeting new people. I am on the host committee for this year's session and looking forward to seeing many friends at the 2021 State Session at the Valley Forge Casino in King of Prussia, PA.

Fraternally,  
Jennifer Beamon  
State Grange Pomona

## **REPORT OF FLORA**

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

Greetings from the office of Flora. I bring greetings to all from the western end of Pa. This has been another year of sheer confusion and cautiousness still due to Covid. I know we are all tired of hearing about it, so I will move on and just pray that we are all healthy and wise to what is happening.

As we all began our new year in Grange in Erie County, I was amazed at how well things pulled together and we ended 2020 with a great session, minus friends, banquets together, the Sixth Degree and a lot more. I missed looking at exhibits and just spending a bit of time with fellow Grangers. Oh well, over all it was a great weekend and the hotel did a bang-up job to keep us all safe. But the best part was when we all returned home there was no report of anyone getting sick. Now 2021 rolled in and January through April were a bit slow in Grange work for me so I started doing my Family Activities contest items and making quilts. This was a fun time because I went to the basement game room and turned it into a hideaway for me. Come May, things started to loosen up a bit. On May 10th Dick and I went on a road trip to Mifflintown to see some property and a building that was recently purchased, and is now the home of the Pennsylvania State Grange. If you have not yet seen it, jump into your car and take a road trip to see your State Office. Now June is here and we got the word that the Big Butler Fair is opening this year. So, as the Pomona Family Activities chairman there is much for me to do to help set up the kitchen, displays and run a quilt raffle to raise funds for Pomona and doing community service. July is here and so is the fair in full swing. It is 9 days of grueling work but at the end we raised over \$4,000 which will be used in many ways in the

county. August is here and I am now on a much-needed vacation. So, I and my family headed to Pigeon Forge in Tennessee. But before I left, I helped a volunteer to set up a display about the Grange for the Butler Farm Show. I am now getting ready to do our Family Activities contest judging and take the winners to the state judging. Then it will be time to get ready to go to State Session in Valley Forge, PA. I am more than ready to go and meet with friends I did not see last year. So where did the time go?

To each and every one of you, keep smiling and keep your chin up. We have all survived the year and have been blessed in one way or another but most of all remember God will see us through our trials.

Fraternally yours,  
Virginia "Ginny" Mangel  
State Grange Flora

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

Worthy State Master, National Representative, State Officers, Delegates and Guests:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Pennsylvania State Grange as the Deaf and Community Service Director alongside an amazing committee (Jacqueline Clabaugh, Denise Clare, Terra Ingram, Carlene Kleckner, Thomas Kostelansky and Cindy Shaffer). They all have provided expertise advice and guidance to continue tradition and enhance our programs this year.

My first engagement took place at Hamburg Grange on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. At that time, I discussed with their members of acts of kindness and service they have done themselves or witnessed. It was a truly heartwarming experience as I read their notes of "Sewed over 500 masks for healthcare workers" and "Sat bedside my sick spouse while he recovered from COVID". Every single act of service exemplified what it means to be a Grange member.

The second event we participated in was a virtual event hosted by the Lecturer's department where we discussed community service in the age of a pandemic. We had representatives from the State College Food Bank, PA state trainer for fire departments and EMS, Denny McClosky and Tammy Jurkowski from Progress Grange as well as subordinate members from across the state. Our hour-long discussion covered topics of what projects are available, how volunteers remained safe, and the need moving forward.

I was grateful for participating in weekly Pennsylvania State Grange Bingo, virtually of course, as I was able to meet so many members from across the state and nation that provided tidbits of how to be successful in this role. Their guidance as well as the committee's led straight up to my first-time attending Family Fest. My week was filled with meeting so many new faces as well as those very familiar from our bingo nights. In coordination with the Family Activities Department, we hosted a food drive for the State College Food Bank. Our efforts accumulated to over 300 pounds of goods and donated \$500 to their organization. We also raised funds from the annual Bike-a-thon, silent auction, "hot potato" and marketplace. Again, our members showed up in ways that exceeded my expectation.

I am very happy with how our members have graciously considered our committee, financially. Our current bank account balance sits at \$2,519.26. After review of the current Guide to Contest and Rules, I found that the prizes amount to \$1,400, so we are financially prepared to pay out for this year's State Session Prizes. However, I find it unsustainable to move forward this way without being able to predict our funds that are primarily donation based. After reviewing the contests, it has been decided to reduce some categories and eliminating redundancies in prizes and categories. By doing so, we are also able to increase some prize amounts in what we feel will be more enticing for participating from current but also new members.

Currently, we are patiently awaiting community service reports to see if we will qualify for the national program of having 25% participation as well as gearing up for State Session. We will be collecting items for a homeless shelter since Winter is approaching and will see an increase of need.

I look forward to serving the Pennsylvania State Grange into 2022 and be able to provide more service now that I have year one under completed.

Fraternally,  
Rachel Bailey, Director  
Deaf & Community Service

Committee members,  
Jacqueline Clabaugh, Huntingdon County  
Denise Clare, Berks County  
Terra Ingram, Centre County  
Carlene Kleckner, Berks County  
Thomas Kostelansky, Armstrong County  
Cindy Shaffer, Cumberland County

### **2021 STATE SESSION WINNERS:**

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the contests we hosted at the 2021 State Session in Valley Forge. Please take a look at our contestant winners below:

Deaf and Community Service End of Year Report:

Membership 25 or less-

- 1 – Unionville Grange #1971, Butler County
- 2 – Sinking Valley Grange #484, Blair County
- 3 – Harveys-Aleppo Grange #1444, Greene County

Membership 26-60

- 1 – Hayfield Grange #800, Crawford County
- 2 – Perry Valley Grange #1804, Perry County
- 3 – Eagle Grange #1, Lycoming County

Membership 61+

- 1 – Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County
- 2 – Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County
- 3 – Progress Grange, 96, Centre County

Pomona

- 1 – Beaver County
- 2 – Centre County
- 3 – Perry County

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Poster:

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

Best of Show: Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester-Delaware County

## REPORT OF THE FAMILY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Worthy State Master, Worthy National and State Officers, Brothers and Sisters of the Grange.

I would like to report that my committee and I had a slow 2021 year. With not many meetings coming together yet at the beginning of the year, but getting good in the middle of the year, and great in the end of the year. With some Granges still using virtual meetings and some meeting in person.

Committee members are available to answer your questions. The Family Activities started in September printing off Contest papers to hand out at State Session. Papers contain size and color of quilt block for 2021, and papers containing all contest for Granges to work on. The Quilt raffle is ongoing, we ordered tickets to send to all Granges to sell.

We will have a meeting at State session to discuss color of tickets, number of tickets, and new food contest for 2023, 2024 and 2025. I will order tickets as soon as I get home from State Session, so tickets will be back before the Farm show in January. The Farm Show was canceled this year and was held virtually, so let's all hope we the Farm Show is in-person for January 2022. After the Farm Show will stuff envelopes at the State Office for Subordinate and Pomona Grange packets with contest fliers and quilt tickets to be sent out.

Family Festival, "Quarantine Survivor" is the theme this year. Some workshops started on Thursday evening and wrapping up on Saturday evening. Our biggest workshop of all is the Quilt block designing and painting. Plan on attending next year and make one for your shed or barn, you will definitely enjoy it for many years to come.

We went on a tour Friday Morning, leaving at 11 am. We had about 38 people go on the tour; it was a drive yourself tour. A nice picnic bag lunch included sandwich, chips, applesauce, and a drink. While the gentleman "James" talked about the house we went to see "Rhoneymeade" Sculpture Garden and Arboretum, it is a historical site. The Rhone Family owned this property for four generations from 1794 to 1937. Leonard Rhone founded the Grange fair in 1874. He became an important leader of the Grange movement in PA. Leonard Rhone and his wife Mary were charter members of local Progress Grange No. 29 in Centre Hall, PA. He was Master of Centre County Pomona Grange No.13 for five terms, from 1875- 1885, Master of Pennsylvania State Grange for 18 yrs. 1880-1898, Was PA Legislator for two terms from 1885 and 1887, founded the Centre County Grange fair 1874, Leonard Rhone died in 1917. We have a Grange member from Penns Valley Grange No. 158 that grew up in the house, she had a little program on what it looked like when she was growing up.

The Youth cooked and served the supper sponsored by Family Activities Friday evening. The meal consisted of hamburgers and hotdogs, macaroni and potato salads, baked beans and the Granges of Centre County Pomona No. 13 made cookies for dessert. I would like to extend a special THANK YOU to those LADIES. We donated about 15 Wraps for Hugs, DeWendy met me at Pennsylvania State Office to pick them up. DeWendy said THANK YOU all for making the wraps. This year we donated to the Food Bank of Centre County, State College which we were able to donate \$800.00 dollars and 334 pounds of food. We are a GREAT group of GRANGERS. THANK YOU ALL who donated the items. Master Wayne said Saturday count was 125+. People came for the day and enjoyed the workshops and tour. All the Great meals we had a "BIG THANK YOU" Wayne and Debbie and the countless people in the kitchen to help prepare the food. Every night we had Ice Cream floats or Sundaes that were enjoyed by all. Everyone had fun at the Family Festival.

AG Progress Days was held on August 10, 11, 12. We sold 170 tickets for the quilt and had a good time even though it rained and the weather was really hot, but that didn't stop us.

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.

Fraternally submitted,  
Melanie Melius, Director

Committee:  
Evelyn Cottrell, Region D, Susquehanna County  
Shirley Garren, Region E, Beaver County  
Cindy Schlegel, Region H, Berks County  
Karen Poorman, Region G, Centre County  
Isabella Boone, Region G, Centre County

### **FAMILY ACTIVITIES – 2021 WINNERS**

Total Entries – 123

#### Class 1 – Envelope

- 1 – Alice Hartman, Kimberton Grange #1304, Chester County
- 2 – Alice Hartman, Kimberton Grange #1304, Chester County
- 3 – Karen McElhenny, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County

#### Class 2 – Hand Quilted by an individual

- 1 – Sharon Leiby, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 2 – Ellen Schaller, Harmony Grange #1692, Lehigh-Northampton County

#### Class 3 – Hand Quilted by a group of Grangers

#### Class 4 – Baby/Crib, Hand Quilted

- 1 – Shirley Swires, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
- 2 – Marybeth Southworth, Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County

#### Class 5 – Baby/Crib, Machine Quilted

- 1 – Gretchen Kralj – Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County

#### Class 6 – Wall Hanging, Hand Quilted

- 3 – Marybeth Southworth, Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County

#### Class 7 – Wall Hanging, Machine Quilted

- 1 – Gretchen Kralj, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
- 2 – Barb Gross, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
- 3 – Sue Courson, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County

#### Class 8 – Machine Quilted/Judging Top Only

- 1 – Gretchen Kralj, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
- 2 – Karen McElhenny, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
- 3 – Sara Weir, Unionville Grange #1971, Butler County

#### Class 9 – Preprinted Top Quilt/All work done by Hand

Class 10 – Baking/Cooking – Banana Nut Bread

- 1 – Terry Murray, Russellville Grange #91, Chester-Delaware County
- 2 – Ellen Schaller, Harmony Grange #1692, Lehigh-Northampton County
- 3 – Pat Beck, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County

Junior

- 1 – Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

Class 11 – Baking/Cooking – Cake Donuts

- 1 – Marci Schlegel, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
- 2 – Darlene Shinsky, Pleasant Hill Grange #1505, Lawrence County
- 3 – Kelly VanOrd, Watson Grange #1068, Warren County

Junior

- 1 – Ruby Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange #550, Chester-Delaware County
- 2 – Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange #547, Lawrence County

Class 12 – Baking/Cooking – Turtles

- 1 – Connie Tworkowski, Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County
- 2 – Jill Cavalero, Jefferson Grange #1373, Butler County
- 3 – Janet Fishovitz, Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County

Class 13 A – Afghans – Full Size, Crochet

- 1 – Gloria Hahn, Mahoning Valley Grange #1649, Lawrence County
- 2 – Amelia Mitchell, Long Branch Community Grange #2072, Washington County
- 3 – Virginia Mangel, Unionville Grange #1971, Butler County

Class 13 B – Afghans – Full Size, Knitted

- 1 – Cyndi Wetzel, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

Class 14 A – Afghans – Baby, Crochet

- 1 – Mary Ann Nagel, Pleasant Hill Grange #1505, Lawrence County
- 2 – Nichole Rubermacker, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 3 – Betsy Huber, Goshen Grange #1839, Chester-Delaware County

Class 15 A – Embroidery – Under 12”

- 1 – Lisa Butler, Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County
- 2 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester-Delaware County

Class 15 B – Embroidery – Over 12”

- 1 – Ellen Schaller, Harmony Grange #1692, Lehigh-Northampton County
- 2 – Shirley Swires, Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County
- 3 – Jeanette McDonald, Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County

Class 16 A – Cross Stitch – Under 12”

- 1 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester-Delaware County
- 2 – Lisa Butler, Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County

Class 16 B – Cross Stitch – Over 12”

- 1 – Jane Reppert, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 2 – Virginia Mangel, Unionville Grange #1971, Butler County

Class 16 C – Counted Cross Stitch – Under 12”

- 1 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester-Delaware County
- 2 – Louise Nagel, California Grange #941, Montour County
- 3 – Cyndi Wetzel, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

Class 16 D – Counted Cross Stitch – Over 12”

- 1 – Karen Poorman, Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County
- 2 – Betsy Huber, Goshen Grange #121, Chester-Delaware County

Class 17 – Plastic Canvas

- 1 – Jane Reppert, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 2 – Penny Whitman, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
- 3 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester-Delaware County

Class 18 – Cotton Thread – Doilies/Centerpieces

- 1 – Virginia Mangel, Unionville Grange #1971, Butler County
- 2 – Gloria Hahn, Mahoning Valley Grange #1649, Lawrence County
- 3 – Melanie Melius, Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County

Class 19 – String Art – Large Art

Class 20 – String Art – Small Art

- 1 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester-Delaware County
- 2 – Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
- 3 – Abigail Konkus, Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County

Class 21 – Jewelry – Necklace

- 1 – Judy Stevenson, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
- 2 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester-Delaware County
- 2 – Louise Nagel, California Grange #941, Montour County

Class 22 – Jewelry – Bracelet

- 1 – Louise Nagel, California Grange #941, Montour County
- 2 – Jane Reppert, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- 3 – Judy Stevenson, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County

Class 23 – Jewelry – Earrings

- 1 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester-Delaware County
- 2 – Louise Nagel, California Grange #941, Montour County
- 3 – Judy Stevenson, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County

Class 24 – Woodburning

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

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

Worthy State President, Worthy National President, State Officers, delegates, guests, and friends,

It has been quite a year for the Junior Grange in Pennsylvania!

