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Growth is our future



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Hard to believe a year has passed since I wrote my first Granger article as President. Many changes have been seen in this State in the past year, not only in our Granges but also in our communities.

How many towns had problems preparing and passing town budgets? How many had damage to their property from 100's of inches of snow and extreme power outages from Hurricane/Tropical Storm Irene?

It is times like these that your Grange is increasingly important to the strength and health of your community.

We need to be supporting the efforts of our school boards, administrator, teachers and parents. There is great need in our schools and the Grange must rise to the occasion and fill those needs. Many Granges donate dictionaries to third graders, but there are some that go the extra mile in their schools. They fill backpacks with school supplies for those children that don't have them; they adopt a classroom and support the activities of the teacher and students by volunteering and donating supplies, they are boosters to sports programs, the list goes on. If we want to make an impact in our

communities, there is no better place than your local school.

Now more than ever it is important not only for you as a Grange member to be involved in your local community, but you need to consider participating in your local government as well. Our cities and towns are continually looking for volunteers to sit on boards and commissions. As it becomes more and more challenging for municipalities to balance budgets and offer a stable level of services your positive input and participation is extremely important. We cannot expect someone else to protect our interest, it is our duty and right as a tax paying citizen to be represented and be heard. Make sure you vote on all issues be it local, state or national, this is one of the best ways of having your voice heard. I am always amazed the day after a referendum when I read only 10-15% of eligible voters voted on the issue. These issues effect all of us, please do your part and exercise your right and vote. You have all heard the quote by Anthony Robbins, "If you do what you've always done, you'll get what you've always gotten." Well Brothers and Sister, if you do not let your voice be heard, or vote, that is exactly what we will do, "get what we have always gotten." We cannot criticize our town leaders for making the decisions they must make if we do not offer our input.

I have spent most of this year talking about us being good Grangers; part

of being a better Granger is being a responsible citizen and neighbor. We can and will make a difference in our communities by bringing together our obligations as members of the Grange and our obligation as citizen. As I said earlier, it is times like these that your Grange is increasingly important to the strength and health of your community.

Grange opposes postal changes

Alma Graham, Legislative Director

The US Postal Service (USPS) has made it known that they are experiencing a financial crisis. Congress cut funding to this agency a few years ago so the USPS does not get any taxpayer monies but it is still heavily regulated by Congress. Due to these Congressional controls USPS is not able respond as quickly to current market trends like UPS and FedEx can.

One of the cost cutting methods that the USPS has recommended is the closing of 3700 smaller post offices across the nation. Those smaller post offices take in less than \$27,500 annually. USPS has suggested closing or consolidating some of these smaller post offices and/or replacing them with "Village Post Offices". These Village Post Offices would offer limited services and be found in locations such as grocery stores. Some post offices could be consolidated but for many rural and remote areas this is not a reasonable option. Connecticut has 15 post offices on the closing list. Most are in larger urban areas but three are in rural areas. These are Ballouville (Killingly), Forestville (Bristol) and Gilman (Bozrah). The Granges in those areas may want to look at these locations and determine the impact of losing these rural post offices.

The National Grange has already come out opposing the closing of these rural post offices. They recommend that reforms be made to stabilize the USPS to prevent further closings. The Grange was one of the driving forces in creation of the Rural



Members of Hillstown Junior Grange #87 participate in the Daily Parade at the Big E (Eastern States Exposition) in W. Springfield, MA on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Free Mail Delivery and we need to protect this vital rural service. Some critics have suggested that the only way the USPS can survive is to be funded by Congress or be allowed to operate as a private entity.

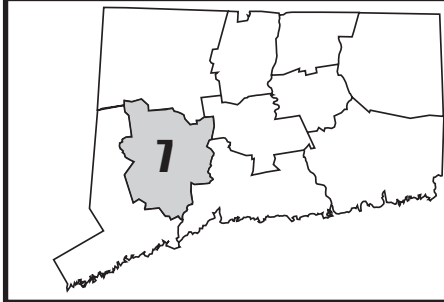
Another item that National Grange has been watching is a proposal by the US Department of Transportation's (USDOT) for new safety standards. These proposals could have required the reclassification of all motorized farm equipment, from tractors to cattle haulers, as Commercial Motorized Vehicles. This would have required all farm workers to obtain CDL licenses to drive these vehicles on public roads. Had USDOT imposed these new rules, the impact to day to day operations of farmers would have been far reaching.

The USDOT requested public comment on their proposed standards. More than 1700 individuals and organizations responded to this inquiry expressing their concern. They requested that the agricultural community be exempted from their proposal. People testified that it would create undue hardships in transporting products to market and in general operations.

The USDOT listened to the concerns of the agricultural community and stated that they had "no intention of instituting onerous regulations on hardworking farmers." They noted that most states have already adopted common sense enforcement policies that allow farmers to safely move equipment around their farms and transport products to markets.

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EXCELSIOR POMONA #7
Corr: Mary Dubay
Oct. 15: Anniversary Celebration

On October 15, the 120th Anniversary Celebration will be held at Beacon Valley Grange Hall, time 7:00 P.M.

On November 5, 2011 the 37th annual Roast Beef Dinner and Bazaar will be at Beacon Valley Grange Hall, 1359 New Haven Road, Naugatuck. Bazaar opens at 2 P.M. Dinner served 5:00 to 6:30 P.M. Price \$10. for adults and \$5.00 for children.

For further info and table rentals contact Joanne Cipriano, Chairman at 203-754-5863.

For this year's raffle each Grange is asked to donate a theme basket by color. Oxford - Blue, Bethlehem - Green, Prospect - Yellow, Beacon Valley - Orange, Watertown - Red, and Bridgewater- Purple.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103
Corr: Joanne Cipriano

October is going to be a busy month for the members of Beacon Valley Grange and also Excelsior Pomona. October 7th our meeting will be "Game Night" with Diane and Victor Gobin providing the refreshments. Note this is a change from our normal second Friday meeting. This change is made so we can decorate the hall and make sure everything is in order for the 120th celebration of Excelsior Pomona on Saturday, October 15 at Beacon Valley.

October 8th we will be putting on the program for the Southern Connecticut Past Masters to be held at the Prospect Senior Center. As previously noted we will be hosting the 120th anniversary of Excelsior Pomona on October 15. This will be an open meeting with everyone invited to attend.

And then it will be off to the Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange on October 20th.

We look forward to all these activities- that's what keeps us young.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Linda Coad
Oct. 25: 7:30 P.M., Festive Fall- Hobbies, Country Store, Ref. Buzz and Linda
Nov. 22: 7:00 P.M., Turkey Dinner and Awards Night, Country Store

We are coming to the end of our Grange year. Connecticut State Grange session is around the corner. Attendance at special events are up. Now we need to get some of our stay at home members to come out. If you need a ride just call.

WATERTOWN GRANGE #122
Corr: Mary Dubay
Oct. 7: Boo Time
Oct. 21: Omit- State Session

In October we celebrate Columbus Day, a day off for some, and at the end of the month we have Halloween, a fun time for the kids to get some goodies.

Our first meeting program is called Boo Time, sort of a spoof for Halloween. Our second meeting is omitted due to the Convention. On Saturday, September 3 we had our annual picnic at the home of Sharon and Fred Fairchild. We'd like to thank Sharon and Fred for their hospitality.

Now that the hot summer is over we will be thinking Tag Sales. On September 24th we had our Fall Tag Sale. The next one will probably be our annual Winter Sale in February. We do well in winter, no competition. We notice people like a winter sale, gets them out, someplace to go.

Come and join us when you can, our door is always open.

BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153
Corr: Dean Perry
Sept. 10: Roast Beef Dinner
Sept. 14: Regular Meeting and Installation of Officers

There was a regular meeting Wed., Aug. 10 at Bridgewater Grange Hall. We were inspected by Eloise Osuch. Several members of the Bethlehem Grange were also in attendance including Faith Korpalski, Albert Maddox, Cynthia Finch and Ernest Finch.

We will continue with the Bridgewater Grange Roast Beef Dinners. The first one will be on Saturday, September 10th at 5:30 and 6:30 P.M. The menu will be roast beef (of course!), green beans, mashed potatoes, Jell-O salads, salad, tea, coffee and various desserts. Looking forward to serving you. The Grange Hall is located next to the Bridgewater Post Office off of the Bridgewater Green.

We are looking forward

to a new year with the installation of new officers on Wednesday, Sept. 14th.

OXFORD GRANGE #194
Corr: Phil Rowland
Oct. 7: TBA
Oct. 21: TBA

Sorry that program topics for October are unknown at this writing. The calendar above at least reveals the meeting dates.

Despite some difficult weather events, accomplishments have been

made this summer. The annual picnic was a delight, with plenty of foods to please, especially the array of rich delicious desserts. And thanks to a very efficient contractor a new roof covers the building- applied just two days prior the arrival of hurricane Irene. Acid test, to be sure, which it passed resoundingly.

Now we begin a new Grange year with a new Master and lots of enthusiasm. Happy Halloween!

Time for a fresh start



Marge Bernhardt

State Lecturer

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It's a new Grange year. It's time for everyone to get a fresh start. With the cooler days and nights we should have some renewed vigor and enthusiasm. Let's use this to help our Granges grow. We will again be having both the Auld Acquaintance and Word from home projects. These two contests put the name of the Grange out in public and your Grange can easily meet the requirements. Do

you have members who can't get out to meetings? Or, are you a Granger who would love to come and help but are unable to get out any longer? Both of these contests are ideal for you. You can write letters to soldiers and if you are talented in either knitting or crocheting, you could make lap robes or coverlets for a local convalescent home in the name of the Grange. In the Grange there is work for all.....

We will be making changes to some of our programs and others will remain the same. If you have any suggestions, please contact me before State Session so they can be taken into consideration for next year.

Saturday night, October

22, following the banquet at State Session, we will be handing out our Lecturer's Awards for 2011. This would be a good time to come out and support your Lecturer. Lecturers are a hardy breed. They have to find a way to please everyone in their Grange while conforming to the requirements of the office. Please take a minute to thank them for all they do. Most Granges don't realize how hard a job it is to be Lecturer until you lose yours and can't find a replacement. Don't let your Grange fall into this category.

