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The new Grange year is starting, vacations are over and the children are back in school. It's time to get back to work. For Granges that have candidates in need of degrees I would suggest you contact your Pomona Master for the location of Granges that will be conferring degrees. You can also read the Grange columns in the Granger. Your last resort would be to use the welcoming ceremony in the alternative handbook.

There is no welcoming ceremony for the Fifth Degree so this degree must be conferred at a Pomona Grange. Do this quickly so your members can take the Sixth Degree at the State Session on October 22.

The State Session is fast approaching and final arrangements are being made. All Granges should know their committee assignments as they were listed in last month's Granger.

This month will have the resolutions received up to printing time along with their committee referrals. Delegates, be prepared to start work Thursday evening.

Attendees to the session must register, those attending the celebration banquet must by dinner tickets and those staying at the hotel must register for a room with the hotel. Please be aware of the due by dates for each of these. Much of the information for this was in last month's Granger. If you need assistance, call the State Secretary.

There will be a rehearsal for the Sixth Degree on Monday evening, October 18, 2010 at Good Will Grange Hall at 7:00 P.M. All state officers, Deputies and members of the court are requested to attend.

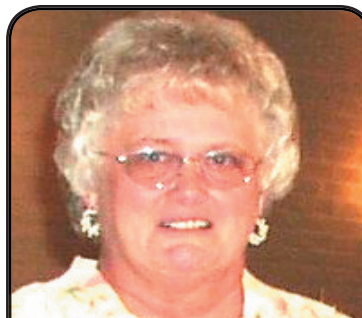


Please let me know if you cannot make it.

As this year is an election of officers, this will be my last Master's article. I have tried to make these articles informative, educational, inspiring and some times entertaining. I commend the editor and staff of the *Connecticut Granger* for the extremely fine job they have done with getting information to as many members as possible. I hope they reach their goal of having all Granges 100% subscribers.

Sister Marge and I hope to see many of you at this year's session.

Welcome and thank you!



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Summer is over. Along with the vibrant fall colors comes a return to our Grange Activities. It is a new Grange year and time for a new start. Forget all the problems of the past, and start over. Have good programs, encourage people to come to meetings and watch for the results.

If we all work together we, as Lecturers, can make a difference.

From the reports I am getting we have several new Lecturers on board. Welcome to the group. Thank you for taking on this challenge. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either me or your Pomona Lecturer. We are here to help you.

State Session will be here before we know it. I hope to see many of you at Session and if I don't know you personally, please take a minute and come and introduce yourself. I really want to be able to put a face with all the names.

My thanks to all our veteran Lecturers for all your many hours of dedicated work this past year. You play a key role in the future of the Grange. Remember, if you need help, I am as close as your phone or computer.

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A season of change



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In previous columns I have noted that there will be many changes in our legislators and state officials as a result of the elections this November. There will also be several changes in the Grange and

the other organizations we work with. Leroy Watson has resigned as Legislative Director at the National Grange. He and his family have moved to Wisconsin where they will be closer to his wife's family. Leroy will continue to do some work on trademark issues for the Grange from his new location and his wife will continue her work as an attorney at law for the United States Justice Department. Nicole

Payla Wood is the new Legislative Director at the National Grange. She has

14 years experience as a legislative aide, legislative analyst and lobbyist for various organizations in Washington.

Jiff Martin, Project Director for the Connecticut Working Lands Alliance, is leaving in November to accept a position with the UConn Cooperative Extension Service where she will be working in the general area of food policy. She has been with the Working Lands Alliance for eight years where she oversees the various

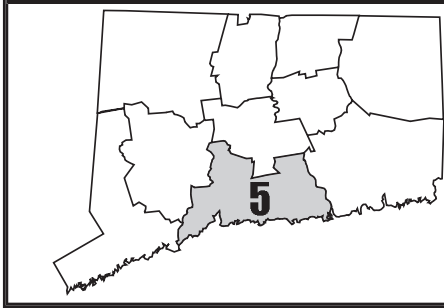
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NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5

Corr: Charleen Dimmick
Dec. 5 (Sunday): Open meeting at Cheshire

The program for the December meeting will be "That Christmas Spirit." Bring a \$3.00 gift to exchange. A potluck dinner will follow the program.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: Charleen Dimmick
Nov. 3: "Harvesters and Gleaners"

Nov. 17: Happy Thanksgiving- 6 P.M. Turkey Dinner

In August we had an ice cream social. A wonderful way to spend a summer evening.

At the meeting in September, the Charter was draped for Sister Huena Wetmore and Brother Lemel Combs.

WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

Corr: Dan Lauttenbach
Oct 14: "Thanksgiving Day in Canada"

Oct 28: "Harvest Time" Pot Luck Supper @ 6:15pm.

Greetings from Wallingford Grange,

It's been a long hot summer. Now its time to get ready for Fall activities that are just around the corner.

August 26 - Business meeting. Some of the items discussed: Vern talked about how most vegetables are at least 3 weeks ahead and that farmers may actually get another crop

in. If that happens then we might find an abundance that may in turn drive prices down. He also said that his garden had a good year without a lot of bugs. The local farmer's market has been doing very well. Their motto has been "buy today, we will pick more tomorrow".

The chicken barbecue tickets and fair booklets were passed out. Getting ready for our Fair on September 18th.

NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35

Corr: A. Tolette
Oct. 5: Harvest Time
Nov. 2: Be Thankful

We are hoping that the long, hot summer will soon be over and the hurricanes will stay away from land.

Time to get started on a new Grange year and hope it will be a good one.

We are sure Emily will have her usual great programs and we also look forward to Jack's jokes.

OLD LYME GRANGE #162

Corr: Barb Kulisch
Oct. 8: Fall Neighbors Night

By the time you read these articles, we will have all gotten our reports in for State Session and will all be embarking on a new routine at State Session. We will all have to get used to change, change is the only way the Grange will grow!

We will have chosen our

new Community Service project for 2010-2011 and probably continue with this years one as well.

We took care of the Waterford Country School for boys age 10-18's "Wish List" and the boys really got to realize that someone out there surely does care about them. We truly have made a difference in their lives and they in ours as well.

In August we took in a new application for membership and in September we will have 2 reinstatement applications as well!

Yes, we are moving forward!

Remember our door is always open so come on down.

50 Years at North Haven



Dorothy Neubig recently received her Golden Sheaf Certificate (for 50 years of membership) at her home. The presentation was made by North Haven Grange Master Ed Borrelli.

A season of change

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activities of the Working Lands Alliance on a day to day basis and is also a registered lobbyist. She has been very helpful to all of the organizations, including the Connecticut State Grange, that are members of the Working Lands Alliance, coordinating our lobbying efforts and keeping the volunteer lobbyists such as me aware of what is going on in Hartford. The Connecticut Working Lands Alliance is now a project of American Farmland Trust and Jiff has been the Connecticut coordinator for all the AFT activities in Connecticut. The Working Lands Alliance is recruiting for a new project director to replace Ms. Martin.

Nick Moore of Sharon will step down from his position of President of

Connecticut Farmland Trust in February. He is completing his third year as president of CFT, during which time he has led the Trust in its efforts to become accredited by the Land Trust Alliance. Most likely he will become a member-at-large on the CFT Executive Committee and will continue to shepherd the accreditation process until it is completed. The president of Connecticut Farmland Trust stepping down after three years and becoming a member at large on the executive committee is as customary as the Master of the Connecticut State Grange stepping down after four years and being elected to the Executive Committee. The CFT Governance Committee, which also serves as the nominating committee, is seeking volunteers to fill one or two anticipated vacancies on the Board of Directors at the trust's annual meeting in February. Directors are elected for three year terms. They are expected to attend the bimonthly board meetings and also serve on one or two of the trust's committees. If anyone is interested in joining the Board of Directors or knows of anyone who would be a qualified director, please contact me with a brief

resume concerning the individual. Although the names are very similar, Connecticut Farmland Trust has no connection with American Farmland Trust. Connecticut Farmland Trust acquires and holds easements to preserve farmland throughout Connecticut while American Farmland Trust lobbies for legislation to protect farms and keep farm operations viable at both the state and federal level.

As some of you already know, I am stepping down as Legislative Director for the Connecticut State Grange at our annual session this month. As a member of the State Grange Executive Committee I will continue to be an ex-officio member of the Legislative Committee and the present plan is that I will continue to lobby for our issues at the General Assembly. I am completing twenty years on the Legislative Committee and twelve years as Legislative Director. I have enjoyed this opportunity to serve the Connecticut State Grange and especially the many nice comments I have received about my articles in the Connecticut Granger. To quote from Bob Hope's theme song, "Thanks for the Memories."

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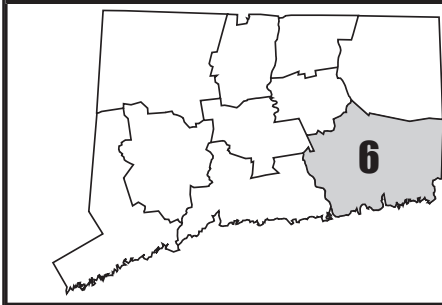
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NEW LONDON COUNTY POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

Oct. 9: Fifth Degree and Evaluation- N. Stonington Grange

If you missed the Pomona picnic you missed a really great time. The weather was beautiful, the food was delicious and the company was outstanding. Dan handled the grills, with hamburgers and hot dogs aplenty sizzled to perfection. There were salads, beans, chips and chilled iced tea topped off by desserts of every kind. After lunch many enjoyed walks around beautiful Devil's Hopyard State Park while others chose to sit and chat in the cool of the pavilion.

Debbie's games kept everyone busy and laughing. Picnic bingo had us searching for "Hot Dog 4" or "Ant 23" so we could win some of the picnic-supply prizes. Gene wondered why she never called "Picnic Table Free", but he won a bottle of catsup anyway. In "Truth or Dare" Scott ended up with a shocking new hair color. We have to say he was a really good sport about it. Sue had to keep shouting out catchy phrases during the rest of the game. Great job, Sue. We won't say what poor John had to do, but he handled it very well. Nancy got squirted in the face with water and she retaliated in kind; but before the game got completely out of hand Deb took the bottle away. Arlie got a "truth" and he told us all about his trip to Alaska.

It was wonderful to see Donna and Wayne, who have moved down the coast, and many other new and old friends. Hope to see everyone in October and hope we have a big class of candidates.

What a perfectly wonderful time we had

At the picnic that beautiful day.

