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1.1 Officers of the California State Grange

Office	1998-99	1999-2000
Master	John Felder	Naomi Fletcher
Overseer	Tom Stefenoni	Tom Stefenoni
Lecturer	Nancy Moramarco	Nancy Moramarco
Steward	Barry Hutcherson	Barry Hutcherson
Assistant Steward	Joshua Harper	Joshua Harper
Lady Assistant Steward	Carolyn Hill	Carolyn Hill
Chaplain	Betty Barrett	Betty Barrett
Treasurer	Harold Hill	Harold Hill
Secretary	Naomi Fletcher	Lillian Booth
Gatekeeper	Mike Blesch	Don Verrue
Ceres	Racine Colburn	Heidi Hitt
Pomona	Betty Clouse	Betty Clouse
Flora	Sara Dahlgren	Sara Dahlgren
Executive Committee:		
1 Year Member	Johnny Squire	Stephen Tait
1 Year Member	Ernest White	Jim Smith
2 Year Member	Stephen Tait	Hank Hitt
3 Year Member	Jim Smith	Johnny Squire
3 Year Member	Hank Hitt	Ernest White
Musician	Lillian Booth	Martha Stefenoni

1.2 Session Program

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 12

- 8:00 A.M. Executive Committee Meeting
- 9:00 A.M. Registration of Delegates, Guests and Visitors - Pre-function Area GWA -- Receive entries until 4:00 P.M.
- Golf Tournament -- Churn Creek Golf Course - Ron Pitcher, Coordinator 10:00 A.M.
- Lecturer and Juniors -- Receive entries until 4:00 P.M.
- 2:00 P.M. Committee Chairmen Meeting w/State Master -- Session Hall
- 2:30 P.M. Committee Chairmen/Members Meet w/State Master -- Session Hall
- 3:00 P.M. Committee Meetings (to 5:00 P.M.)
- 3:00 P.M. Youth Department Team Practice (to 5:00 P.M.)
- 4:00 P.M. Deputies Meeting with Gatekeeper - Session Hall
- 6:30 P.M. Opening Reception -- Joy Beatie, GWA Director -- Session Hall 8:00 P.M.
- Officers' Degree Practice & Meeting (OFFICERS ONLY) (after reception)
- 8:00 P.M. Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 13

- 7:00 A.M. Registration of Delegates, Guests and Visitors - Pre-function Area 8:30 A.M.
- Opening of the 127th Annual Session in the Sixth Degree
1. Roll Call of Officers
 2. Lower to the Fourth Degree
 3. Present Honored Guests
 4. Credentials Committee - Partial Report
 5. Adopt Rules & Approval of Program
 6. Approval of Executive Committee Minutes
 7. Communications
- 9:00 A.M. Lecturer, GWA and Juniors to receive contest entries until noon
- STATE MASTER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS Part I -- General Section
- Reports:
- Membership -- Russell Harris, Director
 - Community Service on State Project -NOAA -- Emily Felder, Director
 - Deaf Activities -- Karen Heckman, Director
 - Treasurer -- Harold Hill, Treasurer
 - Legislative -- George Dupray, Director
- NOON RECESS
- G.R.O.W. Club Luncheon -- members only
- Exhibits Closed for Judging Membership
- 1:00 P.M. Membership Conference

- 2:00 P.M. RECONVENE
2:30 P.M. STATE MASTER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS Part II -- Good of the Order
Reports:
Secretary's Report -- Naomi Fletcher, Secretary
Junior Grange Activities (until 4:00 P.M.)
3:00 P.M. KEYNOTE SPEAKER Assemblyman Dick Dickerson
3:30 P.M. Business Session
Audit/ Budget Committee Report - Sharon Angle, Chairman
4:00 P.M. Youth Tour
5:00 P.M. Registration Closed
5:30 P.M. CLOSING OF THE GRANGE
7:30 P.M. Awards Dinner -- Double Tree Hotel - Session Hall
Presentation of-
Junior Awards Katie Squire, Director
Youth Awards Donna Haynes, Director
Community Service Awards/Report, Emily Felder, Director
Membership Awards, Russell Harris, Director
11:00 P.M. Youth Department Team Practices

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 7:00 A.M. Women's Activities Conference -- Session Hall
8:30 A.M. Registration of Delegates, Guests and Visitors - Pre-function Area
Opening of Session in the Fourth Degree by Youth Department
1. Roll Call of Officers
2. GWA Women's March
3. Approval of Minutes
9:00 A.M. Lecturer, GWA, and Junior Exhibits open
Grange Women's Activities Report -- Joy Beatie, Director
9:30 A.M. Credential Committee Report
Nomination of Officers & Invitations for the 2002 Convention Site
Reports:
Youth Department -- Donna Haynes, Director
Grange Youth Fair Com. -- Howard March, Chairman
125th Anniversary Com. -- Martha Stefenoni, Chairman
2000 National Convention Fundraiser -- Katie Squire
Grange Insurance Association -- Rosemary Hansen, Senior Vice-President
11:15 A.M. RECESS
11:30 A.M. CA Grange Foundation Annual Meeting
NOON "Lunch with the Junior Bunch" - Rodeo Grounds
1:00 P.M. Lecturer's Conference - Session Hall
2:00 P.M. RECONVENE
Business Session
Bowl Across America (for National Grange Youth)

2:30 P.M. Junior Grange Activities (until 4:00 P.M.)
5:00 P.M. CLOSING OF THE GRANGE
5:15 P.M. Youth Meeting -- Youth, Young Adults, Regional Directors, Advisors &
Others interested -- Session Hall
7:30 P.M. Lecturer's Program -- Session Hall
Talent Contest
Public Speaking Contest
Awards Presentation
Sign-A-Song Presentation
Lecturer's Report -- Nancy Moramarco, Lecturer
11:00 P.M. Youth Team Practice - Session Hall
Youth Ice Cream Social

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15 - WESTERN DAY

7:00 A.M. Youth Breakfast -- Sponsored by the Youth Department (ticket required)
Rodeo Grounds
8:30 A.M. Opening of the Grange in the Sixth Degree
1. Lower to Fourth Degree
2. Roll Call of Officers
3. Approval of Minutes
9:00 A.M. Lecturer, GWA and Junior Exhibits open until 5:00 P.M. Business Session
11:00 A.M. National Grange Keynote Speaker
William Steel - Executive Committee Member
NOON RECESS
Rose Drill Practice - Session Hall
12:15 P.M. Youth Barbecue -- Sponsored by the Youth Department (ticket required)
Rodeo Grounds
2:00 P.M. RECONVENE
Business Session
2:30 P.M. Junior Grange Activities (until 4:00 P.M.)
4:00 P.M. Remarks by Visiting State Masters
5:30 P.M. RECESS
8:00 P.M. RECONVENE -- Degree Conferral
1. Exemplification of the Fifth Degree, Order of Patrons of Husbandry Youth
Department -- Lillian Booth, Team Captain
2. Entrance March of CA State Grange Officers
3. Welcome and Remarks by State Master
4. Exemplification of the Sixth Degree, Order of Patrons of Husbandry Officers of
the CA State Grange
CLOSING OF THE GRANGE IN THE FOURTH DEGREE
Degree Feast

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1999

7:00 A.M. GWA Breakfast & Program -- (ticket required) -- Session Hall
10:00 A.M. Exhibit Rooms Open - items to be picked by 11:00 A.M.
10:15 A.M. Memorial Service - Betty Barrett, State Chaplain
11:15 A.M. Opening of the Grange in the Sixth Degree
1. Lower to the Fourth Degree
2. Roll Call of Officers
3. Approval of Minutes
Business Session
Junior Grange Report -- Katie Squire, Director
Business Session
11:30 A.M. Regional Youth Directors' Meeting
NOON RECESS
1:30 P.M. RECONVENE
Business Session
Special Presentations
Resolution of Appreciation
Installation of Officers: by CA State Grange Deputies
1:30 P.M. GWA Pomona Chairmen Conference - GWA Room
2:30 P.M. Junior Grange Activities (until 4:00 P.M.--tentative)
6:00 P.M. RECESS*
7:30 P.M. RECONVENE*
CLOSING OF THE 127th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

*If necessary, we will recess at 6:00 P.M. and reconvene session at 7:30 P.M. to conclude any necessary business.

1.3 Session Rules

STANDING RULES OF THE CONVENTION

When adopted, the Standing Rules of the Convention, will apply only to the 127th Annual Session of the California State Grange, Redding, California, 1999 (REF: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, Chapter XIX, Section 58.)

OCTOBER 12 - OCTOBER 16, 1999

REGISTRATION FEE: The \$5 registration fee shall be waived for Junior Grangers, invited guests, out of state guests and those not attending the general business session and any person who attends any function after FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1999 at 5:00 P.M..

BADGES: No one will be admitted to the session without a badge which signifies their registration

fee has been paid (except as noted above).

DELEGATE REGISTRATION: Closing date and time for Delegate Registration shall be WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1999 at 4:00 P.M.. any late registrant MUST have the approval of the State Master.

RESOLUTION CLOSING TIME: The closing time for the acceptance of properly submitted resolutions shall be 12 Noon, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1999. For committee resolutions, the closing time shall be THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1999, 4:00 P.M..

RESOLUTION INTRODUCTION: A vote shall not be taken on a resolution unless it has been in the delegates' hands at least four (4) hours. (G-7-79)

COMBINING C&BL RESOLUTIONS: Constitutional Resolutions shall not be combined in Committee (SG-36-82)

AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTIONS: All motions to amend resolutions, which are excessively long shall be presented in writing to the Secretary's Station, so as to be properly entered into the minutes.

FLOOR MOTIONS IN WRITING: All motions made from the floor concerning subjects new to the Grange and not presented in resolutions shall be presented in writing to the Secretary's Station, so as to be properly entered into the minutes.

FLOOR DEBATE: Shall be limited to two (2) minutes per delegate on any given question.

OFFICER REPORTS: The written reports of all officers shall be submitted to the Secretary's Station prior to the close of the first day of session for inclusion in the Journal of Proceedings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Executive Committee shall have the authority to approve the minutes, of the final day of session at their meeting after the close of the session.

C&BL RESOLUTIONS: All C&BL resolutions be presented no later than 1:30 P.M. on the 2nd day of the session and be processed until completed, except for those being recommitted. (91-006)

CONVENTION SITE (S) VOTING: Voting by the delegate body to select future convention sites for the Annual Session of the California State Grange shall be conducted only by paper ballot. (97-003)

1.4 Session Delegates

The following is a list of delegates to the 127th annual session and the Granges that they represented. Granges without delegates are listed as Not Represented.

Pomona Credentials

Antelope Valley	39	Not Represented
Butte	16	Joseph DeMello & Marilyn Marcum
Contra Costa	45	Not Represented
Del Norte	42	Not Represented
El Dorado-Amador	14	Joe White & Joann Ricks
Fresno Madera	24	Not Represented
Glenn	12	Pauline Roberts & Billie Niesen
N. Humboldt	48	Erwin & June Fredrickson
S. Humboldt	19	Not Represented
Kern	26	Not Represented
Kings	28	Not Represented
Lake	43	Roy & Rita Haase
Los Angeles	37	Ethel Bose
Mendocino	10	Henry Stroock & Iola Fuller
Merced	23	Harlan & Ida Haekett
Modoc	9	Not Represented
Monterey	17	Clyde & Ginette Gailey
Morongo Basin	52	Not Represented
Napa	7	Sally Burch
Nevada	51	Not Represented
Orange	36	Dewey Lamb
Placer Nugget	29	Don & Ruth Verrue
Plumas-Sierra	18	Not Represented
Riverside	31	Not Represented
Sacramento	2	Michael & Naomi Fletcher
San Diego	35	Lucette Moramarco & Dawn Renner
San Fernando Valley	41	Ethel March
San Joaquin Calaveras	20	Not Represented
San Luis Obispo	27	Lester & Barbara Rougeot
Santa Barbara	38	Sheila Glaser
Santa Clara	4	Louise Vitek
Santa Cruz	22	Glen & Elyse Bailey
Shasta	13	Arne & Rosemary Hansen
Siskiyou	6	Joe Victorine
Sonoma	1	Bill & Patty Allen
Stanislaus-Tuolumne	21	Harold & Carolyn Hill
Tehama	15	Ernest & Mary White
Tulare	5	Not Represented
Ventura	50	Mary Jamerson
Yuba-Sierra	46	Evelyn Palmer & Roy Peters

Subordinate Credentials

Antelope Valley		
Alpine	665	Kimberly Pittman
Quartz Hill	697	Not Represented
Wildflower	663	Dean & Doris Ritchie
Yucca	736	Not Represented
Butte		
Berry Creek	694	Ralph & Patsy Taylor
Biggs	459	Frank Smith

Chico	486	Betty Barrett & Josephine Roberts
Concow	735	Robert & Nancy Alvarez
De Sabla	762	Not Represented
Durham	460	Rose & John Hassel
Gridley	457	Kay Anderson & Barbara Stratton
Mt Springs	754	Not Represented
Palermo	493	Ron & Beverly Pitcher
Paradise	490	Edwin Barrett & Loree Booth
Thermalito	729	Charles Hess
Wyandotte	495	Jack & Betty Eyster

Colusa-Yolo		
Stonyford	686	Not Represented
Western Yolo	423	Ken & Jeanne Han

Contra Costa		
Danville	85	Jim & Lois Smith

Del Norte		
Lake Earl	577	Not Represented
Crescent Redwood	596	Neil Chaffee & Bobbi Grant
Smith River	823	Not Represented

El Dorado - Amador		
Gold Trail	452	Not Represented
Hangtown	464	Harry & Jean Caldwell
Ione	681	Dolores & Darelld Larrigan
Marshall	451	Don & Helen Swayze
Pilot Hill	1	Not Represented
Pleasant Valley	675	Angelo & Mary Jane Battaglia

Shenandoah-		
Willow Springs	49	Not Represented
Three Forks	449	Not Represented
United Rescue	450	Not Represented

Fresno-Madera		
Clovis-Sanger	478	Floyd & Orene Eckert
Coalinga	779	Not Represented
Dixieland-Berenda	784	Not Represented
Easton	706	Not Represented
Fowler	481	Not Represented
James Ranch	628	Not Represented
Kerman	484	Not Represented
Madera	783	Not Represented
Riverdale	624	Katie Squire
Roeding	707	Not Represented

Glenn		
Elk Creek	441	Not Represented
Jacinto	431	Vern & Mary Bailey
Orland	432	George & Edna Blakely

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Humboldt, Northern

Bayside	500	Lloyd Kendall
Dow's Prairie	505	Michael & Judy Byers
Fieldbrook	771	Not Represented
Freshwater	499	Not Represented
Mad River	590	Not Represented

Humboldt, Southern

Garberville	514	Barbara Staples
Humboldt	501	Pearl Zeck & Nan Larson
Mattole	569	Not Represented
Miranda	690	Not Represented
Redwood	504	Not Represented
Rohner	509	Velma Noah
Van Duzen River	517	Dale Harvey & Madeline Lawson
Whitehorn	792	Not Represented

Inyo

Owen's Valley	808	Not Represented
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Kern

Fairfax	570	John Page & Ellen Davis
Rosedale	565	Darlene Baldrige

Kings

Central Union	559	Not Represented
Corcoran	829	Not Represented
Kings River	562	Robert & Pollie Geissler
Riverbend	677	Not Represented

Lake

Bachelor Valley	667	Donald & Norma Clay
Clearlake	680	Pauline Stinnett & Beverly Westphal
Cobb Mountain	827	Not Represented
Eastlake	727	Not Represented
Guenoc	20	Not Represented
Scotts Valley	725	Carole Givich

Los Angeles

Fair Valley	752	Not Represented
Ranchito	654	Dawn Allen
San Dimas	658	Evelyn Ray

Mendocino

Anderson Valley	669	Not Represented
Comptche	671	Not Represented
Fort Bragg	672	John & Margaret Gustafson
Garcia	676	Not Represented
Laytonville	726	Not Represented
Little Lake	670	Erica Bruce & Helen Sanders
Potter Valley	115	Not Represented
Redwood Valley	382	Helen Solgat & Dorothy Brunell
Ukiah	419	Not Represented
Whitesboro	766	Marie Koskela & Dolores Matheny

Merced

Applegate	764	Not Represented
Bear Creek	530	Not Represented
Delhi	741	Not Represented
Dos Palos	541	Not Represented
Hilmar	537	Not Represented
Los Banos	79	Not Represented

Merced Colony	527	Joseph & Rose Plagenza
New Era	540	Not Represented
Winton	531	Not Represented

Modoc

Alturas	406	Not Represented
Davis Creek	404	Not Represented
Lookout	415	Not Represented

Mojave Valley

Adelanto	603	Frances & Marie Gramata
Apple Valley	593	Mary Blesch
Hesperia	682	Not Represented
Lucerne Valley	673	Not Represented
Phelan	607	Not Represented

Monterey

Aromas	361	Not Represented
Big Sur	742	Not Represented
Bitterwater	748	Not Represented
Buena Vista	564	Not Represented
Corral De Tierra	474	Not Represented
Marina	518	Not Represented
Monterey Bay	492	Not Represented
Prundale	388	Inger Bevans
San Bernardo	506	Not Represented
Springfield	523	Not Represented

Morongo Basin

Copper Mountain	814	Barry Renfro
Roadrunner	813	Not Represented
Wonder Valley	828	Gerald Grott

Napa

Napa	307	Wilbur & Bonnie Peppers
Rutherford	371	Not Represented
Welcome	791	Lillian & Mick Stilson

Nevada

Banner	627	Larry & Dorothy Schmitt
Golden Empire	806	Not Represented
Rough & Ready	795	Jack & Grace Doty

Orange

Costa Mesa	612	Stephen Tait
La Habra	622	Not Represented
Wintersburg	583	Vert Lindsley

Placer Nugget

Gold Hill	326	Not Represented
Long Valley	642	Not Represented
Loomis	638	Laverne & Mary Jensen
Meadow Vista	721	Russell & Marian Harris
Mt Vernon	453	Joshua Harper & Carol Ormsby
Sierra Nevada	454	Not Represented

Plumas Sierra

Feather River	440	Virginia Bresciani
Honey Lake Valley	825	Not Represented
Indian Valley	439	Reta & Boyd Spencer
Sierra Valley	466	Elia Miles

Riverside

Cherry Valley	586	Not Represented
Rubidoux	611	Not Represented

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Sacramento		
American River	172	Ed & Jeanne Clowes
Antelope	161	Arthur Glidden & Gladys Montgomery
Elk Grove	86	Jay & Jan Hartz
Fair Oaks	724	Christina Fletcher
Orangevale	354	Eric Pelkey & Dawna Conas
Rio Linda	403	Robert & Margaret Null
Sacramento	12	Marjorie Brown
Valley Oaks	368	Not Represented
San Bernardino		
Muscoy	589	Not Represented
San Diego		
Encinitas	634	Not Represented
Rainbow Valley	689	Suzanne Moramarco & Marilyn Rasp
Ramona	632	Barbara McGrosso & Jaime McGrosso
San Marcos	633	Bill & Ruth Hitt
Vista	609	Hank & Heidi Hitt
San Fernando Valley		
Reseda	703	Howard March
Winnetka Center	668	Not Represented
San Joaquin-Calaveras		
Calaveras	715	Not Represented
Escalon	447	Not Represented
French Camp-Lathrop	510	William Smith
Locketford	579	Not Represented
Ripon	511	Not Represented
Woodbridge	482	Not Represented
San Luis Obispo		
Atascadero	563	Not Represented
El Paso De Robles	555	Not Represented
Estrella	488	Not Represented
Grover City	746	Bill & Joan Compton
Moro	27	Not Represented
San Luis Obispo	639	Bob & Sherry Lange
Triangle	619	Not Represented
Santa Barbara		
Cuyama	830	Not Represented
Lompoc	646	Not Represented
Los Alamos Valley	647	Jackie Rantz
Santa Ynez Valley	644	Not Represented
Sisquoc	651	Not Represented
Santa Clara		
Coyote	412	Houghton "Tom" & Frances Sawyer
Cupertino	739	Not Represented
E Palo Alto	409	Not Represented
Gilroy	398	Leona Reif & Ron Latronica
Morgan Hill	408	Ron & Evelyn Erickson
Mt Hamilton	469	Douglas & Rosetta Krause
Orchard City	333	Don Slama
San Jose	10	Not Represented
Santa Cruz		
Aptos	800	Tony & Sara Mello
Corralitos	487	Not Represented

Madonna	535	Not Represented
Santa Cruz-Live Oak	503	Daniel Feldman
Soquel	789	Sharon Brumette & Doris Anderson
Shasta		
Anderson	418	Barry Hutcherson & Joy Beatie
Buckeye	489	James Tipton & Marion Tipton
Centerville	797	Not Represented
Mcarthur	420	Not Represented
Millville	443	Ernie & Betty Stephenson
Montgomery	412	Wayne & Marjorie Long
Ono	445	Not Represented
Redding	446	Leonard Contreras
Siskiyou		
Dorris	393	Not Represented
Gazelle	380	James & Patricia Medaniel
Greenhorn	384	Leo & Kathy Bergeron
Happy Camp	395	Lairy Dobbins & Betty Lemon
Hornbrook	391	Nancy Gregg
Mccloud	831	Not Represented
Mt Bolivar	218	Not Represented
Scott Valley	386	Harriet Sawyer
Tulelake	468	Mary Victorine
Solano		
Vacaville	575	Linda Donnelly
Sonoma		
Bellevue	374	Dave & Pat Wilson
Bennett Valley	16	James Alfera
Bodega Bay	777	Hazel Thompson
Cloverdale	456	Not Represented
Geyserville	312	Not Represented
Healdsburg	400	Not Represented
Hessel	750	Not Represented
Pennings	740	Not Represented
Rincon Valley	710	Jules Faoro
Sebastopol	306	Tom & Martha Stefanoni
Sonoma Valley	407	Not Represented
Windsor	410	Patricia Jordan
Stanislaus-Tuolumne		
Ceres	520	Not Represented
Empire	521	Don & Ida Angle
Gratton	528	Not Represented
Keyes	524	Not Represented
Oakdale	435	Virginia Wann & Shirley Beauregard
Riverbank	719	Marie Smith & Ruby Sheets
Sonora	705	Vernon Shaw
Stanislaus-Mt View	558	Not Represented
Waterford	553	John & Elsie Espinola
Tehama		
Capay	461	Reginald & Dorothy Keyawa
El Camino	462	Caroline Kroeker & Opal Kirk
Independent	470	June & Cecil Ward
Los Molinos	471	Not Represented
Manton	732	Kenneth & Ada Richards
Maywood	479	Not Represented

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Westside	473	Fred Barley
Trinity		
Hayfork Valley	716	Not Represented
North Fork	763	Not Represented
Tulare		
Dinuba	342	Roger Neufeld
Elbow Creek	733	Not Represented
Farmersville	637	Not Represented
Tulare	198	John & Mary Green
West Visalia	782	Leroy Baldrige

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Ventura		
Ojai Valley	659	Barbara Hutchason & Lillian Wierzel
Yuba-Sierra		
Brownsville	708	Dwight Lunkley & Lucille Naylor
Lake Francis	745	Richard & Patricia Dahms
Loma Rica	802	Yvette Adams & Myrna Wilson
Ostrom	751	Opal Prisby

1.6 Minutes of the 127th Annual State Session

Tuesday, October 12, 1999 Opening Night Reception

The Annual Officer's Reception, hosted by Sister Joy Beatie, Director of Women's Activities, was held in the ballroom of the Red Lion Convention Center, beginning promptly at 6:30 p.m.. Honored guests introduced by Brother George Dupray, Legislative Director of the California State Grange, included Senator Maurice Johannessen, representing the 4th District; Mayor Robert Anderson, City of Redding; Pat Kite, Chairman of the Shasta County Board of Supervisors, Sheriff Polk of Shasta County; Bill Steel, National Grange Executive Committee Member; Ed Luttrell, Master of the Oregon State Grange; Diane Froemke, Chairman of Women's Activities of the Washington State Grange and Brother Robert; Idaho State Grange Secretary, Faye Moore, and Brother Vern, and Sherry Ferguson, Convention Sales Manager of the Redding Convention and Visitors Bureau. Greetings were offered by all. A response was provided by Overseer Tom Stefenoni. Entertainment was provided by the Singing Sheriff's, including Sheriff Polk. Light refreshments were provided by the Women of the California State Grange.

Wednesday, October 13, 1999

The first day of the 127th Annual Session of

the California State Grange opened in full form at 8:32 am with Worthy Master John Felder in the chair. Opening song: God Bless America. The Flag of our Nation was presented by Worthy Flora Sara Dahlgren with the aid of the Worthy Assistant Stewards.

Roll call of officers found all present with Sister Katie Squire sitting in for Brother Johnny Squire, Executive Committee member.

Worthy Master then lowered to the Fourth Degree to allow all to attend this session.

Worthy Master then introduced Sister Rosemary Hansen, Shasta County Convention Chair, and thanked her and her committee for making this convention possible.

Worthy Steward then introduced Brother Bill Steel, National Grange Executive Committee member and Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange; Brother Ed Luttrell, Master of the Oregon State Grange; Sister Diane Froemke, Chairman of Women's Activities, Washington State Grange and Brother Robert; Faye Moore, Idaho State Grange Secretary and Brother Vern; Brother Bill Booth, Past Master of the California State Grange and Sister Lillian; and Sister Emily Felder, First Lady of the California State Grange, as our honored guests. The Stewards then presented our honored guests to the Master's Station.

Brother Steel read a communication from the National Master. Brother Luttrell recognized those Oregon Grange members present here today, as well as words of thought. Brother and Sister Froemke offered words of encouragement. Sister Moore, Secretary of Idaho State Grange, offered greetings from her fair state. Brother Vern also offered a comment about our fine weather, as did many of our other guests. Brother Bill Booth related the story of the Orangewood gavel as a connection to the past to open each session of the future of this Grange. Sister Booth reminded us of the charge of the Overseer of the second degree in utilizing the memorandum book and pencil, and the story of the lighthouse ensign. Sister Felder wished all a productive session.

Worthy Master then introduced Sister Marian Nichols, who provided a partial credential report. There are 163 Subordinate Delegates, 98 Subordinate Grange registered. There are 41 Pomona Delegates and 25 Pomona Granges represented. A quorum was called.

Motion and second to adopt the convention rules and program. Motion carried.

Motion and second to adopt the Minutes of the Executive Committee generated since last session. Motion carried.

Communications were read from Brother Robert Clouse, immediate Past Master of the California State Grange and Brother Johnny Squire, Executive Committee member, who were both unable to attend our annual session this year.

Worthy Master then asked that the Master's Address Part I be distributed, as well as Supplemental Pad #1 at 9:30 am. Resolutions from this pad may be acted on after 1:30 p.m..

Worthy Overseer Tom Stefenoni introduced Brother John Felder, Master of the California State Grange, for presentation of the Master's

Address, Part I.

Worthy Master asked the pleasure of the Grange. Motion and second to adopt the Master's Address-Part I and order printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Worthy Master then introduced Brother Russell Harris to present his Membership Report.

Motion and second to accept the Director's report and enter into the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Sister Emily Felder, Community Service Director, gave an update report on the NOAA Program.

Motion and second to adopt the Director's report and entered into the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Brother Harold Hill, Treasurer of the California State Grange, presented his report at this time.

Motion and second to adopt the Treasurer's report and entered into the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Sister Karen Heckman, Deaf Activities Director, presented her annual report at this time. Sister Karen's fundraiser of pull-tabs collection is growing. She is now up to four 33-gallon garbage cans full, and growing. Funds derived from the recycling of this collection will be used to help fund a class of dogs at the SFSPCA.

Motion and second to adopt the report of the Director and enter into the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Song to stretch: "It's a Good Thing to be a Granger".

Worthy Master then introduced Brother and Sister Harry and Mae Schmitt, who hold the

record for attending the most consecutive sessions, a total of 65 in all. Brother Harry imparted words of wisdom, including the location of a woman's heart.

Brother George Dupray, Legislative Director, presented his report at this time. Sister Nancy Gregg, also supplemented Brother Dupray's report regarding the National Marine Fisheries on personal property encroachment. Motion and second to adopt the report of the Director, as well as that of Sister Nancy Gregg, and enter into the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Worthy Overseer and Worthy Master cleared announcements and room assignments at this time.

Song to stretch: "Side-by-Side".

Sister Katie Squire reminded us of our National 2000 convention fund raising commitment.

Recessed at 11:32 p.m..

Session reconvened at 2:05 p.m..

Part II of the Master's Annual Address was distributed for presentation.

Motion and second to adopt the State Master's Address-Part II, referred to proper committees, and enter into the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Sister Sharon Angle presented the Audit and Budget Committee report. Worthy Master will not call for a vote at this time, but wait until a time after Constitutional Resolutions be adopted.

Motion and second to set a time certain for 3:00 p.m. Thursday afternoon. Motion amended to make time "first thing tomorrow morning"-at 9:00 am. Second. Motion and second to amend the motion carried. Motion as amended carried.

Song to stretch: "I Believe".

Worthy Master then presented Assemblyman Dick Dickerson to the delegate body for his keynote address.

Assemblyman Dickerson reminded us of our history in lobbying and success in doing so on behalf of the small family farmer and businessman, as well as the issues before the electorate today regarding the use and ownership of water in California. Assemblyman Dickerson asked for our assistance in coming up with solutions regarding the issues of water use and distribution in California. Rural Northern California provides most of the water required for farming, industry and home use. Approximately 2/3 of the population of this state lives south of the Tehachapi and uses up most of that water. California's population now stands at approximately 33 million. We need to come up with an equitable water distribution plan to meet the needs of all Californians, rather than banking water for future use, even though it may not be there in the future for that use.

Assemblyman Dickerson also presented Brother Dupray with a golf swing trainer.

Bruce Brunell presented Grange Law resolutions at this time:

99-069 Dues Increase Alternative. Committee report favorable. Motion to reject the committee's recommendation. Motion seconded. Motion lost. Report rejected. Motion and second to reject the resolution. Motion carried. Resolution lost.

99-054 Dues Increase. No action at this time.

Motion and second to begin with Audit and Budget committee dues resolution. Motion carried.

99-027 Dues Increase. No committee

recommendation. Motion and second to adopt the resolution. Motion and second to amend to consider \$18.00 instead of \$20.00 mentioned in the resolution on lines 17 and 18. Motion to amend lost. Resolution as prepared now on the floor. Previous question called and carried. Motion to adopt the resolution as presented resulted in standing count. Ayes-82 Opposed 95. Motion lost. Resolution lost.

99-026 Effective date of dues increase. Committee report unfavorable. Motion and second to adopt the report. Motion carried. Resolution lost.

99-005 Per Capita Dues Increase. Committee report favorable as amended. Motion and second to substitute resolution for committee report. Motion carried. Resolution as originally written on the floor. Original resolution read per request. Motion and second to amend line 14 to reduce \$19 to \$16, line 15 from \$14 to \$12, line 21 from \$18 to \$16, line 22 from \$14 to \$12. Amendment lost. Original resolution now on the floor. Standing count called. Ayes-88. No-89. Motion lost. Resolution lost.

99-031 Amend Article VI of the Constitution of the National Grange. Committee report favorable. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

99-037 Modern Degrees. Committee report favorable as amended. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

99-039 Duties of Executive Committee. Committee report unfavorable. Not requesting any definitive action to change. Report adopted. Resolution lost.

99-058 Requirement for Quorum for Annual Session of the California State Grange. Committee recommendation favorable as amended. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

99-028 Election of Officers to be reviewed again by the committee.

99-053 Password. Committee report unfavorable to allow for future use availability. Committee report adopted. Resolution lost.

Attendance drawings held at this time. Announcements were also cleared at this time.

Closing held at 5:25 p.m.. Closing song: "It's a Good Thing to be a Granger". Flag retired by Worthy Ceres Racine Colburn.

Evening program-Awards banquet and ceremony.

Thursday, October 14, 1999

Opening of the second day of the 127th Annual Session of the California State Grange was conducted by the Youth Officer Corps, with Kimberly Pittman, from Alpine Grange in the chair as Master. Opening song: God Bless America. Flag was presented by Ceres Brianna Welsh from Meadow Vista Grange.

Presentation of honored guests by the Assistant Stewards included Brother Bill Steel, National Grange Executive Committee member; Brother Ed Luttrell, Oregon State Grange Master; Diane and Robert Froenke, Washington State Grange; and Fay and Vern Moore, Idaho State Grange.

Roll call of officers found all present. Sister Katie Squire is standing in for Brother Johnny Squire as Executive Committee member.

Minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

A time certain called regarding budget. Sister Sharon Angle, Chair of the Audit and Budget Committee, presented amendments.

Brother Stefenoni read a resolution from the committee regarding compensation of officers,

Article XVII.

Motion to reject budget in entirety and returned to a committee deemed out of order.

Motion and second to waive the appropriate four hours for the proposed resolution from the Budget committee before passing on the budget. Vote requires 2/3. Motion carried.

Whereas: Article XVII of the Bylaws of the CSG "Expenses of Delegates and compensation and expenses of officers and employees, Section 17.1 Officers" states: "The Compensation of all officers of the State Grange shall be fixed at the annual meeting of the State Grange": therefore, be it

Resolved: The annual salary of the State Master be set at \$30,000 and be it further

Resolved: The State Lecturer, Treasurer, Youth Director, Junior Grange Director and GWA Director receive no salary.

Motion to reject the resolution died for a lack of a second.

Motion and second to adopt the resolution presented on the floor. Previous question called and carried. 2/3 vote required. Standing count called. Ayes-147. No-50.

The ladies of the Grange passed in front of the Executive Committee for their annual Women's March. There were 70 ladies providing funds totaling \$1,748.00 for the current year's project.

Sister Joy then read her annual report, which was adopted and will be printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Sister Joy also presented a gift to the State Master and Sister Emily from the GWAs of California. Master Felder & Sister Emily presented the monetary gift to the National Grange Convention Fund, with thanks to the GWA sisters in California. Sister Mary Victorine presented Sister Joy a gift from the GWAs of California.

Sister Marian Nichols, Chair of the Credentials Committee, gave her final report at this time. There are 118 Subordinate Granges with 106 delegates, 32 Selected delegates and 53 alternates, for a total of 191 Subordinate delegates. There are also 26 Pomona Granges represented with 31 delegates, 4 selected delegates and 7 alternate delegates. There are a total of 42 Pomona delegates, for a total voting delegate total of 233.

Nomination of Officers was called.

Election Committee Chair-Marian Nichols, will prepare the ballots for voting later today.

Resolution was passed that each candidate for office would speak to the delegates regarding their experience in the Grange. The following nominees were provided that opportunity at this time.

Master:

Leo Bergeron	Siskiyou County
Ron Pitcher	Butte County
Naomi Fletcher	Sacramento County
John Felder	Butte County (I)

Overseer:

Tom Stefenoni	Sonoma County (I)
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Executive Committee:

Beverly Westphal	Lake County
Don Sharp	Placer County
Bob Null	Sacramento County
Johnny Squire	Fresno County (I)
Ernie White	nomination withdrawn

Executive Committee:

Ernie White	Tehama County (I)
Mitch Clouse	Sacramento County
Inger Bevans	Monterey County
Jim McDaniel	Siskiyou County
LeRoy Baldridge	Kern County

Lecturer:

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Nancy Moromarco San Diego County (I)
Jerri Hurst Butte County

Steward:

Barry Hutcherson Shasta County (I)
Douglas Krause Santa Clara County

Assistant Steward:

Joshua Harper Placer County (I)
Bob Lange San Luis Obispo Co.

Lady Assistant Steward:

Carolyn Hill Stanislaus County (I)

Chaplain:

Betty Barrett Butte County (I)
Pat Dahms Yuba County

Treasurer:

Harold "Bud" Hill Stanislaus County (I)

Secretary:

Lillian Booth Butte County
Jan Hartz Sacramento County

Gatekeeper

Don Verruc Placer County
Barry Renfro San Bernardino Co.
Mike Blesch respectfully declined

Ceres:

Heidi Hitt San Diego County
Darlene Baldrige Kern County

Pomona:

Betty Clouse Sacramento Co. (I)

Flora:

Sara Dahlgren Sacramento Co. (I)

Musician:

Martha Stefenoni Sonoma County

During presentations by nominees, Brother Leroy Baldrige declined the nomination for Executive Committee.

Announcements were cleared, as well as attendance drawings.

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Meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m.. Junior luncheon at the Rodeo Arena behind the Redding Convention center.

Lecturer's conference will be held from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. in the main hall. Exhibits are now open in room 203.

Reconvene at 2:00 p.m..

Worthy Master introduced members from Oregon State Grange, including Louise Holse, Brother & Sister Van Buren and Nettie and Bud Elliott.

Worthy Master then commenced with the remaining introductions of nominees for the various offices.

Worthy Master announced that Brother Bob Lange has officially declined the nomination for Assistant Steward.

Worthy Master then reminded all that nominations are never closed. There should be a write-in line on the ballot for each office.

Session to be recessed at this time to provide for the Grange Foundation meeting delayed earlier in the day.

Minutes of the Grange Foundation to be provided later by Brother Tom Stefenoni, Secretary of the Grange Foundation.

Worthy Master then reconvened the session. Supplemental Pad #2 was distributed at this time: 2:37. May be acted on after 6:37 this evening.

Sister Linda Donnelly presented the report on Vacaville Autumn Leaves. Brother Bruce Brunell presented the Ukiah Autumn Leaves report. Motion and second to adopt the reports and enter into the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

State Secretary Naomi Fletcher presented her

annual report at this time. Motion and second to adopt the report of the Secretary and enter into the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Brother Howard March, Chair of the Grange Youth Fair Program, presented his report at this time. Motion and second to adopt the report of the chair and enter into the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Sister Martha Stefenoni presented the 125th Anniversary Committee report. Motion and second to adopt her report and enter into the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Sister Rosemary Hansen was asked to present the report from the Grange Insurance Association. Additional board member present included Darelld Larrigan. Funds were contributed in the amount of \$6493.50 to the general operations of the California State Grange. Additionally, funds were contributed to the Deaf Activities Department (\$500.00) and Women's Activities Department (in-kind contributions).

Brother Bill Hitt, member of the Education Committee, was asked to present resolutions, but is not yet ready to do so.

Brother Barry Renfro, Chair of the Transportation Committee, presented resolutions at this time, including:

99-018 Use of Car Phones. Committee report favorable as amended. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

99-021 Reduce the Costs of California License Plates for Disabled Veterans with a military-related Disability of 50% or more. Committee report favorable as amended. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

The election of officers current ballot was declared void after a name was discovered left off in the haste to prepare the ballot prior to lunch.

99-050 Registration of Public Utility Vehicles. Committee report favorable as amended. Moved and second to amend the resolved. Standing count called. Ayes-119-No-27. Amendment carried. Resolution on the floor as amended. Report of the committee rejected. Resolution lost.

99-011 Protect California's Farmland from Urban Expansion. Committee report favorable. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

99-47 National Invasive Species Control. Committee report favorable. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

99-067 EPA Regulation of Genetic Engineering in Plants. Unfavorable report, citing inappropriateness, citing current policy. Report adopted. Resolution lost.

Sister Jerri Hurst, Chair of the Grange Activities Committee, presented resolutions at this time, including:

99-001 GBO Funds - Membership Recruitment. Committee report favorable. Motion and second to amend the resolved. Motion and second to amend the amendment. Motion lost. Amendment on the floor as originally presented now on the floor. Motion and second to table until election is complete. Standing count called. Motion to table lost. Move the previous question called and carried. Amendment carried. Move the previous question called and carried. Report lost. Resolution lost.

New ballot is prepared for the election of officers.

99-004 By-Law Changes. Committee report unfavorable, citing unnecessary added cost. Report adopted. Resolution lost.

Sister Donna Haynes, Director of the Youth Department, presented her annual report at this

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time. Motion and second to adopt the report of the Youth Director and enter into the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Christina Fletcher was recognized for her lifesaving efforts during a wedding celebration for Shelley Hill. She received a standing ovation.

Sister Katie Squire, Chairman of the National Convention 2000 Committee, presented an update to the delegates at this time. To date, we have reached 30% of our goal of \$50,000.00. Motion and second to adopt the report of the Chair and enter into the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Attendance Drawing: . . . (GIA)

Joan Lango
Lois Smith
Roy E. Peters

Sister Sara Dahlgren, Worthy Flora, presented a few funnies for the afternoon.

Closing in the fourth degree at 5:00 p.m.. Closing song: Home on the Range. Worthy Ceres retired the flag with the aide of the Assistant Stewards.

The evening's program will be the Talent Program in the main hall.

Friday, October 15, 1999

Opening of the 3rd day of the 127th annual session of the California State Grange conducted in full form by the Officers of the California State Grange in the Sixth Degree at 8:32 a.m.. Opening song: I've been Working on the Railroad.

Worthy Master then lowered to the Fourth Degree to allow those in the anteroom to join the delegation.

Roll call of officers found all present except Executive Committeeman, Johnny Squire. Katie Squire pro-tem.

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Minutes of the previous day approved as corrected. Supplemental Pad #3 was distributed at this time: 9:10 a.m. May be acted on after 1:10 p.m.

A letter was read from Yucca Grange #736 regarding the loss of their hall and a fundraiser to help generate funds to rebuild the hall. Also, the State Grange gavel is missing. Please return it.

Election Results were announced by Marian Nichols, Election Chairman:

Total number of delegates: 231

Master

Leo Bergeron	39
Ron Pitcher	33
John Felder	53
Naomoi Fletcher	94
Tom Stefenoni	1

Runoff between Felder and Fletcher

Overseer

Tom Stefenoni	209	Declared
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Executive Committee

Don Sharp	58
Johnny Squire	90
Bev Westphal	34
Bob Null	36

Runoff between Sharp and Squire

Executive Committee

Inger Bevans	36
Ernie White	100
Jim McDaniel	36
Mitch Clouse	45
Don Sharp	2

Runoff-White and Clouse

Lecturer

Nancy Moramarco	153	Declared
Jerri Hurst	66	

Steward
Barry Hutcherson 168 Declared
Douglas Krause 53

Assistant Steward
Josh Harper 216 Declared

Lady Assistant Steward
Carolyn Hill 207 Declared

Chaplain
Betty Barrett 163 Declared
Pat Dahms 54

Treasurer
Harold "Bud" Hill 205 Declared

Secretary
Lillian Booth 127 Declared
Jan Hartz 89

Gatekeeper
Don Verrue 128 Declared
Barry Renfro 87

Ceres
Heidi Hitt 123 Declared
Darlene Wingfield 94

Pomona
Betty Clouse 208 Declared

Flora
Sara Dahlgren 213 Declared

Musician
Martha Stefenoni 214 Declared
Harriett Sawyer 1

Marlene and Ernest Conradi are visiting us from Washington State Grange. Welcome.