Enjoy the fine days of Autumn.

See you around the State.



Edith Schoell

State Secretary

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State Session is around the corner and registrations have been received. I hope you have replied. Of course

Sixth Degree Tickets

you have! To make the session more interesting and enjoyable, several new items have been added. Hope you are there to enjoy.

Sixth Degree Tickets are available from the Central Office, or may be purchased during the Session. Cost: \$10.00. The Sixth Degree will be conferred Friday evening at the hotel. If your

Grange has new members we certainly hope they are encouraged to take the higher degrees. Each degree is different and most members have a favorite one.

Everyone should be back to normal from the results of Hurricane Irene. Where does all that rain come from?

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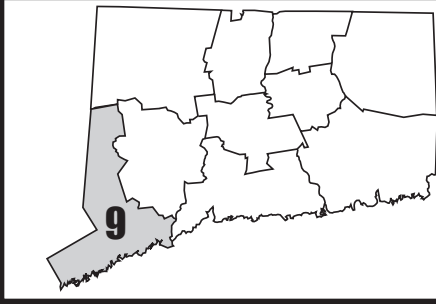
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Redding No. 15
✓ Harmony No. 92
✓ Greenfield Hill No. 133
✓ Norfield No. 146
✓ Cannon No. 152

FAIRFIELD COUNTY POMONA #9
Corr: Bob Sendewicz

Oct. 5: Conferral of the Fifth Degree
Nov: No Meeting

Last month sister Edith Schoell, and her team installed the officers of Fairfield County Pomona. We are now ready to begin our new year of activities.

This month the officers and members will confer the Fifth Degree at Redding Grange hall starting at 7:30 p.m. This may be the last chance to take the degree before the State session. If anyone has candidates that wish to take the Fifth Degree please contact the Pomona secretary, Bob Sendewicz.

HARMONY GRANGE #92

Corr: Susan Carol-Sulier

Hi fellow Grangers and welcome to October, the month associated with cooler weather, picturesque foliage, pumpkins, apples and Halloween.

Our “Installation of Officers” took place during our September 8th meeting. Our new “Slate of Officers” is as follows: George Ward - Master; Ronald Bunovsky - Overseer; Cheryl McMahon - Lecturer; Susan Carol Sulier – Secretary, and Deb Riley – Treasurer. All newly installed officers eagerly look forward to a productive and exciting term.

Sadly, during our September meeting, we “Draped our Charter” in memory of our beloved Louise Malatesta (former Master of Trumbull Grange #134) who passed away August 21st after fighting a courageous battle against ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease). Louise’s ever increasing health and emotional needs were tenderly taken care of by her devoted sister, Valerie Barrachina. Val, we commend you for your tireless devotion to your sister. Louise was truly a remarkable woman. Although her adult life was laced with multiple tragedies, the untimely deaths of her husband and 2 adult sons (her only children), Louise remained gracious, warm, generous and loving. She

will be missed. Louise Malatesta - RIP

In closing, I hope ALL Grangers remember through “Harmony” we can improve the quality of our home life, our fraternity, our community and our nation.

GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133
Corr: Dennis Rich

Oct. 17: “Halloween-Harvest”- Meeting, 7 P.M.

Planning for our Annual Fair, occupied the time for the August meeting as well as the succeeding! A short lecturer’s program followed.

October promises to have reports on the fair. The program will highlight Halloween and the season of harvest. All of Grange friends are welcome at our meetings and activities.

NORFIELD GRANGE #146

Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox

Oct. 11: Business Meeting, Committees and Projects
Oct. 29: Halloween Party
Nov. 9: Neighbor’s Night and Open House

You might say that our August picnic was the Miracle on Good Hill Road. Or perhaps it was the Perfect Storm. Due to circumstances beyond anyone’s control, there was a torrential rain; the lock box into the Hall was almost impossible to manipulate; the refrigerator had been cleaned the week before and left unplugged and empty; and there was none of the promised hot dogs, hamburgers or sodas. This did not stop our noble Norfield Grangers. A quick run up to the local market brought back the food, and iced tea replaced the sodas. Hungry Grangers arrived with their potluck donations, and we all sat down to a feast fit for a king!

Please don’t forget that October brings with it two Grange occasions: the business meeting on the 11th, and the Halloween Party on the 29th. With luck, the refrigerator will be stocked to the ice trays and running.

CANNON GRANGE #152

Corr: Don Offinger

Oct 5: Meeting - 7 PM

Oct 19: Meeting - 7 PM
Nov 3: Meeting - 7 PM
Nov 17: Meeting - 7 PM

Many thanks to the several visiting Grangers who attended our 79th Ag Fair on August 21st! We welcomed over 1100 kids and adults to our event according to our ticket count. It was a great day, and high praise for our Fair Committee led by Michelle McDonald, Doug Shepherd, Billie Sue Hollingsworth and Chris Sorensen. The day’s events were enjoyed by so many, and covered by local TV and newspapers giving testimony that our Fair is one of the “Nicest Little Fairs in CT”. We are sad to report, however that one of the musicians, Ian Harleman, who provided wonderful entertainment on the Main Stage, and who was making his first public appearance was in a tragic car accident that claimed his and another passenger’s life. Many thanks to Billie Sue Hollingsworth who lined up the entertainment and all the concessionaires for the Fair. Cathy Offinger, daughter and sister of Mary and Don Offinger, headed up our Baked Goods department with much appreciation. With great thanks and appreciation, we tip our hat to Doug Shepherd who quietly goes about setting up the Fair and taking it down; plus going into the River to oversee the Rubber Duck Race. Once again our “Voice of the Fair” was Dave Barrett who with his wife Joyce and son Luke have been Fair participants for many years. You may recognize Dave from WCBS radio’s World News Roundup at the bottom of the hour. The Kirchof family once again sponsored the Watermelon eating contest. We are fortunate at Cannon Grange to have many wonderful neighbors and friends!

We also are happy to report that we have gained three new members from our recent fair, and welcome Gail Lavielle, Kevin Hynes and Robert McConnell.

We will have a new slate of officers installed for our October 5th meeting with a series of interesting programs. Don Offinger will be returning to the president’s and treasurer’s post, Michelle McDonald is vice-president, Doug Shepherd will be secretary, and Chris Sorensen will be our new Lecturer following

his stint as president.

Please note our meeting schedule shown above. Visiting Patrons are

always welcome--won’t you join us? Also, please find us on FaceBook, Twitter and on the Internet.



News from the Deputy Team

Inspections • Code Reading • Ritual • Ritual Challenge • Support • Instruction

Todd A. Gelineau, General Deputy

We continue our focus on the “basics” this month with a discussion on ... well, discussion! We have all been at Grange meetings where an issue is the subject of excited, if not heated, debate. Many members want to speak on the issue and the Master has a difficult task of moderating the discussion so all have their fair turn to speak.

Unfortunately, I have seen too many meetings where members speak over one another and/or address other members/officers without the permission of the chair (the Master). All discussion in a Grange meeting must go through the Master. It is the Master’s responsibility to moderate the discussion and recognize members who want to speak, BEFORE they begin speaking.

Beyond the disrespect to the Master and other members, speaking out of turn and speaking over other members or having side discussions while others are speaking makes it very difficult, especially for the hearing impaired, to follow the discussion.

Let’s say a member wants the floor to ask a question of the Secretary.

A way to do this is to say, “Worthy Master, through you to the Worthy Secretary (or to the person or officer you wish to speak to).” Or you can say, “Worthy Master, may I speak to the Worthy Secretary?” The Master would then grant permission to speak directly to the Secretary (in this example). By doing this, the Master retains complete control over the discussion and the discussion is orderly and hopefully shorter because members are not competing for the attention of the Grange.

Members should also rise when speaking (unless a disability prevents it). When two or more members rise at the same time, the member farthest from the Chair should be recognized unless the privilege is abused.

Following these rules should decrease heated debates as members will be taking the time to think before speaking and the more orderly debate should help all members to better understand what is being discussed.

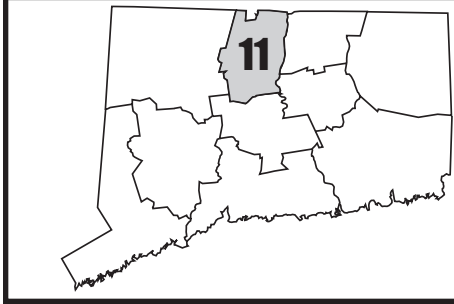
For more detailed information on orderly debate, please see the National Digest Code of Parliamentary Law (Chapter 13).

Competitive Night



The New London County Pomona team poses for a picture after winning the State Grange Social Committee's Pomona Competitive Night held on Sat., Sept. 17 at the Prospect Senior Center. New Haven County Pomona placed second and Farmington Valley third.

Farmington Valley Pomona No. 11



Granby No. 5

Tunxis No. 13

✓ Cawasa No. 34

✓ Simsbury No. 197

Cherry Brook No. 210

FARMINGTON VALLEY POMONA #11

Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner
Check with any member for our fall schedule.

When this column was written for last months “Granger,” we anticipate our Pomona picnic would be a nice one- then that Sunday “Irene” came calling and the rest of us stayed home!

Now we are into the fall season, a beautiful time in New England. A number of our members are working in the Grange Building at the Big E.

We had a team to represent us in the Pomona Competitive Night arranged by the State Social Connection Committee. We'll tell you all about that next month!

CAWASA GRANGE #34

Corr: Maggie Schofield
Hello Everyone!! Glad Hurricane Irene is over, not much damage here in Collinsville. During the storm I heard on the scanner that there was a boy sitting on a rock in the Farmington River by the Collins Co. They had the Police, Ambulance and Fire Dept there in a flash, the next thing I heard was the boy is out of the water. And Safe.... I guess we do foolish things in a storm.