This year has had its ups and downs - but thankfully, things seem to be looking up! Becoming Junior Director in the middle of a global pandemic was interesting, to say the least. From the beginning, we were

unsure of what we would be able to accomplish, what kinds of activities we could attempt - what was even worth planning? But, following the lesson of the Fifth Degree, we persevered.

To start, I want to thank every Grange who donated to our appeal this year. You truly helped us innovate, adapt, and overcome. These contributions are more valuable than you know, and every dollar goes directly toward supporting the Juniors across the state.

### **JUNIOR ONLINE GATHERINGS**

We started the year with a new endeavor. Wanting to connect our Junior Grangers, and having learned a lot from the past year of virtual schooling, church, and meetings, we turned to Zoom to host Junior Online Gatherings (JOGs) in January, March, May, and - after taking a summer break - September. These JOGs allow our Juniors to meet other kids from around the state, while providing an educational opportunity, a craft or activity, and a bit of fun. We have learned about pollinators, the history of Memorial Day, made K-Cup snowmen, flags, cereal bars, and had a lot of laughs! Stay tuned to the [Pennsylvania Junior Grange](#) Facebook page for more JOGs coming up - although the pandemic may be lifting, we feel that this is a great way to keep our Junior Grangers connected to one another throughout the year.

The Junior Committee also hosted a few other “virtual” options, including a Junior Director roundtable, participating in the Lecturer’s Virtual Workshop series, and holding a virtual photo scavenger hunt. We plan to keep virtual options alive to give more statewide opportunities throughout the year.

### **ROYALTY TRIP**

I want to thank Carrie Nace, Lizzie Bailey, and President Campbell for organizing a fantastic Royalty Day for the Junior and Youth Ambassador teams. On June 8th, we had a wonderful day visiting the Pennsylvania Capitol Building, then playing at Hershey Park. After a tour of the Capitol, Junior Ambassadors Elisabeth Reich and Bryce Danko, Youth Ambassador Isabella Boone, and Outstanding Young Patrons Braden Gourley and Derek Snyder were introduced in the House of Representatives. It was a historic day in the House, as we witnessed the swearing in of Brooke Wheeler, the first female Chief Clerk in the PA House history. Following this, Elisabeth and Bryce each got to meet with some of their representatives to discuss Grange initiatives including rural broadband and urban agriculture. Elisabeth and Bryce were excellent representatives for the Pennsylvania Junior Grangers, and I’m incredibly proud of them.

### **JUNIOR GRANGE CAMP**

After a lot of *will-they/won’t-they*, we were able to have our State Junior Grange Camp from June 27-July 3 at Camp Sylvan Hills in Howard. With 64 campers, and 41 counselors, helpers, and staff, it was one of our largest camps in recent history! This year’s theme was Wilderness Survival, so campers learned various parts of surviving in the wilderness, with traditional camp workshops and activities, some provided by Penn State Extension, PA Wilderness, the Red Cross, and more.

Special thanks to National Junior Grange Director Samantha Wilkins and National Junior Grange Ambassador Brianna Gervais for joining us for part of the week. Thank you to all of the State Grange Officers who spent time with us during the week; to every counselor, helper, and workshop leader who truly made the week a success; to Ruth Vonada, Thelma Brodzina, Ginny Straub, and Wayne and Debbie Campbell for keeping us all fed, and Tammy Schaeffer for keeping us healthy; to Lindsay Schroeder for all of her amazing photography, and Rebecca Anzueto Estrada for compiling the camp newsletter. And thank you to the whole Junior Committee for your incredible work.

I also want to thank the Granges who sponsored campers, for ensuring that Juniors and their families have the ability to attend camp. ***Did you know*** that the fees paid by campers, helpers, counselors, and staff don’t cover the true cost of camp? It is thanks to Granges who donate to the PAJG appeal that we are able to put on our camp every year, at a low and reasonable cost to families. We are already planning the 2022 camp: **Winter Wonderland**, which will be held June 26-July 2nd. **SAVE THE DATE!**



On Friday night at camp, we announced several prizes, and I just want to take a moment to list them here:

#### GRANGE KNOWLEDGE TEST HIGH SCORES

Group 1 – Daxter Irons, Watson Junior Grange, Warren County

Group 2 – Gayle Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County

Group 3 – Samantha Davis, Ontelaunee, Berks County

Group 4 – Jackson Reich, Valley Junior Grange, York County

#### SUPERLATIVES

Group 1 – Lillian Dusko, Virginville Junior Grange, Berks County

Group 2 – Christopher Anzueto, Penns Valley Grange, Juniata County

Group 3 – Emma Seidel, Virginville Junior Grange, Berks County

Group 4 – Jackson Reich, Valley Junior Grange, York County

HELPER OF THE YEAR – Logen Smith, Elizabethtown Grange, Lancaster County

COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR – Gail Switzer, Marion Grange, Berks County

Finally, thank you to Elisabeth Reich, Valley Grange, York County and Bryce Danko, Oliver Grange, Perry County for two incredible years as PA Junior Grange Ambassadors. I am so proud of you both, and look forward to working with you as Grangers in the coming years!

And congratulations to our new Ambassadors:

**Sadie Johnson** of Hookstown Junior Grange in Beaver County

**Harvey Reyburn** of Russellville Junior Grange in Chester County

If you would like the Junior Ambassadors at your meeting or event, please contact me to make the arrangements! Sadie and Harvey are already doing an excellent job as representatives for the PA Junior Grange!

#### **FAMILY FESTIVAL**

Two weeks later, we celebrated the Family Festival in Centre Hall. Craft and activity tables were set up for the Juniors to enjoy all weekend (I'm really *really* sorry about the glitter!). Sadie and Harvey led water games on Friday afternoon, Juniors participated in the Saturday morning bike-a-thon, and we had a TON of fun at the Progress Grange #96 Fun Fair, just a few blocks away from the fairgrounds.

On Saturday night, several Juniors participated in the talent contest.

#### Variety Age 5-9

1st Place: Sawyer Straub, Stony Point Grange, Mercer County

2nd Place: Savannah Beamon, Hamburg Grange, Berks County

3rd Place: Natalee Zug, Walker Junior Grange, Juniata County

#### Vocal Age 5-9

1st Place: Foster Kehs, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County

2nd Place: Elsa Kehs, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County

#### Vocal Age 10-14

1st Place: Gayle Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County

2nd Place: Molly, Ruby and Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County

Congratulations all! We'd love to see even more Juniors in next year's talent contest!

## **STATE SESSION**

I want to thank Jessica Reyburn, Derek Schroeder, and the host committee on organizing this year's Junior Jam. I am incredibly grateful for the whole host region for coming together to provide educational and fun activities for the Junior Grangers this weekend. I invite you all to come to the Junior meeting and Degree on Sunday morning and to check out the exhibit room in your spare time. A full list of winners will be included in the Journal of Proceedings.

## **NATIONAL GRANGE**

In November 2019, Pennsylvania's own Bryce Danko was selected as one of the National Junior Ambassadors. This November, Bryce will officially end his term in Wichita, Kansas. He has been a fantastic representative, attending regional conferences, the DC Experience, and so much more. Thank you, Bryce!

This year, both Sadie Johnson and Harvey Reyburn will be representing Pennsylvania at National Grange, competing for National Junior Grange Ambassador in Wichita, Kansas. Wish them both luck!

## **REPORTS**

PLEASE make sure every Junior member is counted and turned in on reports. I know there are Juniors across the state who aren't receiving information because I and the Junior Committee don't know where they are to reach out to them. This includes Junior 1+ members - just because your Grange doesn't have a Junior charter doesn't mean your Juniors shouldn't count! That being said, I would love to be able to help charter some new Junior Granges this year, whether it's at the community Grange level or for your whole County.

In closing, I want to thank the six amazing women who said "I'd Be Delighted!" when I asked them to join the Junior Committee. They each bring something unique to the group, and are all doing wonderful work for the Juniors. Thank you to Jen Beamon, Ashley Furman, Miranda Irons, Cassy Kehs, Tina Reich, and Christie Straub for being there for me, and making our program great.

And finally, thank you to the immediate past PA Junior Grange Director Lurae Benzio for your incredible work with this program over the past six years. When President Campbell asked me to be the next Junior Grange Director, I knew I had big shoes to fill. Thank you for your support and your guidance!

Respectfully submitted,  
Philip J Vonada, PA Junior Grange Director

### *Committee:*

Jen Beamon  
Ashley Furman  
Miranda Irons  
Cassy Kehs  
Tina Reich  
Christie Straub

Sadie Johnson and Harvey Reyburn, 2021-2022 Junior Ambassadors

Master — Merle Rayburn — Russellville Junior Grange — Chester County  
Overseer — Sarah Scharf — Russellville Junior Grange — Chester County  
Lecturer — Jackson Reich — Valley Junior Grange — York County  
Steward — Sadie Johnson — Hookstown Junior Grange — Beaver County  
Asst. Steward — Harvey Reyburn — Russellville Junior Grange — Chester County  
Lady Asst. Steward — Gayle Reyburn — Russellville Junior Grange — Chester County  
Chaplain — Gretchen Reich — Valley Junior Grange - York County

Treasurer – Braden Thomson – Watson Junior Grange – Warren County  
Secretary – Ruby Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange – Chester County  
Gatekeeper – Foster Kehs – Russellville Junior Grange – Chester County  
Ceres – Savannah Beamon – Hamburg Junior Grange – Berks County  
Flora – Elsa Kehs – Russellville Junior Grange – Chester County  
Pomona – Molly Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange – Chester County

**JUNIOR GRANGE SUPPORTER OF THE YEAR** – Derek Schroeder – for all his help at Junior Camp, Family Festival, State Session and any other time help is needed. Brother Vonada presented him with a sneaker that will be passed to each Supporter of the Year and a plaque that will be hung at the Pennsylvania State Grange Office with all the Supporters of the Years names listed on it.