Brother Bruce Brunell, Chair of the Grange Law Committee presented resolutions at this time, including:

99-023 Amending Constitution and

By-Laws of the California State Grange-Article X, Section 10.3b "Funds" with amendments. Committee report favorable as amended. Committee report rejected. Resolution is lost.

99-024 Amending Constitution and By-Laws of the California State Grange-Article X, Section 10.3b "Funds" with amendments. Committee report unfavorable, citing the amount of the increase, and tying up funds by allocations. Motion and second to substitute resolution for committee report. Motion carried. Motion now on the floor without recommendation. Motion and second to adopt resolution. Motion and second to amend resolution on the floor. Motion and second to amend to \$18.00. Move the previous question called and carried. Motion to amend the amendment standing count called. Ayes-105 No-82. Motion carried. Amendment as amended now on the floor. Motion carried. Resolution as amended on the floor. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

Motion and second to reconsider resolution **99-024**. Motion lost. Resolution **99-024** as stated will be printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

99-054 Dues Increase. Committee report unfavorable. Report adopted. Resolution lost.

99-072 National Grange "Golden Sheaf Membership" Committee report favorable. Motion and second to amend the resolved. Motion carried. Report as amended adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

Motion and second to postpone indefinitely resolution **99-033**. Motion carried.

99-073 Financial Responsibility of Delegates to Annual Session of the National Grange. Committee report favorable. Motion and second to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Motion carried. Motion and second to reject the resolution. Motion

carried. Resolution lost.

99-051 Mileage Reimbursement to Officers, Directors and Deputies of CSG. Committee report unfavorable, as statements do not match current by-laws provisions. Report adopted. Resolution lost.

Sister Jerri Hurst, Chair of the Grange Activities Committee, presented resolutions at this time, including:

99-006 Subordinate Grange Meeting Nights. Committee report favorable. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

99-007 National Grange Annual Letter. Committee report favorable as amended. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

99-019 Eligibility for membership in the Grange. Committee report favorable. Report rejected. Resolution lost.

99-020 Check Register-California State Grange. Committee report favorable. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

99-025 International Grange Initiative. Committee report unfavorable, citing financial difficulties. Motion and second to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Motion is lost. Committee report adopted. Resolution lost.

Resolution **99-019** brought back without recommendation. Motion and second to reject the resolution. Motion carried. Resolution lost.

99-030 deleted as a duplicate.

Worthy Master then introduced Brother Bill Steel, National Grange Executive Committee member, for his address at this time.

Started address with an order to stand up and stretch. Mentioned importance of having fun. We are in a fascinating time to be involved

with such an organization. He's had the opportunity to serve since the Juvenile Grange, also local, Pomona, State and now National levels, --a very fascinating career. At National level, several days have been spent looking for ways to find some dollars in the budget to pull together ideas from over 30 states for the visioning program. What they have learned, and what needs to be addressed in the organization today. One . . ."why does the Master, have to tell the Overseer, to tell the Steward, to tell the Gatekeeper to tell him what's going on." Maybe we could shorten the process by addressing little issues. Three questions. 1. Is there overload? 2. Do we have misunderstandings? 3. How do others view us?

Overload: Do we sometimes make the assignment too broad? Do we insist that they get the entire load all at once. Do we help the new members to understand without overwhelming them with too much information?

Misunderstandings: What do the visitors see when they're there? The real thing or the screen saver. How do we treat them? Do we allow prospective members to visit before they actually sign up? Do we give them a chance to learn about what and who we are? How do others view us?

We need something to sell in order to survive, even if it's merely helping a family experiencing hardship to survive for a little while longer. The Grange happens right where you live.

Create a Blueprint for your community, and make it work.

Conservation and Environmental Affairs Chair Leroy Baldridge and member Dale Harvey presented resolutions as follows:

99-03 Friends of the Dam. Committee report favorable as amended. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

99-016 Protection of Moss Beach Marine Life Reserve. Committee report favorable as amended. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

99-049 American Control of Historic Sites. Committee report unfavorable, citing unavailability of information at this time. Motion and second to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Motion carried. Resolution now on the floor without recommendation. Motion and second to adopt the resolution. Motion and second to amend the resolution carried. Report as amended on the floor. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

99-041 Rewrite Endangered Species Act. Committee report favorable. Explained that this would be a pro-bono suit, with no cost to the Grange. Motion and second to amend the resolved. Motion and second to amend the amendment. Motion carried. Motion as amended on the floor. Motion carried. Report as amended on the floor. Report as amended adopted. Resolution adopted.

Recessed at 12:00 p.m. for noon luncheon served by Youth Department. Reconvene at 2:02 p.m.

Marian Nichols, Chair of the Election Committee with results.

Master

John Felder	88	
Naomi Fletcher	122	Declared
Leo Bergeron	1	

Executive Committee

Don Sharp	99	
Johnny Squire	118	Declared

Executive Committee

Ernie White	130	Declared
Mitch Clouse	85	
Don Sharp	1	
Inger Bevans	1	

Sister Nichols thanked her Committee at this time.

Brother Russ Harris was escorted to the Master's Station. Sister Barbara Huffman was escorted to the Master's Station. She was then presented the Top Recruiter of the State of California. She gathered 24 members herself to join Concow Grange #735. Brother Harris then also presented the balance of certificates to Granges with a net gain in membership who were unable to attend the awards ceremony Wednesday night.

Sister Christina Fletcher, Chairman of the Taxation and Fiscal Policy Committee, presented resolutions including:

099-002 Federal Budget Reporting. Committee report favorable as amended. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

99-015 Gas Tax for Roadways. Committee report favorable as amended. Motion to table seconded until author is available for discussion. Motion carried.

99-045 Rewrite Abolish Marriage Tax. Committee report favorable as rewritten. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

Brother Tom Sawyer, Citizenship and Public Affairs Chair, presented resolutions as follows:

99-012 Establish Avalanche Warning Systems in California. Committee report favorable as amended. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

99-013 Stop Non-public information on the outside of Printed Literature. Committee report favorable as amended. Report rejected. Resolution on the floor without recommendation. Motion and second to reject the resolution. Motion carried. Resolution lost.

99-014 Social Security / Medicare Protection. Sent back to committee for confirmation on changes.

99-038 Rewrite Constitutional Rights Protection. Committee report favorable. Motion and second to amend the report. Motion and second to amend the amendment. Motion carried. Motion to amend as amended now on the floor. Motion carried. Report as amended on the floor. Standing count called. Ayes-79. No-69. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

99-057 Grange Opposition to Hate Groups. Committee report favorable as written. Concern mentioned regarding appropriate committee assignment. Transferred to Grange Activities Committee.

99-060 Cost of Gasoline at the Pump. Committee report favorable as amended. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

99-008 Concerning Sending Troops to War. Committee report unfavorable citing the War Powers Resolution authority of the President. Committee report adopted. Resolution lost.

99-010 Resolution Concerning Wrongful Use of US Military. Committee report unfavorable. Citing the fact that currently, US soldiers wear US uniforms and report to US command when assigned to UN Duty. Standing count called. Ayes-107 No-34. Report adopted. Resolution lost.

Song to stretch.

The gavel has been returned. Bow ties will be distributed to the officers by the Steward for the evening's program.

Taxation and Fiscal Policy chair Christina Fletcher presented resolutions as follows:

99-015 Gas Tax for Roadways. Committee report favorable as amended. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

Motion and second to reconsider resolution **99-010 Resolution Concerning Wrongful Use of US Military.** Motion carried. Resolution now on the floor without recommendation. Motion and second to adopt resolution 99-010. Move the previous question called and carried. Standing count called for Ayes-67, No-71. Motion lost. Resolution lost.

Brother Ed Luttrell was asked to offer a few words at this time. California State Granges have provided generous funds to assist in replacing National Delegate sashes. We have contributed the highest number of sashes to the National Grange, 60 of the 80-sash goal. Remember, Passion is a combination of knowledge in what is right, pride in a job well done, and action to accomplish your goals. We need to become more passionate about our goals. If we just exist, we are merely no more than a tree in the forest. But if we LIVE, we change that around us. Brother Luttrell presented Worthy Master and Sister Emily a taste of Oregon. It's not the wrapping that matters it's what's inside. Worthy Master and Sister Emily presented Brother Luttrell with a gift of California Gold.

Sister Diane Froemke, Secretary of the Washington State Grange, also offered words of greeting to the delegation. Sister Froemke offered a story about her husband's leg warmers. Brother Bob was offered one minute for rebuttal, and offered a few parting words as well.

Sister Faye Moore, Secretary of Idaho State Grange, provided words of greeting. She provided an Idaho Potato to the State Master and Sister Emily, as well as a small token of appreciation for the State Master and Sister Emily. Brother Vern also offered a few words of parting. Brother and Sister Felder offered a taste of California to the Moores.

Brother Bill Steel was also presented with a small token by the State Master and Sister Emily - A Western Region Youth T-Shirt from

California.

Brother Tom Sawyer, Citizenship and Public Affairs Committee Chair, returned with resolution **99-014-Social Security/Medicare Protection**. Motion and second to recommit. Motion carried.

Sister Jerri Hurst, Chairman of Grange Activities, presented resolutions at this time, including:

99-065 NOAA. Committee report favorable as amended. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

99-052 The NOAA (National Oceanographic and Air Administration) Project. Committee report unfavorable, citing previously adopted resolution **99-065**. Committee report adopted. Resolution lost.

99-066 Subordinate Grange Organization and Structure. Committee report unfavorable, citing the potential of restructuring of the Grange, and that the existing structure may serve this position as well. Committee report adopted. Resolution lost.

99-061 Convention Sites. No committee recommendation at this time. Motion and second to adopt the resolution. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

99-063 National Grange Digest. Committee report unfavorable, citing information was received soon enough, and may have had no real bearing. Worthy Brother Bill Steel provided explanation regarding this most recent National Grange Journal Committee report adopted. Resolution lost.

99-064 Call for the State Grange to sponsor the Property Rights Congress of America. Committee report favorable as amended. Motion and second to commit to the Executive Committee for decision. Motion carried.

99-057 Grange Opposition to Hate Groups.

Referred from Citizenship and Public Affairs. Committee report favorable as amended. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

Supplemental pad #4 distributed at 5:15 p.m.. May be acted on after 9:15 am tomorrow morning.

99-075 "Friends of the Grange" Program. Committee report unfavorable, stating hat-holding to pay officers' salaries is not an appropriate image for the Grange. Committee report adopted. Resolution lost.

Worthy Master then drew GIA attendance names. Worthy Overseer cleared announcements. Meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m. Conferral of Fifth and Sixth Degree to commence at 8:00 p.m. in the main hall.

Meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m., with the officers of the Youth Officer Corp conducting the Fifth Degree. Master then raised the session to the Sixth Degree for conferral of the Degree of Flora. There were a total of 31 Fifth Degree and 57 Sixth Degree candidates present.

Meeting then closed in full form in the Fourth Degree at 10:45 p.m.. Closing song: Blessed be the Tie that Binds. Flag was retired by Worthy Ceres Racine Colburn.

Saturday, October 16, 1999

Opening of the final day of the 127th annual session of the California State Grange conducted in full form at 11:15 am, following a very impressive Memorial Service honoring those who have gone on before us.

Opening song:

Flag was presented by Worthy Flora Sara Dahlgren with the aid of the Assistant Stewards.

A time of silent prayer was offered for the recent fires in the Millville area, which may be

observed by session delegates as the fire in the hills just east of the convention site. We also offer a small prayer for the safekeeping of Sister Lillian Stilson, Master of Welcome Grange #791, who has suffered a minor episode this morning.

Officers, Deputies and Directors were informed they would be required to provide the bookkeeping department with receipts for reimbursement.

Roll found all officers present, with Sister Katie Squire sitting in for Brother Johnny Squire-Executive Committee member.

Minutes of the previous day were approved as presented.

Supplemental pad distributed at 12:05 p.m.. May be acted on after 4:05 p.m. this afternoon. Installation of officers is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. this afternoon.

Meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m. for lunch. Please be prompt on your return at 1:30 p.m..

Reconvene at 1:30 p.m.. Sister Karen Heckman, Deaf Activities Director. 191,400 pull tabs, totaling 137.5 lbs. of pull-tabs at \$.85 per pound. \$116.00 was raised for the Dogs for the Deaf Program. Brother Joe DeMello was asked to approach the Masters Station. Sister Heckman presented Brother DeMello with the 1999 Pull Tab Promoter of the Year. He was presented with a giant pull-tab with a light-up happy face.

Sister Heckman also presented Brother Steel with a No-Bull Basket as a thank you for his presentation of signed song at the Lecturer's Talent Night.

There were 3500 pull-tabs in the jar, and Brother Dave Wilson from Bellevue Grange guessed the correct number.

Drawing for the dollar bill rose bouquet was won by Ellen Davis from Bakersfield.

Sister Katie Squire then presented the Juniors of California State Grange to the delegates of this session. She also presented her annual report. Junior Brother Joseph Stefenoni played the march for the entrance of the juniors. The National Grange Junior quilt was displayed. This will be raffled off at the National session this year in Portland, Maine. Sister Katie announced that the Junior Grange had at least 92 items on the silent auction table. The tallying is still rough, but approximately \$1,400.00 is going to be realized from that auction. The Junior Jamboree's will again be held in the year 2000 because they were so successful this year. Over 80 Juniors and Leaders were served this year, and both Jamboree's came in under budget. Sister Katie then presented Brother and Sister John and Emily Felder with Junior Polo Shirts on behalf of the Junior Department.

Brother Doug Krause, Master of Mt. Hamilton Grange #469 presented Sister Squire with books for the Junior Department. He also presented her with a check for \$400.00 to support the Junior Program. He also presented Sister Donna Haynes with a check for \$400.00 for the Youth Department. He also presented a check to the State Grange for \$750.00 for the Convention, and presented Brother Bill Steel with an additional check for \$325.00 for regalia replacement at the National Grange. He also presented Brother Steel with a pen with blue ink, so we'll never be in the "red." Many thanks to Brother Krause and Mt. Hamilton Grange #469.

Brother Frank Nichols presented resolutions on behalf of the Water Committee. These resolutions included:

99-077 Appointment of Permanent Water Committee. Committee report favorable. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

99-078 Beneficial Use of Saline Drainage Water. Committee report favorable.

Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

Sister Donna Haynes would like to wrap up the youth basket raffle at this time. Bowl across America, will send \$523.00 to Bowl Across America for Juvenile Diabetes. Baskets drawn included Christina Fletcher, Josephine Roberts, Francis Gramata, Claude Campbell, Charles Holder, Bonnie Burns, Vicky Hunt, Betty Clouse, Emily Felder. The raffle raised approximately \$582.00 to date. Samuel Williams attendance award trophy was presented to Berry Creek Grange-Butte County.

Sister Jerri Hurst presented Grange Activities resolutions at this time, including:

99-079 Grange Survival Program Utilizing GBO Funds. Will not be considered due to the fact that it was not presented in the proper time frame according to the use of GBO funds. To be submitted to the California State Grange to be submitted to the delegates in the year 2000. Prefer to refer back to the Grange. Motion and second to reconsider resolution **99-001 GBO Funds - Membership Recruitment.** Motion lost. Resolution still lost.

99-076 California State Grange Foundation Charter School. Committee report favorable. Committee report rejected. Motion and second to reject resolution. Motion carried. Resolution lost.

99-040 Delegate Information. Committee report unfavorable, citing the existing policy in place. Committee report adopted. Resolution lost.

99-062 Conflict of Interest. Committee report unfavorable, as resolution appears to be a personal attack on certain individuals. Committee report adopted. Resolution lost.

99-071 Visioning Program. Committee report did not come to a consensus, therefore

are offering no recommendation. Motion and second to adopt the resolution. Motion and second to amend the resolution. Move the previous question called and carried. Motion carried on the amendment. Resolution on the floor as amended. Motion carried. Resolution adopted. Motion and second to reconsider the resolution. Motion lost.

Barry Renfro, Transportation Committee Chair, presented resolutions as follows:

99-059 Reflector Marking of Bicycle Lanes. No committee recommendation. Motion and second to reject the resolution. Motion carried. Resolution lost.

99-032 Rewrite Truckers and Drug Testing. Committee report favorable. Motion and second to amend the resolution. Motion carried. Report as amended now on the floor. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

99-068 Increased Driving Hours of Service for Commercial Vehicle Operators. Committee report favorable. Motion to amend the resolved. Motion lost. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

Song - "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling"

Pat Dahms, Labor and Judiciary Committee Chair, presented resolutions as follows:

99-029 Increase California Juror's Pay. Committee report favorable as amended. Motion and second to amend the resolve. Motion adopted. Moved to amend again. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Motion adopted.

99-044 Retention of Miranda Rights Initiative. Committee report favorable. Motion to amend the resolve. Motion adopted. Without objection the word "Initiative" was removed. Committee report adopted. Motion adopted.

99-048 Voting Privileges For Former Felons. Committee report favorable as amended. Moved to amend. Amendment adopted. Committee report adopted. Resolution is adopted.

99-043R Parents' and Grandparents' Rights. Committee report favorable. Committee report adopted. Resolution is adopted.

Sister Dahms gave her final Labor and Judiciary Committee report. Moved to adopt report and enter into the Journal. Motion adopted.

Brother Harris made a presentation to Brother George Dupray of a photo from the 1998 Convention in Susanville.

The Grange was recessed at 4:10 for 30 minutes to prepare for the Installation of Officers.

Installation of Officers of the California State Grange, conducted by the Deputy State Masters of the State of California. Bruce Brunnell, Installing Officer.

Officers Installed for the ensuing term:

Master	Naomi Fletcher
Overseer	Tom Stefenoni
Lecturer	Nancy Moramarco
Steward	Barry Hutcherson
A.S.	Joshua Harper
L.A.S.	Caroline Hill
Chaplain	Betty Barrett
Treasurer	Harold "Bud" Hill
Secretary	Lillian Booth
Gatekeeper	Don Verrue
Ceres	Heidi Hitt
Pomona	Betty Clouse
Flora	Sarah Dahlgren
E.C. 3 yr	Ernie White
Musician	Martha Stefenoni

Installation Team:

Installing Officer	Bruce Brunnell
Marshal	Kay Anderson

Regalia Bearer	Barry Renfro
Emblem Bearer	Tom Sawyer
Installing Chaplain	Jules Faoro
Assistant	Joe Demello

Soloist	Joshua Harper
Installing Musician	Martha Stefenoni

Master Naomi Fletcher presented Past Master John Felder with his Past Master's Pin. Past Master Felder thanked the delegates for the privilege of serving as State Master for the last two years. A standing ovation was given to Master Felder by the delegation.

Master Fletcher introduced her family; husband Mike Fletcher, title yet to be determined; her children Christina Fletcher, Scott Fletcher and Eugene Fletcher.

Doug Krause was escorted to the Master's Station. The Youth Department members honored Doug Krause for his donations to the Youth Department over the last three years, totaling \$1,500. Master Fletcher presented Bro. Doug with a plaque commemorating his sponsorship of the Youth Department.

Master Fletcher continued with her remarks, stating that she is a 4th generation Grange member. She has learned many things as the State Secretary serving under four masters, most of which was patience. Master Fletcher announced that all Deputies and Directors will remain in place, until a resignation is made to her personally.

The Youth Department sang, "This Little Light of Mine, I'm Going to Let it Shine". Master Fletcher encouraged us to take our light out into the world. We cannot continue to build membership if we keep preaching to the choir. We need to take our message out and build partnerships. She advised that the FFA and 4-H are asking for help from the Grange. Because of our Foundation Status, we can take public grants to assist these groups.

Master Fletcher announced that Katie Squire would be appointed to the Food Land & People Committee. Brother Howard March will be stepping down from the Youth Fair Program of the Grange because of health reasons. That committee will be restructured. Mariposa County Fair has asked for the Youth Fair Program to be started in their area, we have no Grange in that area.

National Grange 2000 is only 1/3 funded. We need to continue the drive. Just a penny a day is all we ask. Naomi will be traveling with her penny can and would like the members to assist. Her goal is to raise \$1,000 before National 2000.

Community Service outreach include WEAVE, Dogs for the Deaf. We need to work and develop on those community partnerships.

Worthy Master will not wait for invitations to Grange meetings. She will be attending Granges that need assistance, and taking the local Deputy Master with her. Expect a phone call. We must work together to solve the problems.

Grange Insurance Association. There is a contract pending with the National Grange. The Western States have agreed to let the attorney's negotiate. And there is no guarantee of signature until everyone is happy. Yucca Grange Hall burned down; their policy had not been reviewed for 15 years. She encouraged all of the Granges to go home and review their policies.

State of Jefferson Grange Committee is working on property rights issues. When was the last time the Grange got so mad that the Grange actually did something about it? We need to get mad, get off the fence and do something about property rights. Her application was taken by Leo Bergeron.

Members of the GROW Club were invited to stand and be recognized. They are also asked

to go visit, without invitations.

Regional Training - Master Retreats. Sharing of ideas. Let your light shine. Asked the Departments to hold joint public workshops. Tell them about the contests and ask them to join. Invite someone with specialty skills to assist with the workshops.

Visitation goals: Fill penny can to the top. Collect 100 ABC quilts for the GWA.

Convention Chairmen 2000 was announced: Jack Eyler, Kay Anderson, and Ron Pitcher. Location will probably be at the Holiday Inn in Chico.

California State Grange property: The interior downstairs needs new carpet at \$10,000, new paint at \$5,000, and new draperies, cost unknown. Wisteria Hall has a tenant that will provide blinds at their cost. If we provide paint, they will paint the interior. We need to improve our own image.

Traveling Truck is currently at Sonoma County. It has been on the road for two years. Need to take the truck out to visit 10 more Pomona Granges next year.

Dinner recess was called at 6:07 p.m.

Worthy Master called the meeting back to order at 7:37 p.m.

National Representative Bill Steele gave parting remarks. Brother and Sister Froemke accused our changes in this organization in California for causing the earthquake down south and starting the fires up north.

Joseph Skinner won the quilt raffle by the Youth Dept.

Donald Slama from Orchard City Grange was escorted to the Master's Station. He presented the following checks on behalf of Orchard City Grange: Deaf Activities \$1,000; Junior Activities \$1,000; Youth Activities \$1,000;

and Lecturer's Program, \$1,000. 1/2 of which is to be used as a stipend for the Directors. The Lecturer presented Brother Slama with an angel bear, because Orchard City is an angel to the Director's Departments. Brother Slama also donated \$50.00 to the Convention 2000 Fund, in honor of our own Harold Hill.

Convention Chairmen, Rosemary and Arnie Hansen were excused from the Session. Their son was under emergency orders to evacuate due to fire conditions in the immediate area.

Motion made that the California State Grange urge the California State Legislature to mandate an immediate moratorium on the planning of crops which have been artificially genetically modified with viruses and bacteria, to review the impact of this technology on California's farmers, and to review the safety and desirability of such crops. Seconded. Motion made to commit this item to the Agriculture Committee for report back at a future date. Seconded. Carried.

Tom Sawyer, C&PA Committee Chair reported as follows:

99014R S-32 Social Security Medicare Protection. Committee Report Favorable. Motion to amend delete "support the defeat of" and insert "opposed". Seconded and carried. Report as amended, adopted. Resolution adopted.

99-046R Regulation Of The Writing Of Executive Orders. Rewrite. Committee report favorable as amended. Motion to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Seconded. Motion carried. Motion to reject the resolution. Seconded. Motion carried, resolution lost.

99-017 NAFTA - A failed Federal Program. In place of Committee rewrite which was withdrawn. Resolution presented with no report. Motion made to adopt. Seconded. Standing vote, resolution lost.

Final report given by Citizenship & Public Affairs. Motion to adopt committee report and enter in the Journal, seconded and carried.

Heidi Hitt representing the Education Committee Chairman, reported as follows:

99-034 Allowing School Principals To Change A Student's Grade. Report unfavorable. Motion carried. Resolution lost.

99-035 Priority Hiring Of Fully Credentialed Teachers. Committee report favorable. Motion to amend. Seconded. Amendment carried. Report as amended. Motion carried.

99-036R Special Education Teaching Qualifications. Committee report favorable. Resolution adopted.

99-042 Students' Knowledge Of The Constitution Of The United States Of America Concerning Property Rights. Report is favorable as amended. Motion carried, adopted.

99-074 Average Daily Attendance (ADA) For Excused Absences. Report is favorable. Motion favorable, resolution is adopted.

Final report given by Education Committee. Motion to accept the report and print in Journal of Proceedings. Seconded. Carried.

Final report of the Taxation and Fiscal Policy Committee presented by Christina Fletcher, Chairman. Motion to adopt and enter in the Journal. Seconded, carried.

Final Report of the Conservation & Environmental Affairs committee. Dale Harvey, Chairman. Motion to adopt and enter in the Journal. Seconded and carried.

Jerri Hurst, Chairman of Grange Activities reported:

99-080 Resolution Information For

Committee Chairmen. Favorable as amended. Motion carried. Resolution is adopted.

Final report given. Motion to accept and print in Journal. Seconded and carried.

Motion to give Eric Pelkey, Michelle Clough, and Ryan Felder \$100 each for spending money at National Grange Convention, if their Grange is unable to co-sponsor them, monies to come from the Youth Fund. Seconded. Carried.

Betty Ann Biringer-Rehm Chair of Health Committee.

99-022 Full Dental Care For Retired Disabled Military Veterans With 50% Or More Service-Related Disability. Favorable as amended. Motion carried, resolution adopted.

99-055 Genetic Development Of Human Organs And Body Parts. Committee report unfavorable. Report adopted, resolution lost.

99-056 Doctor-Assisted Suicides And Protection. Title Changed To Protective Euthanasia. Committee report favorable as amended. Motion carried. Resolution adopted as amended.

99-070 Health Care Portability. Committee report favorable as amended. Motion to amend, died for lack of second. Report adopted. resolution adopted.

Final report given by Chairman. Motion to adopt and print in the Journal. Seconded and carried.

Motion made that the California State Grange purchase a National Grange sash designated specifically for a National Grange Executive Committee member. Seconded. Cost is \$350.00 each. Motion carried.

Motion made that CSG purchase 5 tickets from the Yucca Grange for the rebuilding fund. Seconded. Cost \$50.00. Master called for standing vote. Chair is in doubt, requested standing count. Standing count found 54 favorable and 46 unfavorable. Motion carried.

Final Report of the Grange Law Committee. Chairman: Bruce Brunell. Motion to accept and print in the Journal of Proceedings. Seconded and carried.

Hank Hitt found \$50.00 under the Exec Committee Desk which was donated to purchase the raffle tickets from Yucca Grange.

Resolution of Appreciation presented by Inger Bevans. Motion to accept the Resolution of Appreciation. Seconded, carried. Resolution adopted.

Closing remarks from Bill Booth, Past State Master of the California State Grange. Congratulations to Sister Naomi on her installation. Take the order and make the Grange the best organization possible. Do a survey to ask ten different people to become a Grange member, see the response you get and report back to Brother Bill next year.

Closing Ceremony of the California State Grange at 10:02 p.m. Closing song "God Be With You" sung around the altar. 127th Annual Session of the California State Grange Closed until we meet in Chico, in the year 2000.

1.7 Communications

Worthy Master, Officers, Delegates, Members of the California State Grange, Brothers and Sisters:

Greetings from the National Grange and your National Master on the 127th annual convention of the California State Grange. This is an historic occasion as this is the last session of the California State Grange in the 20th century. We all should pause and take stock of where we are and where we want to move the Grange into the 21st century. Decisions made at a state session are always important, but their importance takes on a larger than life dimension when we think they must carry us into a new century. Each and every Grange member shares in this opportunity and in the responsibilities that are entailed.

We stand on the threshold of "A New Century-A New Grange," and all that this means of new opportunities and new challenges and greater service. I would ask that you seriously consider the following:

1. We must not be afraid of the future and what is involved in that future and welcome the challenge that that future will bring.
2. We clearly must understand, explain and fulfill the principle that the Grange is truly a people's organization.
3. we must have a commitment to growth, increased service and proactive involvement.
4. We will continue our efforts to champion the causes for all families and the children of our families.

Your State Grange Session will be writing the history of the California State Grange. How will future generations judge the actions taken and the decisions made?

Each member of the Grange, from the brand new Junior Grange member to the oldest member in our organization, is a part of today's Grange. Each Grange member is absolutely invaluable in the service that the Grange needs to provide to its community, state and nation.

At this state session, you will have the opportunity to participate in a very significant event, the restoration of the Grange Headquarters, your home in Washington, DC. There will be pins available commemorating this event. Those pins have a picture of the Grange Headquarters and the seven-sided Grange emblem. I appreciate very much your participation in this effort.

Across this country, families and communities are facing crisis everyday. The Grange has the structure, it has the ideals, it has the beliefs, it has the caring to make a difference in those families and in those communities. There are three things that we need. We need to have a vision about success, we need to have courage that we can accomplish it, and we need to be absolutely certain that we will succeed. Now you notice that through this, I used the term "we" because that is exactly what it takes. It is a team effort, requiring a commitment, but with that commitment, we can make a difference. Again, I emphasize to you that there is no magic wand and if the Grange grows here in your state, and more importantly in your community, you people that are right here now have got to

make that difference.

Fraternally,
Kermit W. Richardson, Master
National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

Worthy Master,

After much hesitation, I write this letter to advise you that Jeanne and I will not be able to attend the convention this year. The reason for hesitation is we thought we could attend at least one day. We will be representing the National Grange at the Kansas State Grange Convention at the same time you are meeting. Later, we will be attending New York State Grange Convention.

To the delegates attending this year's convention, I know you will make some decisions that will affect the future of the California State Grange. I only ask that you keep the Grange at heart when you make those decisions. Please do not think only of yourself. Remember, we are a "we" organization. By working together, we can solve a lot of problems.

Communication is important. We need to communicate our problems to the State and National Grange and expect them to communicate back to us. We can no longer allow our benefits programs to dictate and decide our membership. We have benefits to SUPPORT our membership, not vice versa.

Sister Jeanne and I wish to thank all of you who stood beside us during our recent trials and tribulations. We succeeded and are back in business. Our grange influence really pulled us through.

May you decide all matters with calmness and firmness.

Fraternally,

Bob Clouse, Past Master
California State Grange

2.1 Annual Address of the State Master

Part I

Introduction

Welcome back to Redding. This marks the 6th time we have held State Session in this city, the first being in 1929.

When the State Grange gathered in the Redding Moose Hall on October 15, 1929, the stock market crash was still two weeks away. George Schlmeyer, who would be elected State Master the following day, introduced a resolution which made the Grange an active proponent of a joint federal-state water project which included what today is called Shasta Dam.

On the agenda for debate that year was a resolution from Modoc Pomona Grange to raise the per-capita tax by "one cent per week." The minutes reflect that the Grange Law Committee reported adversely, but that the delegates rejected the report and sent it back to committee to re-write the portion of the resolution they were concerned with. In keeping with the practice of the time, neither details of debate nor results of the voting on resolutions pertaining to the Good of the Order or Grange Law were recorded in the Journal, so I cannot tell you if it passed or failed.

Back to the Future

There are several other parallels between that Convention in 1929 and this one in 1999. Membership was of grave concern. I'm going to read from the report of Deputy E.K. Clendening, see if this does not sound familiar:

"Let me remind you that the past year has been unsatisfactory to nearly all fraternal organizations. My experience has been that

fewer new members are being secured and attendance has fallen off.

"We are living in a time when people find a wide choice of amusement and most of us have become very exacting in our desires. The Grange that does not try to balance its program and offer something of material value will fail to hold the interests of its members."

The nice thing about history is that we know if there was a happy ending or not. As we know, the Schlmeyer era showed remarkable growth for the Grange. We can only pray that the next thirty years treats us likewise. And we can look to history to give us hints for solving today's problems, and if we look closely enough, we may find definite answers. Why did the Grange prosper in the 30's, 40's and 50's?

A book from the University of California Press copyrighted in 1952, contains some very interesting information about the history of the Grange in the first half of this century. Written by Clarke A. Chambers of the University of Minnesota, *California Farm Organizations* is a scholarly work on the role played by agriculture in forming the policies of the Golden State.

In 1874, Grange membership had mushroomed to nearly 15,000 members. Yet by 1890, membership had dwindled to only 1,276, and it remained relatively stagnant for the next 30 years. To quote from the book, "From 1880 to 1921, the California State Grange played a relatively insignificant role in the history of the state. In the first decade of the twentieth century the California Grange endorsed programs for the extension of political democracy: the direct primary - the direct election of senators - woman suffrage - and the initiative, referendum and recall

provisions in the State Constitution. But for the most part, the Grange remained a fraternal and social organization."

Those were very potent issues that the Grange embraced, but the key word here is "endorsed!" All the Grange did was pay lip service to the issues - we endorsed them. It was not until the mid-1920's that the Grange again became interested in political action! *And then we began to grow.*

Although George Harrison was Master of the State Grange until 1929, it was George Sehlmeier, through his office as State Lecturer, who led the Grange back into active political and economic advocacy. The State Lecturer is charged with the duty of planning and guiding the educational programs of Subordinate and Pomona Granges. Sehlmeier stressed in his programs the importance of the Grange becoming involved in public policy issues, with particular emphasis on water, power and taxation concerns.

The book notes that in 1929, there were Subordinate Granges in 20 counties, all in northern California. Under Sehlmeier's leadership, by 1941 there were active Grange units in 48 counties, including all the counties south of the Tehachapi Mountains except Imperial. The book also notes that Brother Sehlmeier bucked another trend of the times ... during the Great Depression, while most other organizations were severely cutting expenditures, he actually expanded the budget of the State Grange, going from a little under \$6,000 in 1929 to over \$26,000 in 1940. And remember, these were Depression Dollars. He planned for growth and wasn't going to let a little thing like a depression stand in his way.

In discussing how Sehlmeier accomplished this growth, the book draws on articles found in the *Grange News* of the era. One of the "secrets" to his success is that in California, the Grange actively sought members from all segments of the population, not just farmers. One of the articles that caught my eye was

from a 1938 issue of the *Grange News* that urged each Subordinate Grange to work toward the goal of enrolling every teacher in the community as a member. That is a goal I would like to see accomplished today!

Education: A Key To The Future

From the very beginning, the California State Grange has been against taking the control of local school affairs out of the hands of local people. Attempts by both federal and state governments to "standardize" educational systems has met with strong opposition from the Grange. Unfortunately, most of our efforts have not borne fruit.

There was a time when California, even with a rising population, managed its school system relatively well. Its per-pupil spending and its teacher salaries were among the highest in the nation, and its classroom results were among the best. People actually moved to California cities just to enroll their children in school, and when the last one graduated, they moved on. Not so today.

Today, the state's high school graduation rate is one of the worst in the country - almost one-third of ninth graders do not earn diplomas. California's reading scores are among the lowest in the nation, per-pupil spending is below the national average, and on average, half the teachers in the state quit after only 5 years on the job.

No other issue - not crime, not jobs, not health care - resonates with the electorate as does the state of our school system. California's schools, like the state itself, are in the midst of profound demographic upheaval. California is responsible for educating nearly half of all the children in America who are not proficient in English. And if population patterns persist, demographers say that within 20 years California will be responsible for educating one-fifth of all the school children in the country. There is a deafening shout from all sides of the political spectrum to "Fix It!!"

Recent polls show that a whopping 70 percent of Californians say they would be willing to pay more taxes if it meant better schools, an astounding shift in a state famous for its trend-setting tax revolts. And the politicians in Washington and Sacramento are rushing to the fore.

Governor Davis promised in his campaign to make education his "first, second and third priorities." He has even gone so far as to promise not to run for re-election if the state's test scores have not risen by the end of his first term.

While recognition of the problem is welcome, many school districts are beginning to voice the opinion that the shotgun approach of government is not working, that they are overloaded with new programs that are intended to quick-fix specific problems. And even with the increase of educational funds in the state budget, these funds are often restricted and the programs do not address the root problem. What is needed, they are saying, is a new Master Plan.

Brothers and Sisters, the foundation for such a master plan can be found on page 30 of the California State Grange's 1998 Legislative Policy Handbook.

The politicians, and, I daresay, many of the educators of this state have forgotten the primary goal of our schools - to teach how to learn. The "three R's" have been replaced with the "three P's" - Praise their efforts, Pass them on and Pray they make it on the outside.

The Grange's basic policy on education can be summed up in a single paragraph: All members of society need a basic education. A basic education must contain both academics and vocational training that will prepare our young people to assume productive roles in society. Adequate funding and local control of a curriculum guided by universal standards are the building blocks of any educational program. To accomplish this

we need a teaching staff whose performance is evaluated on their abilities and not on length of service, austere administrative overhead, and higher expectations for student behavior and achievement. To this I might add the need for a safe, nurturing environment, in which students must be made to realize that they alone must accept responsibility for what they do or do not do.

Not very many words to base an educational system on, but remember, the golden rule contains only 11 words and is the basis for an entire way of life.

Getting Involved

The Grange can ... no, must! ... do more than simply advocate educational policy. We must get involved.

Now some of you are probably asking, "Why would a bunch of old fogeys like us want to get involved with that generation?" Think about it selfishly. "That generation" is the one that will soon be taking over the reins of leadership ... controlling business operations, which include retirement investments, and government, which includes Social Security administration. Shouldn't you be concerned with their ability to gather and process knowledge? Shouldn't you be concerned about their ethics, their moral values, their devotion to family values?

Others may be asking, "How can we interest that generation in a bunch of old fogeys like us?" I have given that answer considerable thought, and my conclusion is that I probably cannot adequately answer that question. After all, I'm an old fogey too.

I do, however, have a method of finding out, one I will address to both old and young fogeys alike. I'm going to issue a challenge to all Granges to find the answer to that question, and I will even give you an idea on how to begin.

I want each Grange to invite five to ten people under the age of 21 to come to dinner and visit with you. A possible resource for guests is your local school system. Many schools have a "Community Service" phase in their curriculum in which the students must accumulate points for activity in the community. Don't ask them to join the Grange, at least not yet. Just ask them to come and discuss with you their concerns for the community, for the future, and the role they envision themselves playing in addressing those concerns.

Can an organization like the Grange assist in developing and reaching those goals? And remember, you are not there to give advice, but to seek it. If you listen, you may just find your Grange's plan of action laid out for you. Then is the time to ask your young advisors to join the Grange to help you implement that plan. If successful, you may find yourself having to make a choice ... shall you sit back on you laurels and enjoy, or will you decide that you're not such an old fogey after all and join them in their search for a better world?

Community Service

I am sure that any serious search for a better world is going to involve the quest for solutions to the social problems which plague our culture. Homelessness, drug abuse, public safety, all are issues that demand attention. The question is, whose attention? To paraphrase Ebenezer Scrooge, are there no social service agencies to take care of the problem?

Perhaps you have heard of Covenant House. They are a series of shelters for homeless and runaway kids. Sister Mary Rose McGeady is the President of this organization, and I believe she has the perfect answer to Ebenezer's question. She writes that on the street, she saw a small girl, cold and shivering in a thin dress, with little hope of a decent meal. "I became angry," she says, "and I said to God: why did you permit this? Why don't

you do something about it?"

God said nothing at the time, but that night, he replied quite suddenly: "I certainly did do something about it. I made you!"

Community service starts with a single "you." It is not asked of you to solve the problems of the world, only to play a small part in their mitigation. Sometimes that part may require an investment in time and energy, and sometimes just a smile and a word of encouragement will do wonders. If that word is locked within the walls of your Grange hall, however, it may never be heard. But once you're outside the Grange hall, the you can become us, and when there are enough of us, there is no problem that we can't overcome. Again, involvement is the master key to success.

Y2K - Something Scary This Way Comes?

Regardless of whether you believe that the next millennium will begin at the start or the end of the year 2000, our computers believe that it begins at 00:01 on January 1, 2000 - just 79 days from now. Will the computers cause widespread problems? Probably not, but it's always wise to be prepared. An emergency kit should be as much a part of your home as is the sofa and chairs. Earthquakes, fires, and floods are always a possible danger in California. But most businesses and institutions report that as far as computer systems go, they are Y2K compliant. But I would be remiss if I were not to warn you about a real Y2K concern.

No, the scary part of Y2K does not come from our computers and machines, but, according to law enforcement officials, from our fellow human beings. There are some people out there for which Y2K is a call to some very scary action.

Public safety agencies across the nation have been training to cope with individuals and organizations that, for whatever reason,

believe that the year 2000 is the year in which they will inherit the earth, and that it is their solemn duty to evict the rest of us from their property.

In profiling these "hate groups," officials find several common threads. Perhaps most common is their propensity to selectively interpret laws, the Bible, and everything else to fit within their narrow scope of belief. Anything that does not fit within that scope is ignored, including any of your individual rights. They are of the firm belief that the end justifies the means, and that you are either with them or against them, there are no innocent bystanders.

In asking what ordinary citizens can do to protect themselves, we are told that the best defense is knowledge and publicity. It seems much of the strength of these organizations lies in keeping themselves secret, and the more publicity their organization receives, the less likely they are to act out their plans. Please, be aware and take care.

Conclusion

As you have probably noticed, the theme of this address has been "involvement" ... your involvement in the Grange, your Grange's involvement in the community. We can make a difference, and in attempting to make that difference, we will also help ourselves. We know that it works. It has worked in the past, it is working today. Ask your counterpart from Siskiyou County if involvement works, or read your Grange News. Successful Granges are those for whom the Grange hall is a staging area, not a hideaway.

So let me be the first to wish you and your Grange a happy New Year, a prosperous New Century, and a very active New Millennium.

Part II

Brothers and Sisters:

Introduction

I wish I had a magic wand that I could wave and make the problems the Grange faces vanish. Although I was an amateur magician in my youth, when I got out the old wand and waved it, nothing happened. I guess we all must face the future as it develops and follow the teachings of our order and persevere.

You will be facing many critical issues this year. I have every confidence in your thoughtful deliberations, and I am sure that you will ultimately do what you think best for the survival of the Grange. That's all I, or anyone else, can ask, and frankly, all that any one of us can do. I hope in some small measure my report will adequately convey our situation to you so that you can make informed, well thought-out decisions.

CSG Headquarters Complex

I am pleased to report that all of our rental space continues to be fully leased, with the U.C. Davis Medical Group exercising the first of two one-year extensions negotiated into the original lease. This will assure rental income from upstairs until the fall of next year.

Due to a lack of funds, we were unable to replace the carpeting in the State Grange office as originally budgeted for, and repeated cleaning has not been able to restore its appearance to acceptable standards, but we all accept the fact that we must live with it until funds are available.