We did Zucchini Bread for our Food Bankers in

September. Think they will like that alot, the smell while baking made us all hungry.

Can't wait to report for our Competition Night which is Sept 17th. Will report next month to give you the full story.

Enjoy the fall weather..
FunnyQuote: “Wherever I go people are waving at me. Maybe if I do a good job, they'll use all of their fingers.” Frank King, winter Olympic Games organizing committee chairman. “An eye for an eye only ends up making the whole world blind.” Gandhi

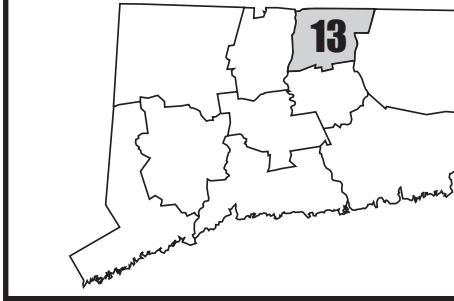
SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner
We are saddened by the passing of our Steward Theodore Sarnecki, husband of our Master, Frances.

We will all remember Ted for his wonderful painting and wood carving, his work on our Building Committee and his fine singing voice. When we had to drape our Charter for any member we had lost, Ted would sing “Beyond the Sunset.” There was no song when we did the draping for Ted, but I'm sure we all could hear it in our minds as we bid him “goodbye.”

At this writing there is no further progress on the situation of our hall.

North Central Pomona No. 13



✓ Stafford No. 1

✓ Tolland No. 51

✓ Vernon No. 52

✓ Enfield No. 151

STAFFORD GRANGE #1

Corr: Gail Fisher
Pomona meeting, Sept. 8- only Fifth Degree members, at Stafford Grange, 7:30 P.M.

In July Grange members with guests from Pomona #13 enjoyed each other's company along with stories

of past and present, the food was awesome. The biggest hit was the walnut ice cream made by Milo Bradway at whose house the picnic was held. Everyone thanks Milo and Shirley for their hospitality.

Also in July Grange #1 members represented our

Grange by participating in a parade sponsored by the American Legion. We were American Farmers waving flags and pleasing the children by throwing candy and pencils.

At our Sept. 8 meeting a new member has joined us. A big welcome to Veronica Halloran. We ended the night with snacks while watching a tape on Amsterdam where our members Gene Julian have visited in March.

TOLLAND GRANGE #51

Corr: J. Jordan
Oct. 4: Great Pyramid of Giza

Tolland Grange will meet on the 4th of October at the Hall on the Green in Tolland. Join us for a discussion of the Great Pyramid of Giza. All are welcome. Let Worthy Master Robert West know if you will be joining us.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Nancy Strong
Oct. 7th - The Cooking Show - Youth in Charge

After a great summer picnic at Sis. Linda Niederwerfer's and a Sept. meeting of getting back to from vacations to school and work, Vernon Grange will have a Youth/CWA meeting on cooking. Julia Child will rise again with her apprentice by her side! Should be a fun time enjoyed by all.... this is if we don't just all go up to Eastern States for the meeting since Vernon Grange loves to volunteer at the Grange Building there!

ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski
Oct. 8: Dress a Squash; Ref. Judy & Brian

The Grange year is winding down fast. Where does the time go? One of my squash has grown through a chain link fence. Don't know how it will look at the end. Will it be high in iron? Stay tuned.

Now that we are all back from vacation and in harness for the new year, we need to work hard on our cook book. Bring in your recipes NOW. By this time next year it should be ready for sale. This could be a big fund-raiser for us. Don't forget to ask a friend to join.

Better yet, bring a friend.

Membership Moment

Karen Macdonald, State Membership Committee

As an Associate member of Greenfield Hill Grange, the past few years have been full of worry, waiting, and wonder. The word was out that the beloved historic building and local Grange was at risk of closing...a call was put out to the community and all who enjoyed use of the Grange Hall, and we had a flood of new members! The welcoming ceremony was used as more than twenty new members joined in an effort to save our Grange.

A year has passed, and as might be expected in any organization, some members have remained and become very active, some have attended and then are less active, and some try a few meetings and we don't see them again. I suppose it wouldn't be realistic to expect every new member to become an officer or fully active. But what can we do to encourage ANY new member to remain as a member, at whatever level is realistic for their interests and busy schedules?

I will boil the answer down to three approaches...invite, include, and inform.

Invite all members, old and new, to take officer or committee roles. Invite and welcome all new ideas for discussion. Invite all to attend other local and state Grange events to learn more about the organization and meet fellow members. Include and encourage all members in discussion of areas of importance. For months, we needed to address important issues of a new furnace, windows, lighting, rentals...it took us many months before we were able to move on to other topics, but all members felt we were jointly discussing items for OUR Grange. Include everyone with invitations to participate in the annual Fair, this is an area where members who cannot be active on a regular basis may join in and help. Inform all members about the many details of Grange rituals and activities. I have written a monthly “Membership Moment” which reviews our activities for those who could not attend, invites everyone to upcoming events, and explains opportunities that take place throughout the Grange year.

These three suggestions could help members, old and new, to feel involved and committed to supporting their Grange for ongoing new projects and growth. We still need to focus on developing membership, but are working together to define who we are and where we want to go as a Community Grange. Shared projects, such as updating the Grange hall, Fair event, or community service, can be the foundation of developing involvement and promoting membership. Sending you best wishes for all Connecticut Granges as we preserve the best of the Grange and welcome opportunities for new ideas and involvement.

Spotlight on... Jim Pernal

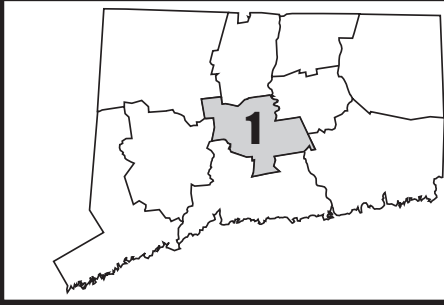


Jim Pernal is a member of Lyme Grange 147 and Co Vice President of Hamburg Fair. He also head cook for the Lyme Grange. Jim started out with a few chickens for eggs for the family and it grew . They now sell fresh eggs from his small farm . He also has a large garden and hot house and sell vegetables in the

summer. He raises beef also for sell , since he has retired from his job the farm keeps growing . With a great sense of humor, Jim has also will always have a joke to tell you if you have the time. This is why he has been pick as this Quarter Spot light on agriculture.

Squash decorating contest: If your Promona does not meet before State Session to judge your squash then be sure just to bring it to the State Session.

Central Pomona No. 1



Southington No. 25

✓ Meriden No. 29

Westfield No. 50

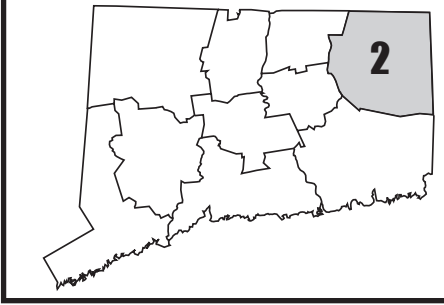
Higganum No. 124

✓ Hemlock No. 182

CENTRAL POMONA #1
Corr: Dianne Clark
Oct. 13: Southington, 7:30 P.M., Thursday
Central Pomona Grange No. 1- Oct. 13th, Southington Grange Hall at 7:30 P.M. Co-Hosted by Higganum Grange. The program is going to be “How Columbus Discovered America.” For the CWA table bring 3 items of harvest veggies.

MERIDEN GRANGE #29
Corr: Diane Clark
Oct. 14: Columbus Day
Oct. 28: Halloween Parade
Nov. 11: Thanksgiving- Let’s Give Thanks
On our 82nd Annual Fair sponsored by Meriden Grange, Sept. 10, Michael Relyea presented an herb booth, Murray Newton demonstrated scroll work all day. We had an open fair of baked goods, vegetables, flowers, quilts, embroidery, adult arts & crafts and children’s crafts and photography - all Murray Newton’s pictures. Cynthia Hupper got best of show in

Quinebaug Pomona No. 2



Senexet No. 40

Brooklyn No. 43

✓ Wolf Den No. 61

✓ Ekonk No. 89

Ashford No. 90

Putnam No. 97

✓ Killingly No. 112

✓ Echo No. 180

WOLF DEN GRANGE #61
Corr: Elsie May Johnson
Sept. 10: Pomona Here-Saturday
Sept. 14: Time Marches On
Sept. 28: Potluck 6:30, Games & Songs
These cool days we’ve had were really nice- could stay that way all year.
Our last meeting was inspection night with Deputy J. Allen Cameron. We also had the Welcome Ceremony for two new members, and they said they were very impressed. Gardens are in full swing now and some fruit trees too.