**Junior Grange Shooting Stars – two of three Events (JG Camp or Family Festival or Junior Jam)**

Alan Espenshade – Elizabethtown Junior Grange, Lancaster County  
Daxter Irons, Watson Junior Grange, Warren County  
Elsa Kehs – Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County  
Foster Kehs – Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County  
Connor Kunkle – Virginville Junior Grange, Berks County  
Jackson Reich – Valley Grange, York County  
Gretchen Reich – Valley Grange, York County  
Molly Reyburn – Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County  
Carisa Schaeffer – Virginville Junior Grange, Berks County  
Sarah Scharf – Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County  
Eden Schrier – Hookstown Junior Grange, Beaver County  
Emma Seidel – Virginville Junior Grange, Berks County  
Sawyer Straub – Stony Point Junior Grange, Mercer County  
Braden Thomson – Watson Junior Grange, Warren County  
Jacob Wilkins – Valley Junior Grange, York County  
Tilden Wilkins – Valley Junior Grange, York County  
Zachary Wilkins – Valley Junior Grange, York County  
Hadyen Wiseman-Null – Virginville Junior Grange, Berks County

**Junior Grange Superstars** (attended all three "big" events)

Savannah Beamon—Hamburg Grange #2103—Berks County  
Lincoln Furman—Penns Valley Grange #158—Centre County  
Sadie Johnson—Hookstown Junior Grange #1980—Beaver County  
Gayle Reyburn— Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County  
Harvey Reyburn— Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County  
Ruby Reyburn—Russellville Junior Grange #91—Chester County  
Ellie Schroeder—Virginville Junior Grange #1832—Berks County  
Jacob Schroeder—Virginville Junior Grange #1832—Berks County

## **2021 JUNIOR GRANGE CONTEST WINNERS**

**Recycled Craft: K-Cup**

*Age 5-9*

- 1 – Addison McGuire, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County
- 2 – Savannah Beamon, Hamburg Junior Grange, Berks County
- 3 – Alyssa Bradford, Fairview Junior Grange, Beaver County
- 4 – Kayleigh Covey, Pioneer Junior Grange, Berks County

*Age 10-14*

- 1– Alexis Phillips, Fairview Junior Grange, Beaver County
- 2 – Ava Jenkins, Pioneer Junior Grange, Berks County
- 3 – Grace Tempel, Pioneer Junior Grange, Berks County
- 4 –Jocelynn Norris, Fairview Junior Grange, Beaver County

**Baking: Iced Drop Cookie**

*Age 5-9*

- 1– Addison McGuire, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County
- 2 – Alexander DeLillo, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County
- 3 – Savannah Beamon, Hamburg Junior Grange, Berks County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Gretchen Reich, Valley Grange, York County
- 2 – Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County

**Creative Writing**

*Age 5-9*

- 1 – Addison McGuire, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County

**Sculpture/Building Blocks: Plastic Interlocking**

*Age 5-9*

- 1 – Lincoln Furman, Penns Valley Grange, Centre County
- 2 – Elsa Kehs, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County
- 3 – Daxter Irons, Watson Junior Grange, Warren County
- 4 – Alexander DeLillo, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Jackson Reich, Valley Grange, York County
- 2 – Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County

**Sculpture/Building Blocks: Other**

*Age 5-9*

- 1 – Molly Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County
- 2 – Natalee Zug, Walker Junior Grange, Juniata County
- 3 – Jacob DeLillo, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County
- 4 – Lillian Casselberry, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Jackson Reich, Valley Grange, York County
- 2 – Ruby Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County
- 3 – Gayle Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County
- 4 – Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County

**Pumpkins: Painted**

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Travis Riegel, Marion Junior Grange, Berks County

**Pumpkins: Most Creative**

*Age 5-9*

- 1 – Savannah Beamon, Hamburg Junior Grange, Berks County
- 2 – Sarah Riegel, Marion Junior Grange, Berks County

**Pumpkins: Virtual Contest***Age 5-9*

- 1 – Lillian Dusko, Virginville Junior Grange, Berks County
- 2 – Riley Koszewski, Watson Junior Grange, Warren County
- 3 – Aubrey Check, Watson Junior Grange, Warren County
- 4 – Daxter Irons, Watson Junior Grange, Warren County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Justin Dusko, Virginville Junior Grange, Berks County
- 2 – Braden Thomson, Watson Junior Grange, Warren County
- 3 – Allyson Spencer, Watson Junior Grange, Warren County
- 4 – Mason Fleming, Watson Junior Grange, Warren County

**Scrapbook Page***Age 5-9*

- 1 – Aubrey Check, Watson Junior Grange, Warren County
- 2 – Addison McGuire, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County
- 3 – Alexander DeLillo, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County
- 4 – Jacob DeLillo, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County
- 2 – Madelyn Warham, Watson Junior Grange, Warren County
- 3 – Cameron Cannon, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County

**Art: Self-Portrait***Age 5-9*

- 1 – Karlie Supplee, Walker Junior Grange, Juniata County
- 2 – Savannah Beamon, Hamburg Junior Grange, Berks County
- 3 – Molly Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County
- 4 – Daxter Irons, Watson Junior Grange, Warren County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Sarah Scharf, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County
- 2 – Madelyn Warham, Watson Junior Grange, Warren County
- 3 – Cameron Cannon, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County

**Art: Wild Animals***Age 5-9*

- 1 – Addison McGuire, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County
- 2 – Jacob DeLillo, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County
- 3 – Savannah Beamon, Hamburg Junior Grange, Berks County
- 4 – Molly Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Jackson Reich, Valley Grange, York County
- 2 – Cameron Cannon, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County
- 3 – Ruby Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County
- 4 – Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County

**Art: Pretty Posies***Age 5-9*

- 1 – Savannah Beamon, Hamburg Junior Grange, Berks County
- 2 – Dexter Irons, Watson Junior Grange, Warren County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Ava Jenkins, Pioneer Junior Grange, Berks County
- 2 – Gayle Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County
- 3 – Jocelynn Norris, Fairview Junior Grange, Beaver County
- 4 – Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County

**Art: Things With Wheels***Age 5-9*

- 1 – Robert Myers, Fairview Junior Grange, Beaver County
- 2 – Jacob DeLillo, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County
- 3 – Gabriel Anzueto, Penns Valley Grange, Centre County
- 4 – Christopher Anzueto, Penns Valley Grange, Centre County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Harvey Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County
- 2 – Sarah Scharf, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County
- 3 – Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County
- 4 – Madelyn Warham, Watson Junior Grange, Warren County

**Art: Abstract***Age 5-9*

- 1 – Savannah Beamon, Hamburg Junior Grange, Berks County
- 2 – Gabriel Anzueto, Penns Valley Grange, Centre County
- 3 – Ellie Schroeder, Virginville Junior Grange, Berks County
- 4 – Natalee Zug, Walker Junior Grange, Juniata County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Sarah Scharf, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County
- 2 – Ruby Reyburn, Russellville Junior Grange, Chester County
- 3 – Gretchen Reich, Valley Grange, York County
- 4 – Madelyn Warham, Watson Junior Grange, Warren County

**Photography: Me In a Selfie***Age 5-9*

- 1 – Natalee Zug, Walker Junior Grange, Juniata County
- 2 – Addison McGuire, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Sadie Johnson, Hookstown Junior Grange, Beaver County
- 2 – Grace Tempel, Pioneer Junior Grange, Berks County
- 3 – Natalee Zug, Walker Junior Grange, Juniata County
- 4 – Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County

**Photography: Farm Animals***Age 5-9*

- 1 – Brayden Covey, Pioneer Junior Grange, Berks County
- 2 – Kayleigh Covey, Pioneer Junior Grange, Berks County
- 3 – Natalee Zug, Walker Junior Grange, Juniata County
- 4 – Lincoln Furman, Penns Valley Grange, Centre County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Ava Jenkins, Pioneer Junior Grange, Berks County
- 2 – Grace Tempel, Pioneer Junior Grange, Berks County
- 3 – Sadie Johnson, Hookstown Junior Grange, Beaver County
- 4 – Conrad Long, Walker Junior Grange, Juniata County

**Photography: Our American Flag***Age 5-9*

- 1 – Kayleigh Covey, Pioneer Junior Grange, Berks County
- 2 – Brayden Covey, Pioneer Junior Grange, Berks County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County
- 2 – Grace Tempel, Pioneer Junior Grange, Berks County
- 3 – Sadie Johnson, Hookstown Junior Grange, Beaver County
- 4 – Cadence Tempel, Pioneer Junior Grange, Berks County

**Photography: Hometown Heroes***Age 5-9*

- 1 – Kayleigh Covey, Pioneer Junior Grange, Berks County
- 2 – Brayden Covey, Pioneer Junior Grange, Berks County
- 3 – Cyrus Long, Walker Junior Grange, Juniata County

*Age 10-14*

- 1 – Cadence Tempel, Pioneer Junior Grange, Berks County
- 2 – Grace Tempel, Pioneer Junior Grange, Berks County
- 3 – Ava Jenkins, Pioneer Junior Grange, Berks County
- 4 – Sadie Johnson, Hookstown Junior Grange, Beaver County

**Photography: Junior Grange Fun***Age 5-9*

- 1 – Natalee Zug, Walker Junior Grange, Juniata County

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

Worthy Master, National Officer, State Officers, Delegates and Guests:

First, thank you to all of the Granges and individuals who sent in appeal money to the Youth and Young Adults Department. Even though our programming was still somewhat 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!

## **2020 NATIONAL GRANGE SESSION**

Normally the youth of Pennsylvania would begin the activity year with participation in the National Grange session. The 2020 National Grange Session planning committee had several youth and young adults from Pennsylvania participating in the planning, but unfortunately the Session was pared down to a virtual session by the end of summer, with just the delegates calling in on Zoom. A disappointing turn of events for all of the PA youth and young adults looking forward to hosting the National Session in Valley Forge. An Evening of Excellence was conducted later in November with one of our members, Philip Vonada, performing.

## **FARM SHOW 2021**

The most popular place to be in early January – the PA Farm Show – was also held virtually in 2021. No in-person events or contests were scheduled.

## **YOUTH COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETING**

The Youth and Young Adults Committee met several times during the year to brainstorm how to use all of the good ideas from last year's planning session this year in a COVID environment.

## **GRANGE YOUTH MIXER (GYM)**

One of the new ideas that we implemented in January was a monthly "Grange Youth Mixer" or GYM held on Zoom. We had hoped that this new monthly engagement would bring out new youth and young adults who wanted a relaxing evening of fellowship and fun. Some of our programs included a game night, cooking night, paint night, and more. We held these monthly events until the beginning of summer and started them back up again in the fall of 2021.

## **YOUTH OFFICER TEAM SPONSOR**

Another new idea that was implemented this year was a fundraising drive for sponsorships of the State Youth Officer Team. Beginning with the Youth Officer Team selected for the PA State Grange Session in October 2021, the Youth Officers will be presented with an official Youth Team vest, including the Grange logo and their name embroidered on the front. It's time for our State Youth Team to have a distinct identifier, similar to those of the FFA and 4-H. The Youth and Young Adults Committee has selected black vests for the Youth Team and grey vests for sponsors.

To sponsor a member of the Youth Team and receive your own grey vest, we requested a donation of at least \$100 to the PA Grange Youth Department. To sponsor a member of the Youth Team without a supporter vest, we requested a donation of at least \$60. The Youth Team will be wearing their vest while participating in any Grange activity to show their pride in this great organization.

Our inaugural 14 sponsors of the PA State Grange Youth Officer Team include:

Hamburg Grange	Brian Ebersole
Penns Valley Grange	Betsy Huber
Perry Valley Grange	Jennifer Nauss
Straub Insurance	Janet Pratt
Jennifer & Robert Beamon	Michael Pratt
Wayne Campbell	Virginia Straub
Debbie Campbell	Ellen Wadsworth

Thank you to these Granges and individuals for demonstrating your commitment to the Youth of Pennsylvania!



### **MID-ATLANTIC LEADERS CONFERENCE**

The Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference (MALC) was held in virtually in March 2021, hosted by Potomac Grange #1. A few of our youth and young adults attended. The Regional contests, public speaking, sign-a-song and Grange baseball, were not held until August 14<sup>th</sup> on Zoom.

### **PA REGIONAL LEADERSHIP MEETINGS**

The PA State Lecturer organized weekly leadership workshops in the spring of 2021. The youth workshop was held on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> on Zoom. The title of the workshop was “What if this is the new normal?” The workshop was designed to begin a conversation of how to attract and keep youth and young adults engaged in Grange activities in these changing times.

### **ROYALTY TRIP 2021**

Amazingly the Royalty Day in Harrisburg was able to take place this year. The Youth Ambassadors and Young Patrons, Isabella Boone, Derek Snyder, and Braden Gourley, along with the Junior Royalty, were able to have a tour of the Capital Building and meet with their legislators. Happily, they also enjoyed an afternoon and evening of fun at the “Happiest Place on Earth” – Hershey Park.

### **PA STATE GRANGE YOUTH CAMP 2021**

PA State Grange Youth Camp was held in person! We carried over the Olympics theme since the real Olympics were also postponed from 2020 to 2021. There were 24 campers in attendance including 9 first time campers. The youth and young adults participated in various games and contests and experienced eating with chopsticks and assorted Asian dishes. On Saturday evening, the new PA State Grange Youth Ambassadors were announced: Ashlan Smith from Elizabethtown Grange, Lancaster County and Autumn Tworowski from Hamburg Grange, Berks County. On Sunday morning, the closing ceremonies were held, complete with medals made with actual postal stamps from the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona. The medals, along with authentic posters from the 1992 Olympics were graciously donated by Ms. Dee Ruckert from Beaver County. Everyone was thrilled to be at camp in person and we are looking forward to even more campers and more fun next year!

### **FAMILY FESTIVAL**

Family Festival was an exciting event for the Youth and Young Adults. In addition to a few joint activities with the Junior Department, such as water games, the Youth and Young Adults worked the grills on Friday evening, cooking hamburgers and hotdogs for the evening meal. The Grange Knowledge test was also given on Friday night. Saturday morning, most participated in the Bike and Walk-a-Thon for the Community Service and Deaf Activities Department and then walked over to Progress Grange’s Kids Fair. Following lunch, the Youth Committee conducted a Road Rally, which is similar to a scavenger hunt except that teams drive to different locations. The object of the rally is to find all the clues in the shortest distance (mileage). Four teams competed for the glory of being named the winner as well as for a few prizes. During Saturday evening’s program, the new Outstanding Young Patron was announced. Gail Switzer from Marion Grange, Berks County, will be representing the Young Patrons for the next year. I can’t wait to see what Gail, Ashlan and Autumn have in store for the next year.

### **YOUTH FAMILY PICNIC**

Our annual picnic was held at the new PA State Grange office in Mifflintown on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **STATE GRANGE SESSION**

The Youth Officer Team will be sporting their new vests this year at State Session in Valley Forge, PA. I am excited to see this impressive group of youth and young adults as they open the Session on Saturday morning. All of our regular contests will be held this year. It will be great to have a full schedule of activities for the youth and young adults again.