Fresno Property

Our Fresno Property continues to be leased, with the current lease expiring in 2002. We have been informed that our property is within a recently established Redevelopment Zone, which will probably result in an increase in the

properties value. I would recommend we continue to hold on to this income property as an investment.

Organizing Deputy

Our Organizing Deputy, Joe DeMello, continued his work throughout this year. Shortly after Convention last year, he was successful in organizing a Grange in McCloud near Mt. Shasta. This year, his efforts have been expended in trying to organize a Grange in Hinkley Valley, where we have been holding on to a Grange hall since 1990. As of the time I am writing this address, he has not met with a lot of success. It seems that every time he gets some people committed, they soon back out. I am sure that Brother Joe will persevere in his efforts and that we will be able to welcome a new Grange before long.

Special Recruiter Program

This year we instituted a new program in an attempt to salvage some of our Granges that were about to close. The program consists of sending a Granger into the community where the failing Grange is located and attempt to recruit new members to revitalize that Grange.

This program is not meant to replace or to be a substitute for a recruiting program by the local Grange. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of local Grange members recruiting local citizens into the local Grange. Even under this program, the recruiter will attempt to work with the local Grange's members as much as possible to make the effort their own.

We are currently working in an attempt to save three Granges. Hopefully, we will be able to report success by the end of this year. But for some reason that we have not yet been able to identify, our efforts in both this and the Organizing Program seems to result in slipping one step backward for every two steps forward. We are encouraged, and at the same time, frustrated. We shall, however, persevere.

Membership

As you have probably already guessed, membership continues to decline despite our best efforts to stem the losses. In our 1998-1999 membership year, we lost 2,031 members as opposed to 1,793 in the 1997-1998 membership year. I would seem that some of our Granges are simply giving up and not trying to recruit new members.

As if we didn't have enough problems in this area, the National Grange has brought to our attention another problem relating to membership involving our Golden Sheaf members. Here in California, statistics from this years membership reports show that only about four percent of our membership are Golden Sheaf members. The fact that we do not collect dues from these members does not represent a significant loss of income. However, what is a minor concern to California is an entirely different matter for states such as Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York and Ohio, all of which have Golden Sheaf membership in excess of twenty percent, with some exceeding twenty-five percent.

As a result, a resolution was adopted at the National Convention in 1998 which asked that State Masters share the problem with their state delegates in the hope that they will have some ideas, to make suggestions and recommendations to solve the loss of income that these Golden Sheaf members represent. If no solution can be found by the 2001 Convention, the By-laws of the National Grange will be amended to assess dues on Golden Sheaf members starting in 2003. Existing Golden Sheaf members will continue under the present rules of not paying dues.

As I mentioned earlier, with only about four percent of our members in California being in the Golden Sheaf category, it is not a large percentage of our income, but I might mention that it does amount to a little over \$9,000 per year. The obvious solution to the problem is for us to increase our membership to the point that

the Golden Sheaf members represent a smaller percentage of the total membership. As that presently does not seem to be happening, I hope one or more of you will come up with a suggestion to solve this problem. Please, if you have an idea that will help solve this dilemma, please let me know before National Convention in November so I can communicate it to National Grange.

Now, a note on our "Grange Month" promotion and recruiting plan. **It works!** Last year we reported that the program was responsible for signing up 154 new members in 1998. What a difference a year makes. In 1999 we almost doubled that number with 306 new members signing up under the program. Simply stated, the "Grange Month" program allow you to recruit new members in April and they will not have to pay dues for the remainder of the year. In effect, they are "test-driving" the Grange free for nine months. If for some reason you are not familiar with this program, just ask the Membership Director, Russ Harris, or any one of the State Officers you see sitting around the hall. This program can work successfully for you, too.

I would like to congratulate all those Grangers who have brought in new members this past year. Your recruiting efforts are greatly appreciated.

Legislative Action

From time to time I receive reports that one our Subordinate Granges is actively involved in the political and legislative processes as they effect their community. However, I sense that far too few Granges are taking an active role in their communities. As I mentioned in the first part my Annual Address, it was when the Grange became involved in the mid-1920's that the Grange began to grow. Again, I encourage you to involve your Grange in the local scene. Become participants, not just observers. Be a presence at your local City Council meetings, Board of Supervisor meetings, your School Board meetings. Let your legislators in

Sacramento and Washington know that your Grange is involved in the political process. To do so is really no more than performing your duty as citizen, but with the added weight of numbers when you do it through your Grange.

Financial Condition of the CSG

Last year when I spoke of the financial health of the Grange, I warned of a possible dues increase in the future if we were unable to turn around our membership losses. Well, unfortunately, the time has arrived and due to actions by the Grange Insurance Association, we have a crisis on our hands.

I'm sure that most of you are aware that the Masters of the states that are serviced by Grange Insurance Association, along with the National Master, have been trying to reach a resolution to the problems between the two organizations. Recently, the Directors of Grange Insurance have proposed a plan to the Western State Granges in which they operate wherein the company will pay to the Grange a fixed amount of money, regardless of the number of policies or policy holders, for which in return anyone buying and insurance policy (including present policy holders) will automatically become Grange members without paying any dues. As this fixed amount of money would be far below what would be realized were the policy holders paying dues, the State Grange will, and your Subordinate Grange may, experience a considerable drop in income.

Please remember that at this point, this plan is only a proposal that is still being negotiated. The GIA Board has indicated, however, that failure to accept this plan will probably result in the GIA going open - that is, they will sell to the general public without any membership requirement at all. It should also be noted that GIA is only willing to sign on to the plan for one year, after which further negotiations may be needed.

So how would this plan affect the Grange in California? Both the State and Subordinate

Granges will feel an effect, however the exact consequences are difficult to assess. We really can't determine how many of our "fraternal" members are only maintaining membership to be eligible for insurance. We know we will probably lose most of our Associate members. Some Fraternal members will keep their affiliations. My estimate, however, is that we will lose about 40% of our membership. I have no facts and figures to back that number up. It is, as they say, a "gut feeling."

How will such a loss affect your Grange? Again, please keep in mind that the effect on individual Granges in the state will vary. If you have a large membership as a result of Grange Insurance agents sending members to you, I suspect you will suffer greater losses than a Grange whose membership base is not primarily insurance based. Your loss of income will be the amount of dues retained by your Grange multiplied by the number of members you would lose. The loss to the State and National Grange will be the amount from per-capita dues less that portion of the set fee collected from GIA allotted to them. As the distribution will probably be based on the volume of clients in the various states, Washington State Grange would get the lions share of those funds as they have the most policy holders. And again, this payment may only last one year, so it is not something we can reliably plan for in the budget.

As of the time I am writing this, I can tell you that we are trying to resolve some conditions in the contract as proposed by GIA, conditions which, I might add, were totally unacceptable to the Granges as they could expose the Grange to extreme liability. In any event, we hope to be able to resolve these problems to everyone's satisfaction.

Now, back to our financial conditions.

Later today, our Audit and Budget Chairman will be presenting two budgets for the coming year. I won't go into detail at this time, other than to mention that the "A" budget reflects

what will be the case if we use our present dues structure with an anticipated 10% loss of membership and reducing the State Grange Staff to four full-time people. As you will notice, this budget shows a deficit of over \$30,000. Remember, this is after eliminating one full time employee.

The "B" budget incorporates a more realistic membership loss of 20% based on the actions of Grange Insurance Association. If you remember, I estimated that we might suffer a 40% loss, but there is no way we will know the true figure until it happens. This budget also includes a \$6.00 due increase, which would bring our per capita dues to \$20.00, with \$4.00 going on to National Grange.

Last year I mentioned that the Washington Delegates had voted to increase their per capita dues to \$25.00. This year, Oregon State Grange did likewise, increasing their dues to \$25.00. Your Budget Committee is recommending we increase our dues to \$20.00.

Delegates, the decision rests squarely on your shoulders. Only you can make the decision on the course the Grange in California will take. All I ask is that you give this matter your careful consideration, remembering that the services you receive from the State are proportional to the funds allotted them by your actions here.

Now, to another matter which is very distasteful. Because of the proposed action by Grange Insurance with the resulting immediate shortfall in income that will be the result, the Audit and Budget Committee is recommending repeal of the requirement that dues changes must wait until the second January to become effective. If this resolution is not adopted, there will have to be additional cuts in staff to balance the budget for the coming year. We have pondered this situation at length. If you, the delegates, have any suggestions or alternatives, we will gladly receive them.

Again, I must ask for your careful consideration. Do you want a viable State Grange office or a

crippled one. It's your choice.

In this same vein, I would like to recommend to you that these decisions be made prior to the nomination of officers slated for tomorrow. I believe that it is only fair to the candidates that they know the situation that they will be stepping into should they be nominated.

Conclusion

I wish I could paint a rosier picture for the next two years, but to do so would be dishonest. In light of the changes that will be necessitated by the way Grange Insurance members will be handled, major adjustments are unavoidable not only in the operations of the State Grange, but in the budgets of Subordinate Granges throughout the state. I'm sure that Grangers will rise to the occasion as they always have, and will carry on the work of the Grange, and the work of rebuilding the membership to compensate for these losses.

On a lighter note, I would like to express my and Sister Emily's appreciation to the many Grangers we have met and visited with over the past two years. We have spent many hours on the road visiting Granges throughout the state, from San Diego County in the South to Del Norte County in the North. Last year, we logged in around 34,000 miles on these visits. This year, however, we began to economize and visited only 50 Granges. I did, however, attend three joint meetings with the other Western State Masters in an attempt to resolve the Grange - G.I.A. problem.

Sister Emily and I attended the Oregon State Convention this year. As you know, the Washington and Oregon State Grange Conventions are held at the same time, and in the past, the California State Master has split the week and attended both. I elected to attend one convention each year, and participate in the entire meeting. I must say that we have enjoyed attending these Sessions. I must compliment both State Masters on their very well organized conventions.

As I mentioned last year, I owe a tremendous debt to Emily, who provides constant moral support and acts as a sounding board for many of my ideas. I would have a difficult time serving as State Master without her encouragement and advise.

The Deputy Staff continues to serve as my eyes and ears in the field, and I thank goodness that we did not lose any Deputies this year, although Brother Barry Renfro gave us a scare earlier this year when suffered a stroke. We are pleased and grateful that he has recovered and is continuing his work in the field.

While on the subject of the Deputy Force, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we still need Deputies in Shasta, Trinity and El Dorado-Amador Counties. If you or anyone you know would be interested in serving as a deputy in those counties, please notify the State Master.

And last, but far from least, my eternal gratitude to our State Office staff, Pat, Naomi, Jan, Jay and Laura. Without their competence and experience in Grange matters, the Master's job would be extremely difficult if not impossible. Thank you, thank you.

And now to you, the delegate, I would like to express my profound appreciation for placing your faith in me and allowing me the honor of serving as the Master of the California State Grange. It is rare company that I have the privilege of joining. I believe I am the 28th Master to serve California in its 127 year history.

And finally, a tremendous "Thank You" to our hosts, the Grangers of Shasta and surrounding counties that have so graciously given of their time and efforts to insure a successful Convention.

Fraternally Submitted

John Felder, Master

2.2 Report of Other State Officers

Lecturer:

Worthy Master, Fellow Officers & Patrons,

It has been my pleasure to serve as State Lecturer this past year.

Last Spring I attended the Youth Conference to help with the Sculpture Activity and thank Conference Director Naomi Fletcher for arranging to get so many entries from the youth for our contest.

During the Summer I helped with the Junior Grange Southern Jamboree where some baskets were being made by the Juniors for the contest. I sent out quarterly bulletins to all Lecturers and wrote my column for each Grange News edition.

I'd like to thank those Lecturers who sent me their reports, entered the contests and got their members to enter. I'm indebted to my assistant, Thelma Meyer, for all the work she has done, also my husband, Mario, and daughters Lucette and Suzanne.

Lastly and most importantly is the gratitude of this Department to Don Slama and Orchard City Grange for sponsoring all our contests. Also, Sharon Angle and Butte Federal Credit Union for sponsoring the Public Speaking Contest.

Thanks to all of you who have supported the Lecturer's Department by entering the contests, or by viewing the entries of others.

Have You Hugged Your Lecturer Today?

Fraternally,

Nancy Moramarco

Steward:

Dear Sisters, Brother, and Officers of the California State Grange.

It is hard to believe it's that time of year again. In less than a month the State Grange Session will be held in Redding California.

I'm sorry to say I have not been very active this year. There just is not enough time in a 24 hour day.

The support and friendship the membership has given me these past several years has been outstanding. Thank you very, very much.

It has been an honor serving you as your Steward.

Fraternally

Barry L. Hutrcherson

Lady Assistant Steward:

Worthy Master, Distinguished Guests, State Officers, Directors, Fellow Brothers and Sisters of the Grange,

It is my pleasure to see all of you as we meet at our annual Session here in Redding again. This past year has been an extremely busy, exciting year at the Hill household - getting everything ready for our daughter Shelley's wedding this past June. We have welcomed a new Grange member into the fold, Mr. Jason Brower. We are very fortunate to now have three great 'kids' to call ours, and we're proud of all of them.

I want to encourage all of you to thoughtfully

and deliberately consider the issues we are about to discuss at this Grange session. There are going to be very serious discussions concerning the future of our Order, and it is up to you, the delegate body, to make the decisions that will carry the Grange into the next century. May we all strive to know and do what is best for the Grange.

I wish all of you the best, and as you are celebrating on New Year's Eve, please *don't* 'forget auld acquaintances', my fellow Grangers!

God bless and keep you in His care until we meet again.

Fraternally,

Carolyn Hill

Chaplain:

Worthy Master, Fellow Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Doesn't seem possible that I have held this wonderful office for ten years! It has been a most pleasant and rewarding office and I thank all of you for allowing me to serve in this capacity.

The past year has been rather quiet - attended all my Subordinate and Pomona meetings and visited a few other Granges.

As captain of the Fifth Degree for Butte Pomona, performed that duty on three occasions and we obligated nineteen members. Have assisted other Chaplains, when requested, and it was most rewarding.

Serving as Chaplain for the California State Grange is an honor I will long remember and cherish.

Fraternally

Betty H. Barrett
May God Bless you all.

Treasurer:

Worthy Master, State Officers, Honored Guests and Members of the California State Grange:

The financial year ending December 31, 1998 was a year of mixed emotions and cautious optimism. Several projects had been completed the previous year that would help stabilize the revenue income. With the remodeling and lease agreements of State Grange office space, the revenue picture looked bright. We finished fiscal year 1998 with a net revenue over expenses of \$22,767.00. I had high hopes that our State Grange could continue along this balanced revenue program, for many years to come.

As you are all aware of by now, our income source derived from annual dues is in jeopardy. The Grange Insurance Company has seen fit to bite the hand that has fed it for so long... the hand that helped build it to what it is today. I have many agent friends to whom I hold in high regard. My ire is not aimed at you. This severing of allegiance will surely hurt both parties, as can be witnessed by those states who have already gone through this process back East.

We have asked in the past for the most stringent expenditures of our resources and the Executive Committee has worked diligently to accomplish this goal. No organization can exist for long, spending more than it takes in. It is my belief that within a three year period, the California State Grange can look forward to a 40 to 50 percent loss in membership, and thus a likewise loss in membership dues. It will be left to those true Grange members to rally and forge a new Grange for tomorrow. A Grange aimed at the future and not living on

the laurels of the past. A Grange based on fraternal and moral values of which we were originally founded.

Fraternally,

Harold D. "Bud" Hill

Secretary:

Worthy Master, Worthy National Executive Committeeman, Brothers and Sisters:

It again gives me great pleasure to report to you from the Secretary's Office. Unfortunately, not all the news I have for you this year is good. But I feel that, with cooperation and an open mind, we can solve the problem of membership and benefit loss.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all Grange Secretaries for performing their duties diligently, and in a timely manner. We are still experiencing a large number of delinquent quarterly reports, for which Granges are assessed a penalty based on the current membership. Please encourage your Secretary to complete the report prior to the end of the quarter so that all financial obligations are met. As a result of several delinquent reports in June, the State Grange was within a day of filing a delinquent report to the National Grange, for which an additional penalty is assessed by the National Grange.

Report of Granges

Granges lost:

- Sunnyvale Grange #416 merged with Cupertino #739
- Hayfork Valley Grange #716 merged with Northfork Grange #763
- Hollister Grange #578 merged with Prunedale Grange #388
- Mt. Lassen Grange #417 merged with Anderson Grange #418
- Williams Grange #687 merged with

Stonyford Grange #686

- Live Oak Grange #494 merged with Gridley Grange #457
- San Jose Grange #10 was lost by open demit
- Yucaipa Valley Grange #582 charter was revoked

New Granges organized:

- McCloud Grange #831
- Independent Junior Grange #184
- Apple Valley Grange #226
- Muscoy Grange #42
- Bennett Valley Grange #84
- Lake Francis Grange #180
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Membership Statistics:

	June 1998	June 1999	NET
•Number of Sub. Granges	245	238	-7
•Fraternal members	23204	21367	-1837
•Golden Sheaf members	876	934	58
•Associate members	2581	2387	-194
•Affiliate members	63	60	-3
•Number of Pomona Granges	40	40	
•Pomona Members	2916	2760	-156
•Number of Junior Granges	17	22	5
•Number of Junior members	299	374	75

Membership Awards

- Santa Cruz-Live Oak Grange #503 - Receiving the largest net and percent gain: 45 net gain with 109.7% growth
- Siskiyou Pomona Grange #6 - Receiving the largest net Pomona gain: 24 net gain
- Ventura Pomona #50 - Receiving the largest % Pomona gain-27%

There were no new Grange halls dedicated this year.

Membership recognition awards were presented to:

- 202 Silver Star recipients achieving 25 or more years of service;
- Additionally, there were 97 Golden Sheaf (50 years);
- 17 fifty-five year seals;
- 13 sixty year seals;
- 15 sixty-five year seals;
- 1 seventy year seal.
- Pomona Grange recognition was issued to 3 Silver Star and 9 Golden Sheaf members.

I would again encourage all Granges to take the time to recognize their long-term members for their contribution to this organization.

April is Grange Month applications number 292 Fraternal and 14 Associate by the end of the current quarter. April is Grange month applicants receive the benefit of free dues; however, the application fee is not waived by the State Grange. It is entirely up to your own Grange whether you offer "free" membership, including the application fee. Just remember, the application fee of \$1.00 is still due to the State Grange. And, in order to receive the dues credit for the new members, applications MUST be submitted to the State Secretary after the member has been obligation and/or initiated.

We are still offering the Dues Billing and Membership card service. The Dues Billing service has not changed in price in three years, and the membership card service is free to Granges. Last year, we processed over 12,000 Dues invoices and 15,000 membership cards. This is now over half of the membership being billed by the State Grange for their annual membership dues. It takes all hands on deck to process these invoices, and volunteers are always welcome. Our target date of completing the dues invoices is always November 15, but due to mechanical problems from time to time, that date sometimes stretches to the 20th of the month, but always

done by December 1.

Other Special Services offered by the State Grange include a newsletter service. The cost of this service is approximately six cents per piece mailed, plus the current rate of postage depending on the amount of pieces prepared. This is a very inexpensive way to keep your membership informed of activities in your Grange, if even only on a quarterly basis.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you all for your support through the years. I have become involved in various other organizations along the way that I feel would best serve the best interest of the Grange as a whole, including California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, the Ag Network, Quality Assurance for Youth Programs at Fairs, and Project Food, Land & People, the latter of which I currently serve as the Co-Coordinator for the California Coalition. I feel that we, as a Grange, need to become actively involved in organizations that support the same ideals as the Grange, and the only way we can do that is outside the walls of our Grange halls. So, if you happen to call on a day I'm "out", it's probably because I'm out promoting your organization to other organizations, fostering and developing new partnerships to assure the future of the Patrons of Husbandry--An organization I've grown up in and come to call "home".

A special thanks to my immediate family. It is with their support that I am able to spend time with my "extended Grange family."

Fraternaly,

Naomi Fletcher

Executive Committee – 1 year:

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters,

As you can see I am not in attendance at this

year's convention, only the second that I have missed since the first one I attended in Santa Maria.

Hello to all of you and I wish you a great, wonderful and successful convention. Conditions on the farm dictate that I must remain on the farm and take care of our fall harvest. We all know it has been a long hard year in agriculture.

I know this year you as delegates face some hard and very controversial decisions that you must make,

1. Dues increase
2. Membership development program

Both of these are absolutely necessary for the continued viability of the California State Grange. Unfortunately while the California State Grange has been able to hold the line on expenses, income has been falling due to membership loss to the point that this year we must raise dues or cut programs to be able to keep a balanced budget, there are no reserves to fall back on. We must also make a major effort to recruit new members, if we don't the Grange will die from lack of membership.

Again I wish I were with you and may you all have an enjoyable convention.

Fraternally

Johnny Squire

Executive Committee – 1 year:

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange,

Greetings from Sister Mary and myself.

Once again, it has been a very busy year for the Executive Committee, with many

important decisions to make, always keeping the Good of the Order in mind.

Sister Mary and I visited fourteen Granges this year and had many more invitations from others. Just could not make them all. I wish to thank you for the friendship and hospitality we were shown at these meetings.

Thank you for the Privilege of serving as a member of the Executive Committee.

Fraternally,

Ernest E. White

Executive Committee – 3 year:

This was an interesting year. The continuing big problem is finances, which is directly related to another growing problem, the loss in membership. As the membership goes down our per capita income goes down. This continues to be the biggest concern to the committee. We have to either increase our income or decrease our expenses, which could mean a curtailment of some services and benefits. We do not want to do the latter so we still have the problem.

I can assure you that your committee is well aware of this and are working on it. Some possible solutions will be presented at the '99 convention.

Fraternally

Jim Smith

Executive Committee – 3 year:

Worthy Master, Fellow Officers, Brothers and Sisters,

This past year has been fraught with triumphs and some disappointments. The triumphs are

in the area of membership, even though we will post a net loss of nearly 10% of our members this year there is some encouragement in the fact that we did charter a couple of new Granges and through consolidation we have managed to salvage and make stronger a few others. We have also chartered a few new Junior Granges as well. With the implementation of the "Visioning Program" we should see some tangible results by the end of this year, and if your Grange is not participating in this national program then I sincerely hope that you have developed a membership program of your own. Without such a plan to increase membership our organization is doomed to failure. And, Brothers and Sisters, the clock is ticking. Your state and national Grange leaders cannot shoulder the responsibility of membership alone. It is incumbent of each subordinate Grange member to work at recruiting members.

I was fortunate to be in a position to attend a business meeting at Elk Grove this past July; it was their first meeting being conducted under the Visioning Program. I was very encouraged in that there were six new members in attendance at that meeting. This program can make a difference in your Grange, and in some Granges it already has. It may not be the program for your Grange, but each Grange needs to have a program to develop membership. The State Grange is working on a comprehensive membership development program, but growth in any organization begins at the local level. The subordinate Granges must not be dependent on their State or National Grange leaders or even

an affiliate business of our organization to build membership.

The significant disappointment was in regard to the budget. Due to an error that was not brought to the attention of the Executive Committee until July of this year there would have been a negative variance if the Committee had not taken draconian steps to ensure economic stability for the State Grange. The measures taken by the Executive Committee were in the best interest of the California State Grange, and not everyone will be in agreement as to the methods that were employed regarding the budget shortfall this past year. The alternative, I am afraid, would not have been much better and quite possibly could have been much worse over the long term. The California State Grange is not in a position at this time to afford short-term fixes. We need to be developing solutions for long term membership development. However, I do understand, that a ninety-day solution does not allow the time necessary for many of our officers, directors and deputies to make alternate plans.

If any member has a concern or a question and especially those members that may have a suggestion they would like to contribute, please do not hesitate to contact your Executive Committee. I, for one, would welcome your input.

Fraternally,

Hank Hitt

2.3 Reports of Directors

Legislative Director:

Worthy Master, Sister Emily, Officers, Distinguished Brothers and Sisters:

I could report on our legislative successes. Small ones to be sure, but legislative success is measured in small moves these days.

Now as we approach the new millennium, I think it is time to reconsider our Grange mission. So, I will ask you some questions about your perception of the future of the Grange in California, the Western United States, the entire country, and the world.

Let's start with my own experience, sometime before I became a Granger. While employed with the Federal government, one of my supervisors held a staff meeting in which he said that, as employees of a major governmental agency in our community, we employees should get involved with the government of local communities. Local agencies such as schools, park and recreation districts, other special districts, county and state agencies. After all, we lived there, our families were involved in the day to day rules, services, and controls.

And, whether you choose to believe it or not, the Air Force was deeply concerned with the welfare of the communities in which it had a great impact. With over 20,000 employees, we had a definite impact on the Greater Sacramento Area!

So, as a career employee, I undertook to become involved with my community. It grew beyond an employee thing and it become an

involved citizen thing. Appointed and elected to boards, commissions, going as far as running for election. Oh yes, I lost, but, oh my, the results have been an enduring education in life, politics, and knowledge.

So, I came to the Grange as an employee called the "Legislative Director" and yet another lesson in political activism. So, let me review the history and its outcome.... in short, you win some, you lose some.

I want to ask you some rhetorical questions and garner some insight to the average American citizens. You, the delegates to this California Grange Convention represent the very important average citizens of our Nation. I have a deep and abiding faith in your collective judgment, and would hope that you will try to follow this report with some objectivity. Mind you, the answers are really my own, and bear no reflection upon your judgments. I just want you to think about where we are and where we want to go.

The preamble of our Declaration of Independence declares in part, that..."we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created to be equal, and that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." It goes on to document the conditions to secure and protect those rights

If you are not a student of the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution of both the United States and the State Of California, I will tell you that they are very precious and compelling rights and responsibilities that you and I have.

Question: Do you believe that the government has a right to deny you the free use of your personal property, without due compensation?

Answer:

1. (Amendment V, U.S. Constitution... in part) nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation."

2. (Article 1, Section 19, California Constitution) "Private property may be taken or damaged for public use only when just compensation, ascertained by a jury, unless waived, has first been paid to, or into court for the owner.

Question: What was the original purpose of the Social Security Act?

Answer: To augment whatever income individuals had set aside for retirement. Not to be the sole source of retirement income.

Question: What was the original purpose of governments?

Answer: The original Declaration may be found in the preamble of the United States Constitution, and it says:

"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the United States of America."

In California, the preamble is rather simple... it says

"We the people of the State of California, gratefully to Almighty God for our freedom, in order to secure and perpetuate its blessings, do establish the Constitution."

Question: Are you free to express your religious and political beliefs publicly according to our constitutional edicts? You

know, that thing called "freedom of speech."

Answer: Not as free as envisioned by our founding fathers. School prayer... gone; displays of non-secular scenes in public places.... gone! Is there politically correct speech in our post secondary schools.... oh, my yes!!

Question October 19, 1999 do you view your health and well being as a Constitutional requirement of our governments?

Answer: Government has so invaded our privacy in health care that many among us have come to view that government is the sole provider of health services. Medicare, Medical, healthy habits, non-healthy habits, good food, bad habits, and quite frankly often very wrong in their edicts.

Oh, yes, the list goes on. I'm quite sure that many of you could add to my little list of invasive governmental meddling and nauséum. That is not the point here.

Let's explore some of the consequences of over zealous governing;

There was a reason for the revolution. Our forefathers were simply tired of overbearing government. Right along with the taxes it cost to provide it. People longed to be free of burdensome bureaucrats, taxes, and controls.

The right to own and use your land as you deem proper is in jeopardy today.... what or when you say something, politically, religiously, or incorrectly is subject to severe or even penal retribution.

We are taxed and governed by organizations that are unelected, and represent very narrow constituencies, whose political credentials are at least suspect.

Example: The California Air Resources Board: They gave us MTBE, and are still trying to keep it in our fuel.

Example: The California Health Services: They will implement the U.S. EPA's Clean Water Act ... did you get to participate?

Example: The Coho salmon protection rulings by the National Marine Fisheries Service. 1999 is supposed to be the best salmon run along the California coast in over twenty years. And they want to take over a lot of private land.

Example: The Department of Interior (BLM) and their implementation of the Endangered Species Act as well as their involvement in the wetlands problems.

Well again, life goes on and so does the list, so what point am I trying to make in all this? Two, I think, perhaps you have more:

First, in the past, Grange has been noted for its aggressiveness in political issues. Not just one individual, such as the Legislative Director, or the Master, but most everyone who belonged to the organization. That is historically documented in almost book I have read on political activity.

Where are we today?... to quote an old adage... "let George do it", or in yet another, later saying... "give it to Mikey".

The second point to be made is that history has ample evidence that people who have become complacent about their rights have lost them to tyrants and their interpretation of government.

Lose your right to bear arms, lose your right to own and freely use your property. Abrogate your right to free speech, place yourself in the hands of government, including retirement, health, your hard earned money, education, determination of what is safe to eat, drink, or indulge yourself and what do you have ... totalitarian government. or perhaps more to the point Nazism or Communism are better choices of descriptive terms.

As we come to the twenty first century, is the Grange going to be a part of the solution and a return to a freer America, or are we going to continue to be a non-player in the fight to restore human rights and dignity?

Whether we blindly follow the Democratic or the Republican dogma, we must begin to sort the wheat from the chaff. We need to reject those whose aim is to gain power for powers sake, and seek out those who have something positive to contribute to those Constitutional concepts of the founding fathers, regardless of their affiliations. We need to sort out the moral persons from those whose morals are questionable, and seek those idealists whose views of a free America are honestly and forthrightly apparent. Political parties do not those qualities, and we need to look beyond the rhetoric and find the truth.

Then we, you and I need to get involved in the day-to-day business of public policy making. Resolutions are a good start, and we do that part well! But it is only a start. Yes, I do my part on you behalf. But, without your active participation, I'm just another voice with an obscure agenda.

Just like a good choir needs the music sheet in hand and a director to coordinate the score, we need a current legislative agenda in hand and a director so that we are all on the same page, projecting the same message. That projection needs to be in the form of legislative visits, telephone calls, letters, and e-mail.

We need to form a standing legislative committee who will be actively involved with Grangers in your communities. We can put together a strong agenda, and coach each and every one of you.

At the National level, we have begun to do just that. The Legislative Directors fly into Washington D.C., and armed with a coordinated Grange agenda, we go off to the "hill" to meet with the State Delegations and their staff to discuss Grange policy issues.

Some of the results have been to receive highway funding, free of mandates; a coordinated position that supports a milk marketing program for our Grangers in the Northeast that is working its way through the Congress.

On the home front, we have been working with the Legislature to get some of the money back to local governments. We didn't get as much as we asked for, but during the budget negotiations, we were able to get several million back, and perhaps more next session. Grange policy underwrote that activity, but it took a coalition of special interests ... a lot of people harping on the same issue ... to get the job done. A few of you did help by calling your legislators, but we need more of your participation.

I am asking Sister Nancy Gregg of Hornbrook Grange to conclude my report, and give you a progress report on the battle with the National Marine Fishers Service over property rights, and how Granger participation on an issue can begin to change how the government operates... Sister Nancy

Essential Fish Habitat Report

Worthy Master and Grange Members:

On March 12, 1998 the National Marine Fisheries Service presented their position regarding "critical habitat" designation for Northern California and Southern Oregon. Over 1,000 citizens attended the meeting and the opinion of those that attended was that National Marine Fisheries Service would go forward with their designation regardless of the comments of the citizens or the County government. This designation would control up to 300' from the high water mark, which would restrict the use of private property adjacent to all waterways. It essentially took control of all private property. This broad definition of "critical habitat" effected cattle grazing, farming and country living with fruit

trees and vegetable gardens.

After this meeting citizens emerged to take up the battle to keep our Executive Bureaucracy within legal bounds. A citizens group was formed (Interactive Citizens United) to keep people informed on private property issues. Their dedication and research opened the door to keep the National Marine Fisheries Service accountable to the law.

It was after long hours of persistent research, that we learned Congress had passed the Magnuson-Stevens Act. This Act specifies that Essential Fish Habitat can apply to water and substrate only and specifically exempts State or Private properties. With this information at hand we began to organize a coalition of property rights groups to have the Essential Fish Habitat definition worded as the Magnuson-Stevens Act specified. At the 11th hour when defeat for private property seemed eminent, entered Leo Bergeron. Through his efforts with the backing of the Greenhorn Grange in Yreka, California a coalition of the California, Oregon, Idaho and Washington State Granges was formed to bring a large segment of the populace to the Pacific Fishery Management Council in expressing their objection to Critical Fish Habitat being written in violation of the Magnuson Stevens Act. As a result of this coalition the final designation issued in May of 1999 specified that Critical Fish Habitat is applicable to water and substrate only and applies only to Federal or Federally funded projects. (Be careful if you accept funds for Federally funded projects, you lose many of your property rights.) The result was that the Essential Fish Habitat was written in accordance with the law as were two other listings covering nine types of Salmon in four western states.

The National Marine Fisheries Service has ignored the law by issuing a final critical habitat designation on May 5, 1999, which covers the Coho Salmon in the rivers, streams and creeks in Northern California/Southern Oregon. (Northern California is from San Jose

north.) They have included adjacent riparian zones and private property in this designation. (This restriction could be up to ¼ of a mile or more from streams.) The Northern California/Southern Oregon Salmon Regulation has ignored the law. It becomes apparent that this is not only a violation of the Magnuson-Stevens Act but also the Endangered Species Act.

The Greenhorn Grange has filed a Notice of Intent to sue National Marine Fisheries Service for their illegal, discriminatory and punitive critical habitat designation to Northern California/Southern Oregon. Once again the Grange is protecting the principles of Grangers everywhere. Private property rights must be sacred.

If as Grangers we do not stand together in our tradition to protect private property, we will not have a nation. Our free nation is founded on the peoples right to possess private property. The members of the Greenhorn Grange are to be commended for their stand in the protection of private property in the northwest in response to this grievous violation of the National Marine Fisheries Service. Please follow in the tradition of the Grange as protectors of Private Property Rights and lend your support for this action. The Pomona Grange of Siskiyou County; Interactive Citizens United of Siskiyou County, California; the Oregon State Grange and Citizens for Constitutional Property Rights of Crestview, Florida are all supporting this litigation.

As stated by William Z. Foster, National Chairman of the Communist Party in 1932 quoting from the Communist manifesto, "The establishment of an American Soviet government will involve confiscation of large landed estates, town and county and also a whole body of forests, mineral deposits, lakes rivers and so on." In the last three years by Executive Order 48 National Parks and 51 National Monuments have been turned over to the control of the United Nations. (This is

implementing the Biodiversity Treaty of 1995 with the United Nations and furthering the Communist Manifesto.)

As a member of the Hornbrook Grange, I would like to thank the Greenhorn Grange of Yreka and it's Chairman Leo, for helping to save my farm. If my farm is saved your private property will be also. Grangers please join us and collectively support the property rights in jeopardy in Northern California/Southern Oregon. The next regulation could affect your private property.

Thank you all for your support. The protection of private property is the preservation of the United States of America.

This report is respectfully submitted to the Legislative Committee.

/s/Nancy E. Gregg

You may participate by letters of support, becoming co-litigants or friends of the court. Please direct your wishes to Leo Bergeron, PO Box 1538, Yreka, Ca. 96097 or call at 530 842-4400 or e-mail at: bergeron@inreach.com

Womens Activities Director:

Worthy Master, Visiting Dignitaries, State Officers, Brothers & Sisters.

The theme for the Women's Activities department was "A NEW CENTURY, A NEW GRANGE" Helping Hands for the New Century was the Community Awareness Project for the Women's Activities department.

Most Granges and GWA'S have done something for the Community Awareness Project, such as ABC quilts, Preemie Caps, toys, cancer turbans, baby blankets, lap robes, personal bags, therapy balls, demo dolls, wheel chair bags and many more things.

Each year GWA's are asked to send to the State Director the questionnaire for their SEAL OF MERIT. We always hope to get at least 50% of the GWA's doing this, but so far it has never come to pass.

In the National Grange Harvest of Handicrafts contest each state is asked to have at least one entry in each class. California did in 1998. At National Judging Eve Erickson, San Jose member, won first place with her quilted Christmas Tree Skirt.

In case you haven't heard COATS & CLARK are coming back in 2000 with a Needlework contest, very similar to what we had several years ago of course you must use their threads in your entries.

In California the Stuffed Toy contest does not do well. In the Central Coast Area they still make a lot of toys, but none sent in for judging. Why not make this a project for 2000, each Pomona send in at least one toy for judging.

The donations you just gave for the Women's March will go for Breast Cancer Research.

Many of the GWA Contest prizes are funded by Granges, GWA's, members and companies. Please send thank you letters to sponsors, if you are a winner. A thank you is very important. Please cash any checks you might get from the GWA department immediately. There were two checks written last year that were never returned to the GWA Bank account so they were returned to our account.

Many thanks to all of the sponsors of our contests, it is greatly appreciated.

The programs and projects the GWA supports are Marinoff Scholarship, Oliver Hudson Kelley Memorial Fund, Penny Pines, Plant a Tree, Caps for Kids, ABC Quilts, Make a Wish, Battered Women, Canceled Stamps, National & State Deaf and many more.

The State GWA awards a sewing machine to the Best of Show in the Junior Clothing department at the State Fair each year. This years winner was Lauren Jaques of San Jose.

Granges in California held Seasonal Dinners, Hobby Nights, and Craft work shops, which are some of the projects of National Grange Women's Activities Department. Reports indicate that these were well attended. Have you tried any of the above?

The winners in the Speech Contest at the Easter Conference are sent a cash award.

Many thanks to Granges and GWA's that sent in donations for the GWA National Grange 2000 fund raiser. If you haven't sent in your donation there is still time to do it.

I have received items for the goody bags for the Women's Activities banquet for National Grange 2000 as well as the bags. You can make items for the bags or collect them from advertisers.

Please take home boxes of California Gold Cookbooks. The price has been reduced. Always have the cookbooks on display at any public function you may have. We are being asked for Red Checkered cookbooks, if you have some let us know.

Many members keep busy making Caps for Kids, ABC Quilts and knitted and crocheted squares for "WARM UP AMERICA" as their Community Service project.

Many thanks to all who support our Quilt and Toy raffles, Auctions and the Cookie and Candy sales. Also those who made the cookies for the reception. Thanks so very much.

To the members of the State GWA Committee and spouses, thanks so much for your many hours of support during the year and at Convention. Also thanks to those that help in the Exhibit room, bagging and selling cookies,

etc. If it weren't for your help we would not get everything done on time.

Fraternally:

Joy Beatie

Youth Director:

What an exciting and full year this has been! Starting with National convention in North Carolina, where 7 California State Youth attended and participated in the activities. Easter Youth Conference this year included the Youth and Young Adult Committees, was held in San Luis Obispo in March. Grover City Grange hosted the banquet with elegance and we even held a dance at the hall. We had a bowling event, Pismo beach visit and Cal-Poly tour. There were for the first time in years, entries in every category of the State Contests.

I was able to attend the National, Youth Directors Conference, in Kansas City in February. Representatives from all the states except three were in attendance. Ideas and programs were presented to try, as well as projects that had been successful in other states.

We held two coordinating council meeting this year in Sacramento - one in January and one in May to plan and coordinate the activities of the Youth Department.

California hosted the Western Regional Conference in Santa Rosa in July. Our theme this year was "Welcome to Golden Bear Country". California will be sending three youth on to National Convention to represent the Western Regions. The three day conference was a success.

Everyone has been busy and active this year and we look forward to hosting National Convention in 2000.

Fraternally

Donna Haynes

Junior Director:

Brothers and Sisters, Worthy Master, Officers, and honored guests, I am pleased to stand before you today to present my report on the Junior Granges of California for 1999. As always this has been an exciting year in the Junior Department.

Nine years ago I accepted the assignment to serve as the Director of Junior Grange Activities. At that point we had about 200 Junior members in ten Junior Granges and a budget of \$100 dollars. Through the work of countless Grange members and leaders throughout the state we have seen the Junior Grange program grow. At first with small baby steps, improving one area at a time, and now with big jumps and leaps just like the growth of a child over the years. This past year has seen the organization of 1 brand new Junior Grange, Apple Valley # 226 and the reorganization of 4 Junior Granges, Independent #184, Muscoy #42, Bennett Valley #84 and Lake Francis #180. With the addition of these new Junior Granges and a membership increase at several Junior Granges we have gained 75 new members, an increase of 25% from last year. This brings our membership to 374 and 22 Junior Granges and more growth is expected. I am also pleased to say that over the years our Department budget has also grown, through the generous donations we have received and the support of you the Grange members. Our goal has been to make the Junior Department as self sufficient in our funding as possible, and so far we have kept the Junior program in the black for several years.

Now I would like to give you review of the past year.

Soon after the 1998 Annual Session closed, I winged my way back to North Carolina to attend the National Grange Session. This completed my three year term on the National Junior Advisory Committee. It has been a pleasure working with Sister Emalee Colver and the other members of the committee and it is another memory which I will always treasure. The 1998 Session, like all of the National Sessions, presented some challenges behind the scenes and I was taking lots of mental notes to make sure that in 2000 we do not face the same problems. As part of the activities we celebrated the 110th Anniversary of the Junior Grange with a grand birthday party and as a special treat we announced a Net Gain in membership nation wide in the Junior Grange. This was kept a secret from the National Master until we brought a marching band into the middle of the National Grange meeting. We also premiered the National Junior Grange Birthday Quilt, which is being raffled at this years National Grange Session. I am also pleased to announce that my Director's report received 1st place in Membership for States with 20 or less Junior Granges. This year we will be competing in the big leagues with 20 or More Granges.

January found me receiving calls from all across California indicating that interest was high in developing Junior Granges.

The first weekend in February I held my annual Committee meeting in Coalinga. There we began a review of a draft Junior Grange Leaders handbook, and made plan for two Junior Jamborees. We also realized that we were in the midst of a explosion in Junior Grange membership. As such we formulated a plan to meet the needs of our expanding group of Junior Grange leaders, and proposed having two Junior leader meetings in April. Two of my committee, Linda Lewis and Ron Pitcher volunteered to make arrangements for the meetings and to get back to me as quickly as possible.

The next weekend I presented the information to the other State Directors and to our Deputy force in Sacramento. We also sent out letters to the Junior Granges and Granges announcing the two workshops. Two weeks later I was again in Sacramento to brief the Executive Committee and to present a nearly complete draft of the Leaders Handbook.

Throughout March I continued to revise and review the Handbook, having many Grange members around the state proofreading and offering suggestions. I also was developing the full day leader training program.

Finally, after driving to Corning the evening of April 9th, the morning dawned on the first conference hosted by Independent Grange in Tehama County. Although the skies were gray I feel that the conference was very successful. A testament to that is the reorganization of Independent Junior Grange in the months following the meeting. The next weekend the second meeting was held at Yucca Grange down in the mountains of Los Angeles County. Although we could not get every Junior Grange leader to attend these two meetings, those that did come found them to be very informative.