Now let's keep it going, let's all do our part,

And we're going to be O.K.

COLCHESTER GRANGE #78

Corr: Joan Toomey

Oct. 11: Pianist Night, Plug Into Newspapers

It seems this very hot and humid weather will never end. We really need rain but it will not help the parched gardens. Many crops have failed or it was a early and short season for berries here in New England. It was a good hay cutting year. There is no substitute for God's rain.

We have been busy all summer at our Grange. CWA Chair Cathy Russi worked hard and lined up many items to send for judging. We had first place ribbons for Mae Chemerynski's doilie, Jeff Watson's Mom, Dorothy, afghan. Also Wayne Mohrlein's poster and Polly Leonard's photo of her adorable goats. Hopefully I have not left anyone out. Second place ribbon to our Lecturer for her stenciled velvet stuffed toy bear designed and hand painted.

Many of us have racked up hundreds of Community Service volunteer hours, too. Polly Leonard, her granddaughter and myself worked at the food bank for 2 and 3 hours each one blistering hot day. Stanley Moroch continues to mow grass at Olde Bacon Academy and Jeff Watson, bless his heart, continues to do odd jobs for the needy and elderly in addition to his heavy work schedule. To top this all off Eve O'Donnell made a beautiful cat quilt for our Grange fundraiser. Come visit us in September and see it. Buy a ticket or two and you may win.

We finally got some rain, but too late to help our gardens and crops. It has finally been cooler and school kids are back in school by now. Some returned in August and some in September. I can't keep track anymore. Every town seems to have a different schedule and certainly every state. I wish it could be like it used to be. Summer ended on Labor Day and the Wednesday after Labor Day- all kids in the USA were

back in school.

We enjoyed a wonderful picnic in August at Polly's farm. We toured the gardens and saw her new goat babies. Helen Begun "Auntie" came with her brother Stanley Moroch and Wilma Zemko came too. It was nice to see them. We had a good set-up crew to help Polly. Blanche Bass came with Bob and I and she helped also. All had a nice time.

Our Grange hosted and cooked the wedding meal in July for a fundraiser to add dollars to our scholarship fund. It was a really hot day and was fun, and hard work, too. Polly Leonard was chairperson, with Cathy Russi, Diane Leith, Eve O'Connell and myself cooking. Many Grangers came the day before to help prepare vegetables and peel potatoes. Among the above there was Marion Culhane, Blanche Bass, Charlotte Locke and Walter Pienlandz. Clean up crew was Jeff Watson and Walter, myself and Diane Leith. Also Ted Beebe came in to help in clean-up.

Sharon Moroch helped out at Hamburg Fair and Joan Toomey volunteered at Hebron Harvest Fair.

Who says we are not an active Grange?

N. STONINGTON GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

Oct. 8: I'd like to visit Washington, D.C.- Legislative Program

Oct. 29: I'd like to visit Transylvania- Halloween Party, 7:30

Welcome to our newest member, Meredith Milligan, who joined our Grange on June 11. She will be attending UConn this fall.

Please note change of date for our second meeting in October (due to State Session), and bring the kids and grandkids to the best Halloween Party in town. There are prizes for costumes, great games and super spooky refreshments.

Many thanks to all who made our Chikumbuso yard sale a great success. We had many tables of wonderful stuff available for the bargain hunters, our food booth was open and Bev handled the sale of our "good junk" with aplomb. When the final tally came in we had made over \$450. The Grange added a little to make it \$500, and we presented the check to

Linda Wilkinson before she returned to Africa.

The ladies beat the men by a fraction of a point in our competitive program on August 13. Both programs were excellent. Sue presented her "American as Apple Pie" program on August 27. It was a wonderfully well-rounded program on Patriotism and looks like a winner to us. The dictionaries for third graders are ordered and we look forward to another year of involvement with our community.

Best wishes and a speedy recovery to our Assistant Steward, Clyde Myers, who has had hip replacement surgery. And if those yellow jackets will just leave a little room for my hummingbirds, next time I'll tell you all about super September.

LYME GRANGE #147

Oct. 7: Color Us Piggy Pink
Nov. 4: The CWA Shines Tonight

Nov. 6: Lyme Grange Craft Festival

August's picnic was enjoyed by all. Our meeting room was extremely "hot."

Our Hamburg Fair had two good days with low humidity and great temperatures. However, the third day was a washout with an ally day rain.

At our Sept. meeting, we voted all our donations. Dan Mutchler presented a program on volcanoes. Gave a nice talk and brought samples. We voted our Master and Steward to be delegates to State Session.

November brings the CWA program presented by our CWA Chairperson. Hopefully she will have all information for the new year by then.

Lyme is having a Craft

Festival on Nov. 6 from 10-2. We are looking for crafters.

STONINGTON GRANGE #168

Corr: Jeff Barnes

Stonington Grange was very saddened by the death of longtime member Grace McPherson on August 20. Grace had served our grange in several offices and committees over the years and was active in the community in many ways. Her memorial service was attended by over 300 people, a great testimony to the number of individuals who benefitted from knowing her. A great loss to all of us. Our condolences to her husband, George and family.

On a happier note we enjoyed a real dairy supper before our September meeting. Good turnout and a great variety of food, complete with ice cream sodas.

Installation of officers began a new Grange year and our Lecturer has prepared an ambitious list of programs for our Grange to enjoy.

Proving that men can do needlework just as well as the ladies, George McPherson won first in the state for his latch work rug. It has gone on to the Big E to compete at the New England level. We are anxious to see how it will place! Also congratulations to the Perry family on their excellent entries in the State Lecturer's photography contest, receiving two first and one second place.

The title of our October program is "Shipwreck in Stonington Harbor." With hurricane season still with us could this be an omen? Stay tuned to find out.

Hope to see many of you at State Session.

Norwich Grange Halloween

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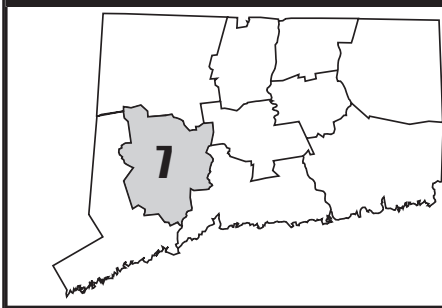
Dress in your best costume and head to Norwich Grange Hall on October 13th for super-spooky science experiments and a ghoulish good time at the Halloween Spook-tacular presented by Mad Science.

The evening begins at 7:30 PM, with the show starting at approximately 7:45 PM, and will feature floating eyeballs, levitating monsters, fire breathing dragons, creepy potions and really cool special effects from the dungeons of the Mad Science laboratory. The Mad Science Spook-tacular is a hair-raising experience.

Those attending this special event are asked to bring Halloween-themed food to share for refreshments. There will also be a raffle. The show will last approximately 45 minutes.

For more information, please contact Susan Kenney via e-mail at silkspray@gmail.com.

Excelsior Pomona No. 7



- ✓ Beacon Valley No. 103
- ✓ Bethlehem No. 107
- ✓ Watertown No. 122
- Prospect No. 144
- Bridgewater No. 153
- Wolcott No. 173
- Oxford No. 194

EXCELSIOR POMONA #7

Corr: Mary Dubay

Nov. 6: Roast Beef Dinner

Excelsior Pomona No. 7 does not meet in the month of October. However, on November 6, 2010 the 36th Annual Roast Beef Dinner and Bazaar will be held at the Beacon Valley Grange Hall, 1354 New Haven Rd., Naugatuck. Bazaar opens at 2:00 P.M. and

Dinner is served from 5:00 to 6:30 P.M. Price \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. For further info and table rentals contact Chairman Joanne Cipriano at 203-754-5863.

For the raffle this year each Grange is asked to donate a themed basket. Wolcott- Pasta, Oxford- Coffee, Bethlehem- Baking Fun, Prospect- Movie Night,

Beacon Valley- Harvest, Watertown- Chocolate Goodies, Bridgewater- Soups On. Something a little different.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

Our Oct. meeting will be on the 8th- refreshments will be served following the meeting by Diane and Victor Godin. We miss Pearl and Lou at our meetings and wish them will on their roads to recovery.

All year end reports have been made and now we look forward with interest to participating in the new State Grange format.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Linda Coad

Oct. 25: Festive Fall Hobbies, 7:30 P.M., Ref. Buzz and Linda, Country Store

Nov. 22: Turkey Dinner and Awards Night, 7:00 P.M., Country Store, Wrapped Packages

WATERTOWN GRANGE #122

Corr: Mary Dubay

Oct. 1: Haunted Mansion

Oct. 15: Columbus Day

In October we celebrate Columbus Day, and also at the end of the month we have Halloween, a fun time for kids and grown ups alike.

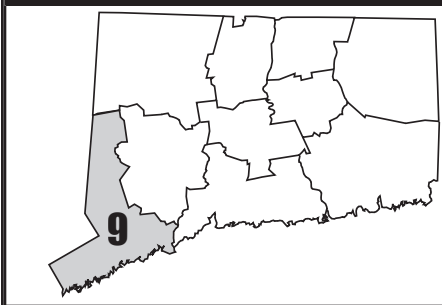
Our first meeting's program is called Haunted

Mansion, a spoof on Halloween. Our second meeting is Columbus Day, a nice time of the year if you get the day off.

On Saturday, August 28th we had our annual picnic at the home of Sharon and Fred Fairchild. It was a beautiful day and everyone had a good time. We like to thank Sharon and Fred for their hospitality. CWA Chairman Malinda is waiting in anticipation for the new CWA projects for the coming year, and bring them to our meetings.

Now that the weather is better, come and join us when you can. Our door is always open.

Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



- ✓ Redding No. 15
- Harmony No. 92
- ✓ Greenfield Hill No. 133
- Trumbull No. 134
- ✓ Norfield No. 146
- ✓ Cannon No. 152

FAIRFIELD COUNTY POMONA #9

Corr: Bob Sendewicz

Oct. 6: 7:30 P.M. at Redding Grange Hall, Conferral of the Fifth Degree

We are eagerly anticipating the start of the new Grange year and we will start with the conferral of the Fifth Degree. You are welcome to bring your candidates to our meeting. Please let us know if you do. If you need directions to our hall, Email me at sendewicz@sbcglobal.net.

REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: Bob Sendewicz

Oct. 11: Fall Fairs

Oct. 25: Hobo Stew Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 6: Christmas Boutique

Nov. 8: Honor Veterans

Many of us have been to a lot of fairs this year and we can hear about them at our first meeting. Come and tell us about your fair.