## **APPRECIATION**

Thank you to my family and the awesome Youth Committee as we navigated our way through the changes caused by COVID and juggling the virtual and in-person events. You all were troopers and remained extremely flexible through all of the adjustments! The Youth Committee includes:

Lindsay Schroeder, Berks County

Matt Irons, Warren County

Robert and Jennifer Beamon, Berks County

Youth Ambassadors – Isabella Boone, Centre County and Joshua Mengel, Berks County (July 2019 – June 2021)

Ashlan Smith, Lancaster County and Autumn Tworkoski, Berks County (June 2021 – present)

Young Patrons – Derek Snyder, York County and Braden Gourley, Beaver County (July 2019 – July 2021)

Gail Switzer, Berks County (July 2021 – 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 your encouragement.

Fraternally,

Ellen M. Wadsworth

PA State Grange Youth and Young Adults Director

## **2021 YOUTH DEPARTMENT CONTEST WINNERS**

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### **START WITH A CAKE MIX - Chocolate Variation**

1 – Tammy Schaeffer, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County

2 – Phil Vonada, Penns Valley Grange #158, Centre County

### **START WITH A CAKE MIX - White/Yellow Variation**

1 – Phil Vonada, Penns Valley Grange #158, Centre County

2 – Dina Zug, Walker Grange #786, Juniata County

3 – Barbara Schroeder, Hamburg Grange # 2103, Berks County

### **START WITH A CAKE MIX - Spice/Fruit/Nut Variation**

1. Nick Sattazahn, Kutztown Grange #1836, Berks County

2. Jennifer Beamon, Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County

3. Nancy Sattazahn, Kutztown Grange #1836, Berks County

### **CUPCAKE DECORATING – 14+**

1 – Nancy Sattazahn, Kutztown Grange #1836, Berks County

2 – Jennifer Beamon, Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County

3 – Nick Sattazahn, Kutztown Grange #1836, Berks County

### **CUPCAKE DECORATING – 5-14**

1 – Sadie Johnson, Hookstown Grange #1980, Beaver County

**SCRAPBOOK PAGE – Grange - Young Adult (22-35)**

- 1 – Jodi Keith Kensinger, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
- 2 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 3 – Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County

**SCRAPBOOK PAGE – Grange - Adult (36+)**

- 1 – Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
- 2 – Rachel Brobst, Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County

**SCRAPBOOK PAGE – Other - Juniors (5-13)**

- 1 – Addison McGuire, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County
- 2 – Chase Kosciuszko, Lawrence County Junior Grange, Lawrence County

**SCRAPBOOK PAGE – Other - Young Adult (22-35)**

- 1 – Jodi Keith Kensinger, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County
- 2 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 3 – Lindsay Schroeder, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

**SCRAPBOOK PAGE – Other - Adult (36+)**

- 1 – Cindy Keith, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County

**BUILDING BLOCK CREATION - Youth (14-21)**

- 1 – Abby Kehs, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

**BUILDING BLOCK CREATION – Young Adult (22-35)**

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

**RECYCLED CRAFT – Plastic - Juniors (5-13)**

- 1 – Foster Kehs, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

**RECYCLED CONTAINER – Plastic – Young Adult (22-35)**

- 1 – Jennifer Beamon, Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County
- 2 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 3 – Lindsay Schroeder, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

**RECYCLED CONTAINER – Plastic –Adult (36+)**

- 1 – Marci Schlegel, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County

**RECYCLED CONTAINER – Fabric – Young Adult (22-35)**

- 1 – Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
- 2 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 3 – Lindsay Schroeder, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

**RECYCLED CONTAINER – Wood – Young Adult (22-35)**

- 1 – Ashley Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County
- 2 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 3 – Lindsay Schroeder, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County

**RECYCLED CONTAINER – Wood –Adult (36+)**

- 1 – Karen Mohn, Marion Grange #1853, Berks County

**FOLDING or DIGITAL DISPLAY – Young Adult (22-35)**

- 1 – Ashley Kolpak, Chester Valley Grange #1496, Chester County
- 2 – Phil Vonada, Penns Valley Grange #158, Centre County

**DESIGN A BUTTON - Junior (5-14)**

- 1 – Elsa Kehs, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County
- 2 – Foster Kehs, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

**DESIGN A BUTTON - Youth (14-21)**

- 1 – Allison Parrish, Fairview Grange 1351, Beaver County

**DESIGN A BUTTON – Young Adult (22-35)**

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

**PUBLIC SPEAKING - Prepared – Young Adult (22-35)**

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

**PUBLIC SPEAKING - Prepared –Adult (36+)**

- 1 – Ruth Vonada, Penns Valley Grange #158, Centre County

**PUBLIC SPEAKING - Impromptu - Youth (14-21)**

- 1 – Isabella Boone, Baileyville Grange #158, Centre County
- 2 – Autumn Tworkoski, Hamburg Grange #2103, Berks County
- 3 – Torie Konkus, Jefferson Grange #1384, Schuylkill County

**PUBLIC SPEAKING - Impromptu – Young Adult (22-35)**

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

**PUBLIC SPEAKING - Impromptu –Adult (36+)**

- 1 – Tina Reich, Valley Grange #1360, York County
- 2 – Jen Kehs, Russellville Grange #91, Chester County

**PUBLIC SPEAKING - DIY – Young Adult (22-35)**

- 1 – Jennifer Beamon, Hamburg Grange #2103, 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 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania State Grange Session reports the following:

|                                              |                |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Delegates representing 57 Subordinate Grange | 96             |
| Delegates representing 23 Pomona Grange      | <u>38</u>      |
| Total number of Delegates                    | 134            |
| <br>Total Guest                              | <br>63         |
| Total number of Junior Grange Members        | <u>25</u>      |
|                                              | 88             |
| <br><b>Grand Total</b>                       | <br><b>222</b> |

We want to thank the registration committee for their work.

Fraternally submitted,  
Barbara Schroeder, Chair, Berks County  
Derek Schroeder, Berks County

## **REPORT OF THE PA STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION**

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

The Deaf & Community Service Department and the Pennsylvania State Grange Executive Committee oversee the Sign Language Training Program Scholarship Fund, from which a grant of \$250 is available each year. The balance of this fund as of June 30, 2021 is \$1,281.94. In 2021 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, 2021 is \$9,992.29

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, 2021 is \$97,985.74 which includes the \$1,281.94 of the Sign Language Training Programs Scholarship Fund.

The winners of this year's Grange scholarships were –

Isaac Mengel, Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County  
Trevor Fegley, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County  
Kaylee Schall, Banner Grange #1115, Cambria County

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 scholarships 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". Any amount is welcome.

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,  
Richard Mangel, Chairman  
Pennsylvania State Grange Foundation.

## REPORT OF THE HISTORY COMMITTEE

### Executive Summary

In preparation for moving to the new State Grange headquarters, the History Committee stepped up its efforts to sort historical documents, excess regalia & other Grange paraphernalia, etc. housed in the Lemoyne office and then assisted with the move into the Mifflintown facility.

Another major focus during the year was planning for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary kick-off event held September 18, 2021, leading to the climax of the sesquicentennial celebration at the 2023 State Grange session. Planning for the session in Reading has encountered many challenges.

On-going work included the resumption of video interviews with Grange leaders to record oral history and continued organizational and facility renewal efforts at Eagle Grange #1 which officially celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary throughout the year with many activities.

### New Headquarters

The move from rented office space in Lemoyne to the Grange owned building in Mifflintown has greatly increased space available to store Grange records and other historical information. Several members of the History Committee spent a considerable amount of time sorting and organizing materials to determine what should be kept, what should be discarded and what should be moved to the new facility. The organization of the materials continue and eventually some will be on display at headquarters.

History Committee funds were expended to purchase metal shelving units to provide more orderly storage for Grange records in the new headquarters. Although we continue to encourage Granges to donate records to local historical societies for their preservation, the records of inactive Granges can now be accepted for storage at the state headquarters. A new Commonwealth Archives building is currently being constructed in Harrisburg by the State Historical & Museum so the possibility exists that at some future date Grange records will once again be accepted there and stored permanently in a climate-controlled environment.

Regalia and other Grange implements from closed Granges were provided during the year to several active Granges requesting them. Contact the History Committee if your Grange is in need of such items.

### Sesquicentennial Plans/Events

The History Committee continued to fulfil its appointment by our State Grange president to provide leadership for the observance of the State Grange's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the 2023 state session where the anniversary will be climaxed. Many hours of meetings, some in-person and some by Zoom, were held to make specific plans for the ideas brainstormed earlier.

**Kick-Off** - By the time this report is shared at the state session in Valley Forge, the kick-off events of September 18, 2021, will have been completed. This gala day of activity included an open house brunch at Eagle Grange #1, Montgomery, PA, and a luncheon with program at the Country Cupboard Restaurant & Shoppes, Lewisburg, PA. Approximately 135 persons participated. The program included the recognition of three Pennsylvanians (Leonard Rhone, John W. Scott and J. Luther Snyder) inducted into the National Grange "Hall of Fame", a thought-provoking keynote address by Dr. Meecee Baker and a original candle lighting ceremony symbolically spreading the Grange light in Pennsylvania.

**Light the Cake** – As of early September, candle purchases totaled \$7,130, from 42 Granges (8 Pomona and 34 Subordinate) and 65 individuals/families for an average donation of more than \$65. Thank you very

much for this generous support; see Addendum #1 for a complete list of Granges and individual/families purchasing candles. However, this is still a minority of our Granges and Grange members so we reissue the challenge to the remainder of both to contribute in whatever amount might be possible. Every donation helps us reach the goal.

**150 Acts of Service** – This anniversary initiative is a tangible demonstration of what the Grange is doing in local communities today. Every Grange is urged to do at least one new service project between 2021 and 2023 and to share that information through an on-line spreadsheet. As of mid-September, 10 acts of service have been recorded toward the goal of 150 projects.

**Degree Exemplifications in Full Form** – York County will be exemplifying the First and Second Degrees in 2021 at Valley Forge. At the session in York the following year (2022), the Third Degree will be exemplified by the State Youth Department and the Fourth Degree by Centre County. Finally, in 2023 the Fifth Degree will be presented by Susquehanna County and drill teams from Beaver, Centre and Chester Counties will participate in a full Pennsylvania-style exemplification of the Sixth Degree. The extra effort being given by all these Granges is much appreciated and will underscore the teachings of our historic, beautiful ritual during the anniversary celebration.

**Sponsorships by Granges, individuals and Companies** – Beginning in 2022, a second fundraising effort will be actively promoted seeking larger amount sponsorships to fund the anniversary celebration and the 2023 State Grange session. Each of the six sponsor levels is designated by a precious gem, the color which relates to one of the levels of the Grange:

- Diamond Sponsor (Assembly of Demeter) \$5,000 or more
- Gold Sponsor (National Grange) \$3,000-\$4,999
- Rose Quartz Sponsor (State Grange) \$2,000-\$2,999
- Emerald Sponsor (Pomona/County Grange) \$1,000-\$1,999
- Sapphire Sponsor (Local/Community/Subordinate Grange) \$500-\$999
- Ruby Sponsor (Junior Grange) \$250-\$499

Two early sponsorships have already been received, one each at the Diamond and Emerald levels for a total of \$6,000 – a great start for this initiative. See Addendum #2 for a list of sponsors.

**Leadership** – Regional anniversary coordinators were appointed to help communicate and translate plans to Pomona Granges in each part of the state.

- **Northwest Region** (*Granges in Crawford, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango, and Warren Counties*) – Kelly VanOrd; [kvanord@verizon.net](mailto:kvanord@verizon.net); 814-484-7295
- **Northcentral Region** (*Granges in Centre, Clearfield, Lycoming, Montour, Potter and Tioga Counties*) – Cheryl Miller; [miller.cheryl39@yahoo.com](mailto:miller.cheryl39@yahoo.com); 814-355-1139
- **Northeast Region** (*Granges in Bradford, Carbon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Northampton, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming Counties*) – Penny Carpenetti; [bpcarpy@icloud.com](mailto:bpcarpy@icloud.com); 570-878-4244
- **Southwest Region** (*Granges in Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland Counties*) – Janet Fishovitz; [jfishovitz@gmail.com](mailto:jfishovitz@gmail.com); 724-494-5472
- **Southcentral Region** (*Granges in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Cumberland, Huntingdon, Juniata, Perry, Somerset and York Counties*) – Krista Pontius; [kpontius@greenwoodsd.org](mailto:kpontius@greenwoodsd.org); 717-385-6015
- **Southeast Region** (*Granges in Berks, Bucks, Chester, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, and Montgomery Counties*) – Gene & Denae Zvarick; [gazvarick@yahoo.com](mailto:gazvarick@yahoo.com); 484-663-3219

Pomona Grange presidents were requested to appoint a Pomona coordinator for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary to work directly with the regional coordinators. This was intended as an important link in the chain of communications between the State and Pomona Granges with the goal of reaching every local community Grange. Despite repeated attempts, only 18 Pomona Granges have named an anniversary coordinator (20 Pomona Granges have not).

### **Oral History Interviews**

Video interviews with Grange leaders were put on hold during the COVID lock-down and have now begun again. Thoughts and remembrances of the Grange are being recorded and will be used in various ways in the future to share the organization's history. If you or a member of your Grange is interested in setting up an interview, please contact Steve and Karen Mohn at 610-589-2473.