On Monday the 19th, after returning from Southern California, I joined Brother Russell Harris at the California FFA Convention in Fresno to present information on the Grange. As always, we were well received at the conference. Again, I would encourage you to contact your local FFA chapter and invite these young people, their teachers and families to join your Grange. They are a wonderful source of enthusiasm and energy and a great asset to any Grange.

The following weekend I flew to Kansas City to participate in the National Grange's Junior Directors Conference. The meeting was well attended and was another great opportunity to share with other Junior Directors. I was asked to give a workshop on the Care and Feeding of

Your New Junior Grange, and also presented our Junior Leaders Handbook.

Finally, for a little while I was able to stay home.

The end of June found Rainbow Valley Grange hosting the Southern California Junior Jamboree. Under the direction of Sister Lucette Moramarco, the Jamboree was highly successful, treating 20 Junior Grange members, and the leaders and parents from 3 Junior Granges to a great weekend. A visit to one of the beautiful California Missions, crafts, activities, fun and good food, along with a trip to the nearby volunteer fire department were all on the schedule.

Two weeks later, on July 10th and 11th, Loomis Grange played host to the second Jamboree. Over 50 attended the Central Jamboree, representing at least 5 different Junior Granges. The Jamboree, which was directed by Sister Naomi Fletcher, included a tour of the local fish hatchery, lots of crafts, an indoor campfire, home made Ice Cream, and lots of fun. The Junior Department provided seed money to help defray expenses and a nominal fee of \$5 per person was charged to cover the food, and to make it even better, both Jamborees came in under budget. My sincere thanks go to Sisters Moramarco and Fletcher for their efforts in organizing these two events. This years Jamborees were so successful we are working on plans to double the number of Jamborees next year.

August found me on the road again, headed to Camp Tehema and Grange Family Camp. As part of our commitment to the Juniors of California, our department provides a subsidy for camp to lower the cost of the Junior registration. This year almost ½ of the campers were Junior age boys and girls. We presented several different craft activities as well as the Junior Short Form Obligation. Juniors and leaders from 6 Junior Granges and two prospective Junior Grange areas were present and we obligated 5 new members for

Gazelle Junior Grange. At the Camp we also had access to a fishing hole which the Juniors enjoyed. It was great fun seeing the simple stick and fishing line group showing up those people who had brought all the proper gear.

I wish to thank my Junior Grange Committee. Our regions correspond to the Youth and Grange Women's Activities Departments. Patricia McDaniel - Region 1, Ron Pitcher - Region 2, Madeline Lawson - Region 3, Sally Burch - Region 4, Robert Clouse - Region 6, Linda Lewis - Region 8, Darlene Baldrige - Region 9, Bob Lange - Region 10, and Lucette Moramarco - Region 11. I have appreciated their assistance by phone this year, and the work that they have accomplished this week. I hope you will also note that almost every committee member present at this convention is a Delegate and most are also serving on a convention committee.

We have printed the 1999-2000 Junior Grange Activities Program and a copy has been sent to each Grange Secretary in a form that can be inserted into a binder. We will be distributing the copies for the Junior Granges here at convention. Ideally every Junior Grange member and every child or grandchild of a Grange member will have a copy of the booklet of their own. If your Grange needs additional copies please let us know and we can send them to you. As responsible Grange members I ask you to make sure that this information gets into the right hands, it does no good placed in a briefcase or on the shelf in the closet. I also want to again challenge each one of you, look at your family and find at least one child that could or should be in the Junior Grange then take that child under you wing and devote the time during the year to complete at least one of the Junior Grange activities described in the booklet and then make sure it is brought to convention next year. Just think, if each one of us were to do that we might not have enough display area to show all the projects.

My thanks to everyone who attended the Lunch with the Junior Bunch. My undying gratitude

goes to Brother Robert Lange who handled the details and organized a group to create the repast.

As we have seen growth in the program we have also seen an increase in the number of exhibits being displayed at State Session. This year we have also begun offering cash awards in our contests. My appreciation goes to Sister Lucette Moramarco who has so ably handled the exhibits this year.

I hope that you stopped by the Junior Silent Auction this year. In July a letter was sent to Pomona Granges as well as Junior Granges asking them to contribute an item which they felt would be of interest to you the Delegates at this convention. The items on display this year are the results. Special thanks go to the Granges, individuals and businesses who have donated, and to those of you who have so enthusiastically supported us in the bidding. The money raised by this fund raiser is used to cover the expenses of the Junior Department. Very special thanks go to Sister Madeline Lawson for her organizing of the Silent Auction.

We must continue to nurture our Junior program. This is not something that the Junior Committee or I can do for your Grange, it is a commitment that must be made at the local level. And the most important part of that commitment is time. There is no magic wand that we can wave and create a Junior Grange, it is something that has to grow, just like our children. You need dedicated leaders, parents and children, you also need the support of your membership. Our membership is our most valuable asset, and each person has some skill that they can offer the Junior Grange. The Junior Grange cannot grow in a vacuum, it is important that each Junior Grange addresses needs within their own community. That is why our program is so great, it can be tailored to fit every community. We are tied together by the ceremonies we perform, but vary in the content of our meetings and activities. Social Science, community service, leadership, arts and crafts, and merit badges

are just some of the things the Junior Grange has to offer. Talk to the parents in you area, speak with the teachers and administrators of your schools, and talk to the children to find out what is needed in your community. Check to see if there is an after school program, do other children's programs meet at your school or in local park facilities. There are so many young people that could benefit from a family oriented organization like ours, we have a responsibility to make the program available.

I again challenge you, if you have a Junior Grange nearby talk to the leader, I am sure that he or she would be glad to have your assistance. If you don't have a Junior Grange, move to form a committee to investigate the need in your community at the first meeting after you return from convention.

As your Junior Director, I want you to know that I am available for contact by phone, fax or mail, and e-mail. I also want you to keep in contact with your Regional Committee member. They are your first response team. Together with your Deputy they can assist you in organizing and reorganizing your Junior Grange.

Faternally

Katie Squire

Membership Director:

I am pleased to stand before you and present my report about Membership. As in the past, I must tell you that the Granges within the State of California are still struggling. Collectively, we had a net loss of over 2,000 members this past reporting year. Nationally, they lost over 18,000 members. This reduction is causing much concern, and it is obvious that if something isn't done to stop and reverse this trend, then many of the Granges will just dissolve and disappear. It was because this

fact of that over a year ago, we decided to provide some assistance to those Granges that wanted to dream their dreams and establish a set of visions that would affect their Grange for the future. This was the Visioning Program. The initial program was a procedure to identify with the Grange members what some of the background problems were and collectively, they established their visions of what they wanted their Grange to follow.

We had a number of trained Team Leaders who provided assistance to the Granges and helped them to determine their course of action. To date, we assisted Capay Grange #461, Gazelle Grange #380, Loomis Grange #538, Meadow Vista Grange #721, Rough and Ready Grange #795, Welcome Grange #791, Fair Oaks Grange #724, Manton Grange #732, Biggs Grange #459, Mt. Vernon Grange #453, Lake Francis Grange #745, Elk Grove Grange #86, Hesperia Grange #682, Copper Mountain Grange #814, Merced Colony Grange #527, and Clear Lake Grange #680. Each of these Granges had the opportunity to evaluate what they were doing and to develop ideas and visions of what they wanted to do for the future. Some of these visions are in direct conflict with the Digest of Laws, but will be allowed for a period of two (2) years to help a Grange attract more members and to establish a more realistic program for their membership. It was felt by many Granges that existing procedures were one of the restrictions to securing new members and retaining them. It is too early to know the results of this effort, but plans are in process for the Granges to hold the Community Needs meeting with Community leaders. Here they discuss with the Community what their needs are in hopes of developing a relationship that will open up the door of opportunity for the Grange as well as the Community. This program is currently in operation in several Eastern States, and is beginning to show positive results there. We can expect the same here, if the Granges accept and implement their Visions positively. We also must have strong leadership for these actions, if we are to see acceptable results.

You know, too many Granges feel that they don't need to make any changes. They believe they should continue as they have. Well, the status quo just won't work any more. People are getting older and they are not securing younger people for their own replacement, as well as to provide growth. Conditions have changed and many things have to be changed to compensate for changes in Society.

Many fraternal organizations, like the Grange, are experiencing similar membership losses. They too, are looking for a way to change their image and to make it more attractive to new members. The key is to understand the past, but to reorganize for the future. As an example; I would like to quote from the Freemason Magazine from Canada. In the article, they quote Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who said, "Traditions are splendid, but they must be accepted with conviction and not from any vague sense of the sacredness of antiquity. Evolution is not disloyalty to a system, it is the one thing that insures the continuity of that system. The past is not a bed to rest on but rather a springboard for launching into the future. Fraternal organizations, like all other institutions rooted in the past and in tradition, do not easily or lightly accept change. However, we must recognize that in this twentieth century in order to preserve the fundamental principles in which we believe, we must take note of the changing times in which we live and in which, of necessity, we must practice these principles.

Therefore, let us not resist change because it could mean some real soul searching or on the other hand go all out for a change just as a gimmick or fancy of the moment. Our skill and technique will come in our willingness to compromise without sacrificing the traditions of the fraternity, and to recognize when other views have merit and soundness to support them. We have all heard our older brothers and sisters lament that their Lodges are not what they were when they were initiated and that there is a lack of interest and loyalty.

Our organizations cannot ever be what they were 25 or 50 years ago. We are living today in a world literally filled with a multiplicity of side interests, counter attractions and leisure pastimes. The net result is that greater demands for superior leadership and direction are being demanded of lodge officers right up through the ranks."

Dudley Davis, a well known National Consultant, provided some challenges for the Grange to be a stronger, more viable organization for the 21st Century. He provided these principles:

The current decline of service organizations demands serious and fundamental changes to increase organizational appeal or organizations like the Grange will continue to decline.

National, state and subordinate leaders may lack the fundamental skills required to achieve the desired future and without developing leaders first, all other strategies are at risk. Relevance is a goal for the Grange that cannot be overlooked for even one single additional day.

Leadership development and the creation of a relevant organization must precede membership development.

Organizations that lack relevance and who are unknown, mysterious, secretive, or bigoted are hopelessly lost to future generations.

Our National Membership Director, Roger Halbert, stated that "Whether State Masters and Grange leaders agree with these hard statements, the reality is that we will probably need to face the degree of significance each statement places on our organization as declining membership figures continue to daunt us." At the National level, the membership problem is seen to be so acute, that a National Task Force has been assembled to develop a strategic plan for the Grange to cope with the future. No longer can we

operate as in the past. As one of our membership statements illustrates; "The reality is we cannot grab the future, until we let go of the past." The National Task Force will have a stated period in which to develop a response and resolution to this National, State and local problem.

I cannot emphasize too strongly the need for decisive action to make improvements with our membership status. In one publication, it was reported that declining membership of many organizations is related to the fact that the organizations, in most cases, are invisible to outside interests. Because of the way we operate, the general public doesn't know who we are, or what the fraternity stands for. We have to get their attention! To get more visibility in our communities, we must join with other organizations to promote community awareness. One way to do this is to participate in the Visioning Program, and particularly the Community Needs meeting, where you can exchange thoughts and ideas with community leaders. This also will serve as a bridge to show the way for new members to enjoy the fruits of your labors. The seeds we sow will bear fruit for the future if we cultivate them properly. Your Membership Committee is available to provide the necessary assistance to open the door for future growth. It is our opinion that the Visioning Program is the program that will provide the right answers and the right solutions for each Grange. You need to make your dreams for the future, and make them work. The future is in your hands. Full participation of all Granges will provide the proper Whatever course they take, you can be assured that it will have a big change on the operations of the National and State Granges.

Again, we take time to honor and recognize those Granges that worked diligently and produced impressive gains in their membership this past year. We received 3 applications for the Most Valuable Recruiter. The top winner was Barbara Huffman from Concow Grange #735. Her application

showed that she was quite active with her Grange and that she is a go-getter and quite outspoken. She personally recruited 24 new members. We have a certificate for her, and her application has been forwarded to the National Grange for consideration for a National Award. Other nominees were Larry Dobbins from Happy Camp Grange #395; who recruited 9 new members and Ivy and Bill Mann from Pleasant Valley Grange #675. They recruited 5 new members. In the All Star Grange award, we had 4 applications. The winner was Happy Camp Grange #395 who had an all around activity that was full of community service and activity. They also had some interesting Lecturer programs. By the way, the Lecturer, Robert La Hue is only in his third year of High School, and his active with the Grange. We have a certificate for Happy Camp Grange, and their application has been forwarded to National for further consideration. Other nominees included Anderson Grange #418, Concow Grange #735, and Hangtown Grange #464.

In membership the top winner for the Grange that had an increase of members as well as the highest percentage gain is Santa Cruz-Live Oak Grange #503. They gained 45 members and recorded a 109.75% gain. The Pomona Grange that had the largest number of new members was Siskiyou Pomona Grange #6. They had 24 new members. The Pomona Grange with the largest percentage gain was Ventura Pomona Grange #50 with a 27.27% increase. Will representative please come forward to receive their plaques.

In addition, the following Granges have been honored for their membership gains:

- Corocran #829.....22 members
- Mountain Spring #754.... 18 members
- Concow #735..... 18 members
- Fairfax #570..... 17 members
- Dow's Prairie #505 17 members
- Independent #470..... 17 members
- Wintersburg #583..... 14 members
- McCloud #831 13 members

- Happy Camp #395 13 members
- Sonora #705 12 members
- Mattole #569 11 members
- Prunedale #388 11 members
- Ione #681 11 members
- Orchard City #333 10 members
- Gilroy #398 8 members
- Elbow Creek #733 6 members
- Bayside #500 6 members
- Reseda #708 6 members
- Crescent Redwood #596 .. 6 members
- Escalon #447 5 members
- Tulare #198 5 members
- Lookout #415 4 members
- Mt Hamilton #469 4 members
- Sonoma Valley #407..... 3 members
- Vista #609 3 members
- Merced Colony #527 2 members
- Marina #518 2 members
- Windsor #410 2 members
- Long Valley #642 2 members
- Central Union #559..... 1 member
- United Rescue #450..... 1 member
- Honey Lake Valley #825 ...1 member
- Madonna #535..... 1 member
- Feather River #440 1 member
- Gazelle #380..... 1 member
- Morgan Hill #408 1 member
- Tulalake #468..... 1 member
- Davis Creek #404 1 member
- Banner #627 1 member
- Geyserville #312..... 1 member

There were 25 Granges that had no change from the previous year, but there were 166 Granges that suffered losses ranging from 1 member to as high as 70 members. These Granges really need help if they are to exist into the new millennium. Other Pomona Granges achieving net increase were:

- Butte #16..... 9 members
- Sonoma #1..... 3 members
- Ventura #50..... 3 members
- Yuba-Sierra #46..... 2 members
- Napa #7..... 2 members
- Shasta #13 2 members

- Orange #361 member
- Riverside #311 member
- Plumas-Sierra #18.....1 member

Those Pomona Granges that had percentage gains were:

- Siskiyou #6.....22.0%
- Riverside #313.7%
- Napa #73.4%
- Orange #363.1%
- Sonoma #12.5%
- Plumas-Sierra #18.....2.3%
- Butte Pomona #16.....2.2%
- Yuba-Sierra #46.....2.1%
- Shasta #132.0%

There were 5 Pomona Granges that had no change over the previous year.

In closing, I cannot over-emphasize too strongly the need for decisive action to make improvements with our membership status. In one publication, it was reported that declining membership of many organizations is related to the fact that the organizations, in most cases are invisible to outside interests. Because of the way we operate and the lack of publicity by our Granges, the general public doesn't know who we are, or what the fraternity stands for. We have to get their attention! To get more visibility in our communities, we must join with other organizations to promote community awareness. One way to do this is to participate in the Visioning Program, and particularly the Community Needs meeting, where you can exchange thoughts and ideas with community leaders. This also will serve as a bridge to show the way for new members to enjoy the fruits of your labors. The seeds we sow will bear fruit for the future if we cultivate them properly. Your Membership Committee is available to provide the necessary assistance to open the door for future growth. It is our opinion that the Visioning Program is the program that will provide the right answers and the right solutions for each Grange. You need to make your dreams for the future, and make them work. The future is in your hands. Full

participation of all Granges will provide the proper and correct change which will result in a new beginning and a Grange for the 21st Century.

Fraternally,

Russell E. Harris

Deaf Activities Director:

Worthy State Grange Master, National Grange Delegates, State Grange Officers, Delegates and members,

I am honored for the opportunity to once again work with the Granges and its members since February of this year assisting them with their Deaf Activities Program. Since February the State Deaf Activities Program has had a few changes and enhancements. The Deaf Activities foundation fund is now set up into three categories to support the donations received. They are Deaf Activities general fund; Scholarship Program and the Hearing Dog Program. This will allow the committee to know when there is enough revenue to sponsor an activity; a class of dogs; or fund a scholarship. The committee urges Granges and their members to specify which category they want their donation to go to or how much each category is to receive.

In the category of scholarships, the committee didn't fund a scholarship this year as there were no applicants from California, which is one of the requirements, as reflected in last years proceedings. As for the Hearing Dog Program, we started a new type of program this year to help fund a class of dogs. This is our Pull Tab challenge. The committee urged Granges and it's members to save aluminum pull tabs. The recycling of the pull tabs not only helps our ecological system but helps provide the necessary funds for us to sponsor a "class of dogs" to be trained by the San Francisco SPCA. These specially trained dogs are then placed with a Hearing Impaired or Deaf individual. The trained dogs then

become service dogs providing assistance to Deaf or Hearing Impaired individual. Some of the many things they can do is notifying the owner when the phone rings; the door bell rings; the baby is crying; an alarm clock goes off; an intruder is in the house; the sound of emergency vehicles, especially while driving plus many more. The goal was to have all Granges and or Grange members attending the State Session bring 1999 pull tabs. Collectively we hope to raise enough money through the Pull Tab Program and individual donation to sponsor another class of dogs.

Our third area is the general activities fund. The monies in this area will allow the committee to develop new materials, brochures, etc. on hearing awareness and education. One project idea that I have been brainstorming with Sister Katie Squire, State Junior Grange Director, is designing a coloring book/activity for different age groups on hearing awareness linking it with Junior Grange. During my term as Director, one of my goals was to provide information through newsletters to the Deaf Activities Chairpersons and in the State Grange Newspaper on Hearing Awareness and how to preserve your hearing. Remember it is never too late to start. Your hearing is a valuable asset that we sometimes take for granted. I urge everyone to protect your ears when using anything louder than human voice, especially if the noise pollution is over a long period of time. There are many types of items that will protect your ears, such as foam plugs, specially molded plugs, even a cotton ball is better than nothing at all. The other area was to urge all Grange members to learn the manual alphabet, not necessarily to communicate with a hearing impaired person but to help themselves if the need ever arises.

As we prepare to enter a new century our work is cut out for us to keep the Grange and its image alive and thriving as it was in the 20th century. Maybe Granges can sponsor activities which promote hearing awareness and at the same time provide an avenue to get the GRANGE name in the public's eye. Again

Worthy Master, Thank you for the opportunity to working with our Granges.

Fraternally,

Karen Heckman

Youth Fair Program Director:

Worthy Master, Officers, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Sisters:

This past year was a rather unusual year. For one thing Karen Sweet (who was in charge of the Rules Committee) was dropped from the Committee, with Greg Hurner as a replacement. This is fine, but Greg was from the legislative department, and has no idea what is going on in the Rules Committee. We have a committee meeting sometime this month, but at this time I don't know when.

This year, in January, I attended the 76th annual meeting and convention of the Western Fairs Association. The guest speaker, Dr. Gerry Faust, returned again this year to expand on his ideas of salesmanship for fairs. The theory of the program was The Great Godzilla Hunt.

I attended two of the Key Issues. The first was Developing a Greater Understanding of the Markets Within Our Communities, with Mike Treasy as the Facilitator and 20 people within the group. Some of the general discussion points were:

- Need to get out an awareness of events
- Learn about the uniqueness of our market
- The importance of the schools to penetrate difficult markets
- Contact youth groups
- Produce events geared to seniors
- Form partnerships with local business and government councils to mutually promote each other's programs
- Concentrate on the youth market

The second session I attended was: Building a Fair More People Can Touch and Feel, with John Kegebein as the Facilitator, and his people attending. Some of the discussion points were:

- Financing
- Space
- Safety Regulations
- Liability
- Competent Management

And the top suggestions were:

- Create and develop new resources
- WFA web page showing what fairs are doing
- Create unique experiences for attendees

Even though the entire program was geared to the fair industry, I feel that we, the Grange, can learn and use a lot of the things put forth by the directors.

I attended the Judging School at Orange County Fair Grounds on March 6, 1999 and the Livestock Judges Conference at Cal Expo in Sacramento on March 18 & 19.

The Judging School in Orange County was a one day affair on small items. But the Judging Conference in Cal Expo was on all livestock. After the introductions, the featured speakers discussed "Does the Fair Industry Need Corrective Lenses?"

The speakers were: John Isadore, General Manager, Harris Ranch Beef Company; Linda Hamman, Pork Specialist, Farmer John; Greg Ahart, Fabrication Specialist, Superior Farms; and Dennis Weatherford, USDA Grading Supervisor. Each person had three fourths of an hour and in that time, put four carcasses on the hanging rack in front of the stand. The speaker then gave the high points of each carcass. After lunch, until 4:30, you had the choice of watching them grade beef, sheep, or swine. These animals were graded by fat content and by "hands on" appearance, with each person in the ring with the animals. After 4:30, they judged goats and veal calves.

Friday, the first hour, eight judges discussed the topic "The business of Livestock Judging. From 9:00, until 12:00 there were Judging Breeding Classes. During lunch, there was a Quality Assurance Program. It consisted of, Pseudorabies, by Dr. Heed Hamlin, DMV California DFA; Club Lamb Fungus, Scrapies, and Lamb Docking, by Dr. John Glen, DVM, UC Davis; and Animal Health Checks at Fairs by Dr. Pam Hullinger, DVM, California Dept. Food and Agriculture. I thought that the total program was very interesting and educational, and it was something every youngster showing animals should see.

Finally, I have the results of the questionnaire that was sent out. We have 247 Granges listed in our roster, and 48 Pomona. Out of all of them I received twenty answers from Subordinate Granges and three from Pomona Granges. Of the twenty Subordinate Granges who answered, eleven had entered displayed booths as well as the three Pomonas. This left nine Subordinate Granges, who had replied that they were showing animals at Fairs. It seems rather odd that we have only nine Granges in the State showing animals when between San Fernando Valley and Antelope Valley there are four Granges showing. Also, there were sixty-six returns from Granges that do not participate in Fairs. It seems to me that there are more Granges showing animals at Fairs then what I have been told and that there are more animals being shown at Fairs then we are being told about.

Faternally

Howard March

Community Service Director:

Some very fine Reports were submitted this year; unfortunately, not enough to qualify California for participation in the National Award Program. New guidelines put into effect for the first time this year required that states the size of ours must have Summary Report Forms filed by ten percent of their

Granges in order to be eligible for participation at the National level. We needed 24 reports and 19 were turned in.

Because I kept hoping that more reports would arrive, I held off having them judged until the eleventh hour, and still we fell short. I have felt that this ruling is a bit unfair to those Granges from whom reports are received and I have made my feelings known to the National Director who, by the way, appears to agree with me. We understand what the intent was--to get more reports--but unfortunately, the desired results were not realized. I fully expect that this requirement will be lifted next year.

Reports were received from the following Granges: Antelope #161; American River #172; Anderson #418; Buckeye #489; Santa Cruz-Live Oak #503; Rosedale #565; Mad River #590; San Marcos #633; San Dimas #658; Ojai Valley #659; Pleasant Valley #675; Rainbow Valley #689; Berry Creek #694; Concow #735; Lake Francis #745; Bitterwater #748; Hessel #750; Mountain Springs #754; and West Visalia #782.

The winners are: 1st Place, Berry Creek; 2nd Place, Santa Cruz-Live Oak; 3rd Place, Hessel; and 4th Place, Buckeye.

The four winners were presented with a plaque and small checks in the amount of \$100.00-1st; \$75.00-2nd; \$50.00-3rd, and \$25.00-4th Place. Because the National Grange has historically given monetary awards in these denominations to the four place winners in each state, and since we did not qualify this year, these checks are in lieu of those which would have come from the National Grange.

GRANGE IMAGE AWARD:

The Judges agonized quite a bit over the Grange Image Award. This year we have a plaque for the 1st Place recipient and Certificates for the runners up. The 1st Place winner is Mad River Grange; 2nd Place is

Independent Grange; 3rd Place is Rosedale Grange and Hessel and Mountain Springs Granges tied for 4th Place.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:

We had more entries this year for Volunteer of the Year than in previous years. The Judges chose two runners-up, who are Rae Lyda from Anderson Grange and Luella Pippin from Buckeye Grange. The plaque for Volunteer of the Year for 1998-1999 goes to husband and wife team, Mike and Vera Alves of Dow's Prairie Grange.

I sincerely hope that the next Director of Community Service will be able to inspire more Granges to action. Often I think that you are doing the service, but not reporting it. Remember that the current rules are structured such that it is very important for each Grange to report to insure that we will have the required percentage for National judging. Congratulations to the winners and my gratitude to all who participated.

Fraternally

Emily Felder

Organizing Deputy:

Within a month of last year's Convention, McCloud Grange became a reality and it is functioning quite well as our youngest Subordinate Grange. As with most of our Granges today, they are struggling to grow in number and effectiveness.

Throughout the past year, considerable energy was expended in an effort to activate a Grange in the Southern California town of Hinkley, where a Grange Hall still stands.

The hall is presently leased, but could be made available for Grange use within a matter of a few weeks. I am still hopeful that this will be accomplished soon.

As a result of contacts made at the 1999 California State Fair and other leads from Lois Smith, plans are developing to possibly form a new Grange in the community of Brentwood in Contra Costa County. A number of high school and college students have shown an interest in such an endeavor and we hope to pursue this one quite vigorously at the close of this session.

Exploratory trips have been made to Alpine County; specifically, the town of Markleeville, and to Boron in San Bernardino County. Follow-up visits will be made if further communications seem to warrant expenditure

of the time and expense. We have attempted to keep costs at a minimum and try to do as much as possible by phone, letter, and fax.

It has been my pleasure to serve the California State Grange in this capacity and thank all who have assisted me in any way. Special thanks to the McDaniels in McCloud and, of course, to Marilyn, without whom I could have accomplished nothing.

Fraternally,

Joseph DeMello

2.2 Reports of Other Committees Election Committee:

It has been a privilege to help serve on the registration and election committees. Thanks to the production staff for their help in printing ballots. Thanks to Naomi Fletcher State Secretary for the proper preparation of the credential material.

The committee for registration worked many hard hours they were Mazell Woode, Riverbank #719, Marie Smith, Riverbank #719, Cora Darling, Bennett Valley #16, Rita Haase, Lake County Pomona #43 and Ruby Sheets, Riverbank #719.

Election Comm. Marjorie Brown, Sacramento #12, Bille Niessen, Glen Pomona, Claude and Evelyn Campbell, Mt. Vernon #453, Jeanne Han, W. Yolo #423, Pearl Zeck, Humbolt #501 and Lillian Stilson, Welcome Grange #791.

Fraternally,

Marian Nichols,
W. Yolo #423

Convention Child Care Report:

Redding, a great spot for Convention. Even more so for our very young Grangers as there is

plenty of space to play, inside and out, grassy areas for ball play, running, jumping, chasing, also cement for bouncing balls, hopping, skipping!

We've had 13 junior grangers and younger, catering to 11 different families. We have enjoyed the help of many youth and young adults helping with special projects, and enjoying these children to give child care adults a chance to take a breather. Each year with these youngest of grangers is always a treat for me. I have as much fun if not more with these busy little minds. They tell me with laughter, unanswerable questions and wonderful hugs and kisses.

It is with a heavy heart I now notify the California State Grange that my last service for child care for convention will be October 2000. I need to become more active in other out reaches of the Grange and wish to turn the child care duties to another caring Granger who will reap great rewards in this service.

I thank you, the trust you place in me to care for your most precious possessions, and look forward to watch them grow and become Grange leaders of tomorrow!

Respectful Submitted,

Mary Blesch
Apply Valley Grange # 593

125th Anniversary Committee:

Worthy Master, Honored Guest, Brothers and Sisters:

The California State Grange is now well into our 126th years and the work of the 125th Anniversary Committee has concluded. The beautiful quilt donated by the State Grange GWA Committee was won by Danville Grange.

Through our fund raising efforts we were able to raise \$2000 which will go toward preservation of many of the historical documents that are currently in possession of the California State Grange.

I would like to thank our committee, Marge Brown, Marie Smith, Lillian Stilson, Pat Dahms, Dick Dahms and Jay Hartz for their efforts.

Fraternally

Martha Stefenoni
Chairman

NOAA Project:

Following the 1998 California State Grange Convention, as approved by the Delegates, action was taken to alter the Bylaws of the California Grange Foundation to accommodate the inclusion of the NOAA Project. This having been accomplished, Grant Proposals seeking financial support for the program were sent to approximately 40 companies, individuals, and foundations.

As of this date, responses have been received from all but three. Another three were returned for a better address. I should mention that initial letters of introduction and explanation were sent

and a majority of those solicited requested further information; however, the second responses were polite, supportive in spirit, but no check. Most grantors review requests at specific times during the year and will keep proposals until that review time arrives. Therefore, lack of immediate reply does not always mean a turn down. Hence, the reason for a small glimmer of hope--still. I have been reluctant to expend funds to broaden the scope of solicitations, particularly since there are no funds to expend.

I have prepared a Resolution to effectively abandon the project unless the pending prospective donors indicate financial support. Their review dates are scheduled between now and January, 2000. Unless enough money is pledged to provide at least one new Transmitter, it would seem appropriate to forsake the program.

One comment that did come down to me through a contact at the Weather Service is that our endeavors had been brought to the attention of government people in Washington, D.C. and that their feeling was that perhaps this program should be undertaken, but through the efforts of a government agency. The idea of money being put up by private businesses was agreeable to them, but they were not too happy that the idea had not come out of a committee on the Hill. This information, of course, was not communicated to prospective grantors, so lack of funding would not have resulted from this attitude in D.C. However, most of the letters I received did convey to me that this project is not concentrated enough on one specific ethnic or minority group to fit into their giving program.

Although this has been an interesting challenge, it has also been frustrating and it is particularly difficult for me to have to give up. I do feel that we have accomplished one thing by revising the Foundation Bylaws so that other worthy projects may be undertaken in the future.

Fraternally

Emily Felder
Chairman

2.4 Report of Benefits Providers

Vacaville Autumn Leaves:

Worthy Master, Sister Emily, Officers, Delegates and Patrons:

I am please to report that Vacaville Autumn Leaves has been doing great this year. Our senior apartments, which consist of studios and 1-bedroom apartments have continued to stay full all year round. Currently we have a 42 people on our waiting list. The location of Autumn Leaves is convenient for our seniors. For instance, grocery shopping which is located just across the street. Since only 30% of their income may be used for rent, this gives our seniors the chance to have a little extra spending money. They can call the special service bus for seniors who will come by and drive them to the factory outlet stores, doctors or anywhere they like for a small fee. Deloris Latner our manager at Vacaville Autumn Leaves has submitted the budget for next year and is waiting for approval at this time. I would also like to take this opportunity to commend our manager Deloris Latner, for doing a great job at Vacaville

Fraternally

Linda Donnelly

RHF Director, Asst. Recording Secretary

Ukiah Autumn Leaves:

Worthy Master, Honored Guests, Brothers and Sisters:

This is a brief report of our happenings over the past year. All of our apartments are occupied and we have a waiting list. We have changed the corridor fire doors controllers from the heat activated type to the smoke activated type.

We have replaced many of our shrubs, replaced some sections of wooden fence that surrounds our grounds and installed speed bumps in our driveways as a safety factor. We also added a second handrail to all interior stairs and installed additional walking paths for the convenience of our tenants.

Respectfully Submitted

Floyd C. Lawrence
President

2.5 Reports of Deputy State Masters

Deputy Region 1:

Worthy Master,

Following is the report of the Granges in Del Norte County in Region 1:

Lake Earl Grange is being preserved by a few dedicated members. The ladies of the GWA have worked hard at their projects. Their

membership has decreased some and they are not sending delegates to the convention this year.

Crescent Redwood is doing well, and they have added some new members. They are sending two delegates to State Convention. Their GWA is active and they have completed projects for the community. They also have done more repairs on their hall as funds permit.

Del Norte Pomona #42 is struggling but manage to hold regular meetings thanks to a few dedicated members. They will be sending two delegates to the State convention.

Thank you for allowing me to serve in Del Norte County of Region 1.

Fraternally,

Joan Lango

Deputy Region 2:

The Grangers are working on remodeling and repairs to their halls. It's a never-ending job. The results are rewarding and a job well done by Grangers.

Bachelor Valley Grange #667 is cooking a monthly breakfast, hall rentals and community service. Taking in new members. Also, they are doing good.

Clear Lake Grange #680 is working on a membership drive too. They cook a public breakfast once a month, Lions breakfast twice a month, Giddens dinner once a month, plus others. Have a lot of Rentals for the hall. Doing Community services too.

East Lake Grange #727 is getting back on its feet once more, taking in new members. Some of the new members are very interested and good workers. They have started up a monthly breakfast and are doing good and they have their bingo games going. They helped Clear Lake Grange in their food booth at the fair. They have plans to improve their hall.

Scotts Valley Grange #725 is working on their hall, new roof and other repairs. Membership is improving too. The Master's first year in office and is doing a worthy job.

Guenoc Grange #20 is holding on for now. The State Master and membership chairman will help them.

Cobb Mt. Grange isn't doing good. A lot of the members work and do not attend meetings. Two charter members have been ill, in and out of the hospital. Haven't found it open, when I go up to the mountains, but it's a beautiful drive. Really think it should merge with Guenoc Grange.

Lake County has some hard working members and then just members. They join just for the insurance is all, after they are obligated you don't see them. We call and they tell us, they are only interested in Insurance.

We haven't given up in Lake County.

Fraternally,

Pauline Stinnett

Deputy Region 3:

Worthy State Master, officers and members of the California State Grange:

Hello from Napa County, Region 3. There are three Subordinate Granges in Napa County, Napa #307, Rutherford #371 and Welcome #791. Napa County is generally in bad shape. The Granges are getting smaller each year.

Napa Grange #307 is doing the best of the three. Their Master is doing his best to keep it going. They give two scholarships each year to family of Grangers. They are also very active in materially helping several community organizations and our local 4-H. They are in their one hundred first year of continuous membership. They do not own a hall, but rent from the Senior Center, which works out very well and meets all their needs.

Rutherford Grange #371 is struggling just to keep going. They own their hall and rent it out as much as possible. They try to have pancake

breakfasts, but have trouble getting help. They rarely open in form.

Welcome Grange #791 membership is getting lower. They are getting about twelve members out to a potluck/meeting. They chose to drop out of the Visioning program. They discontinued to have a potluck and social night on the third Monday. They continue to support the local 4-H by purchasing an animal at the Jr. Livestock Auction and support other local community projects. They had the hall exterior painted.

The Napa Pomona #7 may disband at the end of this year. The Master has tried many different things to interest members but gets seven to twelve members to a meeting. She is very discouraged. I realize this report is mostly negative but this county is really struggling to stay alive. The age of our membership accounts for some of it. Many members don't drive at night any more, but officers work so meeting times can't be changed.

Faternally

Jerry Burch

Deputy Region 4:

Worthy State Master, officers and members of the California State Grange.

We have nine Granges in our district including the Santa Clara Pomona Grange #04. Our numbers have remained nearly the same this year by associates and affiliates who have joined. We have some Granges which show significant increases in membership sadly we have lost two Granges this year because we couldn't find a way to help them continue. Sunnyvale Grange gave up their charter and remaining members demitted to Cupertino Grange. We tried valiantly to save San Jose Grange, we presented a set of options and met with all who would attend a special meeting, but there were insufficient members willing to

take an office nor try to find a way to pay for the monthly meeting hall.

Gilroy Grange had an increase of 8 members, Mount Hamilton had an increase of 14. We are all trying to find the secret to excite the interest in the youth joining to help continue the Grange into the future. There were two Granges who participated in the Santa Clara County Fair. Cupertino Grange took First Place and the Pomona Grange took second. The Pomona Grange held a Membership Rally this year to tell the public about the Grange. They distributed over 800 invitations, they had presentations including Grange history by State Master John Felder; they had 3 visitors (and 3 new members). In September The Pomona Grange had a brain storming session to work up some new ideas for the new year. There were many ideas presented and they are scheduling a plant sale for April. The Grange is selling space to anyone for \$10.00 and they keep the proceeds, the Grange gets the \$10.00 and the publicity and possibly new members. They are planning to have a number of day trips during the year. This year a Saturday trip to the Liberty Ship Jeremiah O'Brien was attended by 19 and was a great outing.

Despite adequate membership it is still very hard to get the membership to attend meetings it remains the usual loyal workers who keep things going. The Granges with their own halls are renting them out and earning enough to maintain and improve their halls. It is hoped that some of the renters will also see the value of membership. Coyote Grange has earned significant improvements by the rental. Coyote has an air conditioning system, a newly landscaped yard, a new paint job outside, a complete renewal inside including wallboard and painting and is anticipating a new roof.

Faternally,

Houghton F "Tom", Sawyer And Patricia Schunneman

Deputy Region 5:

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange.

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Fraternally,

Wilma J. Webb

Deputy Region 5:

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Greetings from Siskiyou County in Northern California. This has been a busy year for us in Siskiyou County.

With so many private property issues that we have addressed, the big issue is the National Marine Fishery Service. All of our Granges, like all the Granges throughout the state are struggling to keep the bills paid. They have all held many money making projects.

Dorris: They give a scholarship each year to a graduating senior from the Butte Valley high School. They don't own a hall, but meet in the Dorris City Hall. They participate in the Lions big barbecue each spring with a dessert booth and hold raffles several times a year. Dorris holds card parties each winter.

Gazelle: Gazelle is participating in the Visioning program and it appears to be working quite well. They hold regular town meeting discussing many topics of major concern to the community. They hold

community dinners for the community and play bingo twice a month. Their Junior Grange is very active even though so many of the juniors are involved in 4H and FFA. The Gazelle School uses their hall for many school activities as it has a very good basket ball court. They also participate in the St. Jude Bike-a-thon.

Greenhorn: Greenhorn hall is used for many property right groups rent free. We still have our soup kitchen that serves meals each week on Monday and Thursday. The basement is used by Teen Edge as a meeting place for their group. Bingo is played twice a month. A church rents our hall for their Sunday Church services.

Happy Camp: Happy Camp Grange participates each year in the Big Foot Jamboree over Labor Day each year. They serve a fabulous steak dinner twice a year. About once a month, they have a bread baking day where they bake bread and sell it to the community. They have started playing cards each month. They still maintain the Riverside Park.

Hornbrook: Hornbrook Grange serves a noon meal in the area seniors each Thursday. They donate the use of their hall to many service organizations. They are the main supporters of the Hornbrook Neighborhood Watch program. Their second meeting each month is a social meeting and many times they honor the volunteers around the Hornbrook area.

McCloud: For a new Grange, the few members that they have are very dedicated. They are participating in community activities in the town having an information booth at each of the events. They hosted the annual Pomona picnic in July and did an outstanding job. They are planning a big celebration in November at their first meeting to celebrate their first birthday.

Mt. Bolivar: This Grange holds a community dinner each year at the holidays. The big event for this Grange is their annual Buck Hunter's Dinner and Dance. They sponsor a

melodrama each year with two performances preceded by a prime rib dinner. They maintain the only streetlight in the big city of Callahan.

Scott Valley: This Grange holds a jam session and dinner about every three months. They serve a Thanksgiving dinner for those without families to anyone who wishes to attend. They have an annual Christmas Party for the children. Their hall is used by the PFUSA for their monthly meeting. They honor one individual in the community for community service work.

Tulelake: This Grange has a very active legislation committee and meets once a month before their regular meetings. They write many letters to the elected officials both in the nation and the state. They are the mainstay in the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair, putting in a feature booth for both the Tulelake and Pomona Grange. They hold card parties each week during the winter months.

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Fraternally

Wilma J. Webb

Deputy Region 7:

Dear Worthy Master,

This year has been a busy one. We have several Granges that were in trouble, but I'm happy to say that the troubles have been resolved and I'm sure that the year 2000 will be a better one. I have enjoyed my term as Deputy, and hope that my work has been satisfactory.

Fraternally,

Kay Anderson

Deputy Region 7:

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange,

I have been very active visiting and participating with all of the Granges in my region. The majority are all very active and with a small membership gain.

I am proud to state that Independent Grange #470 and Lake Francis Grange #745 now have active Junior Granges. Congratulations. Also, there are a few Granges who are now participating in the Visioning Program in my

region. We are hoping this will bring many new members to our Granges.

I have had a very enjoyable year.

Fraternally,

Jack Eyler

Deputy Region 8:

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange,

Greetings from nine Subordinate Granges and two Pomona Granges of both Placer and Nevada Counties.

In Placer County there are three Subordinate Granges that have elected to try the Visioning program and have initiated phase one and are about to move to phase two. Nevada County has one Grange working on phase one. I have obligated several members in both counties, along with a joint installation for Nevada County. We have three Granges in Placer County struggling to keep going and the State Master has been informed of their struggles. Even at that, one of them has presented two scholarships to worthy recipients of Lincoln High School. Three others in Placer County have made considerable improvements on their hall and are trying different programs to improve their status in the community and bring in new members.

Here in Nevada County, Rough and Ready formed an excellent Junior Grange with capable leaders and are participating in their community and the County fair. The Masters of each Grange in Nevada County are doing a good job of keeping their Granges active.

Both Nevada and Placers County Granges are having the same problems as other Granges in the State. Membership is status quo but participation at meetings is another item.

I appreciate the Worthy State Master appointing me as deputy for Placer and Nevada Counties and will continue to serve under the State Master. We cordially invite all the members to attend the productive and successful convention in Redding.

Fraternally,

Claude L. Campbell

Deputy Region 9:

Worthy Master, State Grange Officers, Brothers & Sisters:

It is again our pleasure to bring you greetings from San Joaquin and Calaveras Counties, Subordinate Granges and Pomona Grange. Sister Joyce and I visited all of the Granges in our District at least two times. One of the Granges in our area meets in the afternoon. We were able to attend only one afternoon meeting. We keep in contact with all of the Granges by telephone and if they have questions or concerns the members call us, which we appreciate.

