

WILLIAM A. STEEL

21st MASTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

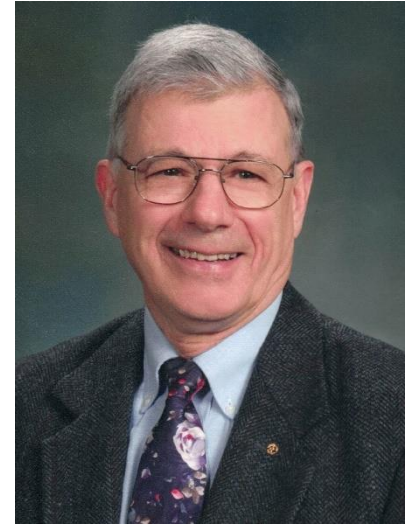
THE PERSON

William A. Steel was a native of Beaver County. He was raised on a general farm and was graduated from Geneva College with a degree in Chemistry in 1961. He worked for seven years as a chemist at the Shippingport Atomic Power Station.

Steel was graduated into Big Knob Grange #2008 at the age of 14 after six years in the Juvenile Grange. He became Master of the Grange while still in college.

“Bill” married Mary-Lee Hobbs in 1969, soon after accepting the position of Director of Youth Activities for the National Grange, a full-time position in Washington, DC, which he held until 1982. Three sons were born to their union. They lived in Arlington, Virginia until 1985 when they returned to the family farm. Bill became a representative for Aid Association for Lutherans, a fraternal benefit association, and Lay Worship Leader at St. John’s Lutheran Church. Mary-Lee died unexpectedly in late March 1998.

Steel served four years as Overseer before being elected as the Master of the State Grange in 1996. He served six years in the position. In 2003 he was elected Master of the National Grange after serving one year on the Executive Committee and two terms as Overseer and retired in 2007 to become “the called and installed” Pastor of St. John’s Lutheran Church, Cranberry Township, PA, until retiring on April 1, 2018.



1997 YEAR IN REVIEW

STATE SESSION

- Session opened with the arrival of the 125th Anniversary Torch in Reading. Each Region of the State presented a portion of the history. National Master Kermit Richardson, and Margaret, attended the session.
- The Sixth Degree was conferred on 76 candidates.
- New By-Laws for PA State Grange adopted and suggested By-Laws for Subordinate and Pomona Granges were adopted and printed in the Journal of Proceedings.
- Charles Wismer, Jr., became CEO for the Grange Service Corporation, now in its 10th year. He presented a check to the State Grange for \$12,141.75, representing 75% of the profits for the year. The PA Grange Federal Credit Union reported assets of \$2.6 million and loans of \$1.8 million.
- There were 600 in attendance at the All Granger Banquet. Eagle #1, Keystone #2, Kennett #19, and Sanatoga #25 were recognized for being at the organizational meeting of the State Grange and still active today.
- Delegates approved a resolution that would have the state session begin on Saturday prior to the 4th Sunday in October with the provision that no business be conducted on Sunday.
- Janet Fishovitz, Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County named Granger of the Year.

THE ORDER

- 14 Subordinate Granges were closed and five were consolidated.
- A new hall was dedicated for Union City Grange #89, Erie County.
- 825 Lifetime members
- 24,282 Members in 416 Subordinate Granges; 2,057 Associate Members
- 662 Junior Members in 59 Junior Granges
- Credentials Committee reported
 - 69 Pomona Delegates representing 36 Pomona of the 52 Pomona Granges.
 - 295 Subordinate Delegates representing 160 of the 419 Subordinate Granges
- There were 59 Junior Granges with a membership of 662.