### **Renewal of Pennsylvania's First Grange**

Eagle Grange #1 officially reached its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2021 and many special activities took place to celebrate 150 years of continuous service. Eagle was the second Grange in the nation to be so recognized on a "150" plaque that hangs in the National Grange office in Washington, DC.

The History Committee "adopted" Eagle as a special project in 2019, determined to keep this Grange alive and to renew it. Two committee members have become Affiliate Members at Eagle and taken on leadership positions. That renewal has taken many directions – property renovation, leadership development, increased fund raising, membership recruitment, expanded community service and return to meetings in the traditional format with educational programs at each. The results have been gratifying.

In the past year, thanks to support from many Granges and the community, Eagle has completed the renovation of its facilities with the addition of commercial kitchen equipment, a new HVAC system for year-round comfort, and rehabilitation of the second floor meeting room, including installation of a chair lift. Meeting attendance has doubled with many programs and projects drawing strong interest from the community, thanks in part to an aggressive public relations effort with local newspapers and radio stations. Some new members have been received and many non-members are regular participants at Eagle Grange, creating hope that membership will continue to increase. Rebuilding this Grange, as with any Grange, is a slow and continuous process.

### **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 to finalize 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)



## Addendum 1 – Anniversary Candle Contributors

### Individuals:

|                                                                         |                                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lizzie and Cliff Bailey                                                 | Carl and Vanessa Locke                                         |
| Patty Bird and Ashley Furman                                            | Laura McCardle                                                 |
| Douglas Bonsall                                                         | Karen McMaslin                                                 |
| Charles and Audrey Brackman                                             | Mary and Laura McMillin – <i>in memory of loved ones</i>       |
| Thelma Brodzina                                                         | Joyce and Ken Merritt                                          |
| Edgar and Linda Byers                                                   | Ruth and Charles Merroth                                       |
| Wayne and Debbie Campbell                                               | Cheryl and Lance Miller                                        |
| Penny Carpenetti                                                        | Steve, Karen, and Ashley Mohn                                  |
| Denise Clare                                                            | Anna May and Brad Nauss                                        |
| Bob and Suzanne Davidson                                                | Jenn Nauss                                                     |
| Ray Davis and Doris Evans                                               | Nauss Family – <i>in honor of Fae Snyder</i>                   |
| Beth and Bernie Downey – <i>in honor of the Downey/Anstadt Families</i> | Helen Oakley                                                   |
| Tim Druschel                                                            | Wayne Oakley                                                   |
| Brian Ebersole – <i>in honor of Grangers for the next 150 years!</i>    | Robert F. Pardoe, Jr.                                          |
| Robin (Mease) Fabo – <i>1983 Youth Ambassador</i>                       | Vince Phillips, <i>CROP Insurance Agents Association of PA</i> |
| Peggy Farham                                                            | Jason and Krista Pontius                                       |
| Tony and Janet Fishovitz                                                | Kevin Sattazahn Family                                         |
| C. Crawford Garvin                                                      | Nick Sattazahn Family                                          |
| In memory of Guy and Alice Gassert                                      | Robert and Jane Sattazahn – <i>First PA Young Couple, 1969</i> |
| Elizabeth Green                                                         | Tim and Tammy Schaeffer Family                                 |
| Ben and Maryann Haagen                                                  | James Scott                                                    |
| Renee Hetrick                                                           | Jill Scott                                                     |
| Bob and Jean Hollabaugh                                                 | Norm and Cindy Shaffer                                         |
| John and Deanna Hollabaugh                                              | Laura Day Sharpnack                                            |
| Wendy Hollabaugh                                                        | Susan Tau                                                      |
| Dottie and Ron Houtz                                                    | Monica Turner                                                  |
| Betsy Huber and Ellen Wadsworth                                         | Kelly Van Ord                                                  |
| Matt, Miranda, Daxter, and Kenzi Irons                                  | Vonada Family – <i>in memory of Dale Vonada</i>                |
| Irvin J. Kauffman                                                       | In memory of Erma Witherite, Bald Eagle Grange #151            |
| Nettie Kauffman                                                         | Linda Zahn                                                     |
| Jodi Keith Kensinger                                                    | Art and Dina Zug                                               |
| Richard Kieffer                                                         | Gene Zvarick                                                   |
| Carlene and Robert Kleckner/Sharon and Carl Heck                        |                                                                |

### Granges:

|                                                                                        |                                                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Baileyville Grange #1991, Centre County                                                | Canusarago Grange #27, Lycoming County                                               |
| Beaver Pomona Grange #66                                                               | Chester-Delaware Pomona Grange #3                                                    |
| Berks County Pomona Family Activities                                                  | Cochranton Grange #2030, Crawford County                                             |
| Berks County Pomona Grange #43 – <i>in honor of their 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary</i> | Community Grange #2048, Dauphin County                                               |
| Bernville Grange #1887, Berks County                                                   | Eagle Grange #1, Lycoming County                                                     |
| Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County                                                   | East Lynn Grange #1263, Chester County                                               |
| Butler County Pomona Grange #17 – <i>in memory of John W. Scott</i>                    | Fulton Grange #66, Lancaster County                                                  |
|                                                                                        | Hartslog Valley Grange #375, Huntingdon County – <i>in memory of Martha Anderson</i> |

Hayfield Grange #800, Crawford County  
 Hookstown Grange #1980, Beaver County  
 Jefferson Grange #1373, Butler County – *in memory of Albert Martsolf*  
 Logan Grange #109, Centre County  
 London Grange #1492, Mercer County  
 London Grove Grange #63, Chester County  
 Lycoming County Pomona Grange #28  
 Marion Grange #223, Centre County  
 Marion Grange #1853, Berks County  
 Pennsylvania State Junior Grange Committee – *in honor of the Junior Grange Founding in 1888*  
 Penns Valley Grange #158, Centre County  
 Perry County Pomona Grange #69

Perry Valley Grange #1804, Perry County  
 Progress Grange #96, Centre County  
 Red Lion Grange #1781, York County  
 Rundells Grange #871, Crawford County  
 Russellville Grange #91, Chester County  
 Sanatoga Grange #25, Montgomery County  
 Scotch Valley Grange #510, Blair County  
 Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County  
 Susquehanna Pomona Grange #7  
 Union Grange #152, Susquehanna County  
 Valley Grange #1360, York County  
 Victor Grange #159, Centre County  
 Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County  
 Walker Grange #2007, Centre County  
 York County Pomona Grange #40

#### **Addendum 2 – Anniversary**

Perry Valley Grange #1804, Perry County

Anonymous

### **149TH ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE PAST STATE OFFICERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS ANNUAL MEETING**

The Past Officers and Past Department Heads of the Pennsylvania State Grange held their annual meeting on Friday, October 15, 2021, in the Valley Forge Casino Resort, Valley Forge, PA. The group did not hold a meeting in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic which only permitted delegates to attend the 2020 annual convention.

The meeting was called to Order by President Mary Jane Kent. Mary Jane thanked everyone for attending the luncheon.

The session guest was Betsy Huber, Master/President of the National Grange.

Mary Jane Kent offered grace prior to the luncheon.

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

Copies of the Minutes of the 2019 meeting were provided at each table. There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes; motion carried.

The 2021 Treasurer's Report was presented by Kelly VanOrd and provided to all in attendance and was accepted as submitted on a motion by Janet Pratt, second by Jim Diamond; motion carried.

Report of the 2019 Audit Committee – Denise Clare and Carl Meiss reported that they found the accounts correct and in order. The 2021 Audit Committee of Sara Shank and Michael Pratt were appointed with the books to be audited at the close of this luncheon.

Report of the Grange Resale/Jewelry Table – We realized a net profit of \$183.42 from the 2019 State Session. We make 20% profit on this merchandise. The resale table was in the meeting room this year so that the members of the committee did not miss the session and other activities.

Betsy Huber, President of the National Grange offered comments that there is a lot of wisdom in the room that needs to be passed on to the next generation. Mentoring is the theme for National Grange.

**Old business:**

Richard Mangel made the motion, seconded by Nettie Kauffman, to make our annual standing contributions to the various departments of the State Grange as follows:

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

**New business:**

The following officers were elected:

|                |                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| President      | Lorena Baughman             |
| Vice President | Janet Fishovitz             |
| Secretary      | Anna May Nauss (re-elected) |
| Treasurer      | Kelly VanOrd (re-elected)   |

The balance in the bank savings account is \$ 2,012.20; balance in checking is \$688.90 as of September 30, 2021.

Today's "Pass the Hat" collection was \$420, plus donations of \$320 were received in the mail prior to today.

Necrology Report of those who have passed since our 2019 report:

Gordon Hiller, PA State Grange Master/President  
Mary Buffington, PA State Grange Flora and Lecturer, National Grange Women's  
Activities Chair and National Grange Lecturer  
Gerald Slick, PA State Grange Treasurer  
Ed Murphy, PA State Grange Youth Director

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

Those in attendance at the luncheon were:

|                   |                 |                                                                                                                                                   |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Robert Hollabaugh | Warren County   | Gatekeeper                                                                                                                                        |
| Kelly VanOrd      | Warren County   | Lady Assistant Steward, Junior Committee<br>Junior Director, Deaf and Community Service Director                                                  |
| Braden Thomson    | Warren County   | Guest                                                                                                                                             |
| Susan Tau         | Crawford County | Lecturer, Youth and Young Adults Committee,<br>Lecturer's Committee, Deaf and Committee Service<br>Flora, Treasurer, Youth, Young Adults Director |
| Anna May Nauss    | York County     | Guest                                                                                                                                             |
| Brad Nauss        | York County     | First Lady                                                                                                                                        |
| Fae Snyder        | York County     | Chaplain                                                                                                                                          |
| Jenn Nauss        | York County     | Lecturer                                                                                                                                          |
| Mary Jane Kent    | Greene County   | Flora                                                                                                                                             |
| Marty Dinsmore    | Greene County   | Gatekeeper, Overseer, Executive Committee                                                                                                         |
| Richard Mangel    | Butler County   | Family Activities Director, Flora                                                                                                                 |
| Virginia Mangel   | Butler County   | Steward                                                                                                                                           |
| Leonard Heim      | Lehigh County   | Pomona                                                                                                                                            |
| Joanne Heim       | Lehigh County   |                                                                                                                                                   |

|                      |                   |                                               |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Nettie Kauffman      | Berks County      | Youth Director, Pomona, Executive Committee   |
| Irvin Kauffman       | Berks County      | Guest                                         |
| Sara Shank           | Lebanon County    | Pomona                                        |
| Sandy Witmer         | Lancaster County  | Secretary                                     |
| Barbara Bair         | York County       | Guest                                         |
| Robert Bair          | York County       | Executive Committee                           |
| Tim Schaeffer        | Berks County      | Guest                                         |
| Tammy Schaeffer      | Berks County      | Ceres                                         |
| Ashley Mohn          | Berks County      | Guest                                         |
| Steve Mohn           | Berks County      | Assistant Steward                             |
| Andrew Kieffer       | Berks County      | Gatekeeper, Assistant Steward                 |
| Jane Adams           | Berks County      | Guest                                         |
| Michael Adams        | Berks County      | Steward                                       |
| Carl Meiss           | York County       | Master                                        |
| Lorena Baughman      | Blair County      | Lecturer                                      |
| Denise Clare         | Berks County      | Lecturer                                      |
| Beth Downey          | Lycoming County   | Executive Committee, Master, Junior Committee |
| Bernie Downey        | Lycoming County   | Guest                                         |
| Doug Bonsall         | Perry County      | Youth Director, Lecturer, Chaplain            |
| Art Zug              | Juniata County    | Assistant Steward                             |
| Dina Zug             | Juniata County    | Youth Director, Secretary                     |
| Wayne Campbell       | Perry County      | Overseer, Master                              |
| Debbie Campbell      | Perry County      | Pomona, Secretary, Junior Director            |
| Tony Fishovitz       | Beaver County     | Guest                                         |
| Janet Fishovitz      | Beaver County     | Flora                                         |
| Doris Koenig         | Lehigh County     | Lady Assistant Steward                        |
| Gene Zvarick         | Montgomery County | Gatekeeper                                    |
| Robert Kleckner      | Berks County      | Assistant Steward                             |
| Janet Pratt          | Venango County    | Lady Assistant Steward, Junior Director       |
|                      |                   | Community Service Director                    |
| Ruth Vonada          | Centre County     | Deaf and Community Service Director           |
|                      |                   | Executive Committee                           |
| Thelma Brodzina      | Centre County     | Guest                                         |
| James E. Diamond     | Bucks County      | Youth Director, Executive Committee           |
| Betsy Huber          | Chester County    | Pomona, Overseer, Master                      |
| Ashley Furman        | Centre County     | Pomona                                        |
| Lincoln Furman       | Centre County     | Guest                                         |
| Patty Bird           | Centre County     | Guest                                         |
| Lizzie Bailey        | Cumberland County | Guest                                         |
| Carrie Nace          | Adams County      | Guest                                         |
| Reba Clapper         | Huntingdon County | Guest                                         |
| Jodi Keith-Kensinger | Huntingdon County | Pomona, Flora                                 |
| Harry Keith          | Huntingdon County | Guest                                         |

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

Respectfully submitted  
Anna May Nauss

## REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANT

Following are some of the highlights of Pennsylvania State Grange lobbying and advocacy from November 2021 through August 2021 following the State Session in October 2020. This report does not contain new issues added after September 13, 2021.