Tabs and labels still coming in.
Fairs are starting now.
Lots of deer with fawns are on the move so be careful driving- gas prices going up

Adult Crafts.
We held our Community Service Award at 4:00 P.M. Rhoda Weyant was recipient for her volunteer work and helped people with cancer, along with other community service work.
We had a large turnout for our Roast Beef Dinner at 5 and 6 P.M. Cynthia Hupper made the homemade pies for dessert.
We held our Auction and Raffle at 6:30 P.M.
On Sept. 23 we had a program on Ritualism, and Oct. 14 we will have a program on Columbus Day and Oct. 28th Halloween Parade. Let’s give thanks for all our Grange blessings and join again.
HEMLOCK GRANGE #182
Corr: Maureen Sanborn
Oct. 14: Squirts, Squirts, Squirts
Oct. 28: Goblins, Witches and Neighbors
Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

again.
Enjoy your back yard, pools and cookouts.
EKONK COMMUNITY GRANGE #89
Corr: Sue Gray
In September we all brought in names of potential members and will set a definite date for a “Membership Drive/Supper.” Our August saw numerous “first time” exhibitors- which was great! “Mr. Magic” enthralled the childred with his outstanding one hour show (great addition to the Fair)! We voted to continue the Dictionary Project (Words for Thirds) that has been so very successful! Sympathy is extended to Grangers Frank Murray and Robert P. Jordan on the loss of their loving wives (Doris

Murray and Edna Jordan). Doris was a 73 year Granger and former pianist for the Olde Tyme Fiddlers! Bob and Edna were so looking forward to celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary this October 8th but the hands of God intervened and she now walks with their daughter, Nancy, in Heaven.
OCTOBER 15TH: ROAST BEEF SUPPER. ADVANCE SALE TICKETS ONLY, 4 P.M. & 6:30 P.M. A great meal for a great cause: all proceeds will be donated to “Home at Last”: a home for veterans without any home (first of its kind) being built in Jewett City, CT. Tickets for this benefit supper are \$15, but you can expect an outstanding meal and it is certainly for an outstanding cause! Call Sue at 860-564-2131 or email at russell_gray@sbcglobal.net to reserve your tickets soon!
The next time you come to visit us at Ekonk, please look down- our new floor is DONE and it looks great!
We have an abundant supply of butternut squash to donate to soup kitchens this fall. While Irene left Sterling in the dark for many days, our Grange continues to light up Sterling with its service and activities! Plan to visit!
KILLINGLY GRANGE #112
Corr: Glenna Bruno
Here it is, the end of summer and an unfriendly hurricane Irene came blowing in and I mean blowing.
We really got lots of high winds with leaves and branches flying everywhere. Everything is now quiet as of this writing and we are without power the first time in years. It’s like camping, oh mercy. I thought our camping days were over. Guess not. Killingly Grange is still ok and has “little mess” around it.
According to our program title of Aug. 15, Vacation Memories, we will have lots to remember this year. It will make good skits and entertainment at our coming meetings.
The Ping Pong boys (table tennis) (hardly boys any longer) are still active. The Lady Assistant Steward Gert Blain is still keeping the Grange clean after the boys and Eleanor Davis and I are still checking in on the Grange property every week. So we have activity all the time.

Anne Duval, our charitable Chaplain and Margaret Tomala, our Steward are there always to help and I think we (Grange) should have them rewarded as Grangers of the Year. At least Anne as she is always bringing something for refreshments and raffle.
As of now Anne is now retired from her job in Hartford. Congratulations, Anne.
I better stop now as it will soon be dark and our house has yet now power. So kerosene lamps will be lit. The Grange did not lose power for which we are thankful. I have lamps on hand for power outages. Come visit Killingly Grange! Happy to see you!

ECHO GRANGE #180
Corr: Gloria John
Oct. 11: Meeting
Oct. 25: Meeting
We did not meet during the summer, so there is not too much going on. We started off in the fall with our Ham and Bean Supper on Sept 17th. Ama Graham is making pillowcases for “Limos for Kids”. They are beautifull. If you would like to help, she is accepting donations of material. We are also making “Squares for Care” which are made into blankets for children. Jim and Pat Palmer was very busy in the Brooklyn Fair Booth.for Quinebaug Pomona . We hope they did well.



J. Allen Cameron, of Ekonk Comm. Grange #89 competes in the Sr. Showmanship Class with his working steer Charlie and George at the Big E on Sept. 24.

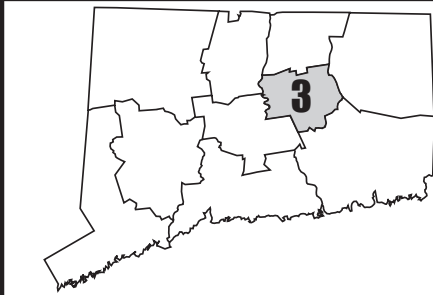
Don't forget ornaments



We are all looking forward to State Session. As has been previously mentioned - but in case you missed it - the CWA/Family Activities will be hosting the Hospitality room. We would appreciate any and all donations of “snacky” foods that you would like to bring. They can be brought to State Session or given to any members of the committee. The State winners in the needlework contest will be on display and hopefully there will be some winning ribbons attached from the Big E.
Also, don’t forget the ornaments for the Christmas tree that will be decorated at National Session in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Let’s make CT’s tree the biggest and the best.

- Winners at the New England Needlework Contest at the Big E:
- Doris Shaw - 1st for her Baby Set
 - Mariellen Baxter - 2nd for Counted Cross Stitch
 - Wendy Molodich - 2nd for Sweater
 - Mary Alice Lee - 2nd Stuffed Toy
 - Geraldine Strong - 3rd Quilted Wall Hanging
 - Doris Monaco - 3rd in Embroidery

East Central Pomona No. 3



- ✓ Glastonbury No. 26
- ✓ Manchester No. 31
- Coventry No. 75
- ✓ Hillstown No. 87

EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3

Corr: Edith Schoell & Noel Miller

Oct. 1: 5 P.M., Fifth Degree

The Grange Hall survived Hurricane Irene, rear gutters got pulled down. Luckily we took down the awning or it probably would have ended up in someone else's yard. We hear that there will be candidates for the meeting so come down if you need the Fifth Degree. Hope all had a successful fair season and installations and get ready for State Session.

East Central Pomona meeting will begin at 5 P.M. A potluck dinner will be held at 6 P.M. and the Fifth Degree will be conferred at 7 P.M. Those taking the degree should be at the Good Will Grange Hall at 5 P.M.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kathryn Ruff

Oct. 1: Food Sale & Unique Boutique Sale 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Oct. 6: Meeting 7:30 p.m. Halloween Contest; Ref: Taffy Hyyppa, Kay Ruff, Norma DePietro

Oct. 8: Monti Carlo Whist Card Party 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 3: Meeting 7:30 p.m. Gobble, Gobble; Ref: Doris Monaco, Queria Sullivan

Well, by this time all

reports have been made to the various State Committees for the 2010 - 2011 year. Granges are thinking about who will be their delegate to the State Grange Session. Installation of Officers have been held and plans are underway for the new grange year.

Discussion was held at our August meeting about holding an Open House and invite non-members to attend. Our Lecturer, Ann Gilnack, would plan a nice program for the event and either a pot luck supper would be planned or serve finger foods. This is still in the planning stage. The secretary, Kay Ruff, is looking for help putting a list of non-members names together to invite to the Open House. Please send your names and addresses to Kay at 451 Addison Road, Glastonbury or call 860-430-5663. All names and addresses are welcome. New members are the life blood of the organization.

Without it you know what the results will be. I don't have to explain it further.

October 1st is our Food Sale and Unique Boutique Sale. It opens at 9:00 a.m. and runs until 12:00 p.m. We need all the members help with this semi-annual fund raiser.

All types of baked goods

are welcome, from cookies, brownies, cakes, pies, or whatever you wish to bake will be most welcome.

The Boutique table will also welcome interesting items you may wish to donate to their table. Jewelry, doilies, books, nick-nacks, etc. will all be appreciated.

Our first meeting for the new year is Oct. 6th at 7:30 p.m.. Lecturer, Ann Gilnack, has a program entitled "Halloween Contest." Hope you will be with us that evening and see what she has planned to entertain us.

October 8th at 7:00 p.m. is the first Monti-Carlo Whist Card Party for the season. We look forward to seeing you with us. Bring a friend or two with you. The more the merrier. There is always plenty of delicious refreshments and plenty of door prizes. Hope to see you there. This would be a great place to bring a prospective new grange member.

MANCHESTER GRANGE #31

Corr: Diane Small

This is to confirm that our Grange survived the crazy weather that we've had. We were fortunate that we only lost power for a couple of days. Our cable was a different story. It was a line issue. Mother Nature sure gave us a wakeup call. We need to be more mindful of just how much damage water can do.

By the time this is read the Big E will be over. I am sure that it was a successful event. Many kudos to Betty Jane and her staff. Many thanks to all the volunteers that work during those 17 days. Installation of officers

for the Granges will have been completed. Good luck to all the officers new and old. All of them are needed to make the Granges work.

Fall is coming to call. Leaves are changing, need raking, and we need to start to get ready for winter. The month of October brings us Halloween. Remember being a kid and going trick and treating. We sure could come up with some interesting costumes. Do you remember your choice of costumes? We all had our favorites.

Talk to all of you again in November

COVENTRY GRANGE #75

Corr: Noel Miller

Coventry Grange had some damaged by hurricane Irene a tree is leaning against the back of the hall, draping the rear roof section. With it cut up it will let the sun shine onto the back of the hall and dry it out. We are looking forward to a new year and continue to seek new members and get old ones to come back to meetings. Hope to see you at sessions.

HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87

Corr: Rita J. Schaefer

Oct. 13: "Columbus Day"

Oct. 27: Annual Halloween Party

Nov. 10: Honor Our Soldiers

Nov. 12: Craft Fair

Where did the summer go? It's now time for harvesting the crops that did endure the weather. The apples will now be picked and the stands are open.

Our kitchen will be finished for the coming year. It has been a quiet summer for us doing Grange activities, but come Fall and we will be getting busy!

We have had a few Grangers added to the sick list and we hope they will feel better when the fall starts and the hurricanes and tornadoes are far away from our shores.

Just a note to our older members, I hope you stayed well this summer. We still meet on the second and fourth Thursdays. Do stop in and say "hi!"

This is all for this report and we will have more next time. If we don't hear from you do have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Southern Connecticut Past Masters Assoc.

The October meeting of Southern Connecticut Past Masters will be held at the Prospect Senior Center on Saturday, October 8th. The program will be our annual Fun Fair in charge of Joanne Cipriano.

The evening starts with a potluck supper at 6:30 followed by a short meeting when the dishes get done. All meetings end with a Country Store.

Fair premium books can be obtained by calling Joanne.

All Grangers are invited to attend.

WINDOW TO THE PAST

Photographs are a treasured part of Grange history. Many of them, unfortunately, do not come neatly labeled on the back with names, dates, people or places. These photographs have a story to tell... but about whom or what? Please help us solve the mystery of the faces and places as we look through the Window to the Past. You can contact us by calling (860) 626-5074 or on the web by emailing submissions@ctstategrange.org.

This month's picture...