Membership in most of the Granges is holding about the same, but the attendance at the meetings is down. Some of the Granges gave scholarships to students who graduated from High School and are now attending College. The Granges in our area take pride in their Halls and are keeping them in good shape. San Joaquin/Calaveras Pomona Grange had a booth at the County Fair and received \$700.00 in prize money for their entry. The Grange members and friends present at "Grange Day" at the Fair enjoyed a luncheon which was served in the patio area. Box seats were reserved at the horse races for State Master John and Emily Felder, plus other Grangers and friends. It was an enjoyable afternoon and no one came home a "loser" because no bets were placed! The Junior Grange members

showed animals at the San Joaquin County Fair.

Once again Joyce and I would like to take this opportunity to Thank You for the privilege of serving as Deputy. We would also like to Thank all the Granges that we visited for a real friendly Welcome. We hope you have a successful Convention in Redding. We plan to attend the Convention if our crops are in.

Respectfully submitted,

Manuel J. Luis

Deputy Region 10:

Worthy State Master, Officers and members of the California State Grange

I bring you greetings from Stanislaus, Tuolumne and Merced Pomona's, and their eighteen subordinate Granges.

Elsie and I visited most of the Granges in my region two or more times this year. If I could not visit them, then I would call them.

Some of the Grange attendance at the meetings are low, but they are trying very hard to keep their Grange going. Some members can not drive at night anymore, so they are holding afternoon meetings.

Hilmar Grange remodeled their restrooms to accommodate the handicap.

Waterford Grange had a supply pipe to the men's restroom that broke and flooded the hall, both top and bottom floors. The bottom floor had about ten inches of water. The damage was assessed at \$25,000.00 by the G.I.A. Insurance adjuster.

Some Granges in my region gave scholarships to various schools, and donated money to the National and State Grange projects.

I wish to thank the California State Grange for the opportunity to serve as Deputy this year. Elsie and I wish the California State Grange a

successful 1999 convention in Redding and are looking forward to seeing all of you.

Fraternally,

John Espinola

Deputy Region 11:

Worthy Master,

The Granges in Region 11 are holding their own. Each one has its own problems in getting members but, they are working hard to maintain the old members and getting new ones.

There are a lot of community projects done by the Grangers and also done together with other community organizations.

I would like to thank the State Master for the opportunity to serve as Deputy of Region 11.

Fraternally

Lester R. Rougeot

Deputy Region 13:

Worthy Master, Officers, and Members of the California State Grange:

I don't know where the year, 1999, went, I visited most of the Granges in my area, and found most of them are having problems with attendance. Their excuse is, "Too old to drive" or "Don't get home from work in time."

The Grange Youth in my area of Antelope Valley, San Bernardino County, and San Fernando Valley, have participated strongly in the Fair programs. Yucca Grange served a pancake breakfast for the Antelope Valley Fair, and two weeks later, they suffered the loss of their Grange Hall with fire.

I had the opportunity to represent California State Grange at the ground breaking ceremony by Senator Richard Alarcon for the new, and hopefully, permanent site for the San Fernando Valley Fair.

I attended the Emotional evening in the Radisson Hotel, in San Bernardino, representing California State Grange for the convention in the year of 2001.

I also attended the Youth Leadership Conference, by Katie Squire, at Yucca Grange.

Brother Howard and I, wish the California State Grange a successful State Convention and are looking forward to meeting all of you in Redding.

Fraternally,

Ethel March

Deputy Region 14:

Worthy Master, Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters,

The Granges I serve in Region 14 have remained fairly stable this past year. Any gains have been offset by losses, either by death or out the back door. All are continuing in their community service commitments with no abatement in that key element. Only one Grange has had difficulty meeting the quorum requirement, that due to surgery of a key member. With his anticipated resumption of activities, that should ease before the year end.

With increased interest in the Grange due to the "Visioning Program", 2000 should reverse our membership decline. There are nearly six million people in Region 14; we need to tap into more of it.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Worthy Master and the headquarters staff for

the help and support they have given this past year.

Fraternally,
Bill Hitt

Deputy Region 14:

Worthy Master, Officers and Patrons,

I am pleased to report that the twelve Granges that comprise Region 14 have been able to hold their own in regards to membership. Their losses have been primarily due to death or members moving out of the area as opposed to attrition due to apathy. And these losses have been offset by modest gains in some of the more active Granges.

In past years I have reported about the efforts of the Subordinate Granges in Region 14 in the area of education, and now we can add Rainbow Valley #689 to the list of Granges that have established a scholarship fund. This past spring they awarded their memorial scholarship to a graduating senior from Fallbrook High School that had attended Vallecitos School, Vallecitos is the local school in the community of Rainbow Valley.

Other Granges that have continuing scholarship programs are Ramona # 632, San Marcos # 633, Vista # 609, San Dimas # 686 and Rubidoux #611. All Granges throughout our remarkable fraternity that are involved in education are to be commended for this effort. Since the inception of our great fraternity education has been a priority, it is incorporated into the ritual of our business meetings and each of the Degrees of our Order have their own special lesson. It is therefore appropriate that the Grange continue to spread its influence through participation in the area of education.

The only active Junior Grange in the region is Rainbow Valley. This past year I was asked to install their second slate of officers. They

continue to grow in membership and participate in several local activities such as the Fall Carnival at the local school and the Rainbow Days Spring Festival. They have also participated along with the Property Owners Association annual clean-up day. This year they will volunteer their time along with other Grange members in the annual clean-up day of the Santa Margarita Watershed, which is an annual event coordinated by the Mission Resource Conservation District.

With the introduction of the "Visioning Program" I had hoped to see a turn around in membership, however, the number of active members continues to decline. I have

encouraged the Subordinate Granges in Region 14 to inquire about this program; it can have a very positive impact on your Grange. It might just make the difference between the life and death of a Subordinate Grange.

I wish to thank our Worthy Master, Brother John Felder for allowing me the opportunity to serve in the capacity of Deputy State Master.

Fraternally,

Hank Hitt

3.1 Executive Committee Minutes

October 13, 1998

Accepted: 12-18-98

The meeting was called to order by Worthy Master John Felder at 9 AM at the Best Western Trailside Inn in Susanville. Roll Call showed members present: Rosemary Hansen, Ernie White, Stephen Tait, John Squire and Jim Smith. Tom Stefenoni, Overseer and the Master's secretary were also present.

Agenda items were then added. Minutes were approved as clarified.

CSG CONVENTION UPDATE: *Officer Update (Flora/Ceres)* -- State Master advised the Committee that Racine Colburn, Ceres, will be unable to attend convention due to family illness. Sara Dahlgren, Flora, will be attending, however, subject to change. Their grandmother is quite ill. Donna Haynes is ready to step in for Flora, if necessary and Ceres replacement is covered. *Quorum* -- The concern of a quorum was discussed. Brother Squire offered a possible solution, if a quorum were ever in question. *Membership Development Resolution* -- A review of the resolution "Membership Development" received from Fresno-Madera Grange on October 7 was

undertaken. State Master ruled the resolution out of order, due to the wording in the first resolved. He then explained the new program recently instituted by the State Membership Director whereby three individuals from the Membership Committee will be appointed to a *Membership Strike Team* (from the north, south and central areas). These individuals will receive some training and in turn, they will go into their local areas to find people to work with them trying to recruit new members for the Granges in their areas. Brother Squire says he believes we need to put our efforts and financial resources into a major Grange membership development program and we need to start immediately. State Master reminded the Committee that we are utilizing our Organizing Deputy in this effort through the commitment of the National Grange. The National Grange has agreed to keep the program going through next year. Resolution ruled out of order and the Grange will be notified by Brother Squire.

GWA AUDIT OF BOOKS: Sister Joy Beatic, GWA Director, joined the Committee at this time for the annual audit of books. The Committee agreed to have the auditing member of the Executive Committee review the books

with the GWA Director at another agreed upon time.

REPORT OF STATUS OF GRANGES:

Thermalito Grange -- This Grange has problems. The deputy tried to work with them before the State Master stepped in by attending their September meeting where he told them like it is. He stopped all bingo, regular meetings and lunches until their November meeting when they could elect new officers, if necessary. At this point, it is wait and see.

Janesville Grange -- The property has been listed for one year through a local realtor. Sister Hansen and Brother Smith drove by the property yesterday. The grass needs to be cut as the sign is barely visible. State Grange is paying the taxes on this property. State Master hopes to inspect the property this week as well.

San Jose Grange -- This Grange is bound and determine to surrender their charter. The deputies have tried to work with them because they do not want to see this happen. We will have to accept their decision to close the Grange. They have asked for individual demits as opposed to blanket demitting to a nearby Grange. They do not own a hall.

Hinkley Valley Grange -- We now have a renter for the next six months. They originally wanted to rent with an option to buy, but the State Master said no, not until all efforts to reorganize this Grange have been exhausted. After convention, our Organizing Deputy will be asked to visit the area.

Coyote Grange -- At the last meeting, *first right of refusal* on the sale of this property was discussed. Coyote Grange was advised to proceed with the first right of refusal granted to the Vietnam Veterans and Friends, should the property ever become available for sale, and that the proper letter, etc. should remain in their file at the State Grange office.

Williams Grange -- A letter received from Williams Grange, dated October 8, informed the State Master that their last meeting will be December 10. The letter states that notices will be sent to their members on November 1 regarding this last meeting and also indicates that their membership would be pleased to transfer to Stonyford Grange. State Master will advise them of the proper procedure. They do not own a hall.

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Grange -- A letter received from the Master of this Grange states the intent of the members to sell their Grange property and surrender their charter. The Master is currently in the process of obtaining a fair market value of the property in order to determine a selling price. They understand they cannot surrender their charter until the sale of the hall is completed. As soon as the information is secured, the Master will send a new letter of intent with the selling price and costs to the Executive Committee for approval. State Master informed the Committee that Membership Director Russell Harris, has visited this Grange and agrees with their decision.

Mt. Lassen Grange -- Letter received from this Grange regarding their unanimous vote, taken July 28, 1998, to close Mt. Lassen Grange due to lack of participation. They state that over the last two years, many attempts were made to encourage participation by the members, but to no avail. The members have requested to be blanket demitted to Anderson Grange and have asked for the proper procedure in doing so. They have 95 members. They also included a generous donation to the CA State Grange in the form of a \$10,000 check to be used for the maintenance of the State Grange van.

NATIONAL GRANGE -- GRANGE ORGANIZING PROGRAM UPDATE:

A big effort has been towards the city of McCloud. An organizing meeting was scheduled and publicized in the community -- approximately 8 people attended. There are 6 to 8 names on the charter at this point. State Master explained to Organizing Deputy Joe DeMello that we must work one on one in this organizing effort. Brother and Sister Jim and Pat McDaniel will also be working with this Grange, once chartered. In the area of Covelo, a list of names will be provided to Deputy DeMello to work from. After Covelo, Hinkley Valley will be explored with efforts to reorganize. State Master reminded the Committee that Brother DeMello is not accepting a salary -- expenses only are paid and to date, \$500 of the \$8,000 allocated has been spent. The *Strike Team* will be worked in after convention. Brother Squire asked about the training referred to in regards to the *Strike Team*, stating that an enthusiastic

person is needed. He further stated that we have to find a better program to benefit our farmers so they will want to join the Grange.

The meeting was recessed, until such time as Master Felder could determine the needs of Sister Emily in regards to her fall. She was taken to the hospital for examination and stitches.

The meeting was called back to order, resuming with the next agenda item.

125th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE: Sister Martha Stefenoni, Chairman, joined the Committee at this time, asking for permission to proceed with a quilt raffle. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to preserve CA State Grange historical material at the state headquarters office. This committee is also selling caps for \$8 and jackets for \$30. The jackets are ordered individually and must be prepaid. *It was voted* to allow the 125th Anniversary Committee to sell raffle tickets for the quilt. Tickets will be sold for \$1 each or 6 for \$5 -- one book will be mailed to each Subordinate Grange, beginning November 1. The printing and mailing of the tickets should be paid for from the proceeds received.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS -- LONG-TERM CARE: Brother and Sister Tom and Martha Stefenoni presented a proposal(s) for long-term care insurance to benefit our membership. A proposal from LTPC (Long Term Preferred Care) was sent to Brother Don Sharp, Chairman of the Benefits/Services Committee, for review. Brother Don believes that Long Term Care Plans can be a benefit to our members, but we must be careful when endorsing products, that any endorsement fees should be a secondary consideration and that fraternal value and gaining new members should be our first consideration -- "*Grangers Serving Grangers*." For this reason, Brother and Sister Stefenoni, members of the Benefits/Services Committee, have explored the market place. They have talked with two top-rated companies and each are willing to offer percentage discounts to associations. The only stipulation is that there only be one agent to work through, although all

Grange agents could offer and sell the product. This would go back to fraternal marketing, working with Grange agents who care about the Grange and the individual member. The State Grange could expect a payment per enrollee and the member probably would receive a 5-percent discount over plans sold to non-members. Tom stated that these two companies understand that the Grange is an association, as we do not want to get into the problems we had with Secure Horizons and HCFA disqualifying the Grange as a retiree group. These two companies would be working with Tom and Martha and in turn, Tom and Martha will appoint the other agents to market this product. These plans are non-cancelable and guaranteed renewal, as long as the premium is paid. There will be general rate increases and both companies will offer discounts. Committee asked the Stefenoni's if they could be the general agents on a direct basis and not have a level in between. They believed they could, but a letter of approval is needed from the CA State Grange in order to market the products. *It was voted* that we approve the long-term care insurance programs as presented by Tom and Martha Stefenoni, provided that Tom and Martha Stefenoni are given the sole general agent responsibility on a direct basis. Brother Tom will assist in writing the letter of approval.

UKIAH/VACAVILLE AUTUMN LEAVES: The minutes of both Ukiah Autumn Leaves and Vacaville Autumn Leaves were reviewed. Concern regarding the request to merge Redwood Valley Grange and Ukiah Grange was discussed. Reversion of Ukiah Autumn Leaves to Ukiah Grange was also discussed. State Master will be talking with both Granges and offering the assistance of our Membership Director. Ukiah Autumn Leaves will also be contacted in order to secure copies of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

WESTERN STATES ROSTER PROPOSAL UPDATE: Responses received from Colorado, who objects to the idea and Washington who is in favor of the roster.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POLICY HANDBOOK: It was agreed to include in the

Executive Committee Policy Handbook the reverted funds distribution breakdown for future reference.

GIA RESEARCH COMMITTEE: State Master stated the appointments to this committee have been made and we are now waiting for responses before a meeting can be scheduled.

The Grange/GIA brochure was briefly discussed. There are some changes on the Grange information to be made before publication.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M. and the next meeting will be held at the conclusion of the 126th Annual Convention. The CA Grange Foundation will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, October 15, 1998 at 11:30 AM.

October 17, 1998

Accepted: 12-18-98

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 P.M. at the Best Western Trailside Inn in Susanville by Worthy Master John Felder. Roll Call showed members present: Ernie White, Johnny Squire, Jim Smith, Stephen Tait and Hank Hitt. Tom Stefenoni, Overseer; State Master's secretary; Naomi Fletcher, State Secretary and Bud Hill, Treasurer, were also present.

Sister Fletcher read the minutes of yesterday's proceedings. There was discussion on the money received from Grange Insurance and whether or not it should be listed as convention income. The minutes were approved as read.

The Committee then elected their chairman - *it was voted* that the State Master serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

State Master welcomed Brother Hank Hitt to the Committee as the newly elected member serving a three-year term.

A discussion regarding the Executive Committee minutes and a concern of the State Secretary was undertaken. It was agreed that a copy of the minutes be given to the State Secretary at the same time as they are distributed to the Executive Committee.

State Master read a letter received from Junior Director Katie Squire regarding her attendance at the National Grange Convention in North Carolina. She is completing her last year as a member of the National Grange Junior Advisory Committee. *It was voted* to approve and forward the budgeted \$750 to the Junior Director for her travel to the 1998 National Grange Convention. Brother Squire abstaining. Brother John will inform Sister Katie of the decision as she will be making her own travel arrangements. The funds will be taken from the Junior Grange fund as stated in the letter, rather than the general fund as originally authorized.

The floor motion adopted by the delegates to provide an additional \$100 per youth attendee was discussed. It was noted the talent contestant was also included in that motion.

As per the established policy outlined in the Executive Committee Policy Handbook, the talent contestant (Colby Darrah) is authorized to receive airfare, two night's lodging and \$6 per day per diem. As per the motion listed above, he will also receive \$100.

Brother Stefenoni reported on additional information received regarding the long-term care insurance programs. He found out that a company will not allow a general agent contract on long-term care insurance, unless you bring them a big book of business. Committee asked if the insurance company and marketing company have a falling out, what would happen to the State Grange program. After further research, *it was voted* to approve the long-term care insurance programs as presented by Tom and Martha Stefenoni, with the most direct contract available. Tom will provide wording for the approval letter.

CONVENTION CRITIQUE: Each member was then asked to comment on their evaluation of the convention. *Tom Stefenoni* -- very pleased with how everything worked out and expressed his praise and appreciation for the community. *Naomi Fletcher* -- main concern is loading the supply truck at the conclusion of convention. The truck should have been loaded

with all supplies, except those from the convention floor and they weren't. Two State Officers were assigned this responsibility and it wasn't working out, due to the fact they have to be in the session. State Master apologized for that and will work on the problem. Joe White was suggested as a contact for this responsibility. Pleased with the work of Dennis and Wilma and she let them know every chance she could. *Hank Hitt* -- his first impression of the facility on his visit this summer was not very good, but was soon turned around when he walked into the session. He also praised Dennis for his work and stated it is a real testament to what we can do if we have the right people in charge. High praise goes to the community as well. He stated it was a privilege to be elected to the Committee and the ideas he brings with him are for the benefit of the Order. *Ernie White* -- expressed his admiration of the convention committee and for the facilities. Concerned about all the extra resolutions received at convention and of the golf carts and the fact the Committee should have been informed prior to convention. Cost of the golf carts was nominal and they were certainly needed to ease the distance from the parking lot and Jensen Hall to the armory. Cost of the awards dinner income versus expenses was a concern as it should have been an in and out situation. Discussion on the cost of meals versus their expenses. Complimentary tickets provided for guests, etc. should be factored into the cost of the meals to compensate for the outlay. The youth department should not be forfeiting income for complimentary tickets for guests, etc. as their meal functions are fundraisers. Meal costs should be adjusted to compensate for the complimentary tickets. *Jim Smith* -- shared a list of comments received from members which included: need for youth on each committee, resolutions being worked on the floor while committees are meeting, *where is the slide show we used to show*, we should rent a copy machine, local people should be used for the visioning program, condition of bible and why didn't the local Granges provide the tables/chairs instead of having to rent them. *Pat Avila* -- need to work on handicap accessibility to all facilities, especially the restrooms. Compliments to both

to Dennis Van Amburg and Wilma Webb for their efforts in taking over the responsibility of hosting the convention. Couldn't ask for better workers. *Stephen Tait* -- pleased with the convention facilities as it turned out to be a very nice convention. Expressed concern regarding the concurrence of resolutions as we used to do. We should not reject resolutions if they are already policy, rather we should adopt them, reinforcing our policy. State Master said he will speak with George and include a statement in the instructions for the committees.

Supplemental resolution pads were discussed. There were many spelling errors, page numbers wrong and some resolutions were printed twice. Resolution rewrites discussed -- too many rewrites that were not necessary and changes could have been made on the floor. State Master will discuss with George. *John Squire* -- very pleased with facilities and would like to see us come back to Susanville. The buses that shuttled to/from the Elks Lodge did an excellent job. *Bud Hill* -- concerned about resale inventory left; we should examine all contingencies regarding convention costs (tables, chairs, etc.), late resolutions and suggested contracting with a local printing company. Discussion then turned to the mimeograph machine used for producing the resolutions while at convention. Supplies and parts are becoming obsolete, if not already. A risograph (high speed/digital) machine was suggested for possible purchase. The cost per copy is a lot less -- the cost is in the master. The ink comes in the form of a cartridge.

State Master stated there will not be an officers/directors meeting this coming year, but will have a deputy conference sometime in March.

The letter received from Martha Stefenoni regarding the Youth Degree Teams was read. She has spoken with Youth Director, Donna Haynes, and has offered to be the Youth Department's Degree Team Coordinator for the 1999 Annual Session. Her duties would include scheduling practices, assignments and preparation of parts. Donna has accepted her offer and wanted the Executive Committee to be aware the issue of the degree teams is being addressed to ensure a successful exemplary

performance.

Compliments on the piano were given. The sound system worked better this year as the acoustics were better. State Master informed the Committee that all expenses for the sound technician were paid for as well as some of the equipment he rented. In addition, as we have done in the past, we will be purchasing a needed item for the system as a "token." We will not need his services next year and probably not in 2000 either.

State Master said he wanted the Committee to know that he was serious when he considered resigning if the Executive Director/Assistant resolution did not pass. He does not feel that the CA State Grange should be mandated and forced to hire an executive director/assistant when a full-time Master is available. He also feels a part-time Master, working full-time during the day, could not possibly visit many Granges in the evening as some Granges are 450+ miles away.

The next meeting is schedule for December 18/19, 1998 at the State Grange headquarters and will begin at 9:00 AM. The meeting adjourned at 11:59 P.M..

December 18/19, 1998

Accepted: 2-26-99

The meeting was called to order by Worthy Master John Felder at 9:08 AM. Roll Call showed members present: Ernie White, Jim Smith, Hank Hitt and John Squire. Stephen Tait being delayed due to the weather conditions. Tom Stefenoni, Overseer and the Master's secretary were also present.

Agenda items were then added. The minutes of the October 13/17, 1998 meetings were approved as read.

FINANCIAL REPORT: State Master reviewed the financial reports with the Committee. A clarification was made to the cash balances sheet, dated November 30, 1998. The GBO III is the interest from the Butler Note and the GBO II is the principle from the Butler Note,

they were reversed. Brother White questioned the insurability of the AMEX Company and their accounts. The convention final report was then discussed. The Committee expressed their satisfaction with the detailed report and felt it could be used in future convention planning. Brother White asked why no payments have been received since July from Corralitos and Panama Granges on their notes. State Master will research and advise. The General Fund Income Statement, ending November 1998 was reviewed. Discussion on Grange hall loans and Grange hall insurance packages.

A cost of living adjustment for the CA State Grange employees was discussed. Salary schedules were reviewed. *It was voted* to grant a cost of living adjustment of 2.2-percent to the following employees: Patricia Avila, Naomi Fletcher, Jay Hartz, Jan Hartz, George Dupray and Laura Mikkelson. No action taken on cost of living adjustments for State Officers and Directors, with the exception of those named above.

1998 CONVENTION SUMMARY: The convention final report was discussed earlier. Printing costs while at convention were discussed. A report from the EMT/First Aid Department prepared by Brother Ron Horn, Convention EMT, was reviewed.

RESOLUTION 98-012: "GIA AGENTS -- SALESMEN": This resolution, adopted by the delegates, requires the State Grange to do all in its power to influence the Grange Insurance Association to require that anyone selling Grange Insurance be required to be a fraternal member of the Grange and that applications for fraternal and associate membership in the Grange within the jurisdiction of the CA State Grange submitted to Granges by Grange Insurance agents will only be accepted if they are signed by a fraternal Grange member. State Master says all we can do is forward this resolution to Grange Insurance. The contract for Grange-appointed agents that will be selling Grange Insurance says they must maintain active membership in a fraternal Grange. State Master informed the Committee that the newly established Grange Insurance Research

Committee had their first meeting earlier this month and will meet again in January. Perhaps this resolution should be forwarded to that committee for their deliberation.

RESOLUTION 98-059: "GRANGER

MOVEMENT": This resolution, adopted by the delegates, requires the State Grange to establish a committee to develop a 45-minute program on the topic of the Granger Movement and the Granger Laws and the Grange Today that can be presented by members at high schools in their community and that this program be made available to the membership as quickly as possible. The committee has been appointed and they are: Katie Squire, George Dupray, Jay Hartz, Ron Davis, Roger Neufeld and Martha Stefenoni. They will be meeting on January 26, 1999

RESOLUTION 98-066R: "CSG

CONVENTION": This resolution, adopted by the delegates, requires the Executive Committee to immediately begin a review and revision of the expenses and schedule of the Annual Session with an eye to cutting costs and that this review and any possible revisions include mileage, per diem and room compensation for officers, directors and deputies along with other associated costs, including the possibility of shortening the session by up to two days and that any suggested changes be made available for review to the Granges 90 days prior to the 1999 Annual Session. Brother Squire commented on the resolution as he is the author. He wanted the delegates to hear that things may have to change because of the continual increasing costs of convention. Committee discussed ways that costs could be cut. If the membership continues to drop, then we will really have to take some steps in cutting convention costs. The Committee will prepare a report to be forwarded to the Granges. State Master will jot down his ideas on cost cutting and discuss with the Committee.

The meeting was recessed for the convening of the CA Grange Foundation meeting and reconvened at 11:35 P.M.

RESOLUTION 98-079: "INVESTMENT OF RESTRICTED FUNDS OF THE CSG":

This resolution, adopted by the delegates, allows the Grange Hall Loan Fund to be included as a source of investment for restricted and non-restricted accounts. This now gives the CA State Grange another venue to invest those accounts. This would include only the GBO accounts. Concern expressed about the liquidity if we ever needed the funds. Currently, there is \$50,000 in the Grange Hall Loan Fund. There is nothing we have to do with this resolution only that we can now use the GBO funds for Grange Hall Loans, if necessary. The Statement of Principles information in the Executive Committee Policy Handbook will need to be updated to reflect this change.

REPORT ON STATUS OF GRANGES:

McCloud Grange -- State Master presented their charter on November 2, 1998 with 20 members. They are ready to have a major membership drive and will be targeting youth. **Mt. Lassen Grange** -- Received a letter from Mt. Lassen Grange stating the balance of their funds will be forwarded to Anderson Grange #418, the Grange they are consolidating with. The State Grange mailed the dues notices for this Grange, asking that they be remitted to Anderson Grange secretary. *It was voted* to allow Mt. Lassen Grange to proceed with the final consolidation procedures. **Hollister Grange** -- A letter was received from Hollister Grange requesting permission to start consolidation procedures with Prunedale Grange. They do not own a hall and have very little funds. After the bills are paid they would like the balance to be forwarded to Prunedale Grange. State Master responded to Hollister Grange asking for the opportunity to have the new membership team come and help with recruiting members before final consolidation and we are awaiting their response. **Sunnyvale Grange** -- Received a call from the Deputy regarding this Grange and the possibility of consolidating with a nearby Grange. The proper procedures have been forwarded to the Deputy. **W. Visalia Grange** -- Letter received from this Grange requesting permission to sell their Grange hall. The letter is inconclusive

whether the secretary and her husband do not wish to remain members or whether she was speaking on behalf of the Grange wishing to surrender their charter. In a response back to the Grange, the State Master requested they cease any attempt to sell their hall at this time, citing the necessary requirements that must be met. He asked that they maintain the status quo for several months while steps to reorganize are taken. Awaiting a response. A similar situation exists at Elbow Creek Grange and they also have a Grange hall. State Master says we need to have a membership team go in and help them recruit new members. State Master talked with the State Membership Director regarding training his committee in recruiting new members using local members in all areas.

State Master advised the Committee that he has made a commitment to divert \$5,000 of his salary to this membership recruitment project. Recruiters will be paid for transportation and room/board when they are working in these communities. This commitment begins January 1, 1999 through his term, October 15, 1999. State Master's plan is to go down and look in these Granges first before anything is done. Brother Squire suggests that the State Master talk with Tulare and Dinuba Granges at the same time.

Committee recessed for lunch returning at 1:45 P.M.. Stephen Tait arrived at 2:00 P.M. after the many delays in his air flight.

San Jose Grange -- State Master has discussed with the Secretary of San Jose Grange the dispensation of their funds, which are estimated at a little over \$21,000. They would like \$20,000 put into a perpetual scholarship trust fund in their name and the balance, after all financial commitments are satisfied, to be donated to the National Grange Convention fund for the year 2000. They have fulfilled all necessary requirements for surrendering their charter. *It was voted* to allow San Jose Grange to proceed with the final consolidation procedures. The Committee agreed to have San Jose Grange provide the necessary guidelines for the scholarship awards.

STATE SECRETARY REPORT: Sister Naomi Fletcher joined the Committee at this time. First order was to have three Executive Committee members sign the necessary dissolution paperwork for Williams Grange and Mt. Lassen Grange. She reported: the Journal was currently being printed and the dues billing was very successful, with a few Granges still requesting the service. There were 85 Granges requesting the billing and receipt cards and 68 Granges requesting receipt cards only. A reprint of the Secretary's Handbook (1991) is near completion. At a previous meeting, it was asked why the two Conference Center annuities in place have different balances as they were opened with the same dollar amount. It appears that each account was originally opened with \$25, then subsequent deposits of \$25 each were made at varying times and dates, thus throwing off the amount of interest accumulated by each annuity. Santa Ynez Valley Grange has requested a deferral on dues until such time as they can have fundraisers to get their hall back in repairable use. In other miscellaneous activity, Sister Fletcher stated that the Western Fairs Association conference will be held in Ontario, January 24-27 and is not certain if Brother Howard March will be attending. Requests permission for the annual donation to the CA AG In the Classroom (\$500) be made and permission to attend Sacramento County Farm Bureau sponsored meeting January 6 regarding AG Literacy in Sacramento County and how the Grange might be able to assist its promotion. We have received Delaine Eastin's Legislative Intent Draft regarding the AG Literacy Component. The AG Network is keeping us informed. Membership stats for the quarter ending September 1998 were reviewed. Membership reported to the National Grange was 22,995 fraternal members, 883 golden sheaf members, 2,579 associate members and 71 affiliate members for a net loss of 190 members. Sister Fletcher was thanked for her report and departed. *It was voted* to approve the request of the annual \$500 donation to CA AG in the Classroom.

Hayfork Valley Grange -- Received a letter from this Grange expressing their desire to consolidate with North Fork Grange. State

Master talked with the secretary of this Grange and has forwarded the proper consolidation procedures. A copy of the letter advising their membership of the decision made by those in attendance at their November meeting was also attached. **Williams Grange** -- This is a small Grange with no hall. They want to consolidate with Elk Creek Grange. We have been working with this Grange for approximately two years to no avail. *It was voted* to authorize Williams Grange to proceed with the final consolidation procedures. **Los Alamos Valley Grange** -- State Master reviewed with the Committee a letter received from this Grange agreeing to accept a blanket demit from Sisquoc Grange. *providing it is no more than 27 members.* State Master will contact the Grange or deputy regarding the stipulation of 27 members. **Orland Grange** -- Situation at Orland Grange discussed. **Bayside Grange** -- They had just completed the repayment of their previous loan when a new heater was needed. State Master called the Executive Committee members regarding this emergency loan. A verbal approval had been provided by all members. Committee reviewed the loan paperwork. *It was voted* to authorize the \$5,000 loan to Bayside Grange. **Fowler Grange** -- They want to close their doors. They work with three different FFA chapters. They meet during the day which is hard for recruiting new, younger members. Some members would like to donate their hall to the city of Fowler. It was suggested that Brother Russ Harris, Membership Director, meet with this Grange. State Master probably will accompany Brother Russ.

GIA RESEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE: Committee had their first meeting and have scheduled another meeting for January 14, 1999. An article will be placed in the next issue of the *Grange News* asking for any complaints or concerns regarding Grange Insurance be forwarded to this Committee. Committee members include: Al Kimble, Chairman; Roy Moore; Martin Gerbozy; Larry Christman and Jay Hartz.

NATIONAL GRANGE -- GRANGE ORGANIZING PROGRAM UPDATE: State

Master reported McCloud is off the ground and flying. The next area that will be concentrated on is Covelo, north of Willits, after the first of the year.

RESOLUTION 98-081: MEMBERSHIP

DEVELOPMENT: This resolution, adopted by the delegates, requires the State Grange to plan and fund a major Grange membership development program to include the hiring of someone capable of managing and doing the work in the field to reorganize and organize Granges . . . this program shall have a timeline of implementation and a proposed budget in time to be presented to the delegate body for approval at the 1999 Annual Session so that the GBO restricted funds can be used. If our membership drops to where it is virtually impossible to come back, then where are we? The only funding the CA State Grange really has that isn't committed is the GBO funds. We need to prepare the delegate body now for the eventuality of our decreasing membership. By August, a resolution should be circulated to the Granges. Tom Stefenoni, Jim Smith and John Squire have been asked to formulate the resolution.

UKIAH/VACAVILLE AUTUMN LEAVES:

The September and October minutes of the Ukiah Autumn Leaves were reviewed as well as the December minutes of the Vacaville Autumn Leaves. It was agreed that Rosemary Hansen continue serving on the Vacaville Autumn Leaves Board. Ukiah Autumn Leaves is an independent entity and does not revert to the Ukiah Grange as suggested in earlier discussions. When the loan is paid off, it will continue on as before -- they have their own board of directors, by-laws, etc.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Brother George Dupray presented the report of the Legislative Department. The last legislative project completed this year was the letter given to all delegates at the convention asking them to join in the effort of the CA Coalition for Vehicle Choice, by addressing the envelope given, in their handwriting, to the CA Air Resources Board. Sixty letters were received and forwarded to the Air Resources Board. We

received a thank you for our efforts. Our contract with Legitech expired this month and they were bought out by State Net. We can get information now through the e-mail system. The basic system is similar to what we had with Legitech. State Net's cost is approximately \$1,500. We did purchase an additional item -- a local government directory which is \$60 per year. Our Nation's Capitol is beginning a new two-year Congress. The National Grange's Legislative Fly-In to Washington, D.C. will be held March 17/18, 1999. George was thanked for his report and departed.

WESTERN STATES ROSTER PROPOSAL

UPDATE: A sample of the roster was viewed by the Committee. The listings will be in alphabetical order for each state, beginning with the town/city, county and then the Grange name and will include meeting date/time, location and contact number(s). It would be updated every two years. Another letter has been sent to Colorado for reconsideration.

MBNA -- NATIONAL GRANGE CREDIT CARD: MBNA, the National Grange's affinity-credit card provider is offering a new MBNA Platinum Plus Visa card to Grange members and the National Grange is asking for permission to market the program. *It was voted* to authorize the National Grange to market the MBNA program, through direct mailing *only*, stressing *no* telemarketing.

NATIONAL GRANGE CONVENTION

UPDATE: State Master Felder provided a brief update on the convention. He was the chairman of the Taxation/Legislation Committee while Sister Emily served on the Labor/Judiciary Committee. There were two resolutions adopted regarding Grange Insurance. California fared well in some of our contests. Sister Emily played the piano for the seventh degree. It was a good convention and the convention center was outstanding. A thank you note to the State Grange from Colby Darrah, Talent Contestant, was read. The State Master reviewed the resolution adopted by the National delegates regarding delegate sashes for the National Grange. The Committee expressed no objection to forwarding the

resolution, with a letter, to the Pomona Granges for their consideration.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Committee reviewed the written youth department report. The report included a summary of the National Grange Convention attended by Sister Donna Haynes. She stated that we can be proud of the California Youth who attended. They were involved and present at all activities and there were no discipline problems and feels that traveling together helped everyone feel comfortable. A Coordinating Council meeting is scheduled for January 9, 1999 in Sacramento -- agenda attached. The organizing of the Easter Youth Conference is underway and Naomi Fletcher and Christina Fletcher have agreed to chair the conference. Katie Squire is helping coordinate workshops for the young adults sessions. Child care will be offered, but no organized "junior" program per say. More will be reported after the meeting of the coordinating council. Mitch & Betty Clouse have been selected to participate on the National Grange Youth Team as Outstanding Young Couple. Their first travel experience will be January 22 to Washington, D.C. for orientation. Sister Donna is requesting \$150 be authorized for necessary expenses while they are representing California in D.C. The National Grange is responsible for their travel/hotel accommodations. Sister Donna sends many thanks to the State Master and Executive Committee for their support and help in making "this" a fun experience. *It was voted* to authorize \$150 for necessary expenses to Mitch/Betty Clouse for their travel to Washington, D.C. Funds to be taken from the Youth Department.

State Master read the fax received from the National Grange announcing the appointment of Pat L. West of Kansas as Community Service Director.

MISCELLANEOUS: *Y2K Update* -- Memo from Jay Hartz was reviewed regarding recommendations and requests in reference to the Y2K situation. The FoxPro program with which we currently maintain our membership database is version 2.5 (1992). The programs

written by Jay will be able to be converted with some rewriting of code (about 80 hours), however; the program itself is not "certified" Y2K compliant by the company and there is no longer support for this version of FoxPro. To update to version 6x which is Y2K compliant cost \$276 per station. Recommend we purchase at least two stations and preferably three. Novell no longer provides support for WordPerfect 6.0, our word processing -- the only foreseen problem is that Y2K can cause a word processor is that files are saved with a date stamp. Should this create a conflict between the program and the CPU, it could freeze the computer. This could be remedied by setting the internal clock on the computers back to the 20th century, but not sure how that would effect other programs. This could be a "wait and see" problem, except for Naomi who uses the spreadsheet program. Suggest at least one update of WordPerfect 8x be purchased for her use. The only other program which may be effected is Eudora, our e-mail program. We are currently awaiting word on changing providers for both our website and Internet access provider to one which is provided under the National Grange member services. Based on the recent survey of equipment and programs, the following recommendations are made: (1) bring the remaining computers up to Windows '95 so that they can access newer programs which include Windows '95 programs and memory for upgrade. (2) two FoxPro upgrades, (3) one WordPerfect upgrade. (4) labor, materials for Year 2000 system update, Bios, Operating system and other upgrades for five computers, and (5) labor for installing memory, Windows '95. Total cost would be \$1,970 -- if we purchase the third FoxPro program the cost would be \$2,246. Jay recommends that these services/materials be purchased as soon as possible. As our computers are no longer covered by warranty, Jay recommends that we do not put our computers under a service contract. The cost would be \$400 per month and at that cost we could buy new computers. *It was voted* to purchase the recommended upgrades for the computers, including the three upgrades to the FoxPro program, after the first of the year.

The meeting adjourned for the day and reconvened December 19, 1998 at 8:30 AM with the same members present as the day before.

Committee watched a short video produced by the National Grange entitled: "*Today's Grange Preparing for Tomorrow's World.*" The video features the Grange history and its agricultural connection; family values and opportunities; a voice for America and community action opportunities.

WISTERIA HALL RENTERS: It was reported that by mid-year, we may be losing some of our regular monthly renters. They have purchased their own building and are awaiting the completion of the remodeling work.

ORANGEVALE GRANGE: Orangevale Grange is requesting a Grange Hall Loan of \$16,000 to pay off an existing loan made to them by one of their members at a interest rate of 12-percent. After reviewing the paperwork, *it was voted* to authorize a loan of \$16,000 at 7-percent interest rate to Orangevale Grange.

JUNIOR GRANGE REPORT: The written report received from Katie Squire, Junior Director was reviewed. In regards to the possibility of having two camps was a concern of Sister Squire for several reasons, among them being: (1) 1999 budget; (2) two Junior Department contests that culminate at family camp; (3) previous surveys indicate if regional area camps were held, participants would have to choose based on where friends would be going and dates; (4) Western States Conference hosted by California this year could quite possibly be a factor since some members might want to attend both camp and the conference, which could create a financial burden and/or time off from school/work; (5) funds for Junior Jamborees (overnight/weekend campouts) have been budgeted this year to expand this idea; and, (6) finalized date would not be available until January, making promotion of the 1999 camp difficult without the confusion of a second camp. Under these circumstances, she asks the Committee to give these points consideration and recommends only one camp

be held this year. State Master feels a second camp would not pose a problem and will discuss the above concerns with Sister Katie and Camp Director Jim McDaniel. In another letter, Sister Katie would like to request that on at least a quarterly basis, the Junior Director receive a printout of the expenses that are charged to the Junior Department as well as any income received. State Master had no problem with this information being forwarded to all departments on a quarterly basis and will inform the bookkeeper. Sister Katie thanked the Committee for their support in allowing her to attend the National Grange Session in North Carolina in her final year as a member of the National Grange Junior Advisory Committee. A meeting of the Junior Grange Committee will be held the first Saturday in February at Coalinga Grange.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Brother Russell Harris, Membership Director joined the Committee at this time to present the report of the Membership Department. Membership-wise we are still in a downward slope -- same nationwide. Things are looking up in other states that are using the Visioning Program. In California, six Grange have requested the Visioning Program and several others have expressed interest. The committee has developed a standard packet with flip charts to aid in the presentation. The initial meeting with those interested Granges is to ask them where they want their Grange to go -- their ideas and goals for the future. The second meeting is where the Visioning Program will come to light and it will be scheduled at a time other than the Grange's regular meeting time. The State Grange will mail a letter to the membership inviting them to this meeting. Committee recommended Russ not use the video produced by the National Grange as they had a concern with one of the opening phrases. For those Granges that do not really meet the Visioning Program criteria, a RESURV (Grange Rehabilitation and Survival program) Squad will meet and work with these Granges with a primary goal to develop a plan of survival. Brother Russ was thanked for his presentation and departed.

Discussion returned to the Junior Grange report. As California will be hosting the 2000 National Grange Convention, fundraising continues to be a priority. This year, the GWA will be leading the fund drive. The State Grange will also be looking towards a fundraiser. Sister Katie Squire, Chair, suggests we ask a penny a day from the close of the 1998 CSG Convention to the 2000 National Session from all Subordinate Grange members. The appeal would be launched through the *Grange News* with letters to the Granges to follow. Progress would be monitored in the newspaper, using some type of gauging symbol. Committee agreed with the project and *it was voted* to approve the fundraising concept of a penny a day for the 2000 National Grange Convention. John Squire abstaining. Letters will be mailed to the Granges as well as the *Grange News* announcement.

State Master advised the Committee that a Deputy Conference has been schedule for February 13/14 in Sacramento. State Directors will be meeting on the 13th and will be making presentations to the deputies.

The insert in the recent issue of the *Grange News* was discussed. It was expressed that the G.A.I.N Insurance Services advertisement included products that the CA State Grange has not endorsed and it appears that we have. We need to monitor this type of advertisement more closely.

Convention was again discussed. The concern with the number of resolutions received at convention is a major problem. The equipment used in the production room is old and this year, a part was bent. Supplies for the machine are not readily available and using the copy machine to reproduce the number of copies needed for each resolution is too costly. Brother Tom said he might be able to get hold of an old machine that we may be able to salvage parts from. Brother Hank Hitt has generously offered the use of his Risograph machine, if we will allow him an extra day at convention to set up the machine and instruct staff. State Master stated that next year, those resolutions received at convention will be

assigned by the State Master and the original will be forwarded to the committee and they will make the decision whether or not to proceed with its process.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM. The next two meetings were scheduled: February 26/27, 1999 and April 30/May 1, 1999.