### LEGISLATION ON WHICH THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE LOBBIES

#### AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

- Supported necessary state funding of Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences, Penn State Extension, and the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. (Status: State Law).

#### AGRICULTURE DEPT. BUDGET

- Lobbied for strengthened PDA general government operations budget line.
- Lobbied against Governor Wolf's proposal to seize monies from the PA Race Horse Development Fund and use it for non-agricultural purposes. ***NOTE: The proposal was rejected as part of the State Budget passed by the General Assembly in 2021.***

#### AGRITOURISM

- Lobbied for enactment of House Bill 101 that provides limited liability to farms engaging in agritourism or agri-entertainment. (Status: State Law).
- Supports SB 191 allowing for wedding barns to be exempted from the Uniform Construction Code.

#### BROADBAND

- Working with Grange representative to SR 47's Broadband Advisory Committee to draft legislative language as policy recommendation to the General Assembly. ***NOTE: Pennsylvania State Grange was the only member-based farm organization to sit on the Advisory Committee preparing the Broadband Report released summer 2020 and 2021 proposals.***
- Supports HB 166 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 HB 1742 which funds the Broadband Authority with Federal COVID stimulus money.
- Supported HB 1621 which eases obstacles for installation of small cell facilities on utility poles. (Status: State Law)
- Supports SB 442 Inventory of state properties to see where there can be a cellular add-on in rural areas (such as fire towers). ***NOTE: This was opposed in 2020 by the Wolf Administration.***
- Broadband access was the top legislative priority for Pennsylvania State Grange. In January 2021, we held our fourth annual Broadband program at the Farm Show virtually which attracted a crowd and considerable media attention.

#### ***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 second-class citizens without the advantages going to others in today's ever more technology-oriented world.***

#### COVID-19 CRISIS

- In late 2020, supported legislation providing limited liability for businesses, health care facilities, personal protection equipment from COVID liability lawsuits. Status: Passed by General Assembly but vetoed by Governor Wolf.

## DAIRY

- Testified for continuance of PA Milk Marketing Board (PMMB) over-order premium.
- Supported milk sell-by legislation, SB 434. (Status: State Law).
- Supports SB 840 and SB 841 which seek to expand PA's ability to charge premium to milk coming into PA.
- Supports HB 187 to limit liability for milk being donated to hunger programs.
- Pennsylvania State Grange was represented on the PA Dairy Future Commission by member Dina Zug. She chaired the Markets subcommittee in their 2020 far-reaching report. Monitored check list of which recommendations were acted upon.
- Grange will support bills that would create Keystone Dairy Opportunity Zones to attract regional investment in dairy processing facilities when re-introduced.
- Supports HB 186 and SB 192 on milk hauling during emergency. **NOTE: This was vetoed by the Governor in the last legislative session.**

## ABUSE OF POWER; ATTACK ON STATE SOVEREIGNTY

- Opposes the Delaware River Basin Commission's overstepping their authority by adopting a regulation banning fracking in northeast PA, ignoring established PA state law. **NOTE: Act 13 already regulates natural gas development. The Delaware River Basin Commission ignored this law when it decided 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 by a regional entity.**
- Opposes Governor Wolf's unilateral decision to have PA join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) without legislative approval. Besides the Grange position opposing cap and trade schemes, the Pennsylvania State Grange also stresses that the PA Constitution explicitly says no to PA surrendering the power to tax to an outside entity. RGGI would have the power to tax coal energy producers out of existence.

## ENVIRONMENT & FARMLAND PRESERVATION

- Supports continued funding for conservation programs, Growing Greener III, and dedicating funding for farmers to adopt conservation best practices. SB 832; SB 525.
- Providing input and testimony on proposals regarding use of solar energy to legislators.

## FAIRS

- Supports continued state support disbursements to County Fairs, particularly to continue payments for operations such as Fair liability insurance policies.

## FEDERAL

- Urged USDA to allow whole milk as part of the Nutrition Guidelines and contacted PA congress people re the same.
- Monitored activity of Family Business Coalition which opposes a Federal Death Tax.
- Re-enforced National Grange legislative positions.

## HEALTH

- Opposes SB 38 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 705 and HB 1573 that would regulate Telemedicine as an importance resource to rural PA – providing that attention is paid to expanding access to high-speed Broadband.

- Supports HB 1729 and HR 68 in concept regarding insurance company payment for Tele-dentistry with the caveat that there must be Broadband access for this legislation to be effective.
- Will support legislation when re-introduced to mandate insurer coverage for hearing aids.

#### HUNGER

- Advocated doubling the PASS line item in the State Budget. This program provides fresh farm products to food banks in PA. **NOTE: PASS line item was increased in the 2021-22 state budget**
- Supported local community and vertical farming organizations focused on feeding communities.

#### HUNTING

- Opposes SB 607 to eliminate all restrictions on hunting during deer season.
- Opposed SB 147 in 2020 and was the only farm group which consistently opposed Sunday hunting. **NOTE: Enacted into law despite Grange opposition.**

#### MARCELLUS SHALE ROYALTIES

- Supports royalty transparency, SB 806.

#### MEDIA LEGISLATION

- Opposes HB 955 which would give municipalities the option of posting legal notices on line instead of placing ads in newspaper. **NOTE: The Grange works with PA newspapers association on this bill and submitted testimony supporting the position.**

#### PROPERTY TAXES

- Will support legislation when introduced to exempt “historic agricultural buildings” from local property taxes. **NOTE: Drafted alternate property tax exemption bill for Grange halls – drafted but not introduced in 2020 or 2021.**

#### RETIREMENT

- Will oppose legislation if re-introduced that would establish a state retirement plan for small businesses. **NOTE: It would be 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/ AGRI-TOURISM

- Supports HB 216 which curtails unreasonable municipal restrictions on agritourism.

#### RIGHT TO REPAIR

- Monitors HB 1152 Right to Repair legislation; No Grange lobbying position taken.

#### SEPTIC SYSTEMS

- Will support legislation when re-introduced to exempt DEP regulation of PA septic systems from oversight by Delaware River Basin Commission. **NOTE: DEP estimates that approximately one-quarter of PA homes have septic systems.**

#### STATE BUDGET

- Supports increased PDA general government operations budget. (Status: State Law.)
- Worked to restore PDA line items such as hardwoods, ag research, ag exports & marketing, etc. that were cut in the Governor’s 2021 State Budget proposal. (Status: State Law.)
- Supported increased funding for Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences and Penn State Extension. **NOTE: enacted 2021-22 State Budget continues funding at current level.**
- Support continued FY 2021-22 funding for University of PA School of Veterinary Medicine. (Status: State Law.)

- Successfully fought efforts by some legislators to take away Vet School funding because of an unrelated COVID issue.

#### **STATE BUDGET BORROWING**

- Opposes legislative attempts to raid Special Funds, HB 255.
- Opposes Governor Wolf's Restore PA plan and its successors which would borrow billions of dollars 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.**

#### **TAXES**

- Re MS4 (Rain Tax) will support legislation when introduced re reduced farm Rain Tax for farmers and Resolutions asking Congress to repeal MS4.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

- Supports HB 37 to ban use of hand-held electronic devices by driver while car is in motion

#### **URBAN AGRICULTURE**

- Researching vertical farming. Grange has been active in meeting with owners of facilities and supporting these efforts.

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

- None in 2020 or 2021.

#### **MEMBER LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY**

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

- 2021 Grange Day on Hill not held due to COVID-19.
- 2021 Grange Royalty visit to Harrisburg.
- 2021 Grange Family Days legislative/resolutions workshop.

#### **INACTIVE 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.
- Dog Law.
- Drone limits and public safety – no activity. Although Grange wrote draft legislation, prime sponsor has not taken action.
- 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 regulation (SB 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.
- Comments prepared re Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.
- Defended PA's regulatory authority over environmental issues in the Delaware River Basin Commission.



- Grange is a Pollinator issue committee member.
- Grange is DEP Agriculture Advisory Committee member.
- Grange has been a 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).

### **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 and/or line item in State Budget.
- Follow up media on Grange Farm Show Broadband program.
- Various opinion editorials on numerous topics such as Broadband.
- Media release on State Budget funding for Agriculture programs; passage of milk sell-by legislation, SB 434. 2021 Farm Show Grange Broadband Panel, etc.
- Podcast guests on members' shows on issues of importance to the Grange.

### **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES IDENTIFIED**

- Grants for education, COVID.
- Agriculture youth grants.

### **ASSOCIATION WORK**

The Legislative Consultant:

- Reported to Grange President and leadership on issues and legislation.
- Drafted Resolution language on issues such as solar factories on farmland.
- In depth analysis on PA Special Funds and legislative attempts to raid them.
- Legislative briefings for Executive Committee members for their speeches.
- Resource for 2021 Resolutions Committees' meeting.
- Preparing administrative backup for state-required Lobbying Expenditure Quarterly Reports and calculation of state-mandated Sales Tax for direct lobbying expenditures – as requested.
- Researched current Resolutions to determine which should be archived.
- Speeches to Granges.
- Preparing testimony to legislative committees on topics of importance to the Grange.
- Updated 2021 Legislative Priorities flyer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Nace, Pennsylvania State Grange Legislative Consultant

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## REPORT OF THE PR/MEMBERSHIP CONSULTANT

Here we are, October 2021, a little more than a year and a half in dealing with COVID-19. I am so proud of how Grangers pivoted and maneuvered through the pandemic so far! You all have shown resourcefulness and creativity to accomplish events and serve your communities and take care of each other. Thank you for all that you have done to serve others!

Grangers embraced technology which I was so happy to have many of you participate in activities that were taking place online. I was thrilled that we were able to offer programs that you could host in your communities. Let's continue on with using technology to our advantage as your Grange can host an education fun event and offer to those in your area to come. Think about also the possibilities of live streaming an event you are holding at your Grange Hall.

I personally feel that my home office now looks like a production studio with the equipment I have acquired to stay active and offer online services. Please reach out to me to work with your Grange members in developing, and enhancing a digital footprint for your Grange.

Please find a synopsis of some of the highlights from the past year.

Please don't hesitate to reach out for me. I look forward to the upcoming year in working with you on growing our Granges!

Yours in Grange Service,

Lizzie Bailey  
PR/Membership

### ONGOING FUNCTIONS

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

### Constant Contact/Email Blasts, Social Media, Website

**Personal Touch** - I made phone calls and sent cards to reach out and provide a personal touch during the pandemic. If there is anything you need or just want to chat to catch up on news, please contact me.

**Pennsylvania Grange News** - This has been a big undertaking by everyone at the State Grange office. Brittany Covey and I have assumed the role of Publishing Editors. There have been many challenges along the way with content, layout, writing articles, and gathering enough Grange news overall. We are not perfect, but we are giving this project our all. We rely on Grange volunteers to help us accomplish these news editions. We could use your help in editing, writing, and gathering information from your Grangers. Let us know if you would like to volunteer with the PGN.

**PA State Grange Zoom Bingo** - During the COVID-19 shutdown, I came up with a way to help our members and guests to connect with each other. Every Wednesday night, we played virtual bingo via Zoom. We have young kids, youth, and adults participating from our state, plus also Vermont, New Jersey, Maryland, Florida, and California. The highest number of computers logged had reached 35 computers with multiple people playing from a computer location. Those playing have shared that they looked forward to attending that it gave them something to look forward to each week and we formed friendships that will last for our lifetime. We are on hiatus from our weekly games, and played one game during August and have a Halloween Bingo coming up on October 27, 2021 which will include players being in costume, judging,

special prizes and party kits going out to those pre-registered. This program was accomplished with donations. We, at the state office were overwhelmed with the toughing comments of those attending our virtual bingo program and their financial donations.

**Friends of the PA Farm Show Board** - I am a member of the board since 2020 and it is a great experience in learning more about Farm Show and the many different planning components that take place to have the PA Farm Show happen every year.

**PA Farm Show 2021** - We kicked off in January 2021 by participating in the Virtual PA Farm Show. I started working on this project in November 2020 creating content for the website for viewers to participate in. I was able to recreate our booth when visitors landed on our webpages. We created a video to highlight our quilt trail so even though we weren't there, people had an opportunity. There were also games, and we restricted our PA Farm Show Quilt Trail Scavenger Hunt so visitors could participate online.

**Pennsylvania State Grange Farm Show Legislative Meeting** - Carrie Nace, our legislative consultant and President Wayne Campbell worked on the line-up of panelists to discuss Broadband. We held this meeting via Zoom and it went very well. If you missed this event, you can find it at our website at: [www.pagrange.org](http://www.pagrange.org).

**Pennsylvania State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail** - The quilt trail is going to be expanding into a newly renovated hallway behind the smaller food court area in the main exhibit hall that leads into the small show arena. The focus of these quilts will be urban life created by children and youth from our city areas across Pennsylvania. We will be working with participants in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, York, and Pittsburgh.

**PA State Grange Lecturer's Workshop Series** - I participated in the Lecturer's Workshop series on hosting a Zoom Membership meeting. It was an open discussion on growing membership. Grange member shared details on events and programs that they offer and what works and doesn't work for them. This zoom workshop as well as the whole series is available at [www.pagrange.org](http://www.pagrange.org).