LEGISLATION

- Testified before Milk Marketing Board to increase over order premium
- Resolutions on Nutrient Management were discussed. The Grange asked that DEP and PDA develop a program to demonstrate better uses of animal waste and renewable resources.
- The Grange supported blood testing of dairy cattle for Johnes Disease when being sold.
- The Grange supported the Homestead Referendum on local tax reform

LECTURER

- Leadership School held at Shippensburg University with 200 in attendance.
- Lecturers' Handbook compiled and distributed containing program material and suggestions.
- Incentive offered to Lecturers to complete three of four required reports.
- Grange Pals Program instituted matching PA Granges who registered were matched with Granges in another state.
- Subordinate Lecturer of the Year – David Hay, Hillcrest Grange #1674, Somerset County
- Pomona Lecturer of the Year – Heather Mengel, Berks County Pomona #43
- Community Night Reports
 - Under 100 members – David Hay, Hillcrest Grange #1674, Somerset County
 - 101-199 members – Tammy Schaeffer, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
 - Over 200 members – Nettie Kauffman, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

- A 125th Anniversary Cookbook published; 25,000 copies printed
- Rebecca Michalka, PA State Director named to the National Women's Activities Advisory Committee.
- There were 7,808 stuffed toys made and donated.

DEAF ACTIVITIES

- Pat Beck named one of top five State Grange Deaf Activities Directors in the Nation.
- Purchased Children's Classics in American Sign Language to be borrowed.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 116 Subordinate Granges registered for the Community Service Program with 56 reporting and 12 Pomona Granges.
 - 1st – Virgenville Grange #1832, Berks County
 - 2nd – Middletown Grange #684, Berks County
 - 3rd – Columbia/Gillett Grange #38, Bradford County
 - 4th – Hookstown Grange #1980, Beaver County
- Pomona Granges
 - 1st – Berks Pomona #43
 - 2nd – Huntingdon Pomona #6
 - 3rd – Bucks Pomona #22

JUNIORS

- Junior Camp held at Sylvan Hills with 109 campers, helpers, counselors and staff.
- 1997-98 Junior Prince – Jeff Bishop, Beaver County and Junior Princess Ann Kieffer, Berks County
- Junior Granges supported the feeding of the Kelley Farm animals.

YOUTH-YOUNG MARRIEDS

- Chris Straub, Stony Point Grange #1694, Mercer County received the National Grange Spirit of Grange Award.
- Young Married/Young Adult Weekend held in Gettysburg.
- Young Couple – James and Terry Wertz, Warren County
- Mid-Atlantic Youth Conference Chris Straub, Stony Point Grange #1694, Mercer County represented PA in the 20-29 age group for Public Speaking.
- Youth Camp held at Camp Sylvan Hills.
- 1997-98 Youth Ambassadors – Traci Mattern, Beaver County and Michael Tau, Crawford County

NATIONAL GRANGE

- A new Digest of Laws was adopted; Mary-Lee Steel served as chair of the Education and Health Committee. The State Grange sponsored a bus to the session in Springfield, MA.

1998 YEAR IN REVIEW

THE ORDER

- The Sixth Degree was conferred on 100 candidates.
- Credentials Committee reported
- 66 Pomona Delegates representing 38 Pomona Granges
- 293 Subordinate Delegates representing 146 of the 419 Subordinate Granges
- 901 Lifetime members
- 23,090 Members in 411 Subordinate Granges; 1,804 Associate Members
- 654 Junior members in 55 Junior Granges
- An auction of “goods and services” provided by State officers was held, netting \$1450 for the PA Grange Foundation Scholarship Fund.
- The Grange sponsored a “Night at the Ballgame” both in Pittsburgh and in Harrisburg
- The delegates voted to eliminate payment of Deputies for work at the session starting in 1999.

- A progressive dues increase was approved - \$4.00 per quarter in 2000; \$4.25 in 2001; \$4.50 in 2002; \$4.75 for 2003; and \$5.00 per quarter in 2004.
- Granger of the Year – Jennifer Viscusi, Wesley Grange #1675, Venango County.
- A noon luncheon-press conference was held at the State Office. Questions from three writers from a press answered by Chairman of the standing Legislative Committees.