On October 25 we will have our famous Hobo Stew supper starting at 6:30 p.m. Come on down and sample the generous assortments of beef stew. They are always good. If you wish to join us give me a call. Also you can come in your favorite costume as we also have a Halloween party after dinner with fun and games.

On Saturday, November 6, we will have a Christmas Boutique from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a tag and bake sale. Plenty of items for sale and you just may find that Christmas present or decoration you have been looking for. We would love to see you.

On our first meeting in November we will honor all American Veterans. You do not have to be a veteran to attend so come and join us in our tribute.

GREENFIELD HILL #133

Corr: Dennis Rich

Oct. 17: "Harvest"/ Installation of Officers, 2 P.M. Meeting

Late August and early September found us gearing up for our Fair. On September 1st, we along with Trumbull Grange hosted the potluck dinner, which preceded the Pomona meeting in our hall.

In October, we will have installation of officers. We appreciate those who have served in the past and the new members who have stepped forward to serve as officers and/or help with special projects.

Since the past October (2009), we have taken in 21 new members and 2 associate/affiliate

members. The new members are Misty Beyer, Beth Bradley, Geri Bulion, Abbie Chase, Anita Fornichechella, Catherine Fraise, Liam Fratturo, Eric Frisk, Michael Galullo, Doc Hermalyn, Pam Jones, Karen Pierson, Silvia Rosaes, C. Anne Lowe-Salmon, Isabel Salmon, Roy Speed, Tristian Speed, Heather Sullivan, and Andy, Diane & Teresa Wittemburg.

Finally Geno Piacentini and Karen MacDonald of Redding Grange, have come on board as affiliate members, being with us through the months of rebuilding the active membership of our Grange!

NORFIELD GRANGE #146

Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox

Oct. 12: Meeting: Voting on Funds and Projects

Oct. 30: Halloween Party and Dance

Nov. 9: Neighbors' Night-Apple Harvest Festival, Open House and Reception

Nov. 30: Christmas Tree and Holiday decorating

It's already the holiday season at Norfield Grange! A Halloween Party and dance are scheduled for Saturday, October 30, complete with costumes and a food buffet. Earlier that day we will have a pumpkin carving session, and will decorate for the evening's festivities. The Apple Harvest Festival at our November Neighbors' Night will be followed by Christmas tree trimming and decorating on

November 30, in time for the Pomona meeting on December 1. And then there's December!

A little while back, by some cataclysmic miracle, the stars crossed and Ewa Ojarovska joined Norfield Grange. She owns a special events service company that provides design, production and consultation services for corporate, social, weddings and sports events. Last winter she directed and supervised food service at the Vancouver Organizing Headquarters of the 2010 Winter Olympics, and supervised Food Service at the Olympic Curling Venue at the 2010 Paralympic Games a month later. Closer to home, she was owner and managing director of Clemens Restaurant in West Redding. Her accomplishments fill two pages.

Needless to say, Ewa's miracle touch has affected our social gatherings! At our August picnic, for instance, we were treated to pulled pork sliders, shrimp rolls, and coconut/madademia nut chicken with mango salsa. A spring Kentucky Derby Day promises a bourbon tasting and an informal buffet of summer fare.

And, if you really want to know what gustatory delights are in store, visit our website at norfieldgrange.com.

CANNON GRANGE #152

Corr: Don Offinger

Oct 7: Meeting - 7:30 PM

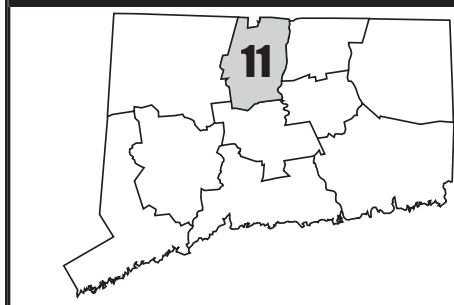
Nov 4: Meeting - 7:30 PM
Nov 18: Program Meeting "Meet Isabel Foltz the mountain climber" - 7:30
Dec 2: Meeting - 7:30 PM
Dec 16: Christmas Party - 7:30 PM

Our 78th Agricultural Fair was a huge success despite being held on the rainiest day of the summer! Many thanks to the members who helped make this day a success. A lot of good planning ahead, productive meetings and a lot of hard work to present the fair for the community. Since the weather had been so dry prior to the Fair, the Norwalk River along side our Hall was but a trickle. Our benefit rubber duck race turned into a raffle, with the proceeds going to the charity "Fallen Soldiers - Forgotten Heros" a housing program for returning female soldiers. Some very wonderful prizes were provided by members of the planning committee.

Our calendar of upcoming events is shown above. Some exciting programs are planned, and we look forward to seeing you there! Note our revised meeting time at 7:30 PM. We will have coffee and tea ready for you. If you would like something to eat, please bring something to share; otherwise we're all surging ahead with our weight-loss programs.

Please visit us on the web a www.cannongrange.org, or follow us on FaceBook and Twitter.

Farmington Valley Pomona No. 11



- ✓ Granby No. 5
- Tunxis No. 13
- ✓ Cawasa No. 34
- ✓ Simsbury No. 197
- West Suffield No. 199
- Cherry Brook No. 210

FARMINGTON VALLEY POMONA #11

Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner
Oct. 4: Meeting (check with our Master)

A number of our Pomona folks attended the Lecturer's Conference in Vermont and were (as always) proud of our State Lecturer, Marge Bernhardt and the way she and her people made Connecticut shine!

Our schedule for meetings for our Granges will be in the Pomona Handbook, but it is wise to check with each Grange to be sure things are going on as planned.

Pomona will meet on Oct. 4th. If we have a candidate. Otherwise the meeting will be omitted as people will be making plans for the State Session. Call our Master Doris Shaw or Secretary Frances Brockett if you have a question.

Are you going to the Big E? Be sure and stop in at the Grange Building and say "Hello!"

GRANBY GRANGE #5

Corr: Vivian C. Shaw
Oct. 8: Pumpkin Program
Oct. 15: Bloodmobile, S. Congregational Church, sponsored by Granby Grange
Oct. 23: Public Setback Card Party, 7:00 P.M.
 Program by Bob and

ROUGH SKIN?

Is your skin rough? Do you need to soften it up? The Past Deputies Association has just what you need. We are selling Skin So Soft. To get a bottle call Janet Haller or any member of our Fund-raising Committee: Bob Sendewicz, Jeff Barnes or Betty Jane Gardiner. We will be selling it at the State Session.

Fran Brockett after N.E. Lecturer's Conference.

Granby Grange Pomona Ruth Douglass passed away August 17 at Hartford Hospital. Before she was ill she always gave at our meetings lovely flowers and refreshments.

She was a talented pianist and made several programs. Dan Mutchler and Ron Purinton visited. We had fun music by Dan with flute and Ron with harmonica, and Ruth with piano!

Ruth was a devoted animal lover and a supporter of animal rights. She was a co-founder of Friends of Windsor Locks Animals.

CAWASA GRANGE #34

Corr: Maggie Schofield
 Fall is here already!! Where did the Summer go??

We are busy planning our 125th Anniversary of Cawasa Grange #34 for October 16th. We decided since we only have 8 active members, to have a nice luncheon for our Grange Members. Most are away from CT and cannot make it. We will have a nice luncheon and view pictures of the past. Also Sister Lin will call our 1st Selectman and see if he can make October 16th Cawasa Grange Day, and we will have a nice article in the local paper.

Our September meeting was very long, since we did not meet in June and July, we had a lot of correspondence, bills, etc.

We are starting a new community project that Sister Judy Lockwood mentioned at our Sept meeting: we are going to provide once a month baked goods for the Food Bank. Sister Judy works there now helping them. We hope to use the Community Center kitchen and all 8 of us will go there and Bake something nice

and bring it the next day to the Food Bank. We are all excited about this project.

See you next month.

SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner
Oct. 13: Meeting

We were thrilled and delighted with our Simsbury Agricultural Fair- the best one we have held. the day was perfect and we had a good crowd. Our Treasurer had a smile on his face, so that let us know we did well.

Again we were pleased that five of the farms in our area put up very nice exhibits, which promoted agriculture. The flower entries were beautiful, the baking items looked tempting, vegetables were nice, and the needlework had outstanding things!

Arrangements of all kinds of old hats around the hall were a great attraction.

We were sorry to have to say the head pieces were not for sale.

The food, plants, crafts and tag sale tables were popular as were the games for kids, our wandering musician, the silent auction, and the snack bar.

Many thanks to our neighboring Granges and

members of some of our families who came and worked and helped. They were great!

We held our regular September meeting at the hall and will hope to meet there in October- then it will be back to the Simsbury Library for the winter months.

THANK YOU!



Edith Schoell
 State Secretary
 secretary@ctstategrange.org

To my Grange friends near and far- thank you for the numerous cards, get well wishes, prayers and goodies, that have filled my mailbox. I

am grateful for all your thoughts and concerns. Thank you again. Love you all.

Secretaries- please send in your quarterly reports as soon as possible. They are needed for me to file my report to National Grange. Without them our Master cannot be seated at National Session.

State Session is around the corner and I hope you are planning to attend.

The new schedule will keep us busy!

126th Annual Session of the
Connecticut State Grange

REGISTRATION FORM

Starting with this State Session ALL MEMBERS (Delegates and Non-Delegates) are required to register to attend most sessions/activities of the convention. The only exceptions are the Sixth Degree on Friday Evening, the Installation of Officers on Saturday afternoon and the Lecturer's Program during the Celebration Banquet on Saturday evening. All other events require payment of a registration fee and/or purchase of a ticket. Registration for Friday and/or Saturday also includes admission to that day's luncheon. The Celebration Banquet on Saturday is a separate ticketed event. Please contact the State Grange office if you have any questions.