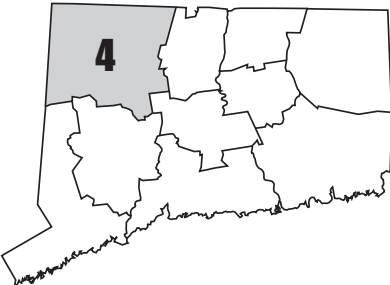


Last month's picture...



There were no answers to last month's picture. This month's picture is known to be from the 1969 State Session...

Mountain County Pomona No. 4



Whigville No. 48
Eureka No. 62
✓ Winchester No. 74
✓ Taghannuck No. 100
Litchfield No. 107
Beacon No. 118
✓ Riverton No. 169

MOUNTAIN COUNTY POMONA #4
Corr: T. Gelineau
Oct. 10: New Members - Fifth Degree, Dinner \$5.00, 6 P.M.; Meeting/Degree 7:30 P.M.
Our congratulations go to our new slate of officers which includes new Master George Russell.
Our next meeting will be the fall degree conferral at Winchester Grange Hall. There will be a dinner prepared by the members beginning at 6 P.M. Admission is \$5. The dinner will be followed by the meeting and degree conferral beginning at 7:30 P.M. All Granges are encouraged to bring their Fifth Degree candidates and call or let the Degree Master, Todd Gelineau, how many are coming (860) 626-0326.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74
Corr: T. Gelineau
Oct. 11: Discovering America, Ref. Sandy Phillips
Oct. 15: Winchester Center Day TAG SALE, 9-2

Oct. 25: Ghosts & Goblins, Ref. Sara Bement
Nov. 5: Holiday Bazaar & Cookie Walk
Our new Lecturer, Ramona Fassio, begins her term on Oct. 11 with a program “Discovering America.” Ambitious for the first night! On October 15, Winchester will participate with the Church, Historical Assoc. and Fire Department in the Second Annual Winchester Center Day-- The Church will hold a bake sale, the Fire Department will offer “tours” of their trucks and equipment and the Historical Association will have the museum open. The Grange will hold a giant tag sale in the dining room of the hall from 9 to 2 P.M. Join us!
Spaces are still available forourever-popularHoliday Bazaar and Cookie Walk to be held on Saturday, Nov. 5 at the Hall. Call Secretary Sue Addison for details (860) 379-0210.


TAGHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Myrtle Hayden
On August 11 we had a picnic at Prindles with a large group of Grangers and visitors enjoying a wonderful time.
A slide show was presented on Aug. 25 of Alaska by the Schnells.
We are busy working on our exhibit for the Bethlehem Fair.

RIVERTON GRANGE #169
Corr: Susan Belle-Isle
In August, Riverton Grange met on August 5 to hold its regular meeting, including a program on Peridot, the gemstone for August. Refreshments were provided by Shirley Moore, Kitty McKee and Heidi Merz.
On August 19, grange members, family and friends met at Cindy & Mark Prelli’s home to enjoy a potluck picnic. Everyone had a fine time, even when weather forced us to go inside. Thank you, Cindy & Mark, for providing an enjoyable evening for everyone.
The 22nd Annual Riverton Grange Fair was held on August 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with displays of fruits and vegetables, flowers and plants, crafts and baking. Breakfast and lunch were also available for those who attended. Thanks to Philip Prelli, Faith Prelli

and Deb Hodge for a fine job of cooking.
Our hall and porch have had a thorough fall cleaning. Thanks are due to Heidi Merz and Mark & Cindy Prelli for a fine job!
All in all, August was a very busy month!
There will be no meeting on September 2, due to the Labor Day weekend. On September 16 there will be potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. under the direction of Cindy & Mark Prelli, followed by Installation of Officers.
On October 7, the regular meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. The program for the evening is Harvest Time, presented by the Agricultural Committee. There will be no meeting on October 21, as the State Session will be held.

All Granges & Grangers Encouraged to Attend!




Connecticut State Grange Public Relations WORKSHOP

Sat., October 29 • 2 PM
Good Will Grange Hall
43 Naubuc Ave., Glastonbury

Topics to include:

- Promoting Your Grange
- Working with the Press/Media
- Grange Branding & Marketing
- Social Media - Facebook/Twitter



Do You Remember?

AUSTIN EMMONS

People who have served the Grange over the years often become known for certain capabilities. Austin Emmons was one of those people and probably was best known as a man who knew and loved the ritual of the Grange.

When the request was made to Austin’s family for pictures to accompany this article, his daughter, Sue Gray, sent the pictures and a nice note. Here is some of what she had to say... “While he held a variety of pink sashes (Auditing Committee, Deputy, Pomona Deputy East) the most important thing he did (in his mind’s eye) was working with youth. He and Ellsworth Weeks coached the Quinebaug Pomona Degree and Drill Team for years. Both gentlemen excelled in ritualistic perfection and accepted nothing less from the youth they coached. Ask Russell, he was a 4th Degree Master under his tutelage. I was a 2nd Degree Master and Did did not hold back from criticizing me until I had the part letter and expression perfect.” Sue said it so well.


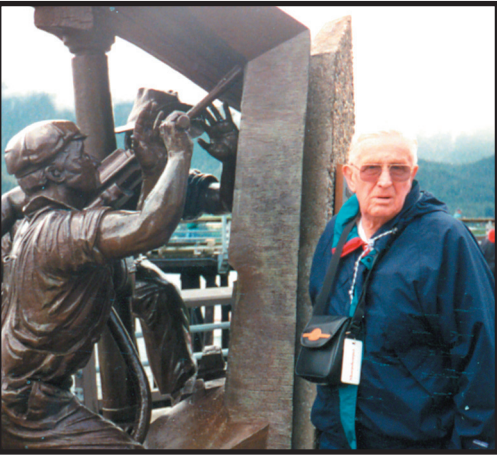

When National Grange met in Hartford in 1972 it was the custom not only to confer the 6th Degree, but to make the 5th Degree available. That year there was a large class of candidates who received those degrees in the ballroom of the Hilton Hotel. Austin was partly responsible for preparing the 5th Degree and he was Master. You can be sure it was done correctly.

The 6th Degree was presented by the State Master, Bill Pearl and his officers- and then there was a mad dash up the hill to the Bushnell Memorial for the conferral of the 7th Degree. It was a big day.

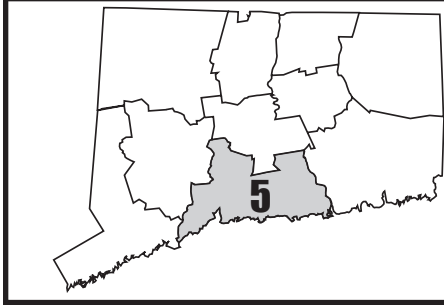
Austin and his wife, Marion, loved to travel and he said he had visited every state- some more than once.

Have you noticed over the past months while reading the “Do You Remember” column, how many folks we have honored have family members now serving our Order? That is certainly true of the Emmons Family with four generations taking active parts in Ekonk Community Grange, the Junior Grange and State and Pomona Granges. Can you imagine how proud Austin would be? We are a family organization- what better example canyou think of??

Do remember Austin.



New Haven County Pomona No. 5



- ✓ Cheshire No. 23
- ✓ Wallingford No. 33
- ✓ North Haven No. 35
- ✓ Old Lyme No. 162

NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5
Corr. Don Lanoue

Oct. 24: Regular Meeting at Wallingford

New Haven County Pomona held their annual picnic at the Bernhardt’s again this year thank you Marge and Carl for being great hosts. Our September meeting will be at Wallingford with the program That Competitive Spirit. Then it will be off to our state session.

The October meeting Its Halloween (COME IN COSTUME) is the theme. The lecturer strongly urges you to come in costume or pay the consequences. If I know my lecturer I will surely be in costume. Note the date change for the October meeting.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23
Corr. A. Ruel Miller

Oct. 1: Post Fair Social - Open Meeting

Oct. 19: China Today-Bring Food for the Food Bank

All of the up-dates to our hall have been completed (new roof, new east side gutter, and 5 dinning room windows). Our fair, and the hard work that goes with it, was held in September. We are looking forward to a busy fall schedule.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33
Corr: Daniel M. Lauttenbach

Oct 13: “Thanksgiving Day in Canada” Program Jim and Lisa Lamoureux. Ref: Jane Maxwell

Oct 27: “Harvest Time” Pot Luck Supper @ 6:15pm. Bring a cover dish and a friend.

Today is Labor Day and itis nice to have the day off. However let us remember what this holiday is about and those laborers who fought to give us a 40 hour work weeks, 8 hour work days and score of the many other accomplishments they allowed us to have now and hopefully to continue to have into the future.

August 26 “Last Fling of Summer”. At the time it seemed to be a whimsical title to have for the last meeting in August. However since a major hurricane was

predicted to hit Connecticut on Saturday night it seem more appropriate to have a program about hurricanes. Here is a brief summary of the program: Hurricanes get their start off the warm waters off of Africa and make their way north. Just a side note, a place that never has hurricanes is at the equator and within 5 degrees latitude of the equator. A standard scale of severity of a hurricane is the Saffir-Simpson scale which rates the severity by a number between 1 and 5: where 1: has winds of 74-95 mph which does minor building damage; most damage is on unanchored mobile homes, shrubbery and trees. A category 5 has winds of more than 155mph: Complete roof failures on many homes and industry buildings. Complete building failures is common. Major damage to lower floors less than 15ft above sea level and within 500yards of the shoreline.

NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35
Corr: A. Tolette

Oct. 4: Autumn Comes or Leaves?

Nov. 1: Give Thanks, Bring food for Food Closet

We got through the long hot summer. Now let’s get through the fall without any more big storms. The biggest thing around here was the visit from Irene. As of today there are still many without power. It shows us how much we depend on it. Reminded me of 1938. We were without any power for many days. Now we have all kinds of equipment for cleanup and repair. Back then we didn’t have such and of course there were not as many people and houses. Enough of that. Let’s look forward to a great new Grange year.