February 26/27, 1999

Accepted: 4-30-99

The meeting opened at 9:08 AM with the Worthy Master John Felder presiding. Roll Call showed all members present: Ernie White, Stephen Tait, Jim Smith, Johnny Squire and Hank Hitt. State Master's secretary was also present. Brother Tom Stefenoni, Overseer, unable to attend today's meeting.

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted as clarified.

DEPUTIES AND DIRECTORS'

CONFERENCE: State Master advised the Committee of the meeting he had with the State Directors. A 3-hour session with an exchange of ideas on how to promote their departmental programs. The deputy conference followed, where the Directors presented their programs as well. Deputy conference well attended and several favorable comments have been received.

GBO FUNDS – MEMBERSHIP

RECRUITMENT RESOLUTION: State Master presented the proposed resolution in regards to the use of GBO funds for membership recruitment as adopted in a resolution at last year's convention. The \$10,000 requested to be spent from the GBO funds to pay for the expenses of designated recruiters was questioned as to whether or not it was enough and that perhaps \$15,000 would be a more realistic figure. The resolution was approved as presented.

RESOLUTION 98-059: "GRANGER

MOVEMENT" UPDATE: Sister Katie Squire, Chairman, joined the Committee. The newly formed Granger Movement Committee has had

one meeting which was very productive. Committee members include: Martha Stefenoni, George Dupray, Jay Hartz, Ron Davis and Roger Neufeld. They discussed the resolution at length and determined that a video would be the means in which they would present their program. A visit to the Department of Education was also undertaken where they made several contacts. Another meeting has been scheduled for February 27th where they will be devising a list of their resources.

CONVENTION PRINTING COSTS – 1998:

Brother Jay Hartz joined the Committee to discuss the costs of printing while at convention. Committee reviewed the summary of costs. The machine currently being used is operational, however, the printing supplies are becoming scarce and if repair on the machine becomes necessary, the parts are not available. It's time to look to alternative measures. Brother Hartz was asked to gather information and cost of purchasing a Risograph machine that had been previously discussed. This machine would replace the current in-house printing press (camera and plate making system) and its portability would allow it to be used at convention as well. Committee reviewed the information and cost analysis of the Risograph. As Brother Tom was unable to attend today's meeting, he faxed additional information on another such type of machine manufactured by Gestetner. Many questions arose in comparison to the two machines. Committee agreed to wait on a decision until tomorrow, after discussion with Brother Tom could be made.

Concern was expressed as to the number of resolutions hand-carried to convention, thereby requiring printing while at convention.

GRANGE NET: Grange Net is an Internet service offered through the National Grange, benefiting Grange members. National is asking us to send our membership list so the information and an application can be mailed and the list is necessary to find the areas where our membership lives in order to determine which cities they need to acquire local phone

numbers for our membership to connect to the Internet. The State Grange would receive free website space. The cost is \$19.95 for this service and those who sign up would be supporting the National Grange. At this point, it appears the service areas cover only approximately 16% of our membership. *The Committee voted* to forward our membership list for this program, with the understanding that it is for this purpose only.

Brother Hartz then addressed the Y2K problem. The troublesome problem lies in the FoxPro program utilized for our database. Jay needs help in command verbiage because there is such a time span between programs he has written for our use. *It was voted* to authorize the purchase of the FoxPro manual needed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Brother Russell Harris, Membership Director, joined the Committee at this time. He reports there is "glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel" as we are using a tool that works – the Visioning Team. A few Granges have entered into the Visioning Program with Rough/Ready Grange, Gazelle Grange and Loomis Grange on board. There are four more Granges scheduled in March with three pending and several indicating interest in hearing about the program. At the recent Deputy Conference, it was asked if a brochure explaining the visioning program was available. Russ then passed out a proposed brochure for distribution to the Granges and other interested parties. After finalized, the brochure would be printed in-house. It was announced that Ginger Klein, Los Angeles County, has accepted a position on the Membership Committee and has received training on the visioning program from Brother Russ. Russ stated that we have a myriad of problems within our Granges and the Membership Committee is in a position to provide assistance. In addition to the Visioning Program, the Membership Committee is engaged in another companion program to help individual Granges. It is called the RESURV Program – *Rehabilitation and Survival*. This program is geared to help those Granges who have but a few members remaining and they need help before the Grange disbands. A

committee member will visit and work with the Grange to see if there is something that can be done to help reactivate their Grange. *Build* – a new program from the National Grange which is the advanced stage of the Visioning Program. Russ asked the Executive Committee to mention the All Star and Most Valuable Recruiter Programs when visiting Granges. The Membership Committee would like to have a membership symposium at convention in the early part of the week and they are working on the details. The Membership Committee is busy working, with Brother Don Sharp scheduled to visit Lake County and Brother Chris Blesch meeting with Hesperia Grange. Brother Russell was thanked for his report.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Nancy Koschyk, from Karl F. Gunther, Jr. CPA, joined the Committee at this time to present the independent auditor's report of the financial position of the CA State Grange, as of December 31, 1998. It was presented in draft form. The general fund is still holding its own without the aid of reverted funds. She expressed the concern of one employee's accrued vacation time and asked for a clarification on the State Master's salary as it relates to the \$5,000 allocation to the Membership Department. Clarification made by Master Felder. Nancy said the new BusinessWorks program was up and ready to go. Payroll has been entered and we should be on line next week. Nancy was thanked for her time and presentation.

Committee recessed for lunch before returning to the agenda and the financial report discussion.

A summary of cash balances as of January 31, 1999 was reviewed. Brother Squire asked if this information could be forwarded to the Committee on a monthly basis. State Master will inform the bookkeeper. Expenditures versus budget will be sent out regularly.

REPORT ON STATUS OF GRANGES:

McCloud Grange – This Grange is up and running and things are moving along smoothly. *W. Visalia Grange, Elbow Creek Grange and*

Farmersville Grange – These Granges are virtually non-existent in Grange operation. LeRoy and Darlene Baldrige will be working with these Granges in an effort to reorganize them. Elbow Creek is next door to an elementary school and we will be approaching them, asking for permission to send a letter to the parent's of the schoolchildren. West Visalia Grange is used by a church and they will be approached to solicit them joining the Grange. The situation at Farmersville and Tulare Grange is up in the air. Each of these Granges own their own hall and we do not want to lose any of them if we can help it. **Hollister Grange** – They will be meeting tomorrow night to vote on the final action of surrendering their charter and consolidating with Prunedale Grange. State Master would like permission to proceed with consolidation, once the final letter is received from Hollister Grange. *It was voted* to approve the closing of Hollister Grange, pending final vote at their meeting tomorrow night. **Sunnyvale Grange** – Rumors they want to surrender their charter. The Deputy is working with them. **Hayfork Valley Grange** – We have received a letter from North Fork Grange accepting the membership of Hayfork Valley Grange, however, we have not received the letter from Hayfork Valley regarding their final vote. We have received a letter regarding the dispensation of their funds which is to donate \$20,000 to the Hayfork Scholarship Foundation. Question arose as to who would administer the scholarship in their community. State Master will contact the secretary regarding the Foundation. Committee asked, that in the future when dealing with outside Foundations in the regards to Grange's donations, that we, as the State Grange, receive facts on the foundation. **San Jose Grange** – received letter and cashier's check (\$20,000) from San Jose Grange regarding the "perpetual memorial scholarship fund" they would like established in their name. Because of a stipulation in guidelines submitted by San Jose Grange, these funds have been placed in a trust account of the CA State Grange and not the Grange Foundation as first done. State Master suggested the CA State Grange waive all interest and administrative fees for this trust account, due to the fact it is a "scholarship

fund" as well. *It was voted* to accept the proposal presented by San Jose Grange and to follow through with their wishes. **Welcome Grange** – They are requesting \$6,708.80 from their trust account for repairs to their hall. *It was voted* to authorize the withdrawal of funds from the trust account of Welcome Grange for the necessary repair work to their hall.

STATE MASTERS' MEETING: State Master reported on the recent meeting of the Western State Grange Masters in Portland with National Master Kermit Richardson in regards to Grange Insurance Association (GIA). Continuing battle between GIA and fraternal Granges. National Master Richardson has asked that a meeting of the State Masters of the western states and the board of directors of GIA and himself be held prior to March 10th in Seattle. Instead, a special meeting has been schedule for April 12th in Yakima, following the policyholder meeting. State Master will be writing to all Subordinate Granges, encouraging their attendance as well.

GIA RESEARCH COMMITTEE: This committee had their third meeting yesterday. The letters of concerns that have been received have been forwarded to the committee for their review and consideration. All three California Directors were invited to attend the last meeting, however, none agreed to attend and all three responses asked that an agenda be provided in the future.

JUNIOR GRANGE REPORT: Sister Katie Squire, Junior Director, joined the Committee at this time. She presented the first draft of the new "Junior Grange Leaders" handbook. It will be in the 8-1/2 x 11, 3-ring binder format. The Junior Department will be holding two Junior Grange Leader Training meetings in April. One at Independent Grange on Saturday, April 10th and the other at Yucca Grange on Saturday, April 17th. There are currently 19 Junior Granges on the roster. In regards to camp, there will be a Junior Grange program with activities. Concerns regarding convention were expressed and include: tables for silent auction and space set aside for Junior Grange activities. This year, the tables housing the

silent auction items were moved several times, which presented problems. State Master said he would do what he could to ensure it did not happen again this year.

NATIONAL GRANGE - GRANGE

ORGANIZING PROGRAM UPDATE: One Grange organized last year - McCloud Grange. Now that the weather is better, work will again begin. State Master will be asking Brother Joe DeMello, Organizing Deputy, to visit the Barstow (Hinkley Valley Grange) area. One week will be devoted to this area and if after one week, Brother Joe feels it will not work, then the hall will be placed on the market. Several years and attempts have been made to reorganize Hinkley Valley Grange. After Barstow, efforts will continue in the Covelo area.

RESOLUTION 98-066R: "CSG

CONVENTION": State Master reviewed with the Committee his suggestions as possible measures to reduce convention costs. There was much discussion. Committee felt that all suggestions should be made available to the Granges for review. State Master will be sending a letter to all Granges in response to this resolution.

1999 NATIONAL GRANGE CONVENTION:

State Master received a copy of a letter sent to Sister Nancy Moramarco, State Lecturer, encouraging her to attend the 1999 National Grange Convention to observe the process of her department's responsibility. State Master will be talking to each director regarding their necessity to attend this year's National Convention in Portland, Maine.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M. and reconvened February 27, 1999 at 8:00 AM with all members present as the day before. Brother Tom Stefanoni being delayed.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Brother George Dupray addressed the Committee at this time. Not much is happening in the legislature currently. The *Legislative Fly-In* in Washington, D.C. will be held March 21-23 and George plans to attend. He states

that we have leaned hard on National to speak to the issues important to the west coast. George will be conducting several legislative workshops and will be visiting the areas of Sonoma, Humboldt, Siskiyou and San Bernardino Counties. George would like to see the chairmen of the resolution committees brought together for a meeting, prior to convention, to discuss the resolution process. He expressed his concern at having committee meetings during the session when resolutions are being discussed. We need to address this issue seriously and work on having the committees meet during the evening hours or when speakers are scheduled, etc. Resolution deadlines were also discussed and the lateness of those received in the office. We should adhere to the deadlines.

FAIR OAKS GRANGE: Received a Grange hall loan request from Fair Oaks Grange for \$60,000 for the purpose of meeting their obligations to pay off an interest only loan in the amount of \$50,000 due and payable by July 2000 and in the process, consolidate that loan with an additional loan made for the purchase of a mobilehome on-site. The excess of the needed loan, \$2,000+ would be used to cover possible transfer fees, etc. and the purchase of new chairs for the hall. After review of the loan application and pertinent information, *the Committee voted* to authorize the \$60,000 Grange hall loan to Fair Oaks Grange.

WESTERN STATES ROSTER PROPOSAL

UPDATE: Project is still in the works. We have received information from two State Granges and a reminder letter will be sent to the others.

STATE MASTERS' CONFERENCE

(KANSAS CITY) UPDATE: State Master reported on the recent State Masters' conference held in Kansas City. Received instruction in the Fourth Degree. Brother Bob Clouse, National Executive Committeeman, presented a program on parliamentary procedure. Main speaker was David Dudley who spoke on membership and membership recruitment. All State Masters were in attendance, except two. The new Subordinate

Grange manual is at the printers and the major change is reflected in the order of business. Visitation Committee discussed. Some people think it was a good thing.

STATE SECRETARY REPORT: The report of the State Secretary was reviewed. As of February 15th, there were 18 outstanding Subordinate Grange reports and three Pomona Grange reports. A net loss of 394 members was shown at the end of the December 1998 quarter. We received a phone call from the Elks stating they wanted to pay off their note with Yucaipa Valley Grange. Much to our surprise, we did not know anything about it. It appears the Master has left the area and they were unable to contact someone from Yucaipa Valley Grange. They have been paying \$425 per month and have a balance of \$15,000 to pay. We are making a concentrated effort to find out when this occurred and where the funds have been going. The journal has been completed and all Granges should have received their copy by now. The roster is in the proofreading stage and we hope to be able to mail it out at the end of March. McCloud Grange is doing quite well. The secretary has been keeping us informed on activities. Beginning with the March 31, 2000 quarterly report, we will be required to adjust for youth aged 14-21 and Sister Fletcher would like to propose using the same method as used for April is Grange Month credit memos, thus eliminating the need to create yet another quarterly report. Committee agreed with Sister Fletcher's proposal in utilizing the same method for the youth dues and to proceed with informing the secretaries. State Master said he has asked Sister Fletcher to keep him informed of those membership applications received from Granges that are out of their areas.

National Ag in the Classroom - Accompanying Sister Fletcher's report was a memorandum regarding the National Ag in the Classroom Conference scheduled for May in Oklahoma City. No action taken.

Discussion returned to the Risograph and Gestetner machines. Brother Tom now joining the Committee, spoke to the issue. After many questions and comments, *it was voted* to

authorize the purchase of the machine (digital printing system) that best meets our needs, and two drums, using the previously authorized funds for the purchase of a stat camera. Cost not to exceed \$8,000. A demonstration of the Gestetner machine will be scheduled for next week. It was also agreed to purchase a stand for transporting to convention.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM with the Foundation meeting to follow. The next meeting is scheduled for April 30, 1999 and May 1, 1999.

April 30/May 1, 1999

Accept: 7-9-99

The meeting opened at 9:00 AM with Worthy Master John Felder presiding. Roll Call showed members present: Ernie White, Jim Smith, Johnny Squire and Hank Hitt. Stephen Tait unable to attend. Overseer Tom Stefenoni and the State Master's secretary were also present.

The minutes of the February meeting were reviewed and discussed. Brother White was concerned with the decision made regarding the Fair Oaks Grange hall loan approval and where the funds utilized were from. Brother Squire offered an explanation.

It was voted to accept the minutes of the February meeting, with noted corrected typos.

State Master commented on the new look of the financial report as it was printed using the new system. He stated he had not had a chance to review it completely, but there are some clarifications to be made.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Brother George Dupray joined the Committee to present the report of the Legislative Department. He reported on last month's Legislative Fly-In in Washington, D.C. and handed out a list of National/California issues of concern. He also reported on his recent visits to Sonoma County Pomona Grange where they discussed the Highway 101 expansion to relieve congestion through Santa Rosa and Siskiyou County Pomona Grange

where he discussed the issue of protection of California farm land. He took part in recruiting new members for Elbow Creek Grange with Brother LeRoy Baldridge, giving a brief history on Grange legislative activities. Upcoming visits to Wonder Valley Grange to discuss replacement chemical for Methyl Bromide for agriculture purposes and license fees for public utility vehicles paid in urban areas such as Los Angeles, San Diego and why they are not distributed in rural areas and Hessel Grange (issues not yet developed). The State Grange continues to be involved in the Agricultural Network and the California Environmental Response Team. As we have contributed in the past to both coalitions, Brother Dupray suggests we continue our financial support of \$1,000 and \$1,500, respectively. We continue our efforts with the Rural Crime Prevention Task Force, however; the school will be conducted by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training and they will be funding the activities in the future. Our participation at this time is as a member of the Board of Directors.

Legi-Tech, our bill tracking program, has been taken over by State Net and is an on-line service (Internet). *It was voted* to authorize the reimbursement of the Internet provider monthly service charge for the Legislative Department. George was asked to provide his bill monthly for reimbursement. George was thanked for his report and departed.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT REPORT: Sister Donna Haynes joined the Committee at this time to review the goals of the youth department for the remainder of the 1999 year. A report on the upcoming Western States Regional Youth Conference and State Convention was given. A Coordinating Council meeting has been scheduled for May 22nd at the State Grange office for the new officers of both Youth Committee and Young Adults Committee. A summary of the newly established youth "Grange Greenback" program was given. This program gives youth an opportunity to earn "money" to help defray the cost to attend any State Grange Youth Department function. "Grange Greenbacks" can be earned by attending conferences or

camp; putting on a workshop; entering a contest, etc. A "Grange Greenback" is worth \$1 or \$5, depending on the activity performed. The "Greenbacks" are to be used within one year and can be redeemed as credit towards registration fees, meal fees, etc. A great incentive. Donna was very pleased to announce that California has an entry in every contest for the upcoming Western Regional Conference which will be hosted by California in Santa Rosa.

Brother Squire expressed his overall concern regarding the Western States Conference and the amount of time actually spent on leadership training. It was explained that the conference was formerly called the Western States Regional *Leadership* Conference, whereby, National did present leadership workshops for their state counterparts. Since the conference was changed to a youth conference, emphasis shifted to youth programs and contests. State Master stated that the Kansas City conferences for State Directors has taken the place of the Leadership Conferences. Brother Squire says he's not being critical of California's schedule of events, but the overall conference in general. Donna thanked the Committee for her attendance at the Kansas City conference. She said it was wonderful with well-planned workshops and she learned a lot.

Donna was excused at this time, due to the scheduled agenda time for our auditor's report.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Committee welcomed Nancy Koschyk from Karl Gunther, CPA firm. The discussion began with the Foundation and a clarification on the scholarship accounts. Nancy then clarified the concerns of the cash flow of the Merrill Lynch account. It looked like a loss, but it was an increase, a difference between beginning and ending balances. The trust account financial statements (12-31-98) were then reviewed. Committee expressed their concern with the column heading used in the *Schedule of Surrendered Charters* information in regards to funds availability date. The word *availability* will be changed to *surrender* as per the wishes of the Committee. Master Felder also asked Nancy to work on

separating the funds of the Deaf Activities Fund to reflect an accurate account of the balances in the Dogs for the Deaf fund, scholarship fund and general fund. Nancy was thanked for her time and departed.

Brother John Squire asked why the Committee had not received a cash balances sheet. State Master will see that a copy is provided.

Donna Haynes returned to the Committee to complete the report of the Youth Department. Convention was discussed and the planned activities for the youth. She stated there will be a menu change for breakfast, in hopes of increasing attendance. The barbecue will be handled by Bob Lange and crew. The rodeo association hall, near the convention center, has been secured for the day of these activities. There will be a youth tour to "Turtle Bay," which will be educational. The youth will be kept busy. Our young couple, as part of the National Youth Team, are asked to purchase jackets and t-shirts. Donna would like to see the youth department purchase these for our representatives. At the Kansas City conference, it was asked that a project be formulated regionally. The western region agreed to take on the rose drill team for the Sixth Degree at the 2000 National Grange Convention in Fresno. The Oregon State Youth Director will be the captain and practices will be conducted at the Western States Conference in Santa Rosa and other such functions. This project has been discussed with the 2000 convention coordinator. The next item discussed was the letter received from Steven Hood. Donna and the Committee agreed Master Felder handled the situation appropriately and considered the matter closed. The Easter Conference was great and ran smoothly. The kids were enthused and were kept active and were really into the projects they were doing. Nothing but positive comments. *It was voted* to authorize the purchase of the youth jackets and t-shirts for the Young Couple, with funds to be taken from the youth account. Their reigning year runs from January to January.

State Master gave a brief update on the situation of Orland Grange and reported new

officers had been elected and installed.

A lunch break was taken before returning to the agenda of the day.

STATE SECRETARY REPORT: Sister Naomi Fletcher joined the Committee to discuss the report of the State Secretary's department. Several delinquent Granges reported, some four quarters in arrears. Yucaipa Valley Grange - as stated at the last meeting, we received a phone call from the Elks stating they wanted to pay off their note with Yucaipa Valley Grange. Much to our surprise, we did not know anything about it. Since then, a concentrated effort to find out when this occurred and where the funds have been going has been accomplished. We find that their hall was sold in 1977 and funds were being deposited by wire transfer by WestStar Loan Servicing Company into a Bank of America checking account. We cannot do much, unless and until we revoke the charter of Yucaipa Valley Grange. We have received proceeds in excess of \$14,000 from WestStar to pay off the balance of the note, that originally totaled \$55,000. Monthly payments of \$452 have been remitted to the Yucaipa Valley Grange. Sister Fletcher would like to recommend revocation of this charter, demitting all paid members to the nearest Grange. To date, there are only 11 members who have remitted their dues to the State Grange, which will be held in trust, out of the 67 listed on the June 1998 membership list. Permission is also requested to bestow honorary membership status on one member to enable continuous membership status, even though she has asked that her membership be dropped due to travel distance of the nearest Grange. To date, she has accumulated 44 years of continuous membership. We have also remitted \$120 to the National Grange to pay off the debt to the Youth Department for t-shirts that had been consigned two years ago. We are making every effort at this time to reconcile the quarterly reports to present membership status and remitting those dues to the State Grange. State Master said we have no choice but to revoke their charter. We have a copy of the deed and as soon as the Elks receive a copy of the deed from the county, they will own the

property free and clear.

As the youth dues structure will come into effect next year, we have asked the Subordinate Grange Secretaries to submit the names, member numbers and birth dates of those members between the ages of 14 and 21, inclusive. In return, each Grange will receive a credit memo against the year 2000 dues and each year thereafter. A similar list is being compiled for the Junior Grange membership to enable us the opportunity to mail directly to the Junior Grange members information that may be important to the success of their individual programs. The form developed for gathering this information was distributed.

New Junior Granges on the horizon include Muscoy Junior Grange and Independent Junior Grange. Bennett Valley Grange has also expressed interest in a Junior Grange. We may also see an influx of youth membership (over age 14) in the Pleasant Valley area of El Dorado County. Their Community Service Chairman wants to start youth programming in that area and is gearing his activities more to the teen-aged crowd.

Sister Fletcher reported on the other activities she is involved in which include the Livestock Quality Assurance Program; Food, Land and People and the Ag Education Committee (Ag Network). Sister Fletcher was thanked for her report and departed.

WEBSITE DESIGN PROPOSAL: Members Ted Miles and Christina Fletcher joined the Committee at this time to present a proposal on a new State Grange website. Brother Jay Hartz was also present. A visual demonstration of the website was then viewed. The website currently is composed of approximately 40 pages and includes links to several agencies and organizations that hold the same principles as the Grange. The proposal includes the following: (1) startup and under construction sites fees - \$50 per month for the first year which includes initial web design and loading to the server of our choice. They recommend a separate e-mail address away from our everyday e-mail address to enable web

browsers a "click here" to send information/comments for/about the web page. (2) Maintenance – \$10 per month after the first year, which includes maintaining calendars and activities, including contests by departments and *Grange News* updates as well as updating the extensive Grange Roster under the "Find a Grange Near You" page. Additionally, photos of activities and events could be included as requested. Brother Hartz states he has reviewed both the proposal and files constructed for a proposed overhaul of the CA State Grange website and highly recommends that we accept both. The ability evident in their demonstration files is highly professional and will reflect well on the CA State Grange. As we move deeper into the "information age," we will need these tools to compete and to attract and keep new members. One of the features they have built into this program is the ability to download an application blank, thus "striking while the iron is hot" and not hoping the prospect will call tomorrow. Jay's intention is to work with Ted and Christina to insure that the content of the site is reviewed and approved by the State Master and the Department/Directors concerned with their individual pages. Ted and Christina were thanked for their presentation as well as Brother Hartz and all departed. Although impressed with the demonstration, Committee expressed concern regarding the legitimacy of the "company" and what happens down the road if the "partnership" dissolves. After discussion, *it was voted* to approve the proposal by Ted Miles and Christina Fletcher to establish a new website for the CA State Grange at a cost of \$50 per month for the first year and a \$10 maintenance fee per month for the second year. A termination clause to be included in agreement of a 30 days written notice without cause by either party. The State Grange will make a 2-year commitment and then will review year by year. State Grange will formulate agreement.

CSG CONVENTION UPDATE: A brief update on the planning of this year's convention was given by the State Master. We met with the hotel earlier this month providing preliminary information on set ups, meal

functions, etc. Sister Rosemary Hansen, Pomona Master, will be this year's chairman. All events are planned at the hotel, except for the youth breakfast and barbecue.

GESTETNER MACHINE: The newly purchased Gestetner machine, a high speed copy/printer was discussed. A telephone vote was taken of the Committee after last meeting, due to demonstration of the machine. *It was voted* to authorize the purchase of the Gestetner copy/printer, which confirms the telephone vote. *It was voted* to purchase a third drum for the Gestetner copy/printer, as changing ink color presents a problem and material waste.

REPORT ON STATUS OF GRANGES:

Elbow Creek Grange and W. Visalia Grange State Master has asked Brother LeRoy Baldridge, State Membership Committee member, and Sister Darlene to work with these Granges in an effort to reorganize. They have been working hard with the Granges and the community. A letter was sent home with the children of the school next door. An open house is underway at this time with a culmination tomorrow of a western dance and membership sign up. *Farmersville Grange* – hall is a mess. Recommendation that we do not try to reorganize this Grange. If we can get Elbow Creek going, we can turn title over to them and they can maintain and rent this hall out. Once we lose a hall, it's virtually impossible to get back. *Hinkley Valley Grange* – Organizing Deputy, Joe DeMello, is currently working this Grange. He is working with existing members in the area. He is convinced he will be able to organize this Grange. We will be sending a letter to the parents of the schoolchildren as we did at Elbow Creek Grange. *Sunnyvale Grange* – They want to surrender their charter. The paperwork has been sent to the Grange and the Deputy is working with them.

RESOLUTION 98-059: "Granger Movement"

UPDATE: The committee was due to meet today, but the meeting was postponed. Brother Roger Neufeld, member of this committee, forwarded a proposal for the production of a Grange video. No action taken. Proposal to be

forwarded to the Granger Movement Committee.

RESOLUTION 98-066R: "CSG Convention":

As instructed, the State Master presented several convention cost-cutting suggestions. A suggestion was made to present all cost cutting measures to the Subordinate and Pomona Granges. Brother Squire suggests that we pay half of the expenses for all to attend and not pay all expenses for only half to attend. This item will be discussed in detail at tomorrow's session.

GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION (GIA) MEETING (YAKIMA) UPDATE:

State Master provided an update to the recent special GIA meeting in Yakima. The measures passed. We now have absentee balloting (proxy). The way it was written is the way it was passed. Much discussion. It was agreed that the State Masters and the National Master would meet with the board of directors of GIA to discuss alternatives to the membership fee situation. The proposal made to GIA by the State Masters and the National Master, is: to create a new class of membership -- National Grange member. The National Grange will share the fee with the states. Having National handle this will alleviate bookkeeping nightmares on the state level. Kermit will be working with Ryan Dudley and Fred Church in working out the details. To date, we have not heard anything. We also suggested that the seven Western States Masters sit on the board of directors. Much discussion regarding the problems between GIA and the fraternal Grange.

The meeting recessed at 4:30 P.M. and reconvened at 8:00 AM, May 1, 1999, with the same members present as the day before.

Discussion returned to the subject of convention costs. Master Felder read from the by-laws the requirement regarding convention expenses/reimbursement. State Master stated he would not like to see a resolution sent to the Granges, but rather the decision be referred to the Executive Committee as per the by-laws. Announcement of the decision to the Granges would then be made prior to convention.

Brother Squire said the intent of the resolution was to make the delegate body aware of the money situation and the escalating costs of the convention and that things need to be done to watch expenses. After much discussion, *it was voted* to cease paying per diem for all State Officers, Deputies and Directors for convention, effective immediately. It was suggested that the Executive Committee make a report to the delegate body.

GIA RESEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE:

The committee was due to meet last week, but did not, at the State Master's suggestion and after talking with Chairman Al Kimble. Not sure which direction this committee will take at this time.

WESTERN STATES ROSTER UPDATE:

Information has been received from all states, except Oregon. We will be typing in all data, because most are not compatible with our computer system. This will be accomplished in our slow time.

UKIAH/VACAVILLE AUTUMN LEAVES:

Reviewed the minutes and financial statement of Ukiah Autumn Leaves for the month of February. Did not receive any information from Vacaville Autumn Leaves. Brother Smith reported that things were going well in Vacaville.

MISCELLANEOUS: *Durham Grange* has

requested a Grange hall loan of \$25,000 for the purpose of paying off the members that had loaned the Grange money to finish the new addition of the meeting room. The addition has been completed and approved by the county. They are currently finishing the parking lot with volunteer help of the members. After review of the application, *it was voted* to authorize the \$25,000 Grange hall loan to Durham Grange at 7-percent interest. *Junior Grange Report* – Committee reviewed written report from Sister Katie on the status of the Junior Department and the results of the two Junior Grange Leaders Conference as well as her participation in the State Junior Grange Directors' Conference in Kansas City. We have moved into the category of states with

more than 20 Junior Granges and we are on our way to another net gain in membership. The two Junior Leaders Conferences were attended by leaders representing 7 established Junior Granges, 3 potential Junior Granges and 5 members of the Junior Committee. Each conference had 15 in attendance. The information for the California Junior Grange Leaders handbook was presented at the conferences. Sister Katie expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to attend the State Junior Grange Directors' Conference in Kansas City. It was an excellent opportunity to compare notes, brainstorm ideas and get inspired. The Junior Department will have two Junior Grange Jamborees planned this summer, one each in the southern and northern part of the state. At Grange Family Camp this year, Sister Katie has been asked to coordinate the craft activities. Exemplification of the Junior Degree will also be done at camp as well as the Junior Grange sign-a-song and two-minute speech contest. The Junior Grange Silent Auction and Lunch with the Junior Bunch will continue at this year's convention in Redding. *National 2000 Report* – A written report on the 2000 National Convention was reviewed. Contributions are coming in routinely. Money has been spent for table favors for the Grange Banquet, which is a clear plastic box in the shape of California and will be given to all attending the banquet. The cost is just less than \$1.60 per item and the boxes can be filled with anything representative of California. The purchase was made at this time so that the boxes would be on hand for the Western States Youth Conference, where approximately 100 will be used. Sister Katie would like to make a suggestion that the Sixth Degree be taken "on the road" next summer, presenting it in the southern part of the state as the Sixth Degree has not been exemplified south of Lompoc in the last ten years. The youth of the western states will be presenting the rose drill. The Butte Pomona team will serve as a back up, since they had originally been assigned the task. State Master said he was pleased in having Katie in that end of the state, especially for the upcoming 2000 National Convention.

LIABILITY INSURANCE – VOLUNTEERS:

A letter and article from the National Master regarding "Volunteers: Problems and Solutions" were reviewed. The article was sent to the National Master by their insurance agent regarding organizations, like the Grange, using volunteers and the various insurance solutions for these volunteers. As agent of record for the California State Grange, Brother Stefenoni has asked for an interpretation from Grange Insurance.

GWA REPORT: The 1999-2000 GWA Program was reviewed and changes noted. This year's Women's March proceeds will go to Diabetes Research. *It was voted* to approve the 1999-2000 GWA Program as presented.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Brother Russell Harris joined the Committee at this time to present the report of the Membership Committee. He has been working with Hesperia Grange in reorganizing. They have elected and installed several new officers and are regrouping and on their way. Chris Blesch, Membership Committee, will be an affiliate member of this Grange assisting where he can. LeRoy Baldridge, another member of the Membership Committee, has been working diligently with Elbow Creek Grange in rejuvenating their Grange and they now have 16 new members with great potential. He is also working with W. Visalia Grange in trying to do the same. The State Membership Directors' Conference in Kansas City was discussed. Brother Russ found the conference very interesting and informative. He quoted one speaker stating, "our ideas and goals must stay the same, but our presentation methods must change." Many of the handouts of conference were distributed to the Committee for their information. A report on the Visioning Program was given. There are 11 states participating in the program, one unofficially participating, five that have completed training, but still indecisive and two have expressed future interest. Several State Granges have taken no action. A compilation of the internal/external visions of the State Granges across the nation was reviewed. The program in California shows 16 Granges who have had their first meeting or will have in the next

month. Only one Grange is scheduled for the second meeting. The Grange has one year in which to schedule the second phase (meeting) of the program. We will keep reminding them of the second meeting, but we will not force them, because they have to feel comfortable with the goals they set. We do have a modified opening/closing program that the State Master has signed off on for those Granges participating in the Visioning Program only. Russ is very pleased with the program here in California. We plan to increase communication with the Granges regarding the program and we will be using the new brochure to explain the program. One copy of the brochure will be sent to all Granges and Deputies. Russ thanked the State Master for the opportunity to attend the FFA convention in Fresno, representing the California State Grange. The membership committee is working hard to provide meaningful support and service to our many Granges. As more information is made available to the Granges, they will be more receptive to asking for help. The goal of the Membership Committee is to be responsive to all needs and to help wherever and whenever possible. Brother Russ was thanked for his report and departed.

Meeting recessed at 10:50 AM for the meeting of the CA Grange Foundation and reconvened at 12:10 P.M..

Discussion returned to the Grange Insurance Research Committee. Brother Stefenoni distributed and read a letter to the Committee from Sister Martha Stefenoni, agent. The letter expressed her feelings regarding the problems between the fraternal Grange and Grange Insurance Association. Brothers Tom Stefenoni and Hank Hitt shared their comments, as well. With the proposal drafted by the Masters of the western states, with the assistance of the National Master, the "ball is back in Grange Insurance's court." State Master said he has contacted all California GIA directors in regards to agents that tell policyholders they do not have to pay a membership fee. The application process needs to be reviewed with the agents.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 P.M.. The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for July 9/10, 1999.

JULY 9, 1999

ACCEPT: 8-21-99

The meeting opened at 9:15 AM with Worthy Master John Felder presiding. Roll Call showed members present: Ernie White, Johnny Squire, Hank Hitt and Stephen Tait. Jim Smith unable to attend. Overseer Tom Stefenoni and the State Master's secretary were also present.

Agenda items were added and minutes were accepted as read.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Income Statement for three months ending June 1999 was reviewed. State Master apologized for not having the correct information as he requested. Dues income is not what it should be at this time, per the budget, by approximately \$35,000. We are not over budget due to spending, but because our dues income is not coming in as should be. Cash flow very tight. A summary of cash balances as of June 30, 1999 was reviewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: *Liability Insurance for Volunteers* – As stated at the previous meeting, a letter was sent to Grange Insurance for response. Bottom line there is no "pat" answer for a contractual indemnification of the volunteers rather than a named insured endorsement as a solution to this problem. Each situation is totally unique and should be handled separately. We cannot sue ourselves. We should seek legal counsel before pursuing this issue. *Ag Network Donation and CA Environmental Response Team Donations* – It was voted to deny the request for donations to the Ag Network and the CA Environmental Response Team due to budget constraints.

CSG CONVENTION UPDATE: *Standing Rules* – The Standing Rules for the 1999 Convention were accepted as presented and are to be approved by the delegate body in October. *Resolutions* – To date, 18 resolutions have been received. Instructions for Committee

Chairmen on how to handle resolution processing will be provided and discussed at their meeting in October with the State Master and Legislative Director. **Program** – The "tentative" program was reviewed. The opening night reception will begin earlier this year. A membership conference/luncheon were added as per request of the Membership Director. **Convention Pin** – A sketch of the convention pin was looked at and approved. **Password** – The annual password procedure for convention will be handled as in previous years. We will be using the "dot" system, thereby eliminating the need to give the password each time when entering the session.

STATE GRANGE INTERNET RUMMAGE SALE: In talking with Brian from our computer firm, the suggestion of a "Grange rummage sale," using Ebay, was addressed. Ebay is an Internet auction service that connects sellers with buyers. This service would be made available to all Granges with one person in each Grange responsible for the information which would be channeled through the State Grange. The State Grange would actually be the seller. Suggestion was made, if we are going to pursue this, we should also look into accepting credit cards. State Master was given approval to pursue the Ebay project. A letter will be sent to all Granges requesting their input.

STATE GRANGE INTERNET SERVICE: Brian, from our computer firm, working with one of the Internet providers, was instrumental in setting up service at \$14.95 per month for the State Employees Retired group to and may be able to set something in motion for the CA State Grange. State Master was given approval to pursue this project.

ASSOCIATE DUES: Obviously, things are going to change because of the Grange Insurance Association (GIA) problems. State Master suggests that we look at reducing the cost of associate dues to a \$10 application fee and \$30 annual dues. The GIA proposal should be reviewed before this issue can be discussed. Committee feels our present dues structure is satisfactory.

GIA PROPOSAL: State Master said GIA reviewed the proposal developed by the western states Masters, but they in turn prepared their own proposal. Simply stated, GIA will pay to the National Grange, the amount of money saved from the premium tax exemption, less administrative costs, in lieu of anything else. By doing this, any member who purchases a policy is automatically a member of the Grange. It was reported that GMIC is interested in servicing California. State Master distributed the GIA proposal to each Committee member and asked that it not be supplied around. We need to pursue other companies, especially where it effects the Grange hall package. As of December 1998, California had 32,540 policies with GIA. California represents about a quarter of their business, however; we do not represent a quarter of their policies. At this time, a meeting has been scheduled in Seattle in August with the Western States Masters and the National Master. If all the Western States Masters agree to this, then the National Grange will create this other class of membership. State Master has asked Brother Hank to pursue discussions with the other company. We cannot make any kind of commitment, but we can certainly explore our options.

At this time, we will not disturb the associate dues structure.

REPORT OF STATUS OF GRANGES:

Elbow Creek Grange, W. Visalia Grange and Farmersville Grange – Efforts are still being placed on these three Granges with Brother LeRoy Baldrige and Sister Darlene working with each. Eventually, there will only be two Granges, with Farmersville consolidating with Elbow Creek. All three Granges own a hall. **Shenandoah-Willow Springs Grange** – State Master relayed the problems of this Grange to the Committee. Seems to be personality problems. **Hesperia Grange** – This Grange is again operational, through the efforts of our Membership Director and his committee members, Chris Blesch and Ginger Klein. **Hinkley Valley Grange** – We are still working the area. Brother Joe DeMello, Organizing Deputy, has made two trips and about 14

people have signed up for membership. **Redwood Valley Grange** – They would like to invoke Article XI regarding the sale of Real Property with a vote taken on March 12, 1999 of those members present and voting to sell a vacant parcel of land of a little over an acre in size. Proper procedure has been followed. Proceeds of the sale will be used to repair their Grange hall. *It was voted* to authorize Redwood Valley Grange to proceed with the sale of their vacant property as requested. Committee suggested having the Deputy take a look at the property and/or the State Master. State Master should remind Redwood Valley Grange that the funds are to be forwarded to the State Grange to be held in trust for them. **Ukiah Grange** – The Secretary wants to sell their hall and has already obtained permission to hold their meetings at the Ukiah Autumn Leaves facility. The communication received from the secretary did not have the signature of the Master or the Grange seal, which would indicate it was official communication voted upon by the Grange. An appraisal of the property was also received. A call to the State Office from the Master indicates he doesn't want to sell the hall. A letter was sent back to the Secretary asking for the required information. To date, we have not received a response. **Hangtown Grange** – State Master has received a formal complaint from the Grange against one of its members. A Review Board will be appointed to determine the course of action. The complaint is that the member violated the obligation taken when initiated. **Yucaipa Valley Grange** – State Master has revoked the charter of this Grange and the State Grange is in the process of taking over its responsibility until the situation can be resolved. The document to formalize this revocation needs to be signed today by three members of the Executive Committee. **Sunnyvale Grange** – A letter was sent to all members of this Grange asking for their remittance of dues or their desire to be dropped from the rolls. Once received, this Grange will be consolidated with Cupertino Grange. **Guenoc Grange** – On the last quarterly report, 40 of the 42 members of this Grange were being dropped. After speaking to the Treasurer of this Grange, who is trying to keep things together, a letter was sent to all members asking

them of their desires: (1) to remain a member of Guenoc Grange by remitting their dues, (2) to drop their membership, or (3) to maintain their membership, but demit to another Grange. Apparently, this Grange was not billed for their dues and nobody knew what was going on.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

George Dupray joined the Committee at this time. The North/East Dairy Compact was discussed. George has been talking with the Legislative Director of North Carolina State Grange and together they will be developing a letter to be sent to Senator Diane Feinstein. A letter was sent to Senator Steve Peace in regards to *SB 123 - Gasoline Distribution: Pricing* opposing his bill as it appears to inhibit the supplies, raise costs and adversely impact the operations of our small family farmers. Tracking several education bills as well.

Committee recessed for lunch before returning to the agenda.

OREGON STATE GRANGE CONVENTION

UPDATE: State Master gave a brief summary of his recent attendance at the Oregon State Grange.

Discussion then turned to the cost of convention, per capita dues and increase in the number of issues of the *Grange News*.

STATE SECRETARY REPORT: Sister Naomi Fletcher presented her report. There were 1,504 fraternal members and 264 associate members lost for the quarter, totaling \$6,584 lost in dues income this quarter. Granges reported lost in this quarter include: Hollister Grange merging with Prunedale Grange and Mt. Lassen Grange merging with Anderson Grange. Bennett Valley Junior Grange and Independent Junior Grange have both been reorganized. Sister Naomi was thanked for her report and departed.

NATIONAL GRANGE COMMEMORAT-

IVE PINS: The National Grange has designed a pin in commemoration of the restoration of the National Grange headquarters building. The pin depicts the Grange logo with the building off to the side. National is asking for a donation of

\$10 which will help in defraying the cost of this restoration. Committee members purchased their pins on the spot!

NATIONAL GRANGE OFFICER SASHES:

The National Grange is accepting donations for the replacement of all National Grange Officer sashes. The cost of the sash is \$350. They have a number of donations where a state, because they have a current National officer from that state, has provided the funds and will be purchasing that specific sash. State Master would like to ask the Granges for their assistance in funding a sash in view of the fact Bob Clouse is a member of the National Grange Executive Committee. A letter will be sent to all Granges.