Grange Name & Number _____

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FULL SESSION (Thurs., Oct. 21 - Sat., Oct. 23)

Adult Registration \$30.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheons on Friday & Saturday)
 # of members _____ x \$30.00 = _____

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Meal Choice: _____ Chicken Français # of members _____ x \$30.00 = _____
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I cannot attend the Full Session but would like to attend **Thursday/Friday ONLY**

Adult Registration \$15.00 (includes sessions, plus luncheon on Friday)
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 # of Jr. members _____ x \$10.00 = _____

Saturday, Oct. 23 (ONE DAY)

I cannot attend the Full Session but would like to attend **Saturday ONLY**

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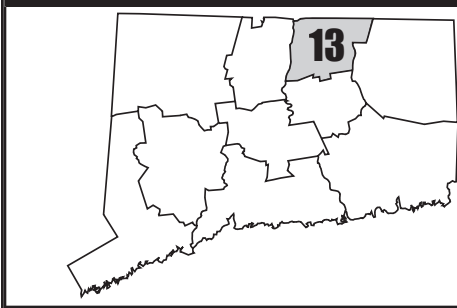
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North Central Pomona No. 13



- ✓ Stafford No. 1
- ✓ Tolland No. 51
- ✓ Vernon No. 52
- ✓ Enfield No. 151

N. CENTRAL POMONA #13

Corr: J. Jordan

Oct. 14: Agriculture

North Central Pomona will meet on the 14th of October at 7:30 P.M. as guests of Stafford Grange. Agriculture will be the topic of discussion.

STAFFORD GRANGE #1

Corr: Gail Fisher

Small but interesting meeting. We were told that

our State Secretary Edith Schoell had fallen and broken her hip. We wish her a speedy recovery. Our Lecturer Jaunita Scism got everyone talking about Watermelon Stories- How to grow sweet ones was shred by Milo Bradway. This started everyone thinking of some good advice and funny stories! We ended the meeting with refreshments and good

conversation.

TOLLAND GRANGE #51

Corr: J. Jordan

Oct. 5: Connecticut

Tolland Grange will meet in the hall on the 5th of October at 7:30 P.M. With the new program year upon us, each month a different state will be featured. Come and hear some interesting tidbits about Connecticut.

VERNON GRANGE #52

Corr: Nancy Strong

Oct. 1: Goofy Night

At our September meeting we handed out our CWA awards and it was nice to have Mariellen Baxter from Baltimore back with us for this meeting

and to pick up her second place award in the counted cross-stitch entry. We are also proud that Jennifer Schirmer's stuffed toy is going on to Eastern States again this year. This will make the third year in a row. We hope that she will take first prize there again. Other prize winners are: Geraldine Strong - 2nd place for her quilted wall hanging; Carol Nelson, second place for her crocheted doily and Pat Conger third place for her embroidered bib. Our next meeting will be Oct.1st and will be goofy night with the Youth Committee in charge. Everyone is suppose to bring something goofy!

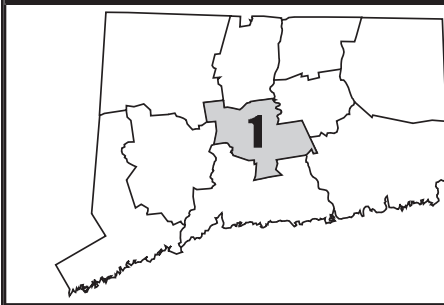
ENFIELD GRANGE #151

Corr: Irene Percoski

Oct. 9: Hoot and Holler, Sunflower contest, Meeting at 77 West Shore Drive.

Our August meeting of Apple pie and ice cream was soooo tasty. Beside the pies we had apple crumble and green apple marshmallows. This month we hoot and holler so be prepared to do one or the other. The heat, bugs, and squirrels managed to finish off my sunflowers. I hope someone will have an entry for the contest. Judging at Pomona next week. Let's hope for a cooler Fall.

Central Pomona No. 1



- ✓ Southington No. 25
- Meriden No. 29
- Westfield No. 50
- ✓ Higganum No. 124
- ✓ Hemlock No. 182

WESTFIELD GRANGE #50

Corr: Phyllis Redford

Oct. 7: Yankee Ghosts and Witches

Nov. 4: This Old Barn

The Show and Tell program at the May meeting was entertaining, and most interesting for the variety of hobbies enjoyed by members of Westfield Grange. Carol spoke of her doll collection, and spoons to represent every state, Mildred had a Conn. license plate from 1926, and pictures taken at the shore. Jean showed a collection of magnets, Christine collects photos and information about a TV personality, Eileen has a collection of UConn Basketball memorabilia. Ila showed a fine hand-knitted sweater, Phyllis has a framed picture of a cat done in latch hook work.

Caroline Gilbert, Chaplain of Westfield Grange, for many years has been a foster mother. For whatever reason, some newborns are placed in the care of chosen temporary homes, where loving care is offered for the first months

or several years. At the present time, Jonathon, an active and charming young man, at the age of ten months, is the lucky foster child of the Gilbert household. Jon also is present at Grange meetings where he definitely enjoys the attention of his "Foster Relatives." According to Caroline, Jon is the 104th child she has "adopted"... we say "Thank you, Caroline, for everything you have done for babies like Jon."

June being the "Wedding Month" was celebrated by the presentation of 1) A brief biography of Reginald DeKoven, 1859-1920, born in Middletown; 2) Composer of Light Opera in the style of Gilbert & Sullivan; 3) DeKoven Signature piece was "Robin Hood" (1920) and from that came "O Promise Me." Guest speaker for the meeting was Barbara Arafah, BM New England Conservatory of Music, MA Columbia University Music Ed. Also present was Pastor Norm of Third Church who confirmed that "O Promise Me" is often sung at formal church weddings.

Biographical information furnished by Middlesex County Historical Society.

HIGGANUM GRANGE #124

Corr: Barbara R Smith

The lower portion of the Higganum Grange building has been completed and occupancy of the Grist Mill Country Market has taken place.

We will have a booth at the Haddam River Days event on Sept. 11 with exhibitors in three age categories for vegetables, baked goods and crafts. We will also be selling baked goods and cold drinks. Hope that other grangers will attend this event held at Haddam Meadows in Haddam, CT.

There will be 7 new youth members joining in at our October meeting. We are anticipating the start of a youth grange at Higganum Grange #124.

Our meetings are held on the first Friday of the month starting at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone enjoy the fall and more news next month.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Oct. 8: Omit- Portland Fair

Oct. 22: The spirits are in session.

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

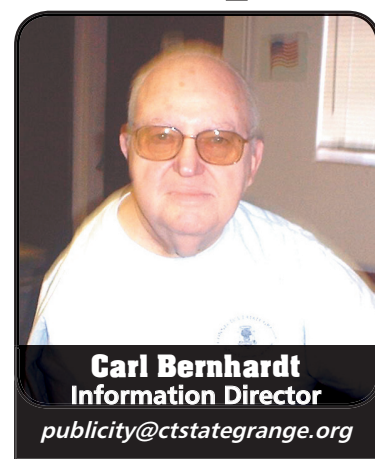
Marty Bilquist to represent National



The Connecticut State Grange is pleased to announce the appointment of Brother Martin (Marty) Bilquist of the Montana State Grange as the National Grange Representative to the 126th Annual Convention of the Connecticut State Grange.

Marty has been active in the Grange since he was a child, first as a Junior Granger and then as a subordinate member. He joined Avon Grange in 1968 and has held the majority of the Subordinate offices over the years. He founded the Avon Grange Youth Group to work on community service projects. He was elected President (Master) of the Montana State Grange in October 2001 after serving as Steward and Youth Co-Director with his wife Joyce. He was elected to a two-year term on the National Grange Board of Directors in November, 2006, and re-elected to a second term in 2008. In his community, Marty is President of the Anaconda Choral Society, President of the Board of Directors of the Copper Village Museum and Art Center and a member of the Deer Lodge Lions Club. He and Joyce have one daughter, Jessie, and two grandchildren.

Start planning early!



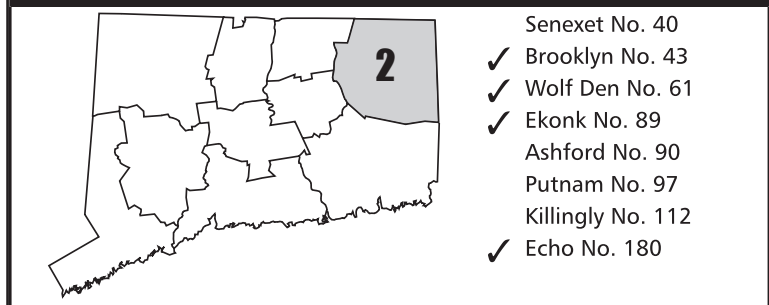
Carl Bernhardt
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It is very important to plan early. No matter what program or project your Grange is planning, it is important to establish your course of action early and inform the public at every step. Use publicity to advance the interest of the Grange. Make your articles precise, being sure to include the time, place and points of interest about

your project.

By starting early and keeping the public informed on your project you will give them the opportunity to plan their calendars well in advance to include your event. Dont forget to use follow-ups articles. After the program has taken place, report all the details. This is what keeps members of your Grange and the public interested in your Grange programs and Projects.

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

EKONK COMM. GRANGE #89

Sterling residents.

Corr: Sue Gray

Nov 1: It's Party Time Mtg/ Prog 7:30pm

Nov 20: Turkey Supper 5-7 pm

Dec 4: Holiday Bazaar 10-2

The Grange Booth at the Plainfield Farmers's Market is doing great! Katie Molodich led the Youth Night Program and a great time was had by all present. Jake Gervais has become our newest active youth member; he even led a game for Katie! Thanks to Betsy Molodich and Robin Cousens for setting up the Subordinate and Junior Grange Exhibits at Woodstock Fair! J. Allen Cameron and Russell Gray will be our delegates to State Grange this October. We held a Pork supper Sept. 18th: thanks again to Robin Cousens for spearheading this fundraising idea. Our officers were installed by Jody Cameron and his Installing Team and J. Allen Cameron was Installed for his second term. The Sterling Community Calendar has gone to the printer for 2011. This is one of our most outstanding community service projects and much appreciated by

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

June, July and August came and went and I in my old age mentality completely forgot to send in any Grange news or activities. So here goes...

The June 7 election of officers took place (at the time both my husband Al and my self were not feeling well) so we missed the elections.

Denise Aubin was elected Master, Tiffany Aubin was elected Overseer, Eleanor Davis is Lecturer. Our Installation was held on Sept. 20.

On Sept. 11 we held our Grange Fair with the veggie dept., flowers, baked goods, crafts, exhibits, children's dept and, of course, luncheon. On the same day, our regular monthly Square and Round Dance was held with refreshments.

A bluegrass performance will be held in October, watch for details on date and time.

Hope everyone had a good summer and it looks like everyone, neighbors etc., has a garden so there is a lot of produce available to eat and enter into all the upcoming fairs.