OLD LYME GRANGE #162
Corr: Barb Kulisch

Oct. 14: Visitors From Far & Near

Oct. 28: ‘Statue of Liberty’ Reports are in, State Session around the corner and once again Ross & Barb will represent us at State Session.

We have started on our new community service project in September. We continue to collect our Penny March Jar and hold Country Stores to make our donations. We will continue

with the Waterford Country School for another year as well. We are still trying to find ways to get new members; to do fundraisers as well! We will have remembered

the 10th Anniversary of 9/11 at our September meeting as well as Grandparents day! Our door is always open, come on down!

Carmen Brickner to Speak at Session



Leading People to Make Changes

Carmen founded CLEARbrick, Inc. in 1991to enhance spirit, dignity, growth and abundance through coaching leaders at every level in organizations. She systematically guides people through the infrastructural and cultural changes required to support value-driven team-based continuous improvements.

Prior to founding CLEARbrick, Inc. she honed her education and expertise as a CPA, educator, IT project leader and organizational developer in the private sector for CIGNA, Total

Systems Resources, St. Francis Hospital, and ABB-Combustion Engineering. Carmen is highly sought as a public speaker, leadership coach, group facilitator, lean consultant and organizational educator. Her energetic and humorous style brings vitality to her powerful and practical message.

Carmen will be a special guest of the Connecticut State Grange when she presents a workshop on Saturday, Oct. 22 at 3:30 P.M. during State Session.

REVISED State Session Schedule

THURSDAY EVENING, OCT. 20, 2011

7:00 P.M. Open in Sixth Degree at the Hartford Plaza Hotel - East Hartford
Introduction of National Reps.:
• Ed Luttrell, President of the National Grange and his wife Celia Luttrell
Roll Call of Officers and Committees
Lower Grange to the Fourth Degree
Presentation of Fourth Degree Delegates
Roll Call of Granges
Report of Credentials Committee
Session Committee Assignments and Announcements
Introduction of Business without Debate
8:00 P.M. State Master’s Address - CT State Grange President Jody A. Cameron
Report of the Overseer - Jeff Barnes
Reports of State Secretary & Treasurer
Report of Executive Committee / Board of Directors
Report of Conn. State Grange Foundation
9:00 P.M. Closing
9:15 P.M. Committee Work Begins

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2011

7:30 A.M. Pomona Masters to meet in CT State Grange President’s Suite
9:00 A.M. Open & Introductions
Roll Call of Officers
Minutes of Previous Day’s Session
9:15 A.M. Reports of Legislative & Agriculture Committees
9:30 A.M. Special Order of Business:
Election of one member of the Ex. Committee (Including any other vacancies that may have occurred)
9:45 A.M. National Grange Presentation by National President Ed Luttrell
10:15 A.M. Report of General Deputy
Report of Pomona Deputies
Report of Camp Berger
Report of Connecticut Granger Business Session (Resolutions)
12:00 P.M. Luncheon
Family Activities (CWA) Committee
Presentations & Awards
Membership Committee Report and Awards
Public Relations Committee Report & Awards
Agriculture Committee Report and Awards

2:00 P.M. Recognition of Past Voting Delegates
2:15 P.M. PowerPoint by CT State Grange President Jody A. Cameron / Announcement of the 2012 Theme
2:45 P.M. Business Session
5:00 P.M. Closing

FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 21, 2011

8:00 P.M. Sixth Degree Conferral - Hartford Plaza Hotel (Ballroom)
(Open to Sixth Degree members, registration not required)
Opening in form in the Sixth Degree
Escorting of National Representatives
Recognition of Honored Guests & Past Voting Delegates
Conferral of the Sixth Degree in full form / Rose Drill
Recognition of Golden Sheaf Grangers
Honor Grange Awards
Community Service Report and Awards
Closing in form in the Fourth Degree
March to the Table - Officers and Court
Entertainment by the Social Committee to follow in the Ballroom.

Please Note: Candidates must be at the Plaza Hotel, East Hartford, by 7:30 P.M. Candidates must have the Fourth and Fifth Degree words and the Sixth Degree ticket stub to give to the Deputy at the door. Applications for the Sixth Degree will be on sale during the Session and at the door on Friday. Cost of application: \$10.00.


SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011

7:30 A.M. Public Relations Committee presents Breakfast-time Movies - videos from the past Grange year (Ballroom)
8:00 A.M. Connecticut Granger Annual Meeting - Room to be announced
9:00 A.M. Opening & Introductions
Roll Call of Officers
Minutes from Previous Day’s Sessions
9:15 A.M. Memorial Service
10:15 A.M. Business Session
11:30 A.M. FFA Representative
12:00 P.M. Youth / Junior Recognition Luncheon
1:45 P.M. Installation of Officers
2:30 P.M. Business Session
3:30 P.M. Guest Speaker - Carmen Bricker (CLEAR thinking creates success!)
5:00 P.M. Closing
7:00 P.M. Celebration Banquet
(Members not registered/without a ticket will be permitted to attend the program following the meal)
Lecturer’s Program
Scholarships
Past Deputy Raffle

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100 East River Drive, East Hartford, CT;
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(SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE)

New London County Pomona No. 6



Lebanon No. 21
Colchester No. 78
Pachaug No. 96
Preston City No. 110
✓ N. Stonington No. 138
✓ Lyme No. 147
Stonington No. 168
Norwich No. 172

NEW LONDON CTY POMONA #6
Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller
Dec. 10: “We Need a Little Christmas”- Norwich Grange 7:30

We were looking forward to a very pleasant get-together at Bluff Point on August 27, but our POMona picnic had to be cancelled due to a very unpleasant lady by the name of Irene. We will hope for better weather next year.

Looking forward to celebrating the holidays with everyone in Norwich on December 10. See you there.

The fall is here! The fun begins, Thanksgiving! Halloween! And then December’s holidays In gold and red and green. In Norwich, on December 10th Come spend some time with friends. We’ll share a little Christmas With each person who attends.

NORTH STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138
Corr: Nancy R. Weismuller
Oct. 14: I’d like to visit with our Legislators
Oct. 28: I’d like to visit with Frankenstein

August was progressing nicely until Miss Irene raised her ugly head. Then it came to a screeching halt. The men had the program on August 12, introducing us to Vermont and Ben and Jerry’s. Jason Miner’s music was a nice addition to the program. On August 26 we were treated to a delightful evening with Marty King portraying a Union soldier. He informed us that his unit was originally to be called Colt’s Revolving Rifle Regiment. It was formed by Sam Colt (of revolver fame) who planned a unit of 6-foot giants (by 1861 standards); but Sam and the then Connecticut Governor found themselves at odds when the Governor refused to make Sam a Colonel in the Army and Sam backed out. Thus

Marty’s unit became the rather dull 5th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. He kept us enthralled for over an hour displaying rifles, clothing and gear used during the Civil War. His anecdotes surprised even the seasoned Civil War student in the crowd. You missed a good one if you weren’t there.

Legislative Chairman Nick Mullane will present the program on October 14. Our annual Halloween party will be held on the 28th. Dress the children and grandchildren (and yourselves) in costume and plan for an evening of fun, games and delicious refreshments. And if that other lady (I use the term loosely), Katia, who is making a b-line for our coast will only take a more easterly course, next time I’ll tell you about splendid September.

LYME GRANGE #147
Oct. 6: And Away We Go..., Dues Due, Granger Subscription Due
Nov. 3: Are You Ready?
Nov. 5: Craft Sale
Dec. 1: Christmas Party, 3rd Annual Roast Pork Dinner, Awards Night, Bring food for basket.


Amazing- our Lyme Grange Fair was held in August and it was not hot and NO RAIN! Whoopie!

This was Lois Evankow’s 39th year chairing the handicraft exhibit. Our Sept. 1st meeting was preceded by Hurricane Irene. Our Hall’s power came on in time to have a meeting. In spite of so many without power, we had 13 in attendance and one guest. Our new Treasurer, Andria Monte, was installed by Ross Stands - Exec. Comm. of the Conn. State Grange.

We managed to survive the evening with no food- no one could cook.

Lucky for us it was not hot.

Youth & Junior Grange



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Greetings! Fall is upon us and this can only mean that State Session is nearing also. Have not really heard from anyone yet about going to the Science Museum Saturday morning of State Session. Please let me know if anyone would like to go. Granges and Grangers have graciously donated funds so that we can go. Letters went out to the directors of the Junior Granges with this information.

Also, I need to receive the Junior and Youth Reports from all directors of these

committees along with the reports from the Juniors Granges. These reports should be in to me no later than October 10th. If anyone has any questions, please contact me directly.

Also, this is a reminder to the Junior and Youth Directors that your assignments for the upcoming year need to be in to me. Please forward to me as soon as possible.

See everyone at State Session.

HILLSTOWN JR. GRANGE #87
Corr: Rita Schaefer

The Juniors have been busy making a banner to march in the Eastern States Parade. They have been busy with other crafts during the summer for the Hillstown Grange Fair.

They will now start and get busier making plans for the year.

EKONK COMM. JR. GRANGE #101

Corr: Sue Gray

Wow! It was amazing the bags and bags and bags and bags of bottles and cans the Juniors collected throughout the day of August 20th. They also were gifted several gently used blankets. The blankets and the deposit money were donated to a local animal shelter.

Once again, several Juniors helped out at the Peach Supper. What would we ever do without them? Thanks to Clifford Gervais for the many hours of service he donated to the Town of Sterling as he helped move brush and cut up trees from the 47 miles of roadways after Irene spread her havoc. The Junior Grange sponsored and also ran the 2011 “Pie Eating Contest” at the annual Sterling Family Day (chocolate cream- eaten without any silverware!).



Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

The power of communications

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“No man is an Island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the Continent, a part of the main; ...” John Donne, Meditation XVII ~ English clergyman & poet (1572 - 1631)

Communications can be and is a powerful format. The types of communication in the 20th, and the beginning of the 21st century have included: semaphores, telegraph, carrier pigeon, American Sign Language (ASL), telephone, teletype, satellite, computers and the internet. It can be all encompassing, whereby everyone is fully informed; or it can be spotty, when important information is omitted or not distributed at all. Communications, an important part of Public Relations, is equally important as part of keeping Grange members informed of time-sensitive news. We’ll get to Grange communications in a moment.