California and Washington, through their generous donations, have each funded eight delegate sashes for the National Grange. Oregon has funded five. Thank you to those California Granges who made that possible.

WESTERN STATES ROSTER UPDATE: All data has been entered and proofs have been sent to each State.

GIA RESEARCH COMMITTEE: In view of the situation currently with GIA, *it was voted* to dismiss this Committee from their work and a report be written for the delegates.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: State Master advised the Committee of the recent health problems suffered by Russell Harris. He is doing better and on the road to recovery. He will be stepping back and letting his committee shoulder more of the responsibility for the time being. State Master expressed his concern with the Visioning Program and the direction it has taken in regards to ritual and has spoken with the National Master and National Grange Membership Director. The Visioning Program is a structured program for membership growth and retention. Once the first meeting has been completed and recommendations for changes, which may affect the requirements in the Digest or Manual, these changes cannot be implemented until the approval of the State Master and the State Membership Director has

first been given. It appears that in some cases, it is not being adhered to. State Master will be discussing the situation with Brother Russ. Other than that, things seem to be going along fine. Now we are starting to see the second phase of the program.

COOKBOOKS: The supply of cookbooks was discussed. *It was voted* to reduce the price of the cookbooks to \$5 per book, shipping & handling to be added if mailed.

NATIONAL GRANGE CANCER PLAN: *It was voted* to authorize National Grange to use our mailing list to promote the National Grange Cancer Expense Plan. State Master will also inform National that we do not like the clause, "If we do not hear from you by August 1, 1999, we will assume that you approve." They are not to assume anything without written or verbal consent.

UKIAH/VACAVILLE AUTUMN LEAVES: The minutes and financial statement of Ukiah Autumn Leaves were reviewed and only the financial information was received from Vacaville. We are still having trouble with Vacaville sending their minutes to us routinely.

Discussion regarding the monetary effect the GIA proposal would have on the financial condition of the CA State Grange was undertaken. State Master asked if we should ask the delegates to suspend, for this year only, the mandate that if a dues increase were adopted, it is not put into effect until the following year or should we leave it in the hands of the Audit/Budget Committee. Do we change the by-laws in order to effect an immediate per capita increase? Committee agreed that the solution goes back to the individual Granges and their ability to recruit new members. Much discussion and concern on the financial condition of the CA State Grange and its future. A suggestion was even made to get an appraisal on our property. Brother Squire expressed his concern about the GBO funds. We need to bring this to a head and dismiss the fact that these are GBO funds. They are State Grange funds and should be referred to and used as State Grange funds. Every time we start

talking about these funds, they are referred to as GBO funds. The original resolution should be eliminated which identifies them as such.

The meeting recessed for the Grange Foundation meeting and reconvened at 3:35 P.M.

In today's mail, the anticipated letter from Ukiah Grange was received. The letter, with proper signatures and seal, in regards to selling their property was reviewed. State Master will forward letter to Ukiah Grange authorizing them to proceed with the sale of their Grange hall, advising them that final approval must be made by the CSG Executive Committee.

DEAF ACTIVITIES REPORT: Sister Karen Heckman, DAC Director, joined the Committee, introducing herself for the first time to some of the members. First item discussed was the Deaf Scholarship Program. A few applications were received this year -- none were from California or Grange members. The Deaf Activities Committee (DAC) expressed their concern that none of the applications were outstanding and feel they should forego awarding a scholarship this year. Karen asked how much money is in the Deaf Activities fund and what portion is available for scholarships. State Master said that part of the problem is that the donations, when received, are not recorded into the proper categories. The DAC is scheduled to meet either July 31 or August 14 and has asked for the use of the State Office. The Executive Committee agreed that the scholarship program be left to the decision of her committee. Their desires are to send thank you letters to all participants. Next year, the requirements will be changed to include that all applicants must reside in California, although Grange membership is not required. In this field, requiring applicants to be Grange members, would limit the number received, if any. Shifting to convention, the Deaf Activities department would like one table to be made available for their use in the lobby area. They would like permission to make and sell "frustration pencils." No objection. They will also be selling old inventory and would like to have a basket raffle, using a method other than

simply selling tickets on a chance to win the basket. The pull tabs project is moving along successfully. Proceeds from the pull tabs will go to fund a class of dogs. Her committee discussed the possibility of a collar being placed with the dog noting sponsorship by the CA State Grange. She would like permission for a 10-15-minute demonstration by the SPCA. Committee informed Karen that we have had demonstrations in the past, but was given the go ahead. She will check to see if a dog we purchased in the past resides in the Redding area. Karen was thanked for her presentation and her efforts in taking on the responsibility as Director.

GRANGE DISCOUNT CLUB: *It was voted not to join the National Grange Discount Club.*

Concern regarding the upcoming convention and associated costs was again discussed. State Master stated we may have to go to our line of credit in order to pay for convention. Committee asked the Master what his feelings were on the current financial situation in regards to convention. He first wants to make sure we have made all our transfers to see what our true cash position is. It is conceivable that after all this is done, we will still be in need of funds for convention. Committee discussed the options. One being not to pay for any expenses of the State Officers, Directors and Deputies. The other being, paying for only half of the expenses of each. The real solution to this problem is that we have to solicit and recruit new members. We have to build our membership base. We can also borrow from the "GBO" funds. Right now, *"we are robbing Peter to pay Paul and their ain't no Peter."*

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 P.M.. The next meeting is "tentatively" scheduled for Saturday, August 21, if there is a need for a meeting before convention.

AUGUST 21, 1999

ACCEPT OCTOBER 11, 1999

The meeting opened at 9:00 AM with Worthy

Master John Felder presiding. Roll Call showed members present: Ernie White, Hank Hitt, Stephen Tait and Jim Smith. Tom Stefenoni, Overseer was also in attendance. Johnny Squire was delayed. Sister Emily Felder recorded the minutes.

The minutes of the July 9, 1999 meeting were accepted as read.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A request to have the State Grange property appraised was made at the last meeting. Due to cost, it was not accomplished.

The decision to reimburse State Officers, State Directors, Deputies and Regional Directors for one half of the actual room cost for this year's convention was made by telephone poll. This will confirm the decision by the Executive Committee of 4 ayes and 1 nay.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial report was reviewed and discussed briefly.

CONVENTION UPDATE: State Master provided a brief update on the annual session. Resolutions are being formatted for printing. A visit to Redding is scheduled for September to make final arrangements.

STATE GRANGE INTERNET RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE: A survey on the Ebay auction program has been mailed to all Granges. A few responses have been received with most being not interested. This program will not be pursued any further.

STATE GRANGE INTERNET SERVICE UPDATE: This project is pending.

2000 BUDGET: Discussion on Grange Insurance situation -- possibilities. Budget report received by members with much discussion. State Master was instructed to prepare a resolution to increase per capita by \$6 and a resolution to change the effective date of dues change to January 1, 2000. Sharon Angle, Chairman of the Audit/Budget Committee, will present their reports, A and B. Discussion of Secretary's duties versus other duties

performed by the State Secretary. It was suggested to research the minutes in regards to separation of duties and pay for the State Secretary.

NATIONAL GRANGE CREDIT CARD:

MBNA, National Grange's current credit card provider has offered Grange members a new credit card – *Platinum Plus*. National is asking for permission to use the State Grange membership list. *It was voted* to allow the National Grange to use our membership list.

STATE SECRETARY REPORT: The written report received from Sister Naomi Fletcher was discussed. Membership stats for the June 1999 were reviewed. State Master advised the Committee of the concern regarding Yucaipa Valley Grange's financial records. A lawsuit may need to be filed against a member of that Grange. Sister Fletcher would like to recommend continuing with our \$250 annual donation to Ag in the Classroom and suggests we also include in our annual giving, Food, Land and People (FLP), with a \$250 donation. *It was voted* to forward a \$250 donation to Ag in the Classroom and forgo the donation to FLP. A report on the Gold Rush Wagon Train, carrying several members of the Wyoming State Grange, was read. They are the only "official" gold rush wagon train to travel to California from St. Charles, Missouri. They will be participating in the CA State Fair. Brother Bob Clouse and Sister Fletcher have been assisting the wagon train in securing necessary permits and have also coordinated several sights for them. Since the Governor has written the Sesquicentennial celebration out of the 1999-2000 budget and the original sesquicentennial committee had promised some form of financial assistance to this wagon train once they arrived in California and since the Grange has been instrumental in securing them various venues throughout their travels, Sister Fletcher recommends the State Grange contribute \$300 to their California travels and reimburse Brother Clouse for his actual expenses or \$300, whichever is less, for feed and a trailer to take the feed to Truckee to meet the wagon train. *It was voted* to reimburse Bob Clouse for transportation of hay to

Truckee. Opinion was expressed that the wagon train should have been made a matter of public knowledge and that request for money should have been made before the fact.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Brother Russ Harris joined the Committee at this time. His health is improving with each day. He gave an update on the membership program. Some discussion on the Visioning Program regarding the lack of the second phase meetings by those Granges which have had the initial meeting. Russ mentioned that some of the Deputies are speaking out in opposition to the Program. State Master asked for those names so he can discuss the situation with them. A membership conference is scheduled to be held at the convention this year. Brother Russ was thanked for his report and departed.

JUNIOR GRANGE REPORT: Committee reviewed the Junior Grange report from Sister Katie Squire which included a copy of the 1999-2000 Junior Grange Program and updates on the two Junior Grange Jamborees and Grange Family Camp. Committee approved the Junior Program as submitted.

REPORT ON STATUS OF GRANGES: *Biggs Grange* – requesting Grange Hall loan of \$5,000 to repair roof of their hall. *It was voted* to approve the loan to Biggs Grange at the current interest rate. *Sisquoc Grange* – an offer to purchase this Grange property has been received accompanied by a check for \$2,000. *It was voted* to approve the offer with the following change: the down payment should be increased to a full 20%. The State Grange will carry the loan at 8% interest for 20 years. State Master to notify Sisquoc Grange immediately regarding the offer with noted change. *Hangtown Grange* – State Master advised the Committee of the formal complaint received against a member of this Grange and the pending trial. *Lompoc Grange* – requesting information on selling their hall. Age of members and the cost to maintain the hall have resulted in this decision. *Hinkley Valley Grange* – Organizing Deputy Joe DeMello is still working in the area and hopes to charter a Grange soon. *Waterford Grange* – requesting

information on selling their hall. Age of members, loss of tenant and cost to maintain the hall have resulted in this decision.

CPA CONTRACT: *It was voted* to accept the C.P.A. contract for bookkeeping support at \$755 per month.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 P.M.. The next meeting will be held at the annual convention, October 12, 1999, the day before the convention, as required by Grange Law. The foregoing minutes are to be approved at the October meeting.

3.2 MINUTES OF THE CALIFORNIA GRANGE FOUNDATION

OCTOBER 15, 1998

BEST WESTERN TRAILSIDE INN

The annual meeting was called to order by President Ernest White at 11:30 AM at the Lassen County Fairgrounds in Susanville.

Roll call found all present.

Minutes of the August 1998 meeting were approved.

Financial Report - Fund balances were read and a list of major donations received throughout the year were also read.

A review of the scholarships given this year was given.

Resolutions, F-1 Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the California Grange Foundation and F-2 Amendment of the By-Laws of the California Grange Foundation were presented for consideration. Both resolutions adopted.

It was voted to donate \$5,000 to Dogs for the Deaf.

President White expressed thanks to all who donated to the Foundation allowing the Foundation to continue with its efforts.

Next meeting to be scheduled in conjunction with the next Executive Committee meeting at a time/location TBA.

Moved, second and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Stefenoni, Secretary
Ernest White, President

DECEMBER 18, 1998

CA STATE GRANGE HEADQUARTERS

The meeting was called to order by President Ernest White at 11:00 AM.

Roll call found all present except Brother Tait.

Minutes of the October 15, 1998 meeting were not available and will be read at the next meeting.

Financial Report – no new financial report was available.

Unfinished Business - The Helping Hand – President White is still pursuing, but has not been able to make the proper contact to gain access to their program.

New Business - The four resolutions from the 1997 Convention in Modesto and the two from the 1998 Convention in Susanville (copies attached) regarding By-Laws amendments were discussed. A committee of Brothers Squire, Smith and Stefenoni were appointed to review the amendments and the steps necessary for their implementation.

Other Business - The need for the establishment of a foundation endowment policy and planned giving guidelines were discussed.

San Jose Grange, in the distribution of assets prior to surrendering their charter, are planning to give \$20,000 to the foundation to fund scholarships.

Next meeting scheduled for February 27, 1999 at a time TBA.

Moved, second and passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Stefenoni, Secretary
Ernest White, President

**FEBRUARY 27, 1999
CA STATE GRANGE HEADQUARTERS**

The meeting was called to order by President Ernest White at 10:23 AM.

Roll call found all present.

Minutes of the December 18, 1998 meeting were clarified and approved.

Financial Report - The 12/31/98 Financial Report was reviewed.

Unfinished Business - The Helping Hand - President White and Brother Tait are still pursuing, but it looks to be a "scam" providing only the locations of government surplus warehouses.

By-Laws Changes - Review Committee sent proposed changes to IRS and didn't hear back so sent to a different location. We found out that we had to submit first to the Secretary of State for approval and then resubmit to the IRS.

A letter was sent to the Secretary of State requesting approval of By-Laws changes.

Scholarship recipient Ted Miles has responded to the Foundation's request for information.

San Jose Grange has clarified their \$20,000 donation request and asked that once they surrender their charter, their funds be held in trust for the statutory seven years, then revert to the Foundation.

A request for a scholarship donation was received from the Santa Rosa J.C. Foundation. Brother Stefenoni will respond and explain how the Grange, at all levels, awards and administers scholarships.

Other Business - A thank you note was received from the Hearing Dog Program.

Fund balances and income were discussed to determine available funds for this year's scholarship awards.

Next meeting scheduled for April 30 or May 1, 1999 at a time TBA.

Moved, second and passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Stefenoni, Secretary
Ernest White, President

**MAY 1999
CA STATE GRANGE HEADQUARTERS**

The meeting was called to order by President Ernest White at 10:50 AM.

Roll call found all but Stephen Tait present.

Minutes of the February 27, 1999 meeting were approved.

Financial Report - There was no financial report. However, fund balances were reviewed for availability of scholarship funds. The following are the amounts and number of scholarships awarded by category:

Scholarship	Amount	Number	Total
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California State Grange

Marinoff	\$250	3	\$750
Deaver	\$250	1	\$250
Irene Faoro	\$500	1	\$500
Schlmeyster	\$2,000	4	\$8,000
Dixon	*	-----	\$650

*Dixon Scholarships are awarded by Dixon High from available funds.

Unfinished Business - IRS paper-work completed and accepted by both FTB and IRS. Non-profit corporation filing for Secretary of State still needs signatures. Form was signed and sent. Helping Hand - President White has played "phone tag" with them. Nothing definite to report at this time. He will continue to pursue.

New Business - By-Laws Revision Committee - work is in process. Committee to report at next meeting.

Scholarship Program Review -

Application - need to use current edition and destroy all others.

Guidelines - Fraternal member in good standing of a Subordinate Grange in California for at least six months.

Revisions to current applications: (a) show edition date, and (b) recommendation form rate applicant from poor to average to good to excellent.

For Schlmeyster Scholarships, pay out at \$1,000 per semester upon proof of enrollment.

Other Business - San Jose Grange's request to administer trust funds has too many strings attached to use in the scholarship program through the Foundation at this time. The funds will be held in trust by the State Grange for the usual period of seven years with the income from the fund being used for scholarships. At the end of seven years, the funds will revert to the Foundation to endow a permanent scholarship fund.

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Next meeting July 10, 1999 at a time TBA.

Moved, second and passed to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 P.M..

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Stefenoni, Secretary
Ernest White, President

JULY 9, 1999

CA STATE GRANGE HEADQUARTERS

The meeting was called to order by President Ernest White at 3:19 P.M..

Roll call found all but Jim Smith present.

Minutes of the May 1, 1999 meeting were approved as corrected.

Financial Report - There was no financial report.

Unfinished Business - By-laws revision committee to report at next meeting. Helping Hand - President White has "nothing new to report" at this time. He will continue to pursue.

New Business - Scholarship presentations were made by Brother Felder at Lone Grange and by Brother Stefenoni at Dixon High School's FFA Banquet.

Next meeting October 14, 1999 at a time TBA.

Moved, second and passed to adjourn the meeting at 3:31 P.M..

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Stefenoni, Secretary
Ernest White, President

4.1 Session Committees

AGRICULTURE

William Smith, Chairman	San Joaquin County
John Squire	Fresno County
Bob Westfall	Kings County
Gerald Grott	San Bernardino County

CITIZENSHIP & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Tom Sawyer, Chairman	Santa Clara County
Kay Anderson	Butte County
Jim McDaniel	Siskiyou County
Mary Jane Battaglia	El Dorado County
Yvette Adams	Yuba County

CONSERVATION & ENVIROMENTAL AFFAIRS

Leroy Baldrige, Chairman	Kern County
Dale Harvey	Humboldt County
Ramona Holmes	Kern County
Ron Harding	Stanislaus County

EDUCATION

Ginger Klein, Chairman	Riverside County
Ed Bruce	Mendocino County
Ken Han	Yolo County

GRANGE ACTIVITIES

Jerilynn Hurst, Chairman	Butte County
Robert Lange	San Luis Obispo County
Bill Allen	Sonoma County
Darlene Baldrige	Kern County

GRANGE LAW

Bruce Brunell, Chairman	Mendocino County
Pat McDaniel	Siskiyou County
Bob Alvarez	Butte County
Donna Haynes	S. Humboldt County

HEALTH

Betty Ann Biringer-Rehm, Chairman	N. Humboldt County
Douglas Krause	Santa Clara County
Madeline Lawson	S. Humboldt County
Darby Niles	Humboldt County

LABOR & JUDICIARY

Pat Dahms, Chairman	Yuba County
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Henry Strock Mendocino County
Sherry Lange San Luis Obispo County

TAXATION & FISCAL POLICY

Christina Fletcher, Chairman Sacramento County
John Espinola Stanislaus County
Dick Dahms Yuba County
Joe White El Dorado County

TRANSPORTATION

Barry Renfro, Chairman Morongo Basin
Arne Hansen Shasta County
Larry Greene Del Norte County
Wayne Long Shasta County

WATER

Frank Nichols, Chairman Yolo County
Joe Victorine Siskiyou County
Bill Hitt San Diego County

FOREIGN AFFAIRS -- not activated for 1999

4.2 Resolution Committee Reports

AGRICULTURE

CITIZENSHIP & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Worthy Master and Delegates of the California State Grange.

Again this year our work on the Citizenship and Public Affairs Committee was productive due to the dedicated and hard working members. There were five members including myself. There were eleven resolutions processed, many presented a challenge. One resolution was withdrawn by the committee. No resolution was completed without complete understanding of the authors' intent. Three were found favorable with no or minor changes. Three were rewritten. Two were rejected and two were combined and one was withdrawn by committee. The reasons were carefully discussed in the committee before this decision. We encourage the writer to continue their interest in resolutions next year with increased research provided to help us review and act on your resolution. We

worked on one resolution and found it favorable as written, but it was referred to the GA committee who also found it favorable. The presentation to the delegates found that many people were quite emotional about the issues and created discussions and changes but most sensitive issues were worked out and the results were respected by the committee. I congratulate our committee members Jim McDaniel, Kay Anderson, and especially Yvette Adams for her helpful work as committee secretary.

Harriet Sawyer, Chairman

CONSERVATION & ENVIROMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Conservation and Environmental Affairs Committee had 4 resolutions. Two were amended by committee – passed. One unfavorable by committee- passed anyway. One rewrite by Leo Bergeron – passed as amended.

I would like to thank the rest of the committee, LeRoy Baldridge for his help and his great idea to let me read the resolutions.

Thank you officers and delegates.

Dale Harvey

EDUCATION

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters,

The Education Committee had fewer than half a dozen resolutions for presentation before the delegate body; this in an era of many diverse problems in the education system. From its very beginning the education of the farmer was a basic component of the Orders' agenda. To maintain a viable position as a legislative body, we must be more diligent and observant in recognizing problems and then work together proposing solutions to the identified areas of concern.

On behalf of the committee, I want to thank the Worthy Master for entrusting this work to us, also the production staff for their assistance and a special thanks to sister Karen Heckman for the invaluable guidance freely given.

Fraternally Submitted,

Bill Hitt-San Diego County

GRANGE ACTIVITIES

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters

This has been a real learning experience for me, I was a complete novice. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to work for my Grange. Thank you fellow committee members Bill Allen, Darlene Baldridge, and Bob Lange – you made it easy.

We were given 21 resolutions, had one transferred from Citizenship and Public Affairs, sent one to Grange Law and one that cannot be considered, because it was not presented in the legal time frame.

A big thank you to those of you that I asked for guidance – you were so supportive and never once made me feel that I should have known that and why ask the question.

The delegate body has made some tough decisions this, but you have demonstrated- In essential unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things, charity.

It is good to be home again.

Fraternally,

Jerilynn Hurst
Grange Activities Committee

GRANGE LAW

The Grange Law committee held a very visible and controversial position at convention this year. We reviewed 17 resolutions. The most important of course, was the dues increase issue. We felt that other alternatives to funding would have to be considered and implemented in order to stabilize the State Grange Budget. It always is easiest to look at the first source of funding -- Fraternal dues. But as the membership declines or ages, more stable sources must be found.

We appreciated the hard work and thought that went into the resolutions that were submitted. The quality was high. We were very impressed with the attention level of the delegates. They deserve accolades for a job well done. I am very thankful for my committee they are very special people. Thank you for your confidence and support.

Bruce Brunell
Chairman, Grange Law Committee.

HEALTH

Four resolutions were received by the Health Committee. Resolution 99-022, Full Dental Care for Retired Disabled Military Veterans was amended in committee and adopted as amended. 99-055, Genetic Development of

Human Organs and Body Parts was found unfavorable in committee in support of existing policy 92-094. Resolution lost, Committee met with a representative from Orange County Pomona #36 who assisted with amending resolution 99-056, Protective Euthanasia. Resolution adopted as amended, Resolution 99-070 from supplemental pad #2 on Health Care Portability was found favorable as amended after meeting with a representative from Coalinga Grange #779 and Brother George Dupray. Resolution was adopted as amended.

We thank the Worthy Master and the delegate body for this opportunity to serve our organization.

Fraternally,

Betty Ann Biringer-Rehm, Chairman

LABOR & JUDICIARY

Worthy Master, Honored Dignitaries, Brothers and Sisters;

During this last session of the twentieth century the Labor and Judiciary Committee received four proposed resolutions. Of these four we found one resolution needed to be rewritten before it joined the other three as favorable recommendations from our committee.

I would like to take this time to thank my committee members; Henry Strock from Mendocino Co., Sherry Lange from San Luis Obispo Co., and our State Grange Legislative Director George Dupray, for their help in researching those resolutions.

It has truly been a pleasure working with these Grangers and we look forward to serving California State Grange at the first session in the 21st Century.

Respectfully Submitted

Pat Dahms

TAXATION & FISCAL POLICY

Worthy Officers, Brothers and Sisters, and Fellow Delegates,

I would first like to thank all of you for your support and patience with me on my first time up here in front of you as a Chairman. Other members of my committee were Brother John Espinola, Brother Joe White, acting secretary, and Brother Dick Dahms acting as chair in my absence. They make for a good group of people to serve with and I would like to thank them and recognize them for their efforts. This session we had three resolutions to present before the delegate body: #99-002 "Federal Budget Reporting" #99-045 "Abolish Marriage Tax" #99-015 "New Index Gas Tax for Transportation". 2 were amended, 1 rewritten and all adopted. Once again I thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted

Christina Fletcher, Chairman

TRANSPORTATION

WATER

Worthy Master, and Fellow Grangers, thank you for appointing me to this committee.

Water Comm. Final Report · Redding Convention 1999

Special thanks to Leo Bergeron, George Dupray, and G.J. Grott for information, and thanks to Bill Hitt, Water Committee Secretary for writing the committee resolutions.

Water Committee members Bill Hitt Siskiyou Co., Joe Victorine San Diego Co., and Chairman Frank Nichols Yolo Co.

Fraternally,

Frank Nichols, Chairman

4.3 Resolutions

Agriculture Committee

No: 99-011
 TITLE: PROTECT CALIFORNIA'S FARMLAND FROM URBAN EXPANSION
 PROPOSED BY: GAZELLE GRANGE #380

WHEREAS since 1984, California has lost more than 270,000 acres of farmland, most of this in Southern California and in the state's Central Valley, and
 WHEREAS the state's population is again growing very rapidly causing many communities to expand to accommodate this increase, and
 WHEREAS effective planning is not in place to preserve much valuable farmland, therefore be it
 RESOLVED that the California State Grange take a position to support existing measures and encourage the adoption of new measures to help insure that California's agricultural land and agriculture, which sometimes includes water and roads be protected from urban encroachment, and be it further
 RESOLVED that the California State Grange encourage that the following steps be considered: (A) require local agency formation commissions [LAFCO's], local bodies that approve annexations to put their decisions to an advisory vote in their jurisdiction. (B) urge that property tax limitations be modified to enable communities to purchase land and easements from those willing to sell.

No: 99-047
 TITLE: NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL
 PROPOSED BY: GAZELLE GRANGE #380

WHEREAS in February of this year, the National Invasive Species Control was created by presidential order for the purpose of committing our nation to unify efforts to control invading plant and animal species, and
 WHEREAS currently the estimated damage in the United States by invasive species of plants and animals costs an estimated \$122 billion annually, and
 WHEREAS our nation's agricultural pursuits are in jeopardy throughout America, therefore be it
 RESOLVED that the California State Grange and the National Grange adopt the position that the Grange be continuously represented on the National Invasive Species Council and that Grange members nationwide be kept informed with regard to progress made.

Citizenship & Public Affairs Committee

No: 99-012
 TITLE: ESTABLISH AVALANCHE WARNING SYSTEMS IN CALIFORNIA

PROPOSED BY: GAZELLE GRANGE #380

WHEREAS in recent years a growing number of snow sports enthusiasts use California's winter resorts and surrounding areas for recreation, and
WHEREAS an increasing number of deaths have resulted from this greater use of these recreational areas during the snow season by an increasing number of people, many of whom are untrained with regard to avalanche hazards, and
WHEREAS there is very little avalanche forecasting now in high risk areas, therefore be it
RESOLVED that the California State Grange urge the National Weather Bureau to establish a California avalanche warning system.

NO: 99-014R
TITLE: SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE PROTECTION
PROPOSED BY: MT. HAMILTON GRANGE #469

WHEREAS President Roosevelt and Congress created the Social Security in 1935 to protect retired Americans from a poverty-ridden old age, and
WHEREAS Americans, more than 30 million seniors, have invested their hard earned money into Social Security and Medicare during their long working lives, and
WHEREAS Social Security and Medicare represent a covenant between the government and its citizens, therefore be it
RESOLVED that the California State Grange urge the National Grange to oppose the privatization of Social Security funds.

NO: 99-038R
TITLE: CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS PROTECTION
PROPOSED BY: LAKE FRANCIS GRANGE #745

WHEREAS Federal, state and local governments have incorporated legislation, established administrative law and codes and adopted appellate court decisions that are in conflict with rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, and
WHEREAS certain rights were preserved under the U.S. Constitution to prevent capricious and unnecessary government intrusion into the private lives and affairs of citizens, therefore be it
RESOLVED that all Subordinate Grangers who experience punitive regulations which are not supported by the U.S. Constitution summarize these regulations and submit them to the California State Grange for action by our Legislative Director in assisting with action to the selected legislator.

NO: 99-060
TITLE: COST OF GASOLINE AT THE PUMP
PROPOSED BY: COYOTE GRANGE #412

WHEREAS the cost of gasoline in California varies radically from place to place, and
WHEREAS cost at the pump has been seen to rise dramatically whenever the oil companies desire, and
WHEREAS the biggest cities sometimes proximal to the refineries seem to be hit the hardest with significantly higher prices, and

WHEREAS privately owned gas stations are forced out of business for selling at lower prices than oil company owned stations, and
 WHEREAS there does not appear to be any means to restrain oil companies in raising prices without cause at their will, therefore be it
 RESOLVED that the California State Grange urge the California State Legislature to investigate the basis for setting prices of gasoline at the pump, and be it further
 RESOLVED that the California State Grange request that the Legislature encourage the producers to find a means to avoid the current price gouging experienced in many locations and which does not reflect the cost of production and delivery.

Conservation & Environmental Affairs Committee

NO: 99-003
TITLE: FRIENDS OF THE DAM
PROPOSED BY: LAKE FRANCIS GRANGE #745

WHEREAS there is a strong and well-organized effort to decommission dams used for flood control, water storage and other purposes beneficial to humanity, and
 WHEREAS the principal reason given is to restore habitat to certain “endangered” anadromous fish populations, and
 WHEREAS these anadromous fish populations are members of species that are not known to be endangered, and
 WHEREAS much of the water taken is to support domestic and agricultural needs, therefore be it
 RESOLVED that the California State Grange oppose all legislation and administrative regulation that would remove and/or inhibit construction of dams needed for flood protection, domestic and agricultural water supply, and be it further
 RESOLVED that the California State Grange actively lobby the state legislature and other agencies having appropriate authority to protect needed dams and to allow additional dam construction when required.

NO: 99-016
TITLE: PROTECTION OF MOSS BEACH MARINE LIFE RESERVE
PROPOSED BY: MT. HAMILTON GRANGE #469

WHEREAS Moss Beach Marine Life Reserve is a very popular visiting habitat area and an educational sight for school students, tourists and residents, and
 WHEREAS over the past five (5) years there have been sections closed off for marine life study, and
 WHEREAS this marine life habitat has had over 100,000 visitors during the past years, and
 WHEREAS daily there are 450 school students which are able to visit this site, and
 WHEREAS there is a draft for allowing only 300 school students a day, therefore be it
 RESOLVED the California State Grange urge the California State Conservation and Environmental (Fish and Game) Authorities and San Mateo County Parks Department to seek ways in which to continue in providing tours to the Moss Beach Aquatic area, while preserving its aquatic environmental life at a balance.

NO: 99-041R
TITLE: ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT
PROPOSED BY: GREENHORN GRANGE #384

- WHEREAS The National Marine Fishery Service (NMFS) on May 5, 1999 made a final ruling in the listing of the Coho salmon for Northern California and Southern Oregon, and
- WHEREAS the Endangered Species Act (ESA) identifies "critical habitat" for fish as "water and substrate only," and the management zone as "Government owned lands," and
- WHEREAS the final ruling of May 5, 1999 extended the "critical habitat" definition to include "adjacent riparian zones" and extended the management zone to include "private activities," and
- WHEREAS in view of this violation of the law (ESA) the Greenhorn Grange #384 has filed a complaint with the Attorney General's Office of the United States and has filed a "Notice of Intent to Sue" the NMFS to have this violation corrected, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED that the California State Grange join with the Greenhorn Grange in its "Notice of Intent to Sue" and its subsequent action against NMFS, and be it further
- RESOLVED that the CSG petition the National Grange to do the same.

NO: 99-049
TITLE: AMERICAN CONTROL OF HISTORIC SITES
PROPOSED BY: GAZELLE GRANGE #380

- WHEREAS with the signing of the 1972 World Heritage Treaty, the United States legally obligated itself to manage our historic national landmarks in compliance with United Nations and not United States of America standards, and
- WHEREAS under the terms of this treaty, the President of the United States does not need to consult with anyone, even Congress, before placing United States territory under the jurisdiction of the United Nations, and
- WHEREAS at present, the Statue of Liberty, Independence Hall, Jefferson's Monticello, Yellowstone National Park are among national treasures now regulated according to decisions made by foreign authorities rather than the will of the American people, therefore be it
- RESOLVED that the California State Grange and the National Grange adopt the position that the United States withdraw from the 1972 World Heritage Treaty and that the Congress of the United States rescind all designation of American historical treasures to the United Nations for management.

Education Committee

NO: 99-035
TITLE: PRIORITY HIRING OF FULLY-CREDENTIALLED TEACHERS
PROPOSED BY: PARADISE GRANGE #490

- WHEREAS the current practice in California Education is to state that there is a shortage of teachers, thus allowing an individual with no educational experience to apply for an emergency teaching credential, and

- WHEREAS the qualifications for this emergency teaching credential is to have a Bachelor's Degree in any subject or have some college units in any subject and take a basic skills test, while enrolling to complete a teaching program to gain classroom experience, and
- WHEREAS school districts have been hiring these teachers over fully-credentialed teachers in order to save money in their districts, thus putting individuals in classrooms with no experience with students, curriculum or discipline, therefore be it
- RESOLVED that the California State Grange work for legislation that will cause local school districts to hire fully-credentialed teachers, on a priority basis, over those individuals with emergency teaching credentials only.

NO: 99-036R
TITLE: SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS
PROPOSED BY: PARADISE GRANGE #490

- WHEREAS The current practice in California education is to fully integrate Special Education students into a regular education classroom setting, which in some cases is beneficial to the child, but full integration has become a standard goal for all students with special needs, and
- WHEREAS self-contained special education classrooms have limits of 6-15 students per teacher, depending upon the categorical type of program, with one full-time aide and the fully integrated program puts the special student in a regular education class with 20+ students with one teacher, usually with no adult, and
- WHEREAS the teacher in the fully integrated regular classroom usually does not hold a Special Education Credential enabling them to properly oversee the daily and changing needs of the special education student, and
- WHEREAS the student-to-teacher ratio does not allow the ample time needed for the special education student, and
- WHEREAS school districts choose to apply for waivers (sometimes several years continuously) in order to deviate from the set regulations of PL 94-142 and the IDEA Plan, in order to avoid hiring and incurring the expense of an appropriate special education credentialed teacher, therefore be it
- RESOLVED that the California State Grange work for legislation that will effect changes in the California Education System encouraging the State Superintendent of Special Education to enforce compliance reviews on school districts every two years, (especially with smaller school districts) to ensure that the needs of ALL Special Education students are being met, and be it further
- RESOLVED the California State Grange work for legislation that will effect changes in the California Education System encouraging the State Superintendent of Special Education limit school districts to one waiver every five years.

NO: 99-042
TITLE: STUDENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING PROPERTY RIGHTS
PROPOSED BY: SCOTT VALLEY GRANGE #386

- WHEREAS the Constitution of the United States of America was ratified in 1789 and forms the basis by which the United States of America has prospered and

- WHEREAS become the beacon of freedom for the whole world, and the concept of property rights is woven throughout the Constitution of the United States of America: via the 2nd Amendment (the right to keep and bear arms); the 3rd Amendment (prohibiting the quartering of soldiers in citizens' houses without their consent); the 4th Amendment (guarantees the people's rights to be secure in their houses, papers, effects); the 5th Amendment, (people shall not be deprived of their life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation); and the 14th Amendment, which reiterates and supports the 5th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, and
- WHEREAS the Constitution of the United States of America and its history need to be taught in our schools so that young people are aware of their importance; therefore be it
- RESOLVED that the California State Grange recommend and request the California Department of Education to make the study of the Constitution of the United States of America a mandatory course, and be it further
- RESOLVED that the California State Grange recommend to the National Grange that it request the National Department of Education to adopt this recommendation to improve student knowledge of the Constitution of the United States of America.

NO: 99-074
TITLE: AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE (ADA) FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE
PROPOSED BY: EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- WHEREAS prior to 1999, school districts received ADA moneys for students who were absent from school for specified excused reasons as enumerated in the Compulsory Education Code, and
- WHEREAS in 1998, the law was amended to exclude the ADA money for any absence - excused and non-excused, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED the California State Grange urge the California State Legislature to revoke the legislation barring school districts from receiving ADA monies for excused absences as defined in the Compulsory Education Code.

Grange Activities Committee

NO: 99-006
TITLE: SUBORDINATE GRANGE MEETING NIGHTS
PROPOSED BY: MONTEREY COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #17

- WHEREAS frequently several Granges meet on the same night as others within their own Pomona district making it difficult for Deputies to attend all Grange meetings in their districts and others to visit neighboring Granges, therefore be it
- RESOLVED that each Subordinate Grange, in every district, strive to coordinate their meeting nights so as not to conflict with others within their own Pomona district.

NO: 99-007
TITLE: NATIONAL GRANGE ANNUAL LETTER
PROPOSED BY: MONTEREY COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #17

WHEREAS the annual holiday greeting letter is mailed separately by the National Master each year amounting to additional postage, therefore be it
RESOLVED that the California State Grange recommend that the National Grange include the "annual holiday message" from the National Master in the regular issue of the *Grange Today* newsletter.

NO: 99-020
TITLE: CHECK REGISTER - CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE
PROPOSED BY: SACRAMENTO POMONA GRANGE #2

WHEREAS the California State Grange prints in the Journal of Proceedings the check register of the California State Grange, and
WHEREAS by not publishing this check register in the Journal, it would give us a saving in labor, printing and postage as the Journals are mailed to all the Granges, therefore be it
RESOLVED the California State Grange stop publishing the check register in the Journal, beginning with the 1999 Journal.

NO: 99-057
TITLE: GRANGE OPPOSITION TO HATE GROUPS
PROPOSED BY: MCCLLOUD GRANGE #831

WHEREAS there are indications that activism by the Ku Klux Klan, Neo-Nazis and other "hate groups" appear to be, once again, on the upswing, and
WHEREAS new leadership in some of these groups often use more subtle and sophisticated methods of action than in the past, therefore be it
RESOLVED that the California State Grange and the National Grange go on record as firmly adopting a policy to oppose the objectives and the philosophy of racist and prejudicial groups.

NO: 99-061
TITLE: CONVENTION SITES
PROPOSED BY: ROHNER GRANGE #509

WHEREAS in the past several years, the Granges sponsoring the State Conventions have done an admirable job with the facilities available; and
WHEREAS these facilities do not always have adequate space under one roof for all our needs; and
WHEREAS with rising costs and dropping membership numbers there seems to be less and less Granges that feel they can afford to host a State Convention; and
WHEREAS some years back it was proposed for the State Grange to buy land that would accommodate not only the State Grange Office buildings, but also a Convention Center; and
WHEREAS we are aware that the cost and availability of such land in the Sacramento area is at a premium; be it therefore
RESOLVED that this proposal be thoroughly studied, keeping in mind that a properly constructed Convention Center would be in great demand by other groups

year-round, thus generating income to pay for the State facilities in a few short years; and be it further
RESOLVED that a plan be submitted to the State Convention Delegates in the year 2000.

NO: 99-064

TITLE: **CALL FOR THE STATE GRANGE TO SPONSOR THE PROPERTY RIGHTS CONGRESS OF AMERICA**

PROPOSED BY: **GREENHORN GRANGE #384**

WHEREAS The Property Rights Congress of America held its first conference in March of 1999 for the purpose of introducing private property rights legislation into the house of Representatives in Washington, D.C., and

WHEREAS The Property Rights Congress of America now has delegates from 29 states and only people have the right to vote, not organizations, and

WHEREAS The Greenhorn Grange has voted unanimously to be a supporter of the Property Rights Congress of America, and

WHEREAS members of the Property Rights Congress of America are Greenhorn Grangers who are property rights activists, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the California State Grange become a sponsor of the Property Rights Congress of America by filling out an application and forwarding a \$100 donation to same.

(NOTE: Committed to the Executive Committee for Consideration)

NO: 99-065

TITLE: **NOAA**

PROPOSED BY: **COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR**

WHEREAS by action of the delegate body at the 1997 Convention, it was voted to adopt a program to seek financial support for the purchase and installation of up to ten new weather transmitters to be utilized by the national Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in order to provide early weather warnings to areas of the State not presently covered by existing transmitters, and

WHEREAS it was necessary to change the By-Laws of the California Grange Foundation to provide for this activity under tax-exempt status, and

WHEREAS to date, negative replies have been received from those companies and individuals contacted, with the exception of two still pending, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that if a positive response is not received prior to February 1, 2000 from one or both of the organizations still deliberating, the program be abandoned by the California State Grange, and be it further

RESOLVED that all monies collected for this project be applied toward repaying the California Grange Foundation for expenses incurred in changing the Foundation By-Laws to allow this type of activity.

NO: 99-071

TITLE: **VISIONING PROGRAM**

PROPOSED BY: **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS the Fraternal Membership of the National Grange has decreased from a high of about 850,000 to about 175,000 and the California State Grange has decreased from a high of about 47,000 to about 22,000. There is a Fraternal

- WHEREAS Membership crisis so it is critical that the National and California State Grange find a way to rebuild membership, and the National Grange has developed the Visioning Program as a tool to assist participating Subordinate Granges with the rebuilding of the Fraternal Membership and allow Subordinate Grange Members to have a voice in and input on the changes necessary to redefine The Grange of the next century to make it a significant contributor to "Grange Communities," our State and our Nation, and
- WHEREAS it is imperative that the California State Grange support and encourage the Subordinate Granges to make the changes necessary to rebuild Fraternal Membership and make the Subordinate Grange a vibrant part of the community, and
- WHEREAS it is important that members of Subordinate Granges in California have an opportunity to join with other Grangers from around the country in the redefining of the Grange by participating in the National Grange Visioning Program, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED the California State Grange shall actively, openly and financially support the implementation of the Visioning Program as fast as possible.

NO: 99-080
TITLE: RESOLUTION INFORMATION FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
PROPOSED BY: GRANGE ACTIVITIES

- WHEREAS Committees that work on Grange Convention resolutions are sometimes limited to research information availability when visiting the hosting area, therefore be it
- RESOLVED the California State Grange make available to committee chairpersons all proposed resolutions by October 1 of the convention year.

Grange Law Committee

NO: 99-024
TITLE: AMENDING CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE, ARTICLE X, SECTION 10.3b - "FUNDS"
PROPOSED BY: ORANGEVALE GRANGE #354

- WHEREAS the California State Grange is now in need of additional funds to maintain the general operations of the organization to assist in maintaining its status in the public eye, therefore be it
- RESOLVED that Article X, Section 10.3b - Funds of the Constitution and By-Laws of the California State Grange be amended to read as follows: "10.3b - Subordinate Grange - Eighteen dollars (\$18) for each regular or affiliate member on the rolls."

NO: 99-031
TITLE: AMEND ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE
PROPOSED BY: PARADISE GRANGE #490

- WHEREAS there are no provisions in the Digest of Laws of the National Grange that states that we do not discriminate based on a person's race, color, religion, sex or national origins, and
- WHEREAS in light of the heightened awareness of hate crimes being committed by various groups, the National Grange needs to firmly state that it is not our policy to discriminate, therefore be it
- RESOLVED that a new section 1.6.1 be inserted as follows:
 "1.6.1 with regard to applications for membership, the various Granges of the divisions of the Order shall not discriminate with regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin," and be it further
- RESOLVED that the existing sections 1.6.1 to 1.6.3 be renumbered accordingly.