We wish the best of everything!



Betty Jane Gardiner
Women's Activities Director
cwa@ctstategrange.org

At the time of this writing, we are busy getting ready for the Big E (Eastern States Exposition). The CWA's from each of the New England states spearhead the collection of handmade items to be sold in our lovely little Country Store in the New England Grange Building. Connecticut has once again contributed an unbelievable number of beautiful things!! We thank you most sincerely for the wonderful response!

New England and New York State hold the judging for the needlework contest at the Big E and we will be hoping for some winners for our state. All of our first place state winners will be on display- and will also be on display at our State Session. Good luck to all! Hope you will (or have) visited the Grange

Building and the store. It's a great place to start your Christmas shopping.

How time flies!!! We can't believe it is eight years since Brother Prelli appointed us as your state committee- and for years later Brother Sendewicz requested that we be in his group. There are no words to express what a joy and pleasure it has been for Joan, Jane, Ruth, Anne and me to plan and carry out the contests and projects of the department. It has been a job close to our hearts and always will be.

We can't even attempt to account for all the good things you all have made possible. Just think of the hours of work you have given, the amount

of funds you have raised, the older people you have made happier and the children who have received lovely things they might never have had without your generosity. You have supported all the contests and projects, offered the opportunity for people to earn awards and recognition for their handiwork and other skills, and have presented Grange friendship and fellowship. It has been overwhelming to us.

To the new Director and committee we wish the best of everything. You are in for a truly wonderful experience and we hope you will enjoy it as much as we have and meet with great success.



The New England Grange Building on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) in W. Springfield, MA.

2010 Session Committee Assignments

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 Eureka #62
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 Trumbull #134
 N. Stonington #138
 Simsbury #197
 Ekonk Jr. #101

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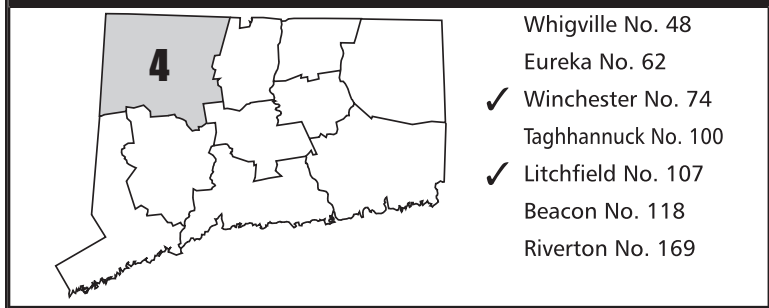
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Mountain County Pomona No. 4



MOUNTAIN COUNTY POMONA #4

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Oct. 3: Fifth Degree Rehearsal, 7:00 PM, Winchester Grange Hall

Oct. 11: Fifth Degree Conferral, Super at 6:30, Meeting at 7:30, Winchester Grange Hall.

Our numbers were smaller than normal at our September meeting at Beacon Grange but it was nice to be back at that hall after a long absence. We thank Beacon Grange for their hospitality.

The officers, court members and stage crew will meet at Winchester on Sunday, October 3 for a rehearsal of the Fifth Degree at 7 P.M. We hope there will be plenty of candidates ready to take the degree which will be conferred at Winchester Grange on Monday, October 11 at 7:30 P.M. As always, there will be a supper prepared and served by the members of Winchester Grange at 6:30 P.M. Price will be \$5 for dinner. All are welcome.

LITCHFIELD GRANGE #107

Corr: *The Broken Quill*

The lights are out, the doors are locked, and the 2010 Annual Agricultural Fair is but memories, but what memories. The vegetable and flowers displays continue to grow as have the canned goods. Baked goods not only were sold out, but entries in that bakery department were fabulous. Outside the hotdog stand once again featured the Brothers Kirby Weik and Bud Bunnell, but now included Ken Bentley. Great Hot Dogs!

The raffle included a quilt made by Janet Healy which was part of the afternoon drawing. A future little Granger assisted in the drawing from the raffle drum. Fortunately the number of Grange families participating this

year increased in every department, even judging.

The summer began with the awarding of a stipend to a graduate from Wamogo High School Agricultural program. He and his family joined us for refreshments at the presentation. He is now adjusting to college in Maine with a deep interest in Conservation. Best of luck to Oliver Loud-Stebbs. Each year it is truly a renewal of our Grange mission. May we always be able to continue our dedication to the next generation. Between the stipend and the fair, we managed to sandwich a little ice cream at Peaches and Cream. (Sugar free, of course) and to send two children to Camp Berger.

We would like to thank our State Master and his wife for their support at our Fair and all of the State and Pomona members who shared our events. Come and join us at one of our meetings. We have a good time.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

Corr: Todd Gelineau

In August it was a special pleasure to honor 32 members of our Grange for a combined total of 1,770 years of service to the Order. Win Hurlbut received an 85 year letter, Katherine Morton received an 80 year letter, Larry Hurlbut received a 75 year certificate and Charlie Cooper received a 70 year seal among the many other seals and certificates presented. It's not very often when Golden Sheaf members feel THAT young at an awards program.

An excellent article written by Terri Fassio appeared in many newspapers including the Waterbury Republican and Register Citizen who both gave most of an entire page to covering the event.

You really can't get better publicity than that!

The joy of that evening was made bittersweet a week later with the passing of Brother John Waterhouse who received his Golden Sheaf Certificate at the meeting. We are so happy that he was able to reach that milestone and have such a good time visiting with his friends at Winchester Grange. He will be greatly missed.

We are now looking ahead to our Fall Super Prize Party on Saturday evening, with the doors opening at 6:00 P.M. As of this writing, it hasn't happened yet and we hope our new prices make the event even more successful with cards of 27 tickets going for just \$1 each.

Looking further ahead, we are planning on participating in Winchester Day on Saturday, October 16. This event is a joint effort between the Grange, Winchester Center Congregational Church, the Winchester Volunteer Fire Dept. and the Winchester Historical Association who will all have different events and activities throughout the village. Winchester Grange's contribution will be a tag sale.

We are pleased to report two new delegates will be representing State Session this year with Kim and James Mele accepting the election at the last meeting. Four resolutions were adopted and sent on to State Session and a vote was taken to take steps towards reorganizing Winchester Junior Grange #32. In the coming weeks we will be inviting the Conn. State Grange Growth Team to meet with our members to work on re-opening the Jr. Grange.

We congratulate Taghannuck Grange #100 for once again placing first in the Bethlehem Fair Grange Exhibit Contest. We were still happy to place third in the contest and were even happier to have almost a dozen of our members working on the exhibit. Plans are underway to take the exhibit on the road to Riverton Fair in October.

Degrees and their meanings

Edith Schoell, Historian

My last article was from Rev. Aaron B. Grosh's thoughts on the degrees, written in 1876. There will be several articles over the next few months covering the Seven Degrees.

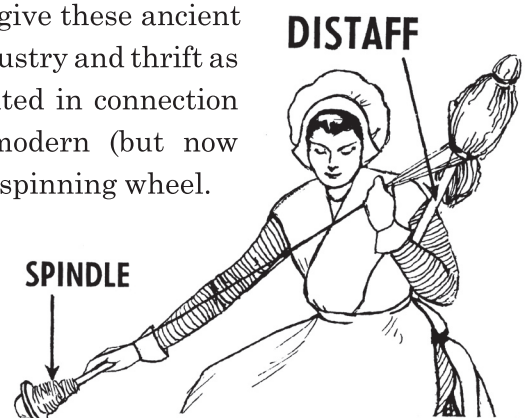
Degrees and Their Meanings

First Degree

The Emblem of Laborer, in this degree, is an evenly balanced pair of Scales, a nest of just weights, and a heaped (or full) measure as may be required by custom or law, to denote HONESTY..."

"The emblem of a Maid in our Order is the Spindle or Distaff, with the motto (or reference). 'Proverbs XXXI 10-31.' We give these ancient implements of industry and thrift as they are represented in connection with the more modern (but now almost unknown) spinning wheel.

The thirty-first chapter of Proverbs give so fully all the traits of which the emblem is



a reminder, that we refer the reader to its admirable description of female life and character..."

"Another emblem of this degree is given in the Ritual and another, combined with it here, is used in conferring the degree, the Bouquet of dried grasses, which we have placed in the Wreath (or crown) of grasses. The Bouquet denotes HUMILITY..."

Second Degree

"The Emblem of the Cultivator in this degree is a Vine, and a Tree to be planted-- the vine already set, and the ground open to receive the tree. They are designed to remind him of an important injunction given at his promotion, and having reference to a much desired result. And they are further to teach the great lesson, that we are placed here, not only to be ministered unto in the orchards, forests, and improvements of the land and the people, or in the institutions and advantages of the minister unto others around us, and who may come after us. Honesty to mankind, no less than gratitude to the Giver of all good, requires that we hand down to posterity what we have received from others, with added interest on that capital, in the shape of improvements of our own devising and making..."

"The Emblem of Shepherdess, in this degree, is the Shepherd's Crook and Shepherd's Pipe; The Crook denoting the employment of directing, protecting and correcting her flock; and the reed, or pipe, indicating their recreation and pleasure by its musical strains. The lambs, and the flowers amid which they are reposing, speak of the beauty and innocence of childhood (her peculiar care), and the enjoyments to be shared with them in their instruction, and in promoting their pleasures. And all this has reference to the pastoral life, merely as an emblem of the real, actual life of woman in society at the present period. While the world of society has outgrown the rude and simple times of ignorance which characterized the ancient days, when noble women and princesses tended flocks, and spun and knitted their wool, we would retain for woman, in her present sphere of life and duty, all the simplicity, the purity, the kindness and pleasures, of the pastoral ages..."

"Another emblem of this degree, for the Shepherdess, is the Altar, surmounted with an open Bible, covered with Roses, denoting religious worship and instruction, and delight in the same."



Joan Perry
Junior Director
juniors@ctstategrange.org

Junior Grange

in advance. The Youth/Junior Luncheon will be on Saturday, October 25th at Noon. Awards will be given out then. Hope to see you there.

HILLSTOWN JR. GRANGE #87

Corr: Rita J. Shaefer

Oct. 15: Halloween Party

Our Juniors have been busy since last fall. They are anxious to get started wondering what trips they will be taking.

The next thing they will do will be to decide what crafts they will be making for the holidays.

That's how fast time goes by.