Communications can be quantitative and qualitative. It is both, but is not an equal equation. When I’m preparing a press release, I try to boil it down to less quantity, more quality. I try to put out a document or a memo which describes all the important bullet points while stringing together a beginning, a body, and an ending. Other forms of communications available to me are the telephone, e-mail and social media. I keep an updated contact list of phone and e-mail addresses and distribution lists in the event I need to send out important information to the Media Outlets, State Grange, Pomona, or my own Community Grange. This way I’m able to send, reply or forward information based on its importance or purpose in a timely manner.

I mentioned briefly about Grange communications. In this case, it’s not only the ways we communicate; but I’m also referring to each Grange member with a telephone, or cell phone, and/or a connection to the internet being the important links. Each Pomona puts out Program Books with not only programs and dates, but also includes important phone numbers and addresses. These range from our CT State Grange offices and Officers down to our Community Granges and their respective members. The delegates, Deputies and State Officers at each State Grange exchange Program Books. The CT State Grange also distributes a state directory for State Grange and all the Community Granges. Furthermore, these list the contact persons, who may best pass information along.

Communications is the point I’m trying to make. We all have a responsibility of getting information out to Grange members. This is how, as an organization, we are able to stay connected. This is part of how we stay as an informed organization.

2011 CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE RESOLUTIONS, PART II

The following resolutions were received in the Central Office following the last Granger printing deadline. For Resolutions 1-16, please refer to the September issue of this publication or visit CTStateGrange.org.

All delegates and committee chairs are encouraged to read through the resolutions assigned to their committees, make notes and research any issues prior to State Session to provide for a more informed decision making process.

17) RE: CROSSWALKS
WHEREAS the majority of pedestrian crosswalks on Connecticut State highways and state roads and most main roads within our towns and cities are equipped with crosswalk signals activated by a push button, and WHEREAS there is no standard for the timing of the light, type of visual image, audible sounds nor decibel level of sound associated with these crosswalks, and WHEREAS, not all pedestrians are able to cross quickly because of infirmity, mobility impairments, or are accompanying children in strollers or on bicycles, and WHEREAS there is danger to pedestrians still in a crosswalk when the signal changes to permit movement of motor vehicles. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a standard minimum time with an accompanying sound of a sufficient level of loudness be adopted for all crosswalks in Connecticut, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange request the Connecticut Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration to establish and promulgate standards for the minimum walk light time, type of visual image and audible sound level for all crosswalks, and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the next session of the National Grange together with a recommendation that the National Grange request the Federal Highway Administration to establish and promulgate standards for the minimum walk light time, type of visual image and audible sound level for crosswalks throughout the United States.
SOURCE: Enfield Grange #151; N. Central Pomona #13
REFERRED: Good of the Order

18) RE: SALE OF PLANTS CLASSIFIED AS INVASIVE SPECIES
WHEREAS many plants once considered as attractive ornamentals are now classified as invasive species which should not be sold or planted in Connecticut; and WHEREAS various parts of invasive species including seeds can travel considerable distances and then establish themselves as plants without any cultivation, and WHEREAS responsible nursery farmers recognize the importance of controlling and eradicating invasive species and cooperate in the public and private activities to control the spread of invasive species, and WHEREAS the list of invasive species varies from state to state, and WHEREAS bittersweet is now classified as an invasive species

in Connecticut, and WHEREAS bittersweet has been offered for sale at one well-known discount chain in Connecticut during the past year, and WHEREAS the management of discount chain stores may not be aware of the listing of various invasive species in Connecticut. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge the passage of legislation that would require all businesses offering or planning to offer seeds and/or live plants for sale in Connecticut to obtain a permit listing the species which the businesses may offer or sell before offering seeds and/or live plants for sale in Connecticut, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge such legislation to include a cash penalty for failure to apply for such permit at a level that will offset the cost to the State of Connecticut of enforcing the legislation proposed in this resolution.
SOURCE: Vernon Grange #52; N. Central Pomona #13
REFERRED: Agriculture/Conservation & Environment

19) RE: POWER PRIORITIES
WHEREAS a spokesman for CL&P was quoted in The Westerly Sun (Thursday, September 1, pg. 7) as saying, “priorities are based partly on infrastructure and partly on recommendations from state and local officials” and “in towns west of the Connecticut River, which had fewer power outages, CL&P has been working to get the electricity squared away quickly. When that’s completed, all of these crews will shift to Eastern CT where more downed trees struck wires, and about 1,000 roads were blocked,” and WHEREAS this statement suggests that priorities for assigning repair crews were set by geography and influence rather than the extent of damage sustained, and WHEREAS several areas in Eastern CT did not get their power restored until the 7th day following the storm, and as a result, emergency services were severely limited or non-existent, and WHEREAS blocked roads cannot be cleared until electric wires and poles are secured, making travel to jobs and/or emergency shelters impossible, and WHEREAS for towns which do not have access to city water, loss of electricity also means the loss of water for drinking, cooking, washing and flushing, and WHEREAS this creates health risks THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange advocates the development and enforcement of a published list of

qualifications to assign priorities in the event of a state-wide power outage, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the qualifications include measurable indicators such as access to emergency service facilities, the availability of city water, the extent and severity of the power loss, and the concentration of senior citizens in a given area, and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Connecticut General Assembly for action thereon.
SOURCE: N. Stonington Grange #138
REFERRED: Credentials, Master’s Address/Resolutions

20) RE: CT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
WHEREAS the CT Agricultural Experiment Station was the first Agricultural Experiment Station in the United States, founded in 1875, and WHEREAS the station is the home of many agricultural discoveries including hybrid sweet corn, the isolation of lyme disease, improvements to strawberry plants to prevent fungal disease, improving broadleaf and shade grown tobacco product. And many others, and WHEREAS the station continues to carry on vital research and testing for the citizens of the State of Connecticut including soil sample testing, food born illness sample testing and testing mosquitoes for infectious disease such as West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis, and WHEREAS the station is a federally recognized food safety inspection site, and WHEREAS the station is controlled by an independent Board of Control and is eligible for federal and private donations as well as overseeing several trust funds which the State would lose if the station is closed, and WHEREAS during the last budget crisis consideration was given to closing the stations and even though they remain open it received major cuts to its operating budget above the average 14% received by other agencies, and WHEREAS the Grange has always supported the station and had a successful working relationship with it. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange continue its support of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station as a stand alone state agency, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grange also support adequate state funding for the Station.
SOURCE: Riverton Grange #169
REFERRED: Agriculture/Conservation & Environment

21) RE: CT TECHNICAL SCHOOLS
WHEREAS the CT Technical High School program has been a state run operation with funding from the state, and WHEREAS there has been consideration of changing that

and turning the oversight of individual schools over to local school districts, and WHEREAS the schools are currently available to students who may not reside in that local school district and could be excluded from the schools in the future. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange support the continuation of the state run Technical High School system as it currently exists.
SOURCE: Riverton Grange #169
REFERRED: Credentials/Master’s Address/Resolutions

22) RE: CT SCANS ON CHILDREN
WHEREAS CT (CAT) Scans are being used more frequently by physicians, especially on children, and WHEREAS the radiation accumulates to a dangerous level with overuse, causing cancer. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange urge our Legislators to compel CAT scan users to release to the patient or the patient’s parents, the level of radiation used for that patient’s permanent record.
SOURCE: Granby Grange #5
REFERRED: Legislative/Insurance

23) RE: GRANGE E-MEMBERSHIP AND GRANGE MONEY TRANSFERS
WHEREAS the Fraternal Order of Patrons of Husbandry has the shorthand name of Grange, and WHEREAS the term grange in England refers to a complete farm which in the early times was able to take care of all recognized human needs at the time, and WHEREAS a human need of today in the United States, a Representative Republic, is to be aware of the activities of the governing body in Washington, D.C., and WHEREAS the National Grange has seen fit to report on these activities in a non-partisan way through the internet, as well as providing other economic benefits, by setting up a Grange e-Membership class of Grange membership, and WHEREAS Membership is paid for by the use of the internet method of money transfer known as PayPal, and WHEREAS PayPal is a secure method of transferring funds on the internet through the use of credit cards. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Grange body support the e-Membership for all internet users, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Grange body seek utilize PayPal for the transfer of funds between all Grange bodies, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Grange body supports the idea of the National Grange developing and recommending to Grange bodies computer software that will allow each Grange level to easily keep track of money transfers in compliance with the money handling principles described in the National Grange Digest.

SOURCE: Granby Grange #5
REFERRED: Good of the Order

24) RE: FAMILY MUSICAL INSTRUMENT
WHEREAS the Fraternal Order of Patrons of Husbandry has the shorthand name of Grange and also known as the Family Fraternity, and WHEREAS the term grange in England refers to a complete farm which in the early times was able to take care of all recognized human needs at the time, and WHEREAS a human need of today is to develop a love for music in the family, and WHEREAS there has been developed in modern times an electronic musical sound generator which will:

- Help young family members learn musical key board skills through a follow the lights method
- Provide home music through more than 10 internet channels
- Allow musicians to record multiply MIDI channels of a song
- Play music encoded in MIDI format
- Duplicate sound of many individual musical sound generating instruments
- Produce words and music for sing alongs on a large screen
- Provide many drum beat sounds and rhythms
- Fill in additional background sounds to one person playing the keyboard
- Has a variable rhythm beat rate
- Needs no annual tuning because the pitch is electronically time determined

And more, and WHEREAS one of these instruments has the trade name of Clavinova. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Granges who own a hall work with local dealers to become known as a place to go to hear and see the family music generator, the Clavinova, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED members of that Grange body, who are interested, be instructed in the use of the Clavinova, and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Grange body owning the demonstration facility gain some financial advantage through any sales on Clavinovas resulting from demonstration at Grange buildings.
SOURCE: Granby Grange #5
REFERRED: Good of the Order

25) RE: RETENTION OF GRANGERS WHO ARE STUDENTS
WHEREAS having students in high school and/or college often creates a financial hardship for families, and WHEREAS not all members who are students are eligible to participate in the Family Membership Program, and WHEREAS a reduction in dues might help retain Grangers who are students, and WHEREAS a dues reduction program would be most effective if implemented by Granges at all levels: Subordinate, Pomona,

State and National.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Grange reduce the dues for members aged 14-23 (the age group defined as dependents in the National Grange Family Membership Brochure), who are not eligible for a family dues plan, by 50%.
SOURCE: N. Stonington Comm. Grange #138
REFERRED: Constitution & By-Laws

26) RE: REMOVAL OF OIL AS A COMMODITY ON THE FUTURES MARKET
WHEREAS crude oil is traded on the world futures market like agricultural products such as wheat and corn and precious metals such as silver and gold, and
WHEREAS the price of oil changes daily as commodity traders forecast its value into the future, and
WHEREAS speculators, anticipating a rise in price, purchase large supplies at lower prices, and
WHEREAS this, under the principle of supply and demand reduces the amount of oil available and pushes up the price, and
WHEREAS the price of oil has an impact on all goods and services produced in the United States economy.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange recommends removing oil as a commodity on the futures market, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the National Grange for action thereon.
SOURCE: N. Stonington Comm. Grange #138/New London Cty. Pomona #6

27) RE: OBLIGATION CEREMONY
WHEREAS Growth in membership is a prime goal of the CT State Grange, and
WHEREAS quick or immediate initiation is vital to retention of new members, and
WHEREAS while all Subordinate Granges have authority to confer the first four degrees, few do this on a regular basis, or at all, and
WHEREAS while the Obligation Ceremony was approved by the National Grange many years ago, its use in CT is limited to only four approved teams.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the use of the official Obligation Ceremony be approved for all Subordinate Granges in Connecticut.
SOURCE: New London Cty. Pomona #6
REFERRED: Credentials/Master's Address

28) RE: HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE MEDICAL BUILDINGS, HOTELS AND INNS
WHEREAS Hotels and Inns state that they are handicapped accessible, and this accessibility should begin at the front doors, and
WHEREAS those that are listed as handicapped accessible should have a button accessible at all doorways of the building, and
WHEREAS the bathroom doors in the rooms also need to be

wheelchair accessible, yet they do not always conform to the size of most wheelchairs, and
WHEREAS oftentimes back entryways to medical buildings with handicapped buttons are not accessible as laboratory containers and other items are often left right in front of the button so those wheelchair-bound cannot reach the button to open the door, and
WHEREAS all medical buildings, hotels and inns are supposed to have handicapped accessible equipment in place, yet so many of them do not conform.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee urge the passage of legislation that enforces all facilities listed as handicapped accessible
CONFORM TO THE RULES.
SOURCE: Old Lyme Grange #162; New Haven Cty. Pomona #5
REFERRED: Legislative/Insurance

29) RE: DELIVERY OF MAIL
WHEREAS the volume of mail handled by the United States Postal Service is decreasing, primarily due to modern electronic forms of communication, and
WHEREAS the reduced volume of mail is causing the United States Postal Service to operate at a deficit, and
WHEREAS the United States Congress is currently studying various methods of reducing or eliminating the United States Postal Service deficit, and
WHEREAS one of the proposals under consideration is the elimination of mail delivery on Saturdays, and
WHEREAS reducing the number of days on which mail is delivered will result in inconvenience and delays to many residents throughout the United States.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange opposes any reduction in the frequency of delivering mail to residences, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange recommend the United States Congress study the feasibility of eliminating mail delivery to offices, businesses, factories and other nonresidential addresses on days when those facilities are not in normal operation, and
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the National Grange together with a recommendation for favorable action therein.
SOURCE: State Grange Legislative Committee
REFERRED: Credentials/Master's Address/Resolutions

30) RE: REAFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
WHEREAS the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) was founded in 1875 and is the oldest Experiment Station in the United States, and
WHEREAS one of the recent state budget proposals would have zeroed their budget and threatened CAES's existence, and
WHEREAS CAES provides a variety of services that are

essential to the agricultural industry in Connecticut such as:
• monitoring seeds to make sure inferior seeds are not sold in the state and inspecting plants that are sent out of Connecticut
• monitoring our forests for invasive species such as the Asian Longhorn Beetle which are damaging our hardwoods
• monitoring our waterways for invasive aquatic plants and invertebrates
• overseeing and monitoring plant blights and diseases as well as assisting in the identification of plans and diagnosing plant health, and
WHEREAS CAES monitors and assists in controlling insects such as mosquitoes to prevent the spread of West Nile Virus, the tick population for the spread of Lyme Disease and recently the infestation of bed bugs which are all serious public health issues, and
WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange has been a strong supporter of CAES in the past.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange reaffirm its support for the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and that the Grange continue to oppose severe budget cuts proposed that may threaten the existence of the CAES.
SOURCE: State Grange Legislative Committee
REFERRED: Agriculture/Conservation

31) RE: USDOT DECISION TO UPHOLD STATES RIGHTS TO REGULATE FARM OPERATORS
WHEREAS in the May 31, 2011 Federal Register the USDOT Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) requested public comment on several issues, one of which was whether farm equipment operators should be required to obtain commercial drivers licenses (CDLs) if they use public roads, and
WHEREAS the public comments from the agricultural community was overwhelming in objection to this recommendation, and
WHEREAS at this time operators are currently exempt from the USDOT policies and are efficiently regulated by the individual State's departments of transportation, and
WHEREAS due to the strong opposition by the agricultural community the USDOT released a statement that their office had 'no intention of instituting onerous regulations on hardworking farmers' citing that most States have already adopted common sense enforcement practices allowing farmers to safely move equipment and products.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange applauds the decision to uphold the States rights to regulate the farmers transporting of equipment and crops and to not add additional regulations, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if in the future the USDOT or the individual States propose regulations similar to those appearing in the May 31, 2011 register that the Grange oppose

such recommendations which would put undue strain on the agricultural community, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grange opposes any legislation or regulations which would require farmers to obtain commercial drivers licenses to operate farm equipment, and
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED a copy of this resolution be sent to the National Grange for their approval.
SOURCE: State Grange Legislative Committee
REFERRED: Agriculture/Conservation

32) RE: OBLIGATION CEREMONY
WHEREAS the National Grange, at the 1990 Annual session, authorized the use of an Obligation Ceremony to initiate members into our Order, and
WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange, the following year, also authorized its use but only by teams approved by the State Master, and
WHEREAS there were then three teams approved to use the Obligation Ceremony, and
WHEREAS none of these teams have been active for several years and may not now be intact to perform the Obligation Ceremony, and
WHEREAS the Obligation Ceremony is a useful tool to initiate members into our Order.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange, by vote of the delegate body, remove the restriction of Obligation Ceremony teams and allow all Community Granges within their jurisdiction to use the Official Obligation Ceremony to initiate members into our Order.
SOURCE: Redding Grange #15; Fairfield County Pomona #9
REFERRED: Credentials/Master's Address

33) RE: LOANS TO GRANGES
WHEREAS many Granges in Connecticut are old buildings with many needing repair and upgrading, and
WHEREAS many Granges do not have the funds available to repair and or upgrade their buildings for compliance with many health codes, safety issues, and handicap access, and
WHEREAS the Connecticut Granges are community centered with a long history of serving their communities, and
WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange loans money to Granges with a monthly interest rate of 3%. A cost that many Granges cannot afford when their budgets are already stressed by high energy cost, reduced membership, and
WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange has over a million dollars invested in corporation and savings accounts that yield small return on their investments, and
WHEREAS many Granges are on the border of closing due to lack of funds for their repairs.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange should invest in the Granges of Connecticut by loaning money to them for repairs and upgrades to their buildings. The interest rate of the loans shall be forgiven

if the Grange does at least one public event per month with no less than 10 a year. This forgiven of the loan should only be for a time period set by the State Grange with 2 years being the minimum period.
SOURCE: Hillstown Grange #87
REFERRED: Constitution & By-Laws

34) RE: USAGE OF THE GRANGE SEAL ON GRANGE COMMUNICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS
WHEREAS the Grange Seal represents the highest ideals and mission of the Grange as an organization and is, therefore, used on all formal and official documents executed both internally and externally as put forth by the National Grange; and
WHEREAS the Grange Seal is also used to recognize excellence within the organization, such as on certificates and ribbons to honor a specialization or in recognition, and
WHEREAS the manner in which we present ourselves and how we communicate to our audience is very important in the public's perception of the Grange's integrity on all levels of the organization: National, State, County-wide and in each Community; and
WHEREAS Granges across Connecticut have a responsibility to apply this organizational identity via the Grange Seal in a consistent and accurate way across all documents and communications, both internally and externally, and
WHEREAS the National Grange has gone to extreme lengths to ensure that proper and legal usage of the Grange Name and Seal are guaranteed under Intellectual Property laws and Trademark registrations; and
WHEREAS the booklet "Connecticut State Grange Communications Guidelines and Procedures" explains in detail proper usage of the Grange Seal as well as the Intellectual Property laws and Trademark registrations; and
WHEREAS all Connecticut State Grange Officers, Committees, Pomona, Junior and Community Granges were given a copy of the "Connecticut State Grange Communications Guidelines and Procedures" booklet as well as a disc as part of the Connecticut State Grange Public Relations packet at the 2010 Connecticut State Grange Annual Session; and
WHEREAS all Connecticut State Grange Officers, Committees, Pomona, Junior and Community Granges were given a disc as part of the Connecticut State Grange Public Relations packet at the 2010 Connecticut State Grange Annual Session; and
WHEREAS this disc contains Grange Seals properly trademarked and authorized, in both black and white and full color applications, and in a number of sizes and formats for easy usage; and
WHEREAS this disc also contains usable documents and templates of official Grange letterhead; and

