

## **Pennsylvania State Grange Participates in Cornucopia at the State Capitol**

HARRISBURG, Pa. –On March 7, 2023, agricultural organizations gathered in the Pennsylvania State Capitol’s Main Rotunda for the “Taste of Pennsylvania” reception. The two-hour event showcased Pennsylvania’s agricultural products for legislators and state officials in attendance. Cornucopia is sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations and returned after a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic.

State Master Matt Espenshade, National Grange President Betsy Huber, Past President Wayne Campbell and Legislative Director Carrie Nace attended on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Grange. During the event they had the opportunity to visit with a variety of individuals, including Lt. Governor Austin Davis and Russell Redding, recently nominated to again serve as PA Secretary of Agriculture. A table display featured several of the 150 Acts of Service that are part of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Pennsylvania State Grange. Cookies with the Grange emblem were given to visitors.

Not only does the event give agricultural organizations a chance to showcase their products, but it also gives groups a forum to talk about policy with lawmakers and meet with other groups.

“Cornucopia is an excellent opportunity to connect with policymakers on critical issues in a casual environment while enjoying the best farm organizations have to offer,” Espenshade said. “From our community and county fairs, to our ag production and processing industries, to our youth programs like 4-H and FFA, the evening was a great reminder of how blessed we are in Pennsylvania.”

### **CORNUCOPIA-DISPLAY**

Caption: Visitors to the Grange display had the opportunity to learn about the organization and the 150 Acts of Service by Granges across the state.

### **CORNUCOPIA-Redding**

Caption: After speaking together about issues, National Grange President Betsy Huber and State Master Matt Espenshade present acting Ag Secretary Russell Redding with a special Grange cookie.

### **CORNUCOPIA-FFA**

Members of the Pennsylvania FFA state officer team show off their Grange cookies while attending Cornucopia at the State Capitol Rotunda.