EKONK JR. GRANGE #101

Corr: Sue Gray

The Junior officers were installed jointly with Subordinate in September by the Cameron Team. Rebecca Gervais was installed Leader, a position she held several years ago. Special thanks to Mike and Betsy Molodich who did an exemplary job as Leaders for the past few years. Two new children joined recently: Lillian Sharpe and her cousin, Jared Gervais (Rebecca's number four son). The Juniors did great at our Fair. The Junior Grange paid for the moon bounce and the Juniors had a wonderful time playing on it throughout the day. Many Juniors won ribbons for their efforts!

Is everyone ready for State Session? I hope that you have been working on your projects to have judged at the State Convention. The entries must be at the session by 9:00 A.M. on Friday, October 24th. The Junior Committee will also be having their snack table again and also a raffle table. Anyone who would like to donate something for the tables, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you



Ekonk Community & Junior Granges are "Where families can grow"!

(Left) Two of the newest members of Ekonk Community Junior Grange No. 101, Lillian Sharpe and Jared Gervais, joined the Grange on September 3.

(Below) Ekonk Community Grange No.89 sets up weekly at the Plainfield Farmers' Market on Route 12, promoting the Grange and selling delicious homemade treats.



Donald Lanoue
Youth Director
youth@ctstategrange.org

Youth Report

day Bob asked me to be the youth director. I would like to thank everyone who helped me over the last four years whether it was at Session by bringing snacks for the hospitality room or making lasagna for Grange Sunday. A special thank you to East Central Pomona for letting the Youth Committee use their kitchen for the lasagna

dinner these last four years.

A very special thank you has to go to my committee Victor Salazar, J. Allen Cameron and Marcia Gaspar for their help on the Youth activities. Whether a small or a large task I could depend on them to answer the call. I will miss this committee and thank them once again.

Hi everyone, where have the last four years gone it seems just the other

In Memoriam

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| Ruth Douglass | Granby Grange #5 |
| Margaret Warner, G.S. | Cheshire Grange #23 |
| John Waterhouse, G.S. | Winchester Grange #74 |
| Grace McPherson | Stonington Grange #168 |
| Doris Hall, G.S. | Hemlock Grange #182 |

Please keep us notified of deceased members. Use the email or the regular mailing address listed on page 2 of this issue. Thank you.

Chaplain's Message



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We all begin a new Grange year. During this month we will shape our journey for the next year. Come to the State Grange session and help form the policies for the next year. We do not need a miracle to make this organization work, we need you.

Do you believe in miracles? One need not earn favors

from God to receive divine blessings, in reality, we all received miracles. Many people think of a miracle as being a divine intervention or incident that is contrary to or results in the suspension of the laws of nature.

Miracles seem significant because some aspect of the natural realm has been changed. Responses to miracles include a state of wonder and amazement, but miracles may also leave feelings of mystery, fear, doubt and inadequacy. People often believe that miracles are the result of some earned favor from God and therefore respond in various ways.

If miracles come from God, why don't get one? Don't I deserve one? What's wrong with me?

If I please God and work harder maybe I will deserve a miracle.

"That person surely doesn't deserve a miracle."

Have you had critical judgmental thoughts about miracles? What impact does that have on your perception of God? Would a God that is love arbitrarily dole out miracles or grant them to a special few based on some kind of merit?

In reality we all have experienced miracles, however these miracles are not in keeping with the commonly understood definition of miracle.

Properly understood, miracles are tools that point us to our true Divinity.



Doris Shaw of Tunxis Grange and Mildred Bell of Southington judge the many entries at the Meriden Grange Fair in Sept.

When Bob asked me to do this job I was frightened of the big assignment but through perseverance I have completed the task and look forward to other tasks to test my ability.

Thank you Bob and Marge for this opportunity you gave me to work under your leadership.

I will end with all I have to say... goodbye everyone as your Youth Director.

2010 State Session Resolutions

The following resolutions were available at press time. Additional resolutions may be added to the Session Booklets later. For the first time committee assignments are listed with the resolutions giving delegates the opportunity to study the resolutions and do any research prior to arriving at Session. All information provided below is subject to change.

1. RE: LOWERING AGE OF BLOOD DONORS

WHEREAS volunteer blood donations are the basis of the nation's blood supply, and

WHEREAS blood collection facilities have placed greater emphasis on donations from younger donors as donations from older donors are declining due to individual health issues and other eligibility barriers, and

WHEREAS reports from blood collection facilities indicate that 10 to 20 percent of all whole blood collections in the United States now come from blood donors who are less than 20 years old, and

WHEREAS these young people are also ideal donors because they have lower deferral rates and by experiencing donation early in life, they are more likely to continue donating in the future, and

WHEREAS twenty-two states now currently allow 16 year olds to donate blood with parental consent.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CT State Grange urge the passage of legislation allowing 16 year olds who meet the weight and health requirements to become blood donors with written parental permission, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no minor would receive monetary payment for the blood donation.

SOURCE: Stonington Grange #168

Referred to: **Grange Activity**

2. RE: RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT ANIMAL/CHILD ABUSE

WHEREAS as Husbandmen and Matrons we are admonished to "look with earnest solicitude upon children and their welfare..." and WHEREAS "it is one of the objects of our Order to protect dumb animals from abuse," and

WHEREAS the FBI has recognized that animal cruelty is a red flag for future violent behavior, and

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Departments of Agriculture (DOA) and Children and Families (DCF) are in agreement as to the need for cross reporting between the two departments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange supports the passage of legislation which would require the Department of Agriculture to alert the Department of Children and Families to instances of animal cruelty in open investigations and direct the Department of Children and Families to report suspected animal abuse to the Department of Agriculture.

SOURCE: N. Stonington Comm. Grange #138

Referred to: **Good of the Order**

3. RE: USE OF ALCOHOL AT NEW ENGLAND GRANGE BUILDING

WHEREAS the New England Grange Building is owned by the six New England states, and

WHEREAS this ownership makes this a unique Grange building not under the jurisdiction or control of any one of the six (6) State Granges, and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the New England Grange Building, consisting of three (3) members from each state, is responsible for the oversight and management of the building, and

WHEREAS the Board has by-laws and rules controlling the oversight and use of the building.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that each of the New England State Granges by copy of this resolution affirm that the New England Grange Building comply with the National Grange By-Laws concerning the presence of alcohol in Grange buildings and it not be the responsibility of any one of the State Granges.

SOURCE: CT State Grange Board of Directors

Referred: **Constitution & By-Laws**

4. RE: APPRECIATION TO ELLSWORTH M. "BUD" BEECHER

WHEREAS Camp Maud Isbell Berger is a valuable asset of the Connecticut State Grange, and

WHEREAS for more than fifty years Brother Ellsworth M. "Bud" Beecher has devoted much time and energy to the operation, maintenance and improvement of Camp Maud Isbell Berger, and

WHEREAS Brother Beecher served as the Chair of the Trustees of Camp Berger for many years, and

WHEREAS Brother Beecher is about to retire from his active involvement in the activities associated with Camp Berger.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange does hereby tender its heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation to Brother Ellsworth M. "Bud" Beecher for his many years of devoted service to Camp Berger, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director's Cabin, the only original building on the property still standing, which served as the base of the Camp just as "Bud" has been the base of the camp for all these years, be hereby named the "Ellsworth M. Beecher Cottage" and that the Camp Trustees Committee provide appropriate signage, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the records of the Connecticut State Grange as a permanent reminder of Brother Beecher's devotion and service to Camp Maud Isbell Berger.

SOURCE: CT State Grange Board of Directors

Referred to: **Master's Address**

5. RE: HONOR GRANGE BARS

WHEREAS many Connecticut Granges no longer own their own halls, and

WHEREAS it may not be possible for those Granges to display items by hanging them on the walls where they do meet, and WHEREAS the award for Honor Grange is a wooden bar which is difficult either to store properly or carry to meetings.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Honor Bar be discontinued, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a committee design a certificate suitable to place in the Secretary's notebook on which yearly Honor Seals may be affixed, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that certificates be issued every five (5) or ten (10) years and this become effective for the 2011 Connecticut State Grange session.

SOURCE: Enfield Grange No. 151

Referred to: **Good of the Order**

6. RE: AMENDING THE BY-LAWS OF THE CT STATE GRANGE CONCERNING THE CAMP BERGER TRUSTEES

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Connecticut State Grange has implemented a five year plan to improve Camp Maud Isbell Berger and is currently in the second year of this plan, and

WHEREAS continuous evaluation of all aspects of the operation of Camp Berger is essential for progress and longevity, and

WHEREAS a full-time Camp Director for Camp Berger has been hired, and

WHEREAS impressive improvements to Camp Berger have been made in both programming and facilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 3 of Article IX of the By-Laws of the Connecticut State Grange be amended to read, "There shall be a Board of Trustees who shall be responsible for the successful operation and maintenance of Camp Maud Isbell Berger, consisting of five appointed fourth degree members in good standing, and State Officers ex-officio with full voting rights as follows: Master, Treasurer and Secretary. These trustees shall be appointed by the Master and Executive Committee of the State Grange. The appointed members shall serve at the pleasure of the State Executive Committee.

SOURCE: Quinebaug Pomona No. 2

Referred to: **Legislative & Insurance**

7. RE: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ESTABLISHING TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

WHEREAS following a precedent established by George Washington, the Twenty-Second Amendment to the United States Constitution sets a limit on the number of terms a person can serve as President of the United States, and

WHEREAS public opinion polls show that citizens are growing increasingly dissatisfied with Congress feeling they are out of touch with the voters, and

WHEREAS members of Congress have become "career politicians" spending a great deal of their time in office raising money for their next campaign, and

WHEREAS many members of Congress are being influenced by persons, organizations and special interest groups who

contribute large sums of money to their re-election campaigns, and

WHEREAS the large sums of money raised by incumbents gives them an unfair advantage over their challengers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange support passage of a Constitutional Amendment establishing a six term (12 year) limit on members of the House of Representatives, and a two term (12 years) limit on members of the Senate, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the next session of the National Grange together with a favorable recommendation, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the National Grange make this issue one of its top legislative priorities and that the National Grange work diligently for the passage of the amendment in Congress and its ratification in the states where Granges are located.

SOURCE: East Central Pomona Grange No. 3

Referred to: **Legislative/Insurance**

8. RE: PUBLIC NOTICES IN NEWSPAPERS

WHEREAS public notices are very important, and WHEREAS many senior citizens do not have computers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange urge our legislators to not eliminate them from the newspapers.