What was great about this is I was able to track from our website how many visitors and what they clicked on. The PA State Grange Heritage Quilt Trail was included into the virtual Farm Show Exhibits area which drew a bigger audience for our website.

**Ag Progress Days 2021** - It was exciting to be able to return to our booth at the 2021 Ag Progress Days held in Pennsylvania Furnace. The interaction with people stopping by the booth was wonderful and we sold cookbooks and the Family Activities Quilt Raffle tickets.

**Some Travel Notes** - I have been off and running since COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted giving us more opportunities to be with our members. The summer flew by as we spent as much time as possible attending events.

**March** - Two separate community meetings at Shartlesville Grange and a meeting at Frieden's Church leadership in the area to explore the possibilities of reorganizing the Grange in partnership with the local churches. The Shartlesville Grange Hall which is being sold.

**May** - I visited Hamburg Grange along with Rachel Bailey, D&CS Director to discuss Grange membership and events.

**June** - Trip with Pennsylvania State Grange Royalty to the Pennsylvania State Capitol.

**July** - I spent three days in Western PA attending the Butler County Fair being with the Butler County Grange members in their building on the fairgrounds. I then traveled to the Venango County Fairgrounds to

spend some time with members at the Scrubgrass Grange's new food stand. I also had a great time at the Lawrence County Pomona's dinner where I was able to speak to the members about updates and news from the Pennsylvania State Grange. July also included five days at the Pennsylvania State Grange's Family Festival where I was able to interact with the membership, host a workshop, play bingo with everyone, and have lots of fun. From Family Festival I immediately went to the York Fair which is a 10-day event where we had a booth in the Ag Center. Something new was to offer cooking classes in the Ag center which was a nice added event for the Pennsylvania State Grange.

**August** - Ag Progress Days, which I have prior notes in this report. I traveled to Allentown to assist with the Northampton - Lehigh Pomona in setting up their fair booth. We all were excited as they won a blue ribbon for the exhibit.

**September** - I traveled to Butler County to attend a vertical gardening presentation by a entrepreneur who is starting these businesses in Pennsylvania. President Wayne Campbell and I traveled to Eldred Grange for a meeting with local township and county supervisors and ball team coach to discuss the future of the Grange building. A great time was had with the Kutztown Rotary Club as they hosted their Farm Night at a local township park. State Senator Judy Schwank (11th district) was a speaker at the event and she updated the attendees on legislative news.

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

With over 125 blocks displayed at the PA Farm Show many people are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to view them but due to the pandemic activities at the PA Farm Show Complex access has been curtailed until just recently. So, if you are in the Harrisburg area, stop in and view the Quilt Blocks along with the 30' display case highlighting Quilting from 1850 to 1950 – all can be found in the Crossroad Hall and the Maclay Street Lobby. Plans are now in the works for Harrisburg area youth to paint blocks for the passage way outside the Small Arena.

Once again, the Paint Your Own Quilt Block Workshop was held at Family Festival with 15 blocks painted including one for the Pennsylvania State Grange's new office building. A 4' x 4' patriotic themed block was chosen to hang on the north side of the building for all to see when traveling south into Mifflintown.

Due to the pandemic, we were not able to hold Paint Your Own Quilt Block workshops throughout the year however we were able to work with a Venango County 4-H Club who painted 13 new 2' x 2' blocks bringing the total number of Quilt Blocks hanging on the Venango County Fairground buildings to 50!

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.

Work is ongoing on our PA Grange Heritage Quilt Trail website to keep it up to date with current photos and locations of Quilt Blocks. Remember that the PA Grange will provide every Grange sponsored Quilt Block with a PA 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 PA 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 state 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

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

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

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

Salaries, and only salaries, are set for the following elected Officers of the Pennsylvania State Grange for November 1, 2022 thru October 31, 2023 and November 1, 2023 thru October 31, 2024.

Beginning November 1, 2022

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| President/Master | \$47,290 |
| Treasurer        | \$ 4,000 |
| Secretary        | \$ 3,250 |

Beginning November 1, 2023

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| President/Master | \$47,790 |
| Treasurer        | \$ 4,000 |
| Secretary        | \$ 3,500 |

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Martin, York County, Chair  
Barbara Warden, Venango County  
Jacob Mengel, Berks County  
Henry Seidel, Berks County, Treasurer, ex officio

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

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

The Sixth Degree Committee is pleased to report that the Degree of Flora was beautifully conferred on Saturday, October 16, 2021. There were 13 candidates representing seven counties at the 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Denise Clare, Berks County  
Anna Heffner Berks County

### **SIXTH DEGREE CANDIDATES**

| <b>Sixth Degree Member #</b> | <b>Name</b>       | <b>Grange Name</b>         | <b>County</b>     |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| PA-1143                      | Tina Reich        | Valley Grange #1360        | York County       |
| PA-1144                      | Elizabeth Reich   | Valley Grange #1360        | York County       |
| PA-1145                      | Douglas Mares     | Fairdale Grange #1157      | Wyoming County    |
| PA-1146                      | Cheryl Ruoss      | Russellville Grange #91    | Chester County    |
| PA-1147                      | Michael Ruoss Sr. | Russellville Grange #91    | Chester County    |
| PA-1148                      | Michael Ruoss Jr. | Russellville Grange #91    | Chester County    |
| PA-1149                      | Molly Scott       | Russellville Grange #91    | Chester County    |
| PA-1150                      | Carol A. Harris   | Gouglersville Grange #1743 | Berks County      |
| PA-1151                      | Lisa Johnson      | Hamburg Grange #2103       | Berks County      |
| PA-1152                      | Evan Espenshade   | Elizabethtown Grange #2076 | Lancaster County  |
| PA-1153                      | Ashlan Smith      | Elizabethtown Grange #2076 | Lancaster County  |
| PA-1154                      | Thelma Brodzina   | Penns Valley Grange #158   | Centre County     |
| PA-1155                      | Reba Clapper      | Lincoln Grange #914        | Huntingdon County |

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

#### **Resolution #1 — Solar Farms**

##### **Walker Grange #786**

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange opposes the granting of permits or zoning approvals for construction of solar generating facilities on productive Class 1 and Class 2 PA farmland; and be it further **RESOLVED:** that the dual usage with solar may be considered where the solar panel structures do not inhibit what is considered normal agronomic production.

#### **Resolution #1A — Solar Development**

##### **AG Committee**

**RESOLVED:** The Pennsylvania State Grange endorses the development of alternative energy sources by agricultural enterprises to meet their own needs; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that if alternative power in excess of an agricultural enterprise needs can be generated from roof areas or land areas or by other means without adversely affecting agriculture or nature of the operation, it may be considered part of the agricultural operation.

#### **Resolution #5 — Establishment of Pennsylvania Dairy Production Tax Credit**

##### **Elizabethtown Area Grange #2076**

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange seek an amendment to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Tax Code establishing a Dairy Farmer Tax Credit program, which would provide tax relief in the form of a credit, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that the tax credit would only be triggered by predetermined statewide average profit margins and metrics, acting as a safety net of revenue stability when either milk prices paid to farmers fall or costs of production rise relative to one another; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** the tax credit would be based on the volume of milk produced and sold by each individual farm.

## **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 2021 has brought additional items to the attention of the AG Committee.

1. The Pennsylvania State Grange endorses the efforts to develop alternative energy sources. Pennsylvania has programs for homeowners for supplementing personal energy needs. Utilities are leasing large tracts of land for solar farms. Many rural municipalities currently have no regulations or plans for alternative energy implementation.
2. With this endorsement the Pennsylvania State Grange strongly encourages Local Governments to consider the important rolls of agriculture and the harvesting of energy and provide an opportunity for them to be complementary. The Grange is concerned with utility companies creating large solar farms on lands that are suitable for highly productive row crops that help sustain other local businesses.
3. The Pennsylvania State Grange will continue to encourage legislation for true and accurate labeling on processed foods.
4. The Pennsylvania State Grange will initiate an amendment to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Tax code to create a tax credit for dairy producers to be used when milk prices drop or when input costs rise to an unprofitable level.
5. The Pennsylvania State Grange will continue to 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 been given five years to evaluate and make recommendations for resolving issues at the farm, state, market and consumer levels.

PA State Grange AG & Environmental Committee  
Carol Ann Gregg, Mercer, County  
Dale Shupp, Lancaster County  
John Courtney, Mercer County  
Stanley Reyburn, Chester County  
James Huber, Lancaster County, Chair

## GOVERNMENTAL ISSUES

### **Resolution #7 — AED Tax Credits**

#### **Valley Grange #1360**

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange support legislation that offers tax credits to businesses and organizations that purchase and maintain an AED on their premises and encourage and promote basic AED operation training.

### **Resolution #8 — Dormancy Fees for Bank Account in Minor's Names**

#### **Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

**RESOLVED:** Pennsylvania State Grange recommends the passage of legislation eliminating any dormancy fees for accounts held by a minor that such legislation also requires banks to notify any account owner (both the minor and the parent or guardian listed on the account) of the change in status of the account six months prior to the minor's 18th birthday.

### **Resolution 9 — Permanent Identification**

#### **Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

**RESOLVED:** that during elections voters produce a state or federal form of identification and poll workers shall be required to confirm signatures and identities.

### **Resolution #11 — Poison Hemlock**

#### **Walker Grange #786**

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Local Pennsylvania Townships and Municipalities, be encouraged to engage in higher level of priority in their efforts to eradicate poison hemlock.

### **Resolution 12 — Permanent Daylight Savings**

#### **Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

**RESOLVED:** that Pennsylvania and the United States move to permanent daylight-saving time as soon as feasibly possible; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that the Grange support House Bill 335-2021 or similar legislation, which allows Pennsylvania to follow daylight saving time year-round if the United States Congress permits states to do so.

### **Resolution #14 — Priority Postal Delivery of Living Organisms (such as chicks and bees)**

#### **Plumsteadville Grange #1738**

**RESOLVED:** that the Pennsylvania State Grange join with the National Grange to lobby the Postal Regulatory Commission and the Postmaster General to direct the U.S. Postal Service to make timely delivery of living organisms (such as chicks and bees) and other time-sensitive shipments be made a priority.

## GOVERNMENT ISSUES COMMITTEE POLICY STATEMENT

Worthy President, Wayne Campbell, officers, delegates of the Pennsylvania State Grange and guests. The Government Issues committee wishes to thank President Wayne Campbell for his promoting the policies of the Pennsylvania State Grange on local, state, and national issues. We want to recognize and thank Carrie Nace, PA State Grange Legislative Consultant for providing facts for our resolutions committee.

The committee reviewed 10 proposed resolutions.

**AED Tax Credits #7** – The Pennsylvania State Grange will urge state legislators to offer tax credits to businesses and organizations that purchase and maintain AEDs on premises and provide training.



**Dormancy Fees for Bank Accounts: #8** – The Pennsylvania State Grange recommends legislation eliminating dormancy for accounts held by minors and require banks to notify account holders six months in advance of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday of the change of status.

**Noxious Weeds #11** – Invasive species are threatening our valuable resources. The Pennsylvania State Grange recommends that the state and federal government and landowners work together to increase awareness of the issue and implement programs to control invasive species to preserve the value and productive capacity of state, federal, private farmland and woodlands.

**Priority Postal Delivery of Living Organisms #14** – the Pennsylvania State Grange joins with National Grange to lobby the Postal Regulatory Commission and the Postmaster General over the U.S. Postal Service to make timely deliveries of living organisms such as bees, chicks and other time sensitive shipments made a priority.

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

C. Arthur Zug, Juniata County  
Lynn A. Dietrich, Berks County  
George Gregg, Mercer County  
Carole Huber, Lancaster County  
Lizzie Bailey, Cumberland County

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

### **Resolution #16 — Youth and Junior Funding Assessment Valley Grange #1360**

**RESOLVED:** that the National Grange levy an assessment of \$2 on all Subordinate fraternal members<sup>1</sup> with \$1 earmarked each year for the Youth/Young Adults Program budget and \$1 earmarked for the Junior Grange budget, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that \$2 of each annual e-membership be earmarked for the Junior and Youth programs equally.

### **Resolution #17 — 2023 Session Location Pennsylvania State Grange History Committee**

**RESOLVED:** that the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange, upon recommendation from the History Committee, be authorized if necessary to change the site of the 2023 session from Reading to another location with facilities able to accommodate the many special events that are planned for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that a reminder be issued that the 2019 delegate action urged all Granges in Pennsylvania to accept responsibility and contribute toward the costs to host the 2023 convention rather than the financial responsibility being borne by any one region of the state.

### **Resolution #23 — 2023 Junior Grange Ritual Pennsylvania State Grange Junior Committee**

**RESOLVED:** that the National Grange examine updating the language of the Opening, Closing, and other ritual used in the Junior Grange to a more contemporary language that is easier for children to learn and understand, while retaining the similarities to the Subordinate/Community Grange ritual.

### **Resolution #24 — Departmental Committee Members Pennsylvania State Grange Good of the Order Committee**

**RESOLVED:** that Section 1.8.1 of the Pennsylvania State Grange By-Laws be changed to read as follows:

- 1.8.1 Departmental Committees of the State Grange, unless otherwise ordered, shall consist of six members, one representing each region. Other standing and special committees may be appointed as needed by the President/Master and Vice President/Overseer.