NO: 99-037
TITLE: MODERN DEGREES
PROPOSED BY: PARADISE GRANGE #490

- WHEREAS soon after the organization of the Grange, there were four Degrees for men and a separate four Degrees for women which were later combined into a single set of Degrees for men and women, and
- WHEREAS our modern society has placed tremendous demands on the times available to our membership and upon those whom we wish to attract to membership, and
- WHEREAS in many states, the new members are only given the official obligation ceremony and never see the full exemplification of the Degree work, which contributes to these new members not fully understanding the underlying principles of the organization, therefore be it
- RESOLVED that the National Grange appoint a committee to develop a combined four Degree ritual for use in Subordinate Granges, and be it further
- RESOLVED that this combined four degrees shall preserve the basic elements of the current four Degrees and that it can be exemplified by a Subordinate Grange in under ninety (90) minutes, and be it further
- RESOLVED that the standard separate four degrees will continue to be available to be used by such Subordinate Granges as so desire.

NO: 99-058
TITLE: REQUIREMENT FOR QUORUM FOR ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE
PROPOSED BY: SAN DIEGO POMONA GRANGE #35

- WHEREAS with each passing year the number of fraternal Grange members in California continues to diminish, and
- WHEREAS the number of Subordinate Granges that are represented at the Annual Session of the California State Grange declines in relation to the number of active Grange members, and
- WHEREAS Article XII, Section 12.7 (c) of the By-Laws of the California State Grange mandates that 1/3 of all Subordinate Granges constitutes a quorum, necessary for the California State Grange to conduct business, and
- WHEREAS under these current conditions it is a distinct possibility that there may not be the representation necessary for the California State Grange to conduct business at an Annual Session, therefore be it

RESOLVED that Article XII, Section 12.7 (c) be changed to read that 1/4 of all active Subordinate Granges will constitute a quorum and that the Pomona Granges that are registered at the Annual Session shall be counted as part of the official tally.

NO: 99-072
TITLE: NATIONAL GRANGE "GOLDEN SHEAF MEMBERSHIP"
PROPOSED BY: GRANGE LAW COMMITTEE

WHEREAS Grange members that have attained fifty years of continuous service and have earned their Golden Sheaf have always enjoyed a forgiveness of membership dues, and

WHEREAS the National Grange is at this time considering changing that custom of forgiveness of dues for Golden Sheaf members so that Subordinate Granges will still be responsible for the payment of the per capita for those members that attain their Golden Sheaf after January 2001, therefore, be it

RESOLVED the California State Grange continue to forgive the dues of Golden Sheaf Members and urge the National Grange to continue the custom of forgiveness of dues for members who have attained the Golden Sheaf.

Health Committee

NO: 99-022
TITLE: FULL DENTAL CARE FOR RETIRED DISABLED MILITARY VETERANS WITH 50% OR MORE SERVICE-RELATED DISABILITY
PROPOSED BY: MT. HAMILTON GRANGE #469

WHEREAS retired military service personnel with less than a 100% service-related disability are unable to obtain or receive any type of dental treatment at any of the Veteran's Administrations Dental Care Clinics, and

WHEREAS retired military service personnel with a 100% service-related disability rating are able to obtain and receive treatment at any Veteran's Administration Dental Clinics at no cost to them, therefore be it

RESOLVED the California State Grange urge the National Grange for its support in legislative action that any retired military service personnel with 50% or more service-related disability rating be allowed to obtain and receive needed dental treatments at the Veteran's Administration Dental Clinics at no cost.

NO: 99-056
TITLE: PROTECTIVE EUTHANASIA
PROPOSED BY: ORANGE COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #36

WHEREAS there have been instances of euthanasia for terminal patients, and
WHEREAS the Ninth District Court of Appeals has ruled euthanasia under certain conditions to be legal, and

WHEREAS euthanasia could become an out of control method hastening death, and
WHEREAS prior policy may not cover the protection of the patient, therefore be it
RESOLVED the California State Grange encourage the Ninth District Court of Appeals to adopt a concept of checks and balances in which a panel of physicians and

available relatives reach an agreement before protective euthanasia takes place, without conflict to the patient's written or verbal directives

NO: 99-070
TITLE: HEALTH CARE PORTABILITY
PROPOSED BY: COALINGA GRANGE #779

WHEREAS The Health Care Finance Administration, the federal agency which administers Medicare, has ruled that seniors who move from the service area of their health care provider are no longer eligible for coverage by the Medicare supplemental insurance program that they originally selected, and

WHEREAS Seniors who purchased Medicare supplemental insurance from a provider program who has changed its boundaries have been "grand-fathered" into the program at their current address, and

WHEREAS Seniors "grand-fathered" in the program who subsequently move, even one door away in the same community, could become ineligible for continued coverage and lose their supplemental insurance, and

WHEREAS This forces seniors so effected needing to move, to either move to a community within the service area of the provider or to do without their particular program, therefore, be it

RESOLVED The California State Grange approach the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) and work with them to change the regulations to permit seniors "grand-fathered" by residence address into a Medicare supplemental insurance program to be allowed to move anywhere within the original service area and to not be disenrolled from their insurance plan.

Labor & Judiciary Committee

NO: 99-029
TITLE: INCREASE CALIFORNIA JURORS' PAY
PROPOSED BY: SANTA CLARA COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #4

WHEREAS in 1957 a gallon of gasoline cost only 24-cents and a loaf of bread was almost the same cost, and

WHEREAS then California paid its jurors only \$5 per day, while the annual wages income in California was about \$6,000, and

WHEREAS now that we are into the year of 1999, our jurors are still receiving the same sum as they did 42 years ago, \$5 per day, therefore be it

RESOLVED the California State Grange support an increase to jurors' daily pay up to a minimum of \$12.50 per day statewide.

NO: 99-043R
TITLE: PARENTS' AND GRANDPARENTS' RIGHTS
PROPOSED BY: SCOTT VALLEY GRANGE #386

WHEREAS The Child Protection Service has specific judges assigned to rule on sensitive cases of children's welfare with no accountability, and

WHEREAS this often causes an unfair decision for parents and grandparents, and

WHEREAS the parents and/or grandparents have to hire outside lawyers in order to receive a fair or balanced hearing or decision for the children, in their

opinion, therefore be it
RESOLVED that the California State Grange seek legislation that mandates that the decisions of judges assigned to Child Protective Services cases be subject to an immediate appeal process before a different judge when a child is not placed with immediate family members not named in the legal proceedings, to insure the best interests of the child.

NO: 99-044
TITLE: RETENTION OF MIRANDA RIGHTS
PROPOSED BY: MCCLOUD GRANGE #831

WHEREAS one of the eastern states recently opted to forego usage of the Miranda Rights to inform arrested individuals of their legal rights, and
WHEREAS the United States Supreme Court ruled recently that a state had the right to make such a decision, therefore be it
RESOLVED that the California State Grange go on record as supporting the usage of the Miranda Rights, by any and all law enforcement officers in the state of California.

NO: 99-048
TITLE: VOTING PRIVILEGES FOR FORMER FELONS
PROPOSED BY: GAZELLE GRANGE #380

WHEREAS state laws vary widely regarding voting rights for former felons, from allowing voting while being incarcerated to losing voting privileges forever, and
WHEREAS presently in California, felons may not vote while incarcerated or during their parole, but may have their voting privileges restored at the end of parole, and
WHEREAS changes in regulations governing voting rights for former felons in California are currently under discussion, therefore be it
RESOLVED the California State Grange support the current regulations in the California Constitution with regard to voting privileges for former felons.

Taxation and Fiscal Policy Committee

NO: 99-002
TITLE: FEDERAL BUDGET REPORTING
PROPOSED BY: SANTA CLARA COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #4

WHEREAS the U.S. Government is reporting that the 1998-1999 budget is balanced and it will run a \$137 billion surplus, and
WHEREAS this surplus is being planned for a number of projects, including tax cuts, Medicare and Social Security Reform, and
WHEREAS the surplus is wholly derived from the Social Security taxes and should be independent of anything else in planned usage, and
WHEREAS there would be a \$4 billion deficit if the Social Security income were not considered in the federal income, and
WHEREAS the method of reporting and planning the U.S. budget is grossly misleading if we are to support legislation which is intended to achieve a balanced budget, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the California State Grange urge the U.S. Congress to plan and adopt the yearly budget exclusive of the Social Security fund and that the Social Security status also be reported, including the reserves.

NO: 99-015
TITLE: GAS TAX FOR ROADWAYS
PROPOSED BY: MT. HAMILTON GRANGE #469

WHEREAS California ranks anywhere from 46th to 48th in the nation in transportation spending per resident, and

WHEREAS at the present time, any gas tax money received goes into the general fund, and

WHEREAS the general fund is not set up for any transportation expense funding, and

WHEREAS California highways, city streets and many country roads are in a disgraceful condition, therefore be it

RESOLVED the California State Grange urge the California State Senate and Assembly to adopt a transportation fund from the gasoline tax for exclusive use on California roadways for improvements.

NO: 99-045R
TITLE: ABOLISH MARRIAGE TAX
PROPOSED BY: MCCLOUD GRANGE #831

WHEREAS an increasing number of our citizens choose to live together in an unwed state in order to avoid the situation created by Internal Revenue Service regulations under which single individuals may be granted a larger deduction than is the case when two people choose to marry, and

WHEREAS some people who have been married many years have been advised to get divorced and then live together in order to reduce their tax obligation, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the California State Grange adopt the National Grange policy of supporting reinstating the income tax deductions for 2 wage earner families by removing the marriage penalty from the U.S. Tax Code.

Transportation Committee

NO: 99-018
TITLE: USE OF CAR PHONES
PROPOSED BY: MILLVILLE GRANGE #443

WHEREAS the number of wireless phone users has grown from 1.6 million in 1988 to more than 69 million today, according to "Cellular One," an equipment and service provider, and

WHEREAS wireless phones are most appropriate for safety, emergencies and scheduling situations, and

WHEREAS many tragedies are caused by people who use their car phones while driving, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the California State Grange urge the California Legislature to enact a law, making it illegal for a driver of a vehicle to talk on a car phone, unless

the vehicle is completely stopped and off the roadway, unless it is an emergency.

NO: 99-021

TITLE: REDUCE THE COSTS OF CALIFORNIA LICENSE PLATES FOR DISABLED VETERANS WITH A MILITARY-RELATED DISABILITY OF 50% OR MORE

PROPOSED BY: MT. HAMILTON GRANGE #469

WHEREAS a veteran with a 100% service-related disability rating can obtain *free* license plates as a Disabled Veteran at no cost to them, and

WHEREAS a military veteran with a rating of less than 100% service-related disability rating must pay full price for license plates, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the California State Grange urge the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) that any veteran with a 50% or more service-related disability be allowed to obtain California license plates at a reduced rate of 50% and be able to display the Disabled Veteran logo on their license plates, i.e., 9630 D.V., with proof from the Veteran's Administration of a 50% or more military service-related disability rating.

NO: 99-032R

TITLE: TRUCKERS AND DRUG TESTING

PROPOSED BY: PARADISE GRANGE #490

WHEREAS truckers are required to take a random drug test, and

WHEREAS it is the usual policy of companies to discharge employees testing positive for drugs, and

WHEREAS it is possible for such discharged employees to apply at other trucking firms and not list the previous employment because there is no requirement that such positive test results be recorded on the employee's Motor Vehicle Record (MVR), therefore be it

RESOLVED that the California State Grange support legislation that would require reporting of positive drug test for drivers with commercial licences to the Department of Motor Vehicles and that the Motor Vehicle Report shall indicate for a period of two years that a positive drug test was found, and be it further

RESOLVED that such legislation should contain a provision to appeal positive drug testing results so that it is possible to eliminate false positive tests.

NO: 99-068

TITLE: INCREASED DRIVING HOURS OF SERVICE FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLE OPERATORS

PROPOSED BY: NAPA POMONA GRANGE #7

WHEREAS Trucking groups are trying to sway Federal Regulators to relax rules, which specify how much time a driver of a commercial truck is allowed to drive by allowing them another 5 hours to their already 10 hour rule in a 24 hour period, and

WHEREAS the American Trucking Association (ATA) and the Truckload Carriers Association are proposing for commercial truck drivers to have a total

WHEREAS maximum on-duty period that doesn't distinguish between driving hours and time on the job doing jobs such as loading or unloading a truck, and rules currently in place allow drivers 10 hours maximum driving time in a 24-hour period, or a combination driving with on duty not driving time that doesn't exceed 15 hours, and

WHEREAS if the trucking groups are successful, a commercial truck driver could be driving as much as 100 hours in an 8 day period, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the California State Grange and the National Grange urge the representatives of the United States Department of Transportation to oppose any changes in the Federal Motor Vehicle Regulations that would allow increases in driving hours for drivers of commercial vehicles over the road.

Water Committee

NO: 99-077
 TITLE: APPOINTMENT OF A WATER COMMITTEE
 PROPOSED BY: WATER COMMITTEE

WHEREAS The California State Grange has over 100 years of adopted water policy and related issues, and

WHEREAS these adopted policies cover all of the current issues facing agriculture in general and the concerns of the California Grange members specifically, and

WHEREAS they have not been properly implemented, therefore be it

RESOLVED the California State Grange appoint a standing Water Committee of five members to implement adopted policies, and be it further

RESOLVED a reasonable budget be established to carry out the work of the Committee, and be it further

RESOLVED the Committee have the authority to represent the Grange position, and be it further

RESOLVED the Committee be required to make quarterly reports to the State Master and Executive Committee beginning July 2000.

NO: 99-078
 TITLE: BENEFICIAL USE OF SALINE DRAINAGE WATER
 PROPOSED BY: WATER COMMITTEE

WHEREAS Saline drainage water from the San Joaquin Valley has created severe problems affecting agriculture, and

WHEREAS the continued buildup of these pollutants are making the land sterile, therefore be it

RESOLVED the California State Grange support the continued development of additional uses of saline irrigation drainage in beneficial products.

5.1 Financial Statements

This section comprises the Financial Statements of the California State Grange and the California Grange Foundation for the Fiscal year ending December 31, 1998 as prepared by KARL F. GUNTHER, JR. Certified Public Accountant of 2230 Loma Vista Drive Sacramento, CA 95825 (916) 488-3393

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Independent Auditor's Report

To The Executive Committee California State Grange Sacramento, California

I have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the California State Grange, a nonprofit corporation, as of December 31, 1998, and the related statements of activities and cash flows and supplemental information on pages 14 to 27 for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the California State Grange as of December 31, 1998, and the activities, changes in net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental information on pages 14 to 27 is presented for purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and, in my opinion is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Karl F. Gunther, Jr.
Certified Public Accountant

February 8, 1999

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**December 31, 1998**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash	1,209	303,506	304,715
Accounts Receivable	5,241	-	5,241
Inventory	8,493	24,080	32,573
Prepaid Expenses	5,099	-	5,099
Due From Trust Account	2,703	-	2,703
Current Portion of Notes Receivable	1,840	14,134	15,974
Total Current Assets	24,585	341,720	366,305
Land Building & Equipment			
Land	64,573	-	64,573
Buildings & Improvements	914,878	30,313	945,191
Office Equipment	163,000	2,330	165,330
Vehicles	18,988	-	18,988
Computer Software	11,605	-	11,605
Total Land Building & Equipment	1,173,044	32,643	1,205,687
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(506,905)	(32,643)	(539,548)
Net Land, Building & Equipment	666,139	-	666,139
Other Assets			
Grange Mutual Life Annuity		1,027	1,027
Notes Receivable, Net of Current Portion	53,857	139,272	193,129
Trust Fund Assets		2,107,915	2,107,915
Total Other Assets	53,857	2,248,214	2,302,071
Total Assets	744,581	2,589,934	3,334,515
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	2,898	-	2,898
Accrued Liabilities	9,133	3,311	12,444
Current Portion of Long Term Debt	44,698	-	44,698
Total Current Liabilities	56,729	3,311	60,040
Long-Term Liabilities			
Notes Payable, Net of Current Portion	22,934	-	22,934
Trust Fund Liability	-	2,107,915	2,107,915
Total Long-Term Liabilities	22,934	2,107,915	2,130,849

Total Liabilities	79,663	2,111,226	2,190,889
Net Assets			
Unrestricted	664,918	-	664,918
Restricted	-	478,708	478,708
Total Net Assets	664,918	478,708	1,143,626
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	744,581	2,589,934	3,334,515

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds
Revenues Net of Cost of Goods Sold			
General Fund	366,458		366,458
Extension Fund	3,557		3,557
Convention	16,699		16,699
Youth Fund	-	14,073	14,073
Junior Fund	-	5,045	5,045
Grange Women's Activities	-	2,701	2,701
Convention 2000	-	5,450	5,450
Conference Center	-	8	8
Total Revenues	386,714	27,277	413,991
Operating Expenses			
General Fund	372,040	-	372,040
Extension Fund	12,064	-	12,064
Legislative Fund	26,153	-	26,153
Convention	46,904	-	46,904
Youth Fund	-	14,125	14,125
Junior Fund	-	2,331	2,331
Grange Women's Activities	-	3,241	3,241
Grange Fair	-	408	408
Convention 2000	-	226	226
Total Expenses	457,161	20,331	477,492
Operating Revenue Over/(Under)			
Operating Expenses	(70,447)	6,946	(63,501)
Other Revenues & (Expenses)			
Admin Fee & Interest from Trust Funds	7,933	-	7,933
Net Rental Income	84,328	-	84,328
Deaf Activities Fund	289	-	289
Grange News Fund	(21,200)		(21,200)
Donations	12,285	827	13,112
Reverted Grange-Contingency	-	3,577	3,577
Reverted Grange-Grange Hall Loan Fund	-	11,471	11,471
Utility Rebates	7,602	-	7,602

Change In Net Assets	20,790	22,821	43,611
Interfund Transfer - Youth	(18,757)	18,757	-
	2,033	41,578	43,611
Net Assets 01-01-98	662,885	397,130	1,060,015
Prior Period Adjustment		40,000	40,000
Net Assets as Restated, January 1, 1998	662,885	437,130	1,100,015
Net Assets, December 31, 1998	664,918	478,708	1,143,626

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended December 31, 1998

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds
Total Cash Provided By/(Used For) Operating Activities	66,297	28,372	94,669
Cash Flows Provided By/(Used For) Investing Activities			
Note Receivable Proceeds	4,951	7,458	12,409
Note Receivable	(3,250)	(11,750)	(15,000)
Capital Expenditures	(11,289)	-	(11,289)
Total Cash Provided By/(Used For) Investing Activities	(9,588)	(4,292)	(13,880)
Cash Flows Provided By/(Used For) Financing Activities			
Notes Payable-Retired	(50,738)	-	(50,738)
Interfund Transfers	(18,757)	18,757	-
Total Cash Provided By/(Used For) Financing Activities	(69,495)	18,757	(50,738)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	(12,786)	42,837	30,051
Cash - Beginning of Year	13,995	260,669	274,664
Cash - End of Year	\$1,209	\$303,506	\$304,715
Reconciliation of Revenues Over/(Under) Expenses to Net Cash Provided By/(Used For) Operating Activities			
Excess Revenues Over/(Under)	20,790	22,821	43,611

Expenses

Adjustments to Reconcile
Revenue Over/(Under) Expenses to
Net Cash Provided By/(Used For)
Operating Activities:

Depreciation	34,961	-	34,961
Changes in Assets & Liabilities:			
Increase in Accounts Receivable	(2,665)	-	(2,665)
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventory	(2,475)	5,600	3,125
Increase in Prepaid	(2,990)	-	(2,990)
Increase in Accounts Payable	1,683	-	1,683
Increase in Accrued Expenses	212	-	212
Decrease in Due From Trust	16,781	-	16,781
Increase in Annuity	-	(49)	(49)
Net Cash Provided By/(Used For) Operating Activities	66,297	28,372	94,669

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The California State Grange (the Grange) was incorporated on October 7, 1946 under the laws of the State of California as a nonprofit corporation. The Grange is subject to and governed by the constitution of the National Grange. The Grange is a fraternal, family, and community service organization seeking to preserve agricultural heritage and traditions.

Basis of Accounting: The financial statements of California State Grange have been prepared on the accrual basis and accordingly reflect all significant receivables, payables and other liabilities.

Basis of Presentation: Financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board in its Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations. Under SFAS No. 117, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets and permanently restricted net assets.

Fund Accounting: To ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Grange, the accounts of the Grange are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. This is the procedure by which resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and reporting purposes to funds established according to their nature and purpose. Separate bank accounts are not maintained for each fund. The following is a brief summary of each funds' activity and purpose:

General Fund: Accounts for all transactions of the Grange not accounted for in the other funds. The funds are unrestricted, however, unrestricted funds are used to pay expenses of the restricted funds and a due to/due from is recorded in both the general fund and respective restricted fund.

Deaf Activities Fund: Provides resources for Grange members to act as advocates for deaf and hard of

hearing people; promoting deaf awareness (education about deafness, hearing and the need for hearing protection); affording leadership for county, local and Junior Granges; providing community service to organizations benefiting the deaf; donating time, efforts, skill, equipment and funds to better fulfill the needs of the deaf community. Funds are donated and occasional fundraisers are held. Donations are disbursed through a separate entity, the California Grange Foundation. The Deaf Activities Fund Committee expenses are paid through the Deaf Activities Fund.

Extension Fund: Provides resources for the internal and external promotion of the Grange and for education of members about the Grange. Income sources include donations from affiliates. Expenditures include tokens of appreciation, promotional gifts and prizes, Officer/Deputies supplies, and membership director expenses. The fund is also holding Emergency Relief Effort donations received by the Grange.

Convention Fund: This fund was created so an accurate accounting could be made of the Convention income and expenses. The Convention is the annual policy making session where representatives from each Grange statewide attend. The delegates provide resolutions for the good of their community, county, state and nation. These funds are unrestricted.

Rental Fund: This fund was created to account for properties owned by the State Grange, that are leased to provide additional income. These funds are unrestricted.

Grange News Fund: This fund was created to account for the properties of the official publication of the California State Grange. It is issued bimonthly, providing an information link to the 30,000 plus members statewide. These funds are unrestricted.

Youth Fund: Provides resources for activities oriented towards younger members. Income sources include donations, conference fees and resale proceeds. Expenditures include conferences, director expenses, youth and young adult officers and ambassadors expenses, meetings, camp, coordinating council and fundraisers. These funds are restricted for these purposes.

Conference Center Fund: Provides resources for the promotion of camp and conference facilities. Funds are being collected to build or purchase grounds/complex for a combined center for conferences, camps and conventions. These funds are restricted for this purpose.

Junior Grange: Provides resources for activities oriented toward children ages 5 through 14. The fund sponsors programs for children to become involved in community activities, fair programs, and learning situations all involved with the Grange. "Junior Granges" are independent though affiliated with a Subordinate Grange. These funds are restricted for this purpose.

Grange Women's Activities Fund (GWA): Provides resources for activities oriented towards female members. The programs of the GWA give women opportunities to participate in community services, and educate others in many ways. Income is derived from the sale of cookbooks. Expenditures include directors expenses to plan programs, organize contests and sponsor events. These funds are restricted for this purpose.

Grange Youth Fair Program: Enables Junior Grangers and Grange Youth members, ages 5 through 22, the opportunity to display their talents at local, county, and state fairs. These funds are restricted for this purpose.

Grangers Business Organization: Established for the purpose of holding proceeds, from the sale of the dissolution of the former Grangers Business Organization. These funds are restricted for this purpose.

Office Contingency: Established to provide emergency funds for the Grange to cover un-foreseen events. These funds are restricted for this purpose.

Grange Hall Loan Fund: Established to loan funds to local Granges to assist in their development or improvement of Grange Halls. These funds are restricted for this purpose.

Capitalization and Depreciation Policy: All expenditures for land, buildings and equipment and the fair market value of donated land, buildings, and equipment are capitalized. These assets are stated at cost or fair market value, if donated. The cost of repairs and maintenance are charged to an expense account as incurred. Significant renewals and replacements are capitalized. Depreciation is computed by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets:

Buildings	25 to 50	Years
Building Improvements	5 to 31.5	Years
Computer Equipment	5 to 7	Years
Office Furniture and Equipment	5 to 7	Years
Vehicles	5 to 7	Years

Inventory: The inventory consists of cookbooks, various publications, jewelry, and supplies and is valued at cost on the first-in, first-out method.

Statement of Cash Flows: The Grange considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The Grange had no cash equivalents at December 31, 1998.

Donated Services: A substantial number of unpaid volunteers have made significant contributions of their time in conjunction with the Grange programs and services. The value of the contributed time is not included in these financial statements, since it is not susceptible to objective measurement.

Income Taxes: The Grange is a corporation exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(8) and is exempt from state income taxes under California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 23701(1). The Grange may be subject to income taxes on unrelated advertising and membership list revenue over related expenses. No provision for income taxes is made in the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE 2 - Trust Fund Assets

The By-Laws of the National Grange stipulate that proceeds from the sale of real property belonging to a Subordinate or Pomona Grange shall be transferred to the State Grange having jurisdiction to be restricted and held in trust for said Subordinate or Pomona Grange. All income derived from such Trust shall be the property of the selling Subordinate or Pomona Grange. The State Grange may be paid up to 5% of the earned income as a trustee's fee for administering the Trust. During the year ending December 31, 1998, the Grange earned \$4,011 in administration fees.

Funds received from discontinued or dormant Granges, are held in trust by the State Grange for the benefit of the inactive Granges in the event said Grange is reorganized. The by-laws provide that such funds revert to the State Grange after seven years. The Grange is entitled to 100% of the income during this seven-year period.

The Trust Assets are restricted for the beneficial use of each respective surrendered charter or active grange, respectively.

NOTE 3 - Notes Receivable

Notes receivable consists of the following:

John and Eloise Butler, due October 12, 2007, payable in monthly installments of \$694.83 including interest at 10%, per annum secured by Deed of Trust on real estate.	\$ 48,336
Orick Valley Grange, due November 1, 2001, payable in monthly installments of \$249.39 including interest at 8% per annum.	7,564
Pleasant Hill Grange, due August 1, 2024, payable in monthly installments of \$767.19 including interest at 7.75% per annum.	103,829
Corralitos Grange, due November 15, 2008, payable in monthly installments of \$56.20 including interest at 7.00% per annum.	4,779
Corralitos Grange, due November 15, 2006, payable in monthly installments of \$116.11 including interest at 7.00% per annum.	8,317
Clear Lake Grange, due July 15, 2011, payable in monthly installments of \$269.65 including interest at 7.00% per annum.	26,794
EastLake Grange, due December 15, 2000, payable in monthly installments of \$200.00 including interest of 7.00% per annum.	4,484
Bayside Grange, due November 1, 2003, payable in monthly installments of \$125.00 including interest at 7.00% per annum.	5,000
Total Notes Receivable	<u>209,103</u>
Less Current Portion	(15,974)
Notes Receivable - Long-Term Portion	<u>\$ 193,129</u>

NOTE 4 - Land, Buildings and Equipment

The costs and related accumulated depreciation of land, buildings and equipment consists of the following:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Depreciation</u>	<u>Net</u>
Land	\$ 64,573	-	\$ 64,573
Building and Improvements	945,191	365,927	579,264
Office Equipment	165,330	150,903	14,427
Vehicles	18,988	11,507	7,481
Computer Software	11,605	11,211	394
Total	\$ 1,205,687	\$ 539,548	\$ 666,139

Depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 1998 was \$34,961.

NOTE 5 - Compensated Absences

Employees of the Grange are entitled to paid vacation and sick leave depending on job classification, length of service and other factors. At December 31, 1998 the accrued expense for compensated absences was \$8,949. The maximum amount of vacation that can be accumulated is 40 hours. Sick days accumulate, but are forfeited when employees leave the Grange. The maximum amount of sick leave that can be accumulated is 720 hours.

NOTE 6 - Pension Plan

The Grange adopted a defined contribution pension plan covering all full-time employees after completion of any hours of continuous service. Employees must be employed for three months to be eligible for the plan. This plan is fully funded by the Grange which contributes 5% of gross wages towards the purchase of an annuity for the benefit of the employee. All employees qualify for 100% vesting. Contributions for 1998 totaled \$7,619.

NOTE 7 - Operating Lease

The Grange is obligated under a long-term operating lease for its mailing system. The lease has an original term of sixty months expiring October 31, 2001. The monthly payment under the lease is \$481.65. The balance of the lease commitment is as follows:

For the Year Ended December 31,	
1999	\$ 5,082
2000	5,082
2001	4,235
Total	\$ 14,399

NOTE 8 - Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt consists of the following:

Sacramento County Grange Federal Credit Union, due October 5, 2000, payable in monthly installments of \$2,614 including interest at 6.0%, secured by credit union share account.	\$ 51,974
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Sacramento County Grange Federal Credit Union, due July 5, 1999, payable in monthly installments of \$2,282 including interest at 6.05%, secured by credit union share account.	15,658
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Total Long-Term Debt	67,632
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Less: Current Portion	44,698
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Net Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 22,934</u>
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The following are the principle payments due for the next three years:

For the Year Ending December 31,	1999	\$ 42,786
	2000	24,846
		<u>\$ 67,632</u>

NOTE 9 - Due From Trust Account

Due From Trust Account represents administration fees and interest due from the trust account. Due From Trust Account consists of the following amounts at December 31, 1998:

Disbursements	\$ <u>2,703</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,703</u>

NOTE 10 – Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses

Supplemental Information –

General Fund Revenue & Expenses For The Year Ended December 31, 1998

Gross Revenues:

Dues	286,062
Dues - Associate Members	56,859

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Interest	13,694
Special Services	4,698
Resale Supplies	6,181
Miscellaneous	1,878
Commissions	300
125th Anniversary	296
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Total Revenues	369,968
Less: Cost of Goods Sold	<hr/> (3,510)
General Fund Revenue	366,458
Expenses	372,040
Excess of Operation Expenses Over/(Under) Revenue	(5,582)
Other Income:	
Admin Fee & Interest from Trust Fund	7,933
Donations	12,285
Utility Rebates	7,602
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Change in Net Assets	<u>\$22,238</u>

Gross Expenses:

Officers Salaries	71,853
Salaries & Wages	42,375
Benefits	15,189
Payroll Taxes	10,658
Amortization	368
Audit Services	2,500
Auto	5,668
Awards and Plaques	1,294
Building & Yard	5,390
Conferences & Meetings	4,020
Depreciation	18,727
Donation	500
Dues & Subscriptions	813
Equipment Rental	5,780
Fair & Trade Show	688
Insurance	5,305
Miscellaneous	175
National Convention	1,940
National Grange Dues	104,214
Office Supplies	11,385
Postage & Shipping	8,183
Printing Supplies	(2,651)
Professional Fees	10,096
Publications	4,330
Repairs & Maintenance	11,744
Reverted Grange Expense	31
Scholarships	500
Special Services	3,074
State Officers	7,655

Taxes - Property	2,986
Telephone	2,662
Utilities	14,588
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Total General Fund Expenses	\$372,040
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Schedule of Extension Fund Revenues & Expenses December 31, 1998

Revenues	
Donations - Affiliates	1,970
Grange Publicity Builders	70
New Grange Fund	140
Interest Income	65
Emergency Relief Fund	50
Organizing Deputy	866
Membership Development	396
Total Revenues	<hr/> 3,557
Expenses	
Awards	888
Director Expense	1,038
Deputy Field Work	823
Conference & Meetings	4,646
Miscellaneous	275
Membership Program	2,311
New Grange Fund	403
Member Director	142
Organizing Deputy	1,538
Total Expenses	<hr/> 12,064
Change In Net Assets	<hr/> \$(8,507)

Schedule of Legislative Fund Revenue & Expenses For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

Revenues	<hr/> \$ 0
Expenses	
Staff Wages	13,000
Payroll Taxes	1,274
Vehicle Expenses	375
Dues, Fees & Subscriptions	593
Office Supplies	155
Printing	593
Telephone	903
Conferences & Meetings	1,677
A.G. Network	1,005
Legitech Bell Service	3,655
Director Expense	423
Donations	<hr/> 2,500

Total Expenses	26,153
Change in Net Assets	\$(26,153)

Schedule of Convention Fund Revenues & Expenses
For The Year Ended December 31, 1998

Revenues	
Women's March	1,709
Miscellaneous	10
Child Care Drawing	910
Donations	6,889
Degree Fees	660
Resale	1,140
Journal Of Proceedings	166
Registration Fees	1,682
Meal Tickets	-
GWA Breakfast	1,720
Resolution Packets	185
Grow Club	270
Awards Banquet	1,764
Total Revenues	17,105
Less Cost of Goods Sold	406
Operating Revenues	16,699
Expenses	
GWA March Donations	1,709
Postage	-
Equipment Rental	3,145
Office Supplies	209
Postage	128
Printing	1,467
Sixth Degree	142
Supplies	682
Convention Expense	27,858
Mileage/Per Diem	6,440
Child Care Expense	361
Lecturer's Awards	469
GWA Breakfast	1,830
Grow Club Luncheon	193
Awards Banquet	2,031
Harvest Feast	258
Total Expenses	46,904
Change in Net Assets	\$ (30,205)

Schedule of Youth Fund Revenues & Expenses
For The Year Ended December 31, 1998

Revenues	
Donations	2,830
Youth/Young Adult Conference	3,533
Grange Family Camp	2,843
Interest	855
Projects-Convention	4,012
Total Revenues	<u>14,073</u>
Expenses	
Awards & Gifts	418
Grange Family Camp	2,519
Conference and Meetings	317
Postage	96
Printing	135
Youth Director Expense	98
Projects	2,050
National Convention	2,343
Miscellaneous	115
Supplies	234
Youth Adults Conference	5,800
Total Expenses	<u>14,125</u>
Change In Net Assets	<u>\$ (52)</u>

Schedule of Junior Grange Revenues & Expenses
For The Year Ended December 31, 1998

Revenues	
Donations	2,524
Interest	930
Projects	1,591
Total Revenues	<u>5,045</u>
Expenses	
Postage	53
Conferences & Meetings	344
Junior Expenses	690
National Convention	154
Family Camp	750
Projects	300
	40
Total Expenses	<u>2,331</u>
Change In Net Assets	<u>\$2,714</u>

Schedule of Grange Women's Activities Fund Revenue & Expenses For The Year Ended December 31, 1998

Revenue	
Cookbooks	2,701
Total Revenue	<u>2,701</u>
Expenses	
Supplies	211
Director	1,416
Telephone	37
Donation	213
Postage	42
Printing	182
Conferences & Meetings	1,140
Total Expenses	<u>3,241</u>
Change In Net Assets	<u><u>\$(540)</u></u>

Schedule of Rental Income & Expenses

For The Year Ended December 31, 1998

	Fresno	GBO Building	Wisteria Hall	Upstairs Rental	Parking	Total
Rental Income	11,154	85,682	7,390	67,431	1,800	173,457
Rental Expenses						
Depreciation	-	9,787	786	5,294	-	15,867
Insurance	-	2,445	1,450	1,656	-	5,551
Maintenance	-	10,415	2,185	4,459	-	17,059
Salary	5,423	5,423	5,423	5,423	-	21,692
Benefits	654	654	656	655	-	2,619
Payroll Taxes	438	438	439	439	-	1,754
Property Taxes	2,482	1,138	853	2,560	-	7,033
Utilities	-	9,478	2,142	252	-	11,872
Telephone	-	-	281	-	-	281
Interest Expense	-	1,782	-	3,619	-	5,401
Total Expenses	<u>8,997</u>	<u>41,560</u>	<u>14,215</u>	<u>24,357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,129</u>
Change In Net Assets	<u>\$2,157</u>	<u>\$44,122</u>	<u>\$(6,825)</u>	<u>\$43,074</u>	<u>\$1,800</u>	<u>\$84,328</u>

Schedule of Revenues & Expenses - Grange News For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

Revenue	
Advertising	12,018
Less: Discounts	(99)
CGN - Dues Allocation	38,873
Total Revenue	<u>50,792</u>

Expenses	
Wages	25,285
Benefits	2,618
Payroll Taxes	1,754
Bad Debts	907
Postage	22,464
Publishing/Printing	14,064
Telephone	286
Utilities	1,075
Miscellaneous	309
Office Supplies	1,428
Supplies	22
Promotion & Marketing	17
Conferences & Meetings	25
Mailing Services	1,738
Total Expenses	<u>71,992</u>
Change In Net Assets	<u>(21,200)</u>

Schedule of Revenues & Expenses - Deaf Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

Revenue	
Projects	686
Total Revenue	<u>686</u>
Expenses	
Director & Committee Expense	230
Postage	33
Conferences & Meetings	134
Total Expenses	<u>397</u>
Change In Net Assets	<u>\$289</u>

Schedule of Revenues & Expenses - Grange Fair Program
For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

Revenues	
Grange Fair Program	
Total Revenue	<u>-</u>
Expenses	
Grange Fair Expenses	408
Total Expenses	<u>408</u>
Change In Net Assets	<u>\$ (408)</u>

Combining Schedule of Net Assets

	Net Assets Jan-98	Prior Period Adjustment	Net Assets as Restated Jan-98	Change In Net Assets	Interfund Transfers	Net Assets 31-Dec-98
Unrestricted						
General	662,885	-	662,885	22,238	(1,448)	683,675
Deaf Activities	-	-	-	289	(289)	-
Extension	-	-	-	(8,507)	8,507	-
Legislative	-	-	-	(26,153)	26,153	-
Convention	-	-	-	(30,205)	30,205	-
Rental	-	-	-	84,328	(84,328)	-
Grange News	-	-	-	(21,200)	21,200	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	(18,757)	(18,757)
Total Unrestricted	662,885	-	662,885	20,790	(18,757)	664,918
Restricted						
Youth	(922)	-	(922)	(52)	18,757	17,783
Conference Center	12,612	-	12,612	8		12,620
Junior Grange	23,143	-	23,143	2,714		25,857
Grange Women's Activities	8,752	-	8,752	(540)		8,212
Grange Youth Fair Program	606	-	606	(408)		198
Convention 2000	2,671	-	2,671	5,224		7,895
Grangers Business Organization	168,766	-	168,766	-		168,766
Office Contingency	62,267	-	62,267	3,577		65,844
Grange Hall Loan Fund	119,235	40,000	159,235	11,471		170,706
Community Service Fund	-			827		827
Total Restricted	397,130	40,000	437,130	22,821	18,757	478,708
TOTAL	\$1,060,015	\$40,000	\$1,100,015	\$43,611	\$- 0-	\$1,143,626

Independent Auditor's Report – Trust Account

To the Executive Committee

California State Grange - Trust Account Sacramento, California

I have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the California State Grange - Trust Account, as of December 31, 1998, and the related statements of activities, changes in net assets, cash flows and supplemental information on pages 11 to 13 for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statements presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the California State Grange - Trust Account as of December 31, 1998, and the changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental information on pages 11 to 13 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of basic financial statements, and, in my opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Karl F. Gunther, Jr.

Certified Public Accountant

February 6, 1999

Statement of Financial Position - Trust Account
December 31, 1998
ASSETS:

Current Assets

Cash - Restricted

Sacramento County Grange Credit Union	150,786
Hemet Federal Savings & Loan	5,397
Monterey-San Benito Credit Union	4,097
Fresno Grangers Credit Union	37,315
Mojave Valley Credit Union	100,000
Sonoma Grange Credit Union	89,503
Home Savings	100,000
Merrill Lynch	15,503
Sanwa Bank	100,000
Butte Federal Credit Union	101,361
World Savings	100,000
Sacramento Commercial Bank	100,000
Placer Nevada Credit Union	100,110
American Express	312,577
Siskiyou Credit Union	75,025
Total Cash - Restricted	<u>1,391,674</u>

Investments	204,712
Current Portion of Long-Term Receivables	<u>13,506</u>

Total Current Assets 1,609,892

Notes Receivable-Net of Current Portion 495,089

Total Assets \$2,104,981

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities:

Interest Payable	27,259
Due to State Grange	<u>2,704</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>29,963</u>

Net Assets

Restricted

Surrendered Charters	95,613
Active Granges	<u>1,979,405</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>2,075,018</u>

Total Liabilities & Net Assets \$2,104,981

Trust Account - Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

Revenue	
Interest Income	84,138

Interest to Active Granges	(76,204)
Net Interest Income	<u>7,934</u>
Expenses	
Trust Administration Fees-Active	4,011
Surrendered Interest	<u>3,923</u>
Total Expenses	<u>7,934</u>
Unrealized Gain on Investments	<u>7,789</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenses	<u>7,789</u>

Trust Accounts - Change In Net Assets
For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

	Surrendered Charters	Active Grange Funds	Total
Net Assets Jan 1 1998	93,847	1,975,841	2,069,688
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	367	7,422	7,789
Additional Funds Received	3,695	96,504	100,199
Funds Disbursed	(1,088)	(76,202)	(77,290)
Prior Period Adjustment	(1,208)	(24,160)	(25,368)
Net Assets, December 31, 1998	<u>\$95,613</u>	<u>\$1,979,405</u>	<u>\$2,075,018</u>

Trust Account - Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

Cash Used for Operating Activities	<u>(1,325)</u>
Cash Provided by/Used for Financing Activities	
Additional Trust Funds Received	59,731
Trust Funds Disbursed	<u>(27,866)</u>
Total Cash Provided By/Used for Financing Activities	<u>31,865</u>
Cash Provided by Investing Activities	
Proceeds from Notes Receivable	<u>64,589</u>
Total Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>64,589</u>
Increase in Cash Equivalents	95,129
Cash & Cash Equivalents at Jan 1, 1998	1,296,545
Cash & Cash Equivalents at Dec 31, 1998	<u>\$1,391,674</u>
Reconciliation of Net Income to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	

Excess Revenue over Expenses	7,789
Adjustment to Reconcile Excess Revenue Over Expenses to Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities:	
Unrealized Gain on Investment	(7,789)
Changes in Assets & Liabilities	
Increase in Interest Payable	15,455
Decrease in Admin/Surr. Interest Payable	(16,780)
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	<u><u>\$(1,325)</u></u>

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 1998

NOTE 1 - Significant Accounting Policies

Purpose: The California State Grange has created an informal trust to hold and administer funds that belong to active Granges and funds resulting from the surrender of Grange Charters. All funds in the trust are restricted and must be administered in accordance with the National Grange By-Laws.

Basis of Accounting : The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and accordingly reflect all significant receivables, payables and other liabilities.

Basis of Presentation: Financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board in its Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, Financial Statements for Not-for-Profit Organizations. Under SFAS No. 117, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets.

Investments: The Grange Trust Account adopted SFAS No. 124, "Accounting for