SOURCE: West Suffield Grange No. 199

Referred to: **Master's Address**

9. RE: AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM AT CAMP BERGER

WHEREAS Camp Berger has long been a pride and asset to the CT State Grange, and

WHEREAS the Grange is well known for its roots in the pursuit of excellence in the field of agriculture, and

WHEREAS many children have not come from an agricultural background and there is a need to educate them in this field.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the program at our State Camp include a small flock of laying hens and the planting of a vegetable garden for the education of the campers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this program is to commence in the 2011 camping season.

SOURCE: Stonington Grange No. 168

Referred to: **Agriculture/Conservation**

10. RE: HIGH DEFINITION BOXES FOR TELEVISIONS

WHEREAS a box had to be rented to receive cable television, and WHEREAS the circuitry in the box was then put into the new "cable ready" televisions, and

WHEREAS a box is now needed at a fee to receive HDTV.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange urge our legislators to compel the TV industry to put that circuitry into the televisions being produced, so that a rental box is not needed.

SOURCE: North Central Pomona No. 13

Referred to: **Grange Activities**

11. RE: REVISING THE PRESENT BOTTLE BILL

WHEREAS revising the present Bottle Bill to include deposits on sports drinks and iced tea and juice containers that are not presently recyclable, and

WHEREAS the water bottles were added and there was a significant drop in the roadside trash except for the plastic, glass and aluminum sports drinks, juice and the iced tea bottles and cans which seem to have increased along the roadways, and

WHEREAS many unemployed are collecting these bottles and cans that have deposits and return them to help with their living expenses and as a result leaving the roadsides nearly litter free except for the sports drink bottles and the iced tea and juice bottles and cans that cannot be recycled, and

WHEREAS we should all take pride in having clean roadways in our State and keep our roadways clean.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange should urge the legislators to include these juice, sports drink and iced tea plastic and aluminum containers in a revised bottle bill, giving the incentive to pick them up along the roadways, reducing the trash on the roadways even more.

SOURCE: Prospect Grange No. 144

Referred to: **Agriculture/Conservation**

12. RE: HATE CRIMES AGAINST THE HOMELESS

WHEREAS approximately 3.5 million people a year are likely to experience homelessness in America, and

WHEREAS violence against men, women and children experiencing homelessness has become widespread, and

WHEREAS homeless persons find themselves the target of violent crime simply because they are homeless. In many cases, the attackers have never met the victims, and they don't benefit materially from the attacks, and

WHEREAS such attacks are by definition "hate crimes," and WHEREAS current hate crime laws were passed before the phenomenon of homeless-victim hate crimes was well- documented, and

WHEREAS data collection is the best way to measure the level of bias-motivated crimes, providing the needed information to policy makers, law enforcement, and communities so that preventative and corrective actions may be taken.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange support the passage of legislation to add HOMELESS status to hate crime reporting and enforcement statutes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the next session of the National Grange together with a recommendation for favorable action thereon.

SOURCE: N. Stonington Comm. Grange No. 138

Referred to: **Good of the Order**

13. RE: TELEVISION & RADIO COMMERCIAL VOLUME

WHEREAS television and radio listeners set their volume controls at a comfortable level, and

WHEREAS commercials are broadcast at a higher level.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange urge our legislators to enact legislation to compel the TV and radio industries to not raise the sound decibels for commercials.

SOURCE: West Suffield Grange No. 199

Referred to: **Grange Activities**

14. RE: GUILTY OR INNOCENT VERDICTS

WHEREAS some guilty people are released as innocent, and WHEREAS juries in many countries have a choice of guilty or not proven guilty.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange urge our legislators to enact legislation to change the charge to the jury from guilty or innocent, to guilty or not proven guilty.

SOURCE: West Suffield Grange No. 199

Referred to: **Legislative/Insurance**

15. RE: SIZE OF STATE GRANGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS the Grange, as an organization, is struggling with membership, and

WHEREAS new ideas are the materials with which progress is made, and

WHEREAS the more voices that can be heard, the more opinions that can be exchanged.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article 9, Section 1 of the State Grange By-Laws be amended to read:

"The Executive Committee shall consist of a five member board to be elected by ballot and shall hold their office for 5 years, one of whom shall be elected at each annual session."

SOURCE: Quinebaug Pomona No. 2

Referred to: **Constitution & By-Laws**

16. RE: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ESTABLISHING TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

WHEREAS the Twenty-Second Amendment to the United States Constitution sets a limit on the number of terms a person can serve as President of the United States, and

WHEREAS public opinion polls show that citizens are growing increasingly dissatisfied with Congress, feeling they are out-of-touch with voters, and

WHEREAS members of Congress have become "career politicians" spending a great deal of their time in office raising money for their next campaign, and

WHEREAS many members of Congress are being influenced by persons, party organizations, and special interest groups who contribute large sums of money to their re-election campaigns, and

WHEREAS the large sums of money raised by incumbents give them an unfair advantage over their challengers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange support the introduction of a Constitutional Amendment establishing a three-term (6 years) limit on members of the House of Representatives, and a two-term (12 years) limit on members of the Senate, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the next session of the National Grange together with a favorable recommendation, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the National Grange make this issue one of its top legislative priorities and that the National Grange work diligently for the passage of this amendment in Congress and its ratification in all states, especially in states where Granges are located.

SOURCE: Harmony Grange No. 92, Fairfield County Pomona No. 9 (*Same resolution as prepared by East Central Pomona Grange No. 3 except with minor changes*).

Referred to: **Legislative/Insurance**

17. RE: SALES TAX EXEMPTION

WHEREAS the 6 percent sales tax has been on purchases of shoes and clothing costing over \$50 for many years, and

WHEREAS inflation has risen the price of shoes and clothing over these many years, so that a purchase now of \$50 results in less shoes and clothing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange ask the Governor and our State Representatives to raise the \$50 amount to \$100 at the next Legislative Session.

SOURCE: Harmony Grange No. 92

(*Note: resolution re-submitted for 2010 Grange Session since no action was taken from the 2008 session*).

Referred to: **Credentials/Master's Address**

18. RE: SALES TAX HOLIDAY

WHEREAS the annual sales tax holiday on shoes and clothing for purchases below \$300 runs one week in August, and

WHEREAS parents and children who attend school buy shoes and clothing at times other than in August, and

WHEREAS some stores in the month of August change the clothing from summer to fall and winter and summer clothing is desired.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the sales tax holiday be extended to include a week in July also and that this week to be selected by the General Assembly.

SOURCE: Harmony Grange No. 92 (*Note: resolution re-submitted for 2010 Grange Session since no action was taken from the 2008 session*).

Referred to: **Credentials/Master's Address**

19. RE: GRANGE DISCOUNT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

WHEREAS members of our State and Local Granges are active farmers and "hobbyists," we propose by members of Norwich Grange No. 172, Inc., a percent (%) discount card program providing a tiered-percent discount for purchases of animal food/grains, fertilizers, and

materials used by farmers and agricultural enthusiasts, and

WHEREAS a discount program enhances community service as well as public relations for the participation by our local Blue Seal, Agway, etc. companies. This type of program would also encourage community enrollment in our local Grangers, Farmers, 4-H'ers, and FFA memberships and help ensure future growth.

SOURCE: Norwich Grange No. 172

Referred to: **Agriculture/Conservation**

20. RE: APO & FPO ADDRESSES

WHEREAS when a package is mailed to someone in the Military and they are serving overseas the package is mailed to an Army Post Office (APO) or Fleet Post Office (FPO). A typical address would look like: Top line is the Soldier's name, next line is their unit number, and the last line may look like APO AE 09xxx or 96xxx. The last 5 numbers are the zip code with 09 being in New York and 96 is California, and

WHEREAS when a package is shipped from a local East coast Post Office to an APO with 09 they have to pay a single zone postal charge and when shipped to an APO with a 96 zip code must pay for multiple zone charges. As an example, a 25 pound 2 cubic foot package from a Connecticut zip like 06033 to an APO 09xxx zip code would be \$13.82 and a zone 1. The same 25 pound package shipped to an APO 96xxx zip would be \$29.88 and a zone 8, and

WHEREAS a soldier's address is based on where they are shipping out from. A soldier from Ft. Dix in New Jersey will have the 09 zip. A Marine from Camp Pendleton in California will have the 96 zip, and

WHEREAS families and groups who support our Soldiers have the financial cost of shipping items and if the soldier is from the opposite coast the cost of postage may be more than the value of the items shipped.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all APO and FPO addresses shall cost the one zone charge only. This will allow someone from several zones away from New York or California to support their soldier, Marine, or seaman and not spend extra money on postage and to be able to send more and larger items, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this removal of the added burden of expensive postage will aid the well-being of the U.S. Military and their families and friends.

SOURCE: Hillstown Grange No. 87; East Central Pomona No. 3

Referred to: **Grange Activities**

21. RE: SCHOOL BUSES

WHEREAS school buses are designed for local stop and go transportation, and are geared to operate at speeds less than 50 miles per hour, and

WHEREAS limited access highways are designed for steady speeds of 65 to 80 MPH, and

WHEREAS most of the fatal school bus accidents, that killed people in the bus, happen on limited access highways.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that school buses be banned from limited access highways with students onboard except when it is impossible to complete the route without a limited access leg, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that surface routes be constructed to eliminate the limited access legs of the aforementioned routes, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that schools use highway coach buses for inter-town and interstate travel for extracurricular activities.

SOURCE: Hillstown Grange No. 87; East Central Pomona No. 3

Referred to: **Good of the Order**

22. RE: ATTAINING 501(c)(3) STATUS

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange is a non-profit organization, and

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange was directed by the Delegates to investigate the possibility of becoming a 501(c)(3) organization, and

WHEREAS becoming a 501(c)(3) organization will afford the Connecticut State Grange, as well as other levels of the Grange within the state the opportunity to secure products and services from businesses and other organizations looking to make tax deductible donations, and

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange needs the assistance of an attorney to accomplish this.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange Board of Directors allocate funds, and hire a non-profit attorney to prepare and file the paperwork necessary in obtaining 501(c)(3) designation.

SOURCE: Quinebaug Pomona No. 2

Referred to: **Master's Address**

23. RE: REDUCING COPIES OF LATE RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS a resolution passed at the 2000 Connecticut State Grange Session requesting resolutions sent in after the closing deadline were to be submitted with 250 copies for the delegates at State Session, and

WHEREAS the number of Community Granges and Pomona Granges, have closed, merged, and turned in their charters. This number of copies seems to be a waste of paper.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the number of copies for late resolutions for the State Grange Session, be changed to 150 copies, to meet with the present number of delegates.