#### **Resolution #25 — Family Membership**

##### **Pennsylvania State Grange Good of the Order Committee**

**RESOLVED:** that Section 1.3.8 of the Pennsylvania State Grange By-Laws be changed to read as follows:

- 1.3.8 Family Membership – A family whose members are fourteen years of age (thirteen years and six months or more) with an interest in the purposes of the Order may be proposed as candidates and, upon payment of the annual dues as prescribed in Article X, Section 1.10.5, be elected to membership in a Community/Subordinate Grange as follows:
- A. The process of election to membership and becoming a full member for all members of the family shall be the same as for an individual.
  - B. A family shall consist of a couple and their dependents, or a single person and their dependents. Dependents are defined as children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, foster, adopted or step-children under the age of 23, who live as a member of the same household or in absence due to illness, education or military service. Legal dependents of any age shall be considered part of their legal guardians' family.
  - C. At such time as a member no longer qualifies as a dependent, the status of the member shall be as an individual with no interruption of their membership.

#### **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.

Without doubt, everyone's world has changed since the COVID-19 Pandemic emerged in March 2020 and continues today. However, Grangers have maintained our principles of Faith, Hope, Charity, and Fidelity throughout. Many Grangers were able to practice their Faith by virtual online services. We held and continue to hold on to the Hope that we will emerge from this Pandemic whole again, only stronger since we survived it. Grangers have continued in Charity – holding food drives and give-away events for those less fortunate. We have maintained Fidelity to our Brothers and Sisters – indicated by the number of attendees at our Junior and Youth Grange Camps, Family Festival and those who attended the National Grange Revival in Sturgis, ND.

Grangers have also demonstrated Perseverance –in transforming their traditional dinners, and community outreach events into safer “low contact” and “drive thru” events, and we encourage our local Granges to continue to explore new or modified activities and be sure to share their upcoming events and successes with our fellow Granges through submissions to the PGN magazine and the periodical e-mails from the PA State Grange.

As we begin 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 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 for discussion.

In closing, let us in all we do as an organization remember our Motto:

**In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Charity**

Respectfully submitted,

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

### **FAMILY ISSUES POLICY STATEMENT**

Worthy Master, National Representatives, State Officers, Delegates, and Guests:

The members of the Family Issues Committee would like to extend our thanks to the Southeast Hosting Committee for hosting this year's 149<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.

The Family Issues Committee urges the members of the Pennsylvania State Grange to remember our motto: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity." The question then becomes, "Is having our children physically in school, utilizing in-person learning essential?" If it is (and the committee believes it is), then as contributing members of our communities, we need to find ways to support schools, educational personnel, parents, and students as they navigate this difficult situation. And, most importantly, we need to always respond with charity and kindness when decisions are being made, regardless of whether we agree or disagree with those decisions.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Claire, Berks County  
Pam Courtney, Mercer County  
Ben Haagen, Centre County  
Tammy Schaeffer, Berks County  
Donald Steele, Bucks County  
Ronald Sweeney, Blair County  
Barbara Warden, Chair, Venango County

## COMPLETE RESOLUTION INDEX

|    | <u>Resolution Number and Title</u>                                     | <u>Committee</u>            | <u>Delegate Action</u> |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1  | Solar Farms                                                            | Agriculture & Envir. Issues | Adopt as Amended       |
| 1A | Solar Development                                                      | Agriculture & Envir. Issues | Adopt                  |
| 2  | Where's the Beef                                                       | Agriculture & Envir. Issues | Reject                 |
| 3  | Milk and Gen Youth                                                     | Agriculture & Envir. Issues | Reject                 |
| 4  | Labeling of Plant-Based Products as "Milk"                             | Agriculture & Envir. Issues | Present Policy         |
| 5  | Establishment of Pennsylvania Dairy Production Tax Credit              | Agriculture & Envir. Issues | Adopt                  |
| 6  | Election Day as a Federal Holiday                                      | Governmental Issues         | Reject                 |
| 7  | AED Tax Credits                                                        | Governmental Issues         | Adopt as Amended       |
| 8  | Dormancy Fees for Bank Account in Minor's Names                        | Governmental Issues         | Adopt as Amended       |
| 9  | Permanent Identification                                               | Governmental Issues         | Reject                 |
| 10 | Mileage Fee, No Fuel Taxes                                             | Governmental Issues         | Reject                 |
| 11 | Poison Hemlock                                                         | Governmental Issues         | Adopt as Amended       |
| 12 | Permanent Daylight Savings                                             | Governmental Issues         | Adopt as Amended       |
| 13 | Budget/Property Taxes                                                  | Governmental Issues         | Reject                 |
| 14 | Priority Postal Delivery of Living Organisms (such as chicks and bees) | Governmental Issues         | Adopt as Amended       |
| 15 | Vaccine Passport                                                       | Good of the Order           | Reject                 |
| 16 | Youth and Junior Funding Assessment                                    | Good of the Order           | Adopt                  |
| 17 | 2023 Session Location                                                  | Good of the Order           | Adopt                  |
| 18 | Equal Access to proposed Grange State Budget                           | Good of the Order           | Present Policy         |
| 19 | National Grange Theme                                                  | Good of the Order           | Reject                 |
| 20 | Officers to stay at Stations during Sessions                           | Good of the Order           | Reject                 |
| 21 | Pennsylvania State Grange Deputies                                     | Good of the Order           | Present Policy         |
| 22 | Establish a Pre-Junior Membership Category                             | Good of the Order           | Reject                 |
| 23 | Junior Grange Ritual                                                   | Good of the Order           | Adopt                  |

## Annual Sessions of the Pennsylvania State Grange

|    | <u>Location</u> | <u>Opening Date</u> |    | <u>Location</u> | <u>Opening Date</u> |
|----|-----------------|---------------------|----|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1  | Harrisburg      | January 7, 1874     | 49 | York            | December 13, 1921   |
| 2  | Williamsport    | January 5, 1875     | 50 | Williamsport    | December 12, 1922   |
| 3  | Lancaster       | December 14, 1875   | 51 | Pittsburgh      | November 12, 1923   |
| 4  | Meadville       | December 12, 1875   | 52 | Reading         | December 9, 1924    |
| 5  | Hollidaysburg   | December 11, 1876   | 53 | Johnstown       | December 8, 1925    |
| 6  | Bellefonte      | December 10, 1878   | 54 | Lancaster       | December 14, 1926   |
| 7  | Bloomsburg      | December 9, 1879    | 55 | Erie            | December 13, 1927   |
| 8  | Greensburg      | December 14, 1880   | 56 | Williamsport    | December 11, 1928   |
| 9  | Harrisburg      | December 13, 1881   | 57 | Indiana         | December 10, 1929   |
| 10 | Williamsport    | December 12, 1882   | 58 | Pottsville      | December 9, 1930    |
| 11 | Harrisburg      | December 11, 1883   | 59 | DuBois          | December 8, 1930    |
| 12 | Harrisburg      | December 9, 1884    | 60 | Williamsport    | December 13, 1932   |
| 13 | Harrisburg      | December 8, 1885    | 61 | Johnstown       | December 12, 1933   |
| 14 | Harrisburg      | December 14, 1886   | 62 | Hershey         | December 11, 1934   |
| 15 | Harrisburg      | December 13, 1887   | 63 | New Castle      | December 10, 1935   |
| 16 | Harrisburg      | December 11, 1888   | 64 | Altoona         | December 8, 1936    |
| 17 | Harrisburg      | December 10, 1889   | 65 | Harrisburg      | November 8, 1937    |
| 18 | Harrisburg      | December 9, 1890    | 66 | Washington      | December 13, 1938   |
| 19 | Harrisburg      | December 8, 1891    | 67 | Chambersburg    | December 12, 1939   |
| 20 | Harrisburg      | December 13, 1892   | 68 | Wilkes-Barre    | December 10, 1940   |
| 21 | Harrisburg      | December 12, 1893   | 69 | Uniontown       | December 9, 1941    |
| 22 | Harrisburg      | December 11, 1894   | 70 | Harrisburg      | December 8, 1942    |
| 23 | Williamsport    | December 10, 1895   | 71 | Williamsport    | December 14, 1943   |
| 24 | Altoona         | December 8, 1896    | 72 | Harrisburg      | December 12, 1944   |
| 25 | Harrisburg      | November 9, 1897    | 73 | Clearfield      | December 11, 1945   |
| 26 | Williamsport    | December 13, 1898   | 74 | Wilkes-Barre    | October 22, 1946    |
| 27 | Lock Haven      | December 12, 1899   | 75 | New Castle      | October 28, 1947    |
| 28 | Lock Haven      | December 11, 1900   | 76 | Reading         | October 26, 1948    |
| 29 | Johnstown       | December 10, 1901   | 77 | Kane            | October 25, 1949    |
| 30 | Clearfield      | December 9, 1902    | 78 | York            | October 24, 1950    |
| 31 | Wilkes-Barre    | December 8, 1903    | 79 | Butler          | October 23, 1951    |
| 32 | Erie            | December 13, 1904   | 80 | Allentown       | October 28, 1952    |
| 33 | Sunbury         | December 12, 1905   | 81 | Williamsport    | October 27, 1953    |
| 34 | DuBois          | December 11, 1906   | 82 | Washington      | October 26, 1954    |
| 35 | West Chester    | December 10, 1907   | 83 | Scranton        | October 25, 1955    |
| 36 | Altoona         | December 8, 1908    | 84 | Erie            | October 23, 1956    |
| 37 | State College   | December 21, 1909   | 85 | Reading         | October 22, 1957    |
| 38 | Butler          | December 13, 1910   | 86 | Clearfield      | October 28, 1958    |
| 39 | Scranton        | December 12, 1911   | 87 | Bedford         | October 26, 1959    |
| 40 | Clearfield      | December 10, 1912   | 88 | Harrisburg      | October 24, 1960    |
| 41 | Reading         | December 9, 1913    | 89 | Washington      | October 23, 1961    |
| 42 | Meadville       | December 8, 1914    | 90 | Reading         | October 22, 1962    |
| 43 | State College   | December 21, 1915   | 91 | Erie            | October 21, 1963    |
| 44 | Philadelphia    | December 12, 1916   | 92 | Wellsboro       | October 26, 1964    |
| 45 | Williamsport    | December 11, 1917   | 93 | Allentown       | October 25, 1965    |
| 46 | Tyrone          | December 10, 1918   | 94 | New Castle      | October 24, 1966    |
| 47 | Pittsburgh      | December 9, 1919    | 95 | Gettysburg      | October 23, 1967    |
| 48 | Allentown       | December 14, 1920   | 96 | Butler          | October 22, 1968    |

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|-----|-----------------|---------------------|-----|--------------------|---------------------|
| 97  | Lewistown       | October 28, 1969    | 124 | Warren             | October 28, 1996    |
| 98  | Meadville       | October 27, 1970    | 125 | Reading            | October 27, 1997    |
| 99  | Somerset        | October 26, 1971    | 126 | Meadville          | October 24, 1998    |
| 100 | Williamsport    | October 23, 1972    | 127 | Allentown          | October 23, 1999    |
| 101 | Reading         | October 22, 1973    | 128 | Carlisle           | October 21, 2000    |
| 102 | Washington      | October 28, 1974    | 129 | Altoona            | October 20, 2001    |
| 103 | Lancaster       | October 27, 1975    | 130 | Washington         | October 25, 2002    |
| 104 | Sharon          | October 25, 1976    | 131 | Exton              | October 25, 2003    |
| 105 | Danville        | October 24, 1977    | 132 | Harrisburg         | October 23, 2004    |
| 106 | Butler          | October 23, 1978    | 133 | West Middlesex     | October 22, 2005    |
| 107 | Williamsport    | October 22, 1979    | 134 | Reading            | October 21, 2006    |
| 108 | Lewistown       | October 27, 1980    | 135 | Williamsport       | October 6, 2007     |
| 109 | Altoona         | October 26, 1981    | 136 | Lancaster          | October 17, 2008    |
| 110 | Harrisburg      | October 25, 1982    | 137 | Johnstown          | October 17, 2009    |
| 111 | Clearfield      | October 24, 1983    | 138 | West Middlesex     | October 16, 2010    |
| 112 | Gettysburg      | October 22, 1984    | 139 | Harrisburg         | October 15, 2011    |
| 113 | Warren          | October 27, 1985    | 140 | Butler             | October 20, 2012    |
| 114 | Reading         | October 26, 1986    | 141 | State College      | October 19, 2013    |
| 115 | Butler          | October 26, 1987    | 142 | Reading            | October 18, 2014    |
| 116 | Allentown       | October 24, 1988    | 143 | Warren             | October 17, 2015    |
| 117 | Uniontown       | October 22, 1989    | 144 | Shippensburg       | October 21, 2016    |
| 118 | West Chester    | October 21, 1990    | 145 | Scranton           | October 20, 2017    |
| 119 | Altoona         | October 28, 1991    | 146 | Cranberry Township | October 19, 2018    |
| 120 | Williamsport    | October 26, 1992    | 147 | State College      | October 25, 2019    |
| 121 | Clarion         | October 24, 1993    | 148 | Erie               | October 16, 2020    |
| 122 | Carlisle        | October 23, 1994    | 149 | King of Prussia    | October 15, 2021    |
| 123 | West Middlesex  | October 23, 1995    |     |                    |                     |