LEGISLATION

- Local Tax Reform on homestead exemption included an agricultural exemption for farmstead.
- Legislation passed strengthening the Right to Farm Law. Provided farmers with immediate protection from nuisance suits after expansion of an agricultural operation.
- The State Grange asked for funding by the General Assembly for an enlarged Farm Show Complex

LECTURER

- National – 1st place Pomona Lecturer’s Report - Heather Mengel, Berks Pomona #43
- Art Division – Landscape/Seascape – 2nd place Best of Show – Colleen Nelson, Aleppo Township #2054, Greene County
- Photo Division – America The Beautiful – 1st place – Elizabeth Downey, Allegheny Grange #1843, Lycoming County
- Photo Division – Family Stars – 1st place – Virginia Hay, Hillcrest Grange #1674, Somerset County
- Talent – Instrumental Division – Radiance Lim, Hayfield Grange #800, Crawford County.
- Leadership School held at Shippensburg University with 131 participants.
- 40 Granges requested a “Grange Pal” with 26 receiving a match.
- Subordinate Lecturer of the Year – Nettie Kauffman, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County
- Pomona Lecturer of the Year – Betty Lou Williams, Vernon Grange #936, Crawford County.
- Community Night Reports
 - Under 100 members – David Hay, Hillcrest Grange #1674, Somerset County
 - 101-199 members – Tammy Schaeffer, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
 - Over 200 members – June Schuler, Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 133 Subordinate Granges registered with 85 reports judged and 11 Pomona reports. No placings were listed, however the top four Subordinates, in alphabetical order were:
 - Aleppo Grange #2054, Greene County
 - Millers Run Grange #2020, Washington County
 - Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
 - Shartlesville Grange #1512, Berks County
- Pomona Granges, in alphabetical order, were:
 - Berks County #43
 - Cambria County #51
 - Montour-Northumberland-Union #31

DEAF ACTIVITIES

- Receiving 1st place at Mid-Atlantic Youth Conference in the Group Division – Ila May and Laura McMillin, Westfield Grange #1514, Lawrence County.
- 1st place in Individual Division – Jennifer Viscusi, Wesley Grange #1675, Venango County
- An afghan throw was designed for the Deaf Committee to sell.

JUNIORS

- Junior Camp held at Camp Sylvan Hills with 113 campers, helpers, counselors, and staff.
- 1998-99 Junior Prince -David Sattazahn, Berks County and Princess Nicole Blair, Perry County

YOUTH/YOUNG MARRIEDS

- Martha Ebersole, PA Youth/Young Marrieds Director, named National Youth Director of the Nation
- Laura McMillen, Westfield Grange #1514, Lawrence County, received the National Spirit of Grange Award.
- Young Married/Young Adult Weekend held in Gettysburg.
- Young Couple – Mark and Patti Sveda, Warren County.
- Mary Ann Keith, Huntingdon County participated in the 20-29 age category and Nancy McMillin, Lawrence County participated in the 30+ age category at the Mid-Atlantic Public Speaking contest.
- Youth Camp held at Camp Sylvan Hills.
- 1998-99 Ambassadors – Lindsie Bennett and Adam Britcher, both of Perry County.

NATIONAL GRANGE

- PA Grange sponsored a bus to the session in Greensboro, NC. Master Steel would serve as chair of the Ag Committee and was elected to a one-year term on the Executive Committee.

1999 YEAR IN REVIEW

THE ORDER

- The 127th annual session opened on Saturday afternoon in Allentown. The memorial service, sign-a-song and public speaking contests were held on Sunday. The Sixth Degree was conferred in the evening on 56 candidates.
- The J. Luther Snyder Family presented Altar Scarves in memory of J. Luther Snyder, Past PA State Grange Secretary and Master and National Priest Annalist
- Credentials Committee reported
 - 58 Pomona Delegates representing 29 of the 53 Pomona Granges
 - 226 Subordinate Delegates representing 128 of the 400 Subordinate Granges
- All Grange computers were checked in preparation for Y2K survive ability. Several failed and were replaced.
- The State Grange sponsored a bus to the national session in Portland, ME. Two buses made the trip to the Annual Legislative Tour to Washington, DC. One started in the west and one in the east.
- Office employees were able to contribute to a 401(k) program for the first time.
- Local Grange secretaries may now type minutes of meetings and place the copy into an official record book.
- Granger of the Year – F. Paul Dawson, Fairview Grange #1157, Beaver County.
- Most Valuable Recruiter – Evelyn Wood, Buffalo Grange #1523, Washington County who secured 14 new members.
- All Star Grange Award went to Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
- June 30, 1999 – 396 Subordinate Granges; 22,130 members including 1,011 Lifetime members and 1,472 Associate members.
- 52 Junior Granges with 579 Junior members

Legislation

- The “Drought of ‘99” took center stage with the Legislature, and \$5.3 million was committed to fund purchases of supplies for livestock.
- The Governor signed legislation for PA to enter the Northeast Dairy Compact.
- The State Grange, along with the Farmer’s Union and Farm Bureau, sponsored several public meetings for legislators and the press.
- House Bill 680 passed amending the “Clean & Green Law” – closed loopholes and clarified the original intent of the law, mandated a formula for assessment.
- The Grange asked the PUC to develop guidelines for action when stray voltage in excess of 0.5 volts is detected in livestock facilities.
- Cell phone use and cell towers become an issue for resolutions

LECTURER

- National – 1st place Pomona Report – Linda Parry, Greene Pomona #63
- Leadership School held at Shippensburg University 141 in attendance
- The second Lecturers’ Program Guide compiled with Lecturers program materials.
- Subordinate Lecturer of the Year – Barbara Warden, Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
- Pomona Lecturer of the Year – Keith Grim, Lehigh-Northampton Pomona #68
- Community Night Reports
 - Under 100 members – Donna Kunkle, Shartlesville Grange #1512, Berks County
 - 101-199 members – Tammy Schaeffer, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
 - Over 200 members – Shirley Burkhardt, Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
- *Community Service* - 128 Subordinate Granges registered and 73 reporting, and 12 Pomonas reporting.
 - 1st place Subordinate Report – Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
 - Additional top three Subordinate reports were Fort Granville #1902, Mifflin County; Middletown #684, Bucks County; and Scrubgrass #1705, Venango County.
 - 1st place Pomona Report – Berks County #43
 - Additional Pomona Grange reports were Huntingdon County #6 and Montour-Northumberland-Union #31.

JUNIORS

- Camp held at Camp Sylvan Hills with 97 campers, helpers, counselors, and staff.
- 1999-2000 Junior Prince – Andrew Kieffer, Berks County and Princess Rebecca Vonada, Centre County.

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT/YOUNG MARRIED

- Young Marrieds/Young Adult Conference held in Gettysburg.
- Young Couple – Henry and Madeline Seidel, Berks County.
- Youth Camp held at Camp Sylvan Hills
- Ambassadors – William Schlemmer, Jr., Lawrence County and Ann Kieffer, Berks County
- Martha Ebersole, PA Youth/Young Marrieds Director, named National Youth Director of the Nation

NATIONAL GRANGE

- State Master Steel was elected Overseer of the National Grange

2000 YEAR IN REVIEW

THE ORDER

- Credentials Committee reported
 - 58 Pomona Delegates
 - 250 Subordinate Delegates
- The Sixth Degree was conferred on 62 candidates.
- Membership figures showed 20,600 members in 380 Subordinate Granges including 1,114 Lifetime members.
- There were six consolidations, eight Grange halls sold and four Granges closed.
- Junior membership indicated 572 members in 52 Junior Granges.
- Two Junior Granges organized.
- The delegates requested that the State and National Granges develop a policy in compliance with Acts 34 and 151 regarding background checks for criminal and child abuse for members working with children and youth
- Local officers of Granges will be asked to submit email addresses for the annual roster
- The State Grange Executive Committee asked State Officers, Department heads and committee members to contribute \$25 per night toward the cost of lodging while at the convention.
- The Executive Committee established a policy that no more than 10% of invested funds could be withdrawn by an active Grange for donation purposes
- Granger of the Year – Harold Steeley, Plumsteadville Grange #1738, Bucks County
- The PA Grange Foundation awarded a scholarship to Jennifer Campbell of Perry County

LEGISLATION

- Senate Bill 300 – Land Use/Growth Management bill provided safeguards for the ag community preserving farm land and creating a growth management system.
- Secured additional funding for Animal Health Commission, a water storage program within the Susquehanna River Basin for irrigation, and funding for improvements to the Farm Show Complex, a new teaching and research center for the Vet School at the University of PA in Philadelphia, and a new Livestock Evaluation Center at the PA State University.
- Held several meetings with the Secretary of Agriculture, Samuel Hayes, Jr., and the Public Utility Commissioner, Nora Brownell, to discuss issues. State Grange recommended that a pilot project be designed to determine a standard method of testing for stray voltage, which would be adopted as reliable by the utility companies, and to establish an incentive program to make it possible for farmers to correct any electrical deficiency which might be contributing to the problem. State Grange assisted the Department in finding funding for the project.
- Bills were introduced into the House and Senate dealing with liability of volunteers working in food preparation at non-profits
- The PA State Grange registered under the new State Lobbyist Law with the State Master and Legislative Director Brenda Shambaugh as primary lobbyists.
- The State Grange challenged the attempt of the EPA to expand their authority beyond “navigable waters”

LECTURER

- National Awards – Photography Best of Show – Nancy McMillin, Westfield Grange #1514, Lawrence County,
- Talent – Variety – 1st place JoAnn Swaim, Seipstown Grange #1657, Lehigh County.

- Leadership School held at Shippensburg University with 121 participants.
- Subordinate Lecturer of the Year – Keith Grim, Schnecksville Grange #1684, Lehigh County
- Pomona Lecturer of the Year – Faye Heckman, Berks County #43
- Community Night Reports
 - Under 100 members – Donna Kunkle, Shartlesville Grange #1512, Berks County
 - 101-199 members – Tammy Schaeffer, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County

COMMUNITY SERVICE - 167 Subordinate Granges registering with 97 Granges reporting and 12 Pomona Granges

- Subordinate Granges
 - 1st - Middletown Grange #684, Bucks County
 - 2nd – Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
 - 3rd – Central Grange #1650, Lehigh County
 - 4th – Big Knob Grange #2008, Beaver County
- Pomona Granges
 - 1st - Berks Pomona #34
 - 2nd -Montour-Northumberland-Union #31
 - 3rd – Centre Pomona #13

DEAF ACTIVITIES

- Mid-Atlantic Sign-a-Song contest – Group Division – 1st place Jennifer Viscusi and Broock Winger, Wesley Grange #1675, Venango County

JUNIORS

- Junior Camp held at Camp Sylvan Hills with 70 campers, helpers, counselors and staff.
- 2000-01 Junior Prince – Matthew Vonada, Centre County and Princess Catherine Carberry, Huntingdon County.

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT/YOUNG MARRIEDS

- Mid-Atlantic Youth Conference – Mary Ann Buckley, Lincoln Grange #914, Huntingdon County placed first in Public Speaking.
- Youth Camp was held at Camp Sylvan Hills.
- 2000-01 Youth Ambassadors Derek Schroeder, Berks County and Stephanie Harsberger, Perry County.
- The Young Marrieds/Young Adult Conference held at Gettysburg. Michael and Janet Pratt, Venango County selected as Young Couple.

2001 YEAR IN REVIEW

THE ORDER

- There were 64 Pomona delegates and 230 Subordinate delegates present in Altoona.
- The Sixth Degree was conferred on 90 candidates. The delegates approved raising the application fee for the Sixth Degree to \$10. Junior Grange dues payable to the State Grange were eliminated.
- The Grange testified in support of legislation requiring insurance companies to pay for newborn hearing testing.
- The metal roof of the Grange headquarters in Harrisburg was repaired and painted

- The delegates approved the use of a school voucher program to give parents an alternative to their public-school offerings
- The Pomona Deputy system was replaced with a regional Deputy system
- Granger of the Year – Ruth Walker, Buffalo Grange #1523, Washington County.
- No Leadership School was held. Five Regional Leadership Workshops were conducted by Master Steel and Women’s Activities Director Deb Elliott.
- National Grange eliminated Departmental programs and contest winners going on the National level in many areas. The title of the Women’s Activities Department changed to Family Activities.
- Participating “Action Granges” were to establish the “New Grange” for the new century. Seven PA Granges participated:
 - Scrubgrass #1705, Venango County
 - Middletown Grange #684, Bucks County
 - Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County
 - Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
 - Perry Valley Grange #1804, Perry County
 - Buffalo Grange #1523, Washington County
 - Valley Grange #1360, York County
- Lifetime members 1,164
- There are 18,858 members in 365 Subordinate Granges; 1,113 Associate Members

LEGISLATIVE

- The Grange supported a bill to exempt non-profit food vendors from new state food service training requirements. Also encouraged PA Department of Agriculture to provide a cost-free volunteer program for non-profits such as the Grange.
- The Grange opposed legislation that could have eliminated livestock from most fairs by over regulating sanitary conditions.
- Convinced PA Department of Agriculture to fund a stray voltage program and allowed PA State University to conduct a study on standardizing detection control methods.
- Legislation allowing farms physically in more than one county to be preserved as one unit.
- The delegates took a stand to oppose any human cloning activity

LECTURERS

- Mid-Atlantic Lecturers’ Conference hosted by PA held in Danville. Total attendance was 152 with participants from DE, MD, NJ, NY, VA, WV, PA and New England States of NH, VT, ME, and RI.
- National Grange Pen in Hand “If I Were A Teacher” – 1st place – Mary Buffington, Kennett Grange #19, Chester County.
- Community Night Reports –
 - Under 75 members – David Hay, Hillcrest Grange #1674, Somerset County
 - 76-150 members – Tammy Schaeffer, Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
 - Over 150 members – Nettie Kauffman, Ontelaunee Grange #1617, Berks County
- Pomona – Jeffrey Wetzell, Berks Pomona #34
- Subordinate Lecturer of the Year – Elaine Hoppes, Central Grange #1650, Lehigh County
- Pomona Lecturer of the Year – Jessie White, Montour-Northumberland-Union Pomona

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 90 Subordinate reports were judged
 - 1st – Middletown Grange #684, Bucks County
 - 2nd – Schnecksville Grange #1684, Lehigh County
 - 3rd – Virginville Grange #1832, Berks County
 - 4th – Fort Granville Grange #1902, Mifflin County
- Pomona reports
 - 1st – Lehigh-Northampton Pomona #68
 - 2nd – Montour-Northumberland Union Pomona #31
 - 3rd – Centre Pomona #13

JUNIORS

- Junior Camp held at Camp Sylvan Hills with 73 campers, helpers, counselors, and staff.
- 2001-02 Junior Prince Brett Treichler, Berks County and Lynn Elliott, Beaver County

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT/YOUNG MARRIEDS

- Martha Ebersole, PA Director received the Youth Director of the Nation
- Young Marrieds/Young Adult Conference held at Hershey with 49 in attendance
- 2001-02 Young Married Couple Ken and Wendy Kerschner, Berks County
- Youth Camp held at Camp Sylvan Hills.
- 2001-02 Ambassadors Amy Bollinger and David Sattazahn, both of Berks County

2002 YEAR IN REVIEW

THE ORDER

- Credentials Committee reported
 - 222 Subordinate Delegates
 - 60 Pomona Delegates
- The Sixth Degree was conferred on 138 candidates.
- The Republican candidate for Governor, Attorney General Mike Fisher, and the Democrat candidate for Lt. Governor, Katheryn Baker Knoll, addressed the convention in Washington, PA.
- The “Action Grange” leaders participated in a seminar in Cortland NY, conducted by the National Grange.
- Granger of the Year – Kenneth Merritt, Hayfield Grange #800, Crawford County
- An auction of baskets donated by State Officers was held and raised \$3,018 for the Grange Foundation.
- There are 360 Subordinate Granges with 18,705 members including 1,213 Lifetime members and 941 Associate members.
- There are 36 Junior Granges with 446 Junior members.
- During Grange Week four seminars were held that included membership recruitment and retention and leadership development at the local level.
- The annual bus trip to Washington DC was cancelled due to building closures because of anthrax contamination concerns
- National Grange Recruiter of the Year – Raymond Gross, Plumsteadville Grange #1738, Berks County.

LEGISLATION

- Newborn hearing testing bill signed into law supported by the Grange.
- Regulation of the viatical industry giving the Insurance Department of the Commonwealth the authority to approve settlement contracts and disclosure procedures supported by a resolution from the Grange.
- Resolution calling for a telemarketing “do not call” list passed and the Attorney General’s Office implemented the program.
- Project dealing with stray voltage continued to be funded by PA Department of Agriculture.
- Concerns were raised over who will control private water wells from drilling to daily water usage due to actions by the DEP
- Can local municipal laws be stricter than state rules when it comes to ordinances regulating agricultural expansion? The Grange supported the rule of state regulations over local.
- The need to post information about good personal hygiene when visiting a farm or fair exhibit won over the closing of such events due to possible e-coli ingestion by visitors.
- The up-dated and expanded Farm Show Complex would be ready for the annual Farm Show in January of 2003.

LECTURERS

- Leadership School held at Wilson College, Chambersburg. There were 111 participants from 24 counties.
- Twenty-five acts competed at the annual State Grange Session; an increase of six entries over 2001.
- Sharon Kimmel, Middletown Grange #684, Bucks County competed in the Vocal Division for the Talent Contest in Cedar Rapids, IA.
- The third Lecturers’ Program Guide prepared and distributed.
- Mid-Atlantic Lecturers’ Conference hosted by VA in Fredericksburg with 17 PA Grangers participating.
- Community Night Reports
 - Under 75 members – Pleasant Valley #1479, Clinton County
 - 76-150 members – Pioneer Grange #1777, Berks County
 - Over 150 members – Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County
 - Pomona – Lehigh-Northampton Pomona #68

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Subordinate Reports - Under 75 members
 - 1st Scrubgrass Grange #1705, Venango County
 - 2nd – Allegheny Grange #1843, Lycoming County
 - 3rd – Elkland Grange #976, Sullivan County
- Subordinate Reports - 76 or more members
 - – 1st Hookstown Grange #1980, Beaver County
 - 2nd – Middletown Grange #684, Bucks County
 - 3rd – Plumsteadville Grange #1738, Bucks County
- Pomona Grange Reports
 - 1st – Lehigh-Northampton Pomona #68
 - 2nd – Centre Pomona #13
 - 3rd – Susquehanna Pomona #7

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

- The name changed to Family Activities. Many new activities conducted by local Granges.
- Grangers made 7,984 stuffed toys or hospital dolls for children
- National 1st place – Stuffed Toy – age 16 and over – Daisy Robinson, Hookstown Grange #1980, Beaver County.

JUNIORS

- Junior Camp held at Camp Sylvan Hills with 82 campers, helpers, counselors and staff.
- 2002-03 Junior Prince Daniel Reppert, Berks County and Princess Whitney VanOrd, Warren County.

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT/YOUNG MARRIEDS

- Youth Camp held at Camp Blue Diamond. Youth Ambassadors were Marcie Schaeffer, Berks County and Brad VanTassel, Lawrence County.
- Young Marrieds – Young Adult Conference held in Johnstown with 42 in attendance.
- 2002-03 Young Married Couple – Steve and Marlo Rohrback, Berks County.