SOURCE: Coventry Grange No. 75

Referred to: **Grange Activity**

24. RE: MILEAGE BY-LAW CHANGE

WHEREAS Article IV, Section 7 of the Connecticut State Grange By-Laws states "Mileage will be paid at 27¢ per mile for one round trip per Grange," and

WHEREAS Article IX, Section 1 states "The elective members shall receive for their services \$7.50 per day each while in actual discharge of duty, and mileage payment at 27¢ per mile round trip.", and

WHEREAS the 27¢ per mile specified by the By-Laws cannot be changed without a resolution and action taken by the Delegate Body in annual session, and

WHEREAS this process has resulted in an inability to react to rapid increases in oil prices.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article IV, Section 7 of the CT State Grange By-Laws be changed to read: "Mileage will be paid at a rate to be determined by the Board of Directors of the CT State Grange for one round trip per Grange."

SOURCE: Winchester Grange No. 74

Referred to: **Constitution & By-Laws**

25. RE: DEPUTY BY-LAWS CHANGE

WHEREAS Article X, Section 2 of the CT State Grange By-Laws dealing with Deputies provides, "for such service shall receive five dollars and mileage expenses for each regular Grange visit for inspection, provided a satisfactory report is made to the State Master before July first," and

WHEREAS this provision does not allow for Deputies to be reimbursed for official visits beyond one inspection per year, and

WHEREAS most Deputies do not even submit for the five dollar

per diem allowance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article X, Section 2 of the Connecticut State Grange By-Laws be changed to read: "for such service shall receive mileage expenses for all official Grange visits as determined by the State Master, provided a satisfactory report is made to the State Master."

SOURCE: Winchester Grange No. 74

Referred to: **Constitution & By-Laws**

26. RE: NET NEUTRALITY

WHEREAS the National Grange has taken a strong stand on the issue of Broadband Regulation and recently issued a press release stating, "we want to see the FCC and concerned stakeholders build a solid foundation for a strong and open internet. We support this process and hope that the commission will consider the needs of rural Americans as it seeks additional public comment," and

WHEREAS communications giants Google and Verizon recently issued a proposal to policymakers for keeping the internet open, and

WHEREAS this proposal creates even greater concern for the future of a "strong and open internet" as their proposal gives the FCC the power to regulate broadband access, but gives the FCC no say regarding content, setting up a situation where companies like Verizon can suppress content and essentially prevent upstart companies from developing tomorrow's Google or ebay, and

WHEREAS Google and Verizon's policy statement only applies to wireline networks and not wireless networks with the exception of one section providing for transparency when a provider like Verizon chooses to block content from a particular source, and

WHEREAS the largest growing segment of internet communication is through wireless technology, creating a tremendous area for exploitation for these companies if left out of a net neutrality agreement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge the National Grange to add wireless networks to its legislative policy concerning Broadband Regulation to ensure all Americans will have a free and open internet regardless of the network they use, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the National Grange for favorable action thereon.

SOURCE: Winchester Grange No. 74

Referred to: **Good of the Order**

27. RE: DEBIT CARD FEES

WHEREAS fees for using debit cards are becoming more common as financial institutions search for ways to make additional profits with increased federal regulation of credit cards, and

WHEREAS the use of debit cards has become as prevalent as the use of cash for routine purchases for millions of Americans every day, and

WHEREAS these fees are often not disclosed at the point of purchase, and

WHEREAS some states require financial institutions and credit card processing companies to notify consumers with an on-screen notice, much like those used at ATM's stating the amount of the charge and a request for approval of that charge, and

WHEREAS credit charges are not subject to these fees.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge the Connecticut Legislature to pass regulations requiring all financial institutions and credit card processing companies operating in this state to notify consumers of the debit card fee (if any) at the point of purchase and also explain the option of using the "credit" option to avoid these charges, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Grange advocate for Federal regulations requiring all financial institutions and credit card processing companies nationwide to notify consumers of the debit card fee (if any) at the point of purchase and also explain the option of using the "credit" option to avoid these charges.

SOURCE: Winchester Grange No. 74

Referred to: **Legislative/Insurance**

28. RE: OUTDOOR WOOD BURNING FURNACES

WHEREAS wood is a renewable resource of fuel, and

WHEREAS wood burning is used in agricultural productions such as greenhouses, heating water and buildings on dairy farms as well as residential homes, and

WHEREAS EPA regulations state that installation of outside furnaces must be at least 200 feet from the nearest home not heated by the furnace and the chimney on the furnace must be as tall as the roof peak of homes located within 500 ft. of the home not heated by the furnace, and

WHEREAS the General Assembly's Environment Committee has proposed to ban or limit the use of outdoor furnaces the last two previous years, and defeated in committee an act adding wood smoke to the Public Health nuisance code, and

WHEREAS Connecticut State regulations governing the use of wood-fired outside furnaces has been introduced and we anticipate it will be introduced in 2011.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange be opposed to local banning or limiting the use of outdoor wood furnaces, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED since wood smoke emissions seem to be the major problem and manufacturers of wood stoves, wood furnaces, and outdoor wood furnaces are continually improving their products such as Gasification in wood burning to reduce smoke emissions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange oppose any new wood burning regulations on any wood burning as there are already regulations that address this issue as exemplified by Burning regulations, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange instructs the Legislative Committee to inform the members of the Connecticut Legislature of the Grange's opposition.

SOURCE: Mountain County Pomona No. 4

Referred to: **Agriculture/Conservation**

29. RE: CHILD NUTRITION

WHEREAS statistics have shown an increase in childhood obesity with experts estimating that one in five children between the ages of 6 and 17 are overweight, and

WHEREAS this leads children on the path to obesity-related problems such as diabetes and high blood disease, and

WHEREAS childhood obesity can lead to poor self esteem and depression.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange support legislation which would address childhood obesity as childhood is the optimal time to encourage healthy eating habits, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grange support reforms to expand access and improvement of nutritional quality of school meals, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grange encourage the use of low fat dairy products as an essential ingredient in school lunch programs.

SOURCE: Echo Grange No. 180

Referred to: **Agriculture/Conservation**

30. 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 Connecticut State Grange reduce the dues members age 14-23 (the age group defined as dependents in the National Grange Family Membership brochure) by 50%, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange encourage the Subordinate, Community and Pomona Granges to also reduce their dues for this age group, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the next session of the National Grange together for a recommendation for favorable action thereon.

SOURCE: North Stonington Community Grange No. 138; New London County Pomona No. 6

Referred to: **Good of the Order**

31. RE: ONLINE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WHEREAS Pomona and Subordinate officers and meeting dates and times are included in the Connecticut State Grange Directory, and

WHEREAS Pomona handbooks are distributed only to state officers, deputies and certain Pomona officers, and

WHEREAS the program listings of the Pomona and Subordinate Granges are not readily available to all Grange members, and

WHEREAS increased awareness of events and programs at other Granges could lead to increased visiting and interaction, and

WHEREAS awareness of the quality and variety of Grange programs might pique the interest of non-members surfing the web, and

WHEREAS the cost of printing handbooks goes up each year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange collect the programs of the Pomona and Subordinate Granges, organize them by date, and make them available to everyone on the State Grange website.

SOURCE: North Stonington Community Grange No. 138; New London County Pomona No. 6

Referred to: **Grange Activity**

32. RE: LABELING FOR GLUTEN SENSITIVITY IN FOODS AND OTHER PRODUCTS SUCH AS MEDICATION

WHEREAS Celiac disease or gluten sensitivity can begin at any age, and

WHEREAS gluten is a protein found in many foods, including wheat, barley, and rye, and

WHEREAS gluten is also found in herbal supplements, some candies, cold cuts, white vinegar, malt flavoring, lip balms, and used as a "filler" in many other products such as vitamins, medications and stamp and envelope adhesive, and

WHEREAS the signs and symptoms of Celiac disease or gluten sensitivity can vary from few or mild symptoms to many and severe symptoms, including mal-absorption and malnutrition, fatigue, headaches, leg cramps, chronic abdominal pain, diarrhea, anemia, osteoporosis, peripheral neuropathy, and irritability and changes in behavior, and

WHEREAS as many as 1 in 133 people in this country are estimated to have gluten sensitivity, and

WHEREAS loss of productivity in the workplace can be a direct result when a person with gluten sensitivity ingests a gluten product, and

WHEREAS the only regulation in place regarding labeling products are gluten-free is only a voluntary regulation in the food industry and not currently applicable to other products such as medications, and

WHEREAS the gluten-sensitive person spends an inordinate amount of time researching online and/or reading the fine print on the labels, and

WHEREAS said labels may OR MAY NOT have the necessary information since current legislation is only voluntary, and

WHEREAS even the pharmacists often do not know the complete ingredients in the medications requiring them to contact the manufacturers when gluten sensitivity is an issue for a patient, and

WHEREAS generic medications especially can differ from one manufacturer to another, and even from batch to batch within the manufacturer in regard to their gluten content, and

WHEREAS even when ingredients are listed for a product, gluten may be disguised as wheat, durum, graham, kamut, semolina, spelt, triticale, barley, malt, malt vinegar, malt flavoring, rye, and modified food starch, thus requiring the inquiring mind to investigate all possibilities and read the fine print closely, and

WHEREAS the cost to the gluten-sensitive person can be very high in terms of real dollars lost when foods and medications containing gluten are purchased for use and then discontinued once the gluten is discovered, and

WHEREAS the cost to the health industry and the consumer is increased when the gluten-sensitive person is unable to properly absorb his/her medications resulting in the need for continually higher doses and more expensive brands, and

WHEREAS even a minute amount of gluten can present serious problems, and

WHEREAS regulations have been put in place for those sensitive to soy, nuts, and milk products used within foods REQUIRING appropriate labeling, and

WHEREAS legislation proposed in 2009 to define "gluten-free" is still only in draft stages.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange promote state and national legislation to REQUIRE clear labeling of food AND medicines as well as other products that may be ingested when they contain gluten in any form, or as gluten-free when they do not.

Statistics and information used in this resolution were obtained from: www.fda.org (search "gluten legislation"); www.mayoclinic.org (search "celiac disease"); www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Legislation (search "gluten legislation"); www.celiacsprue.com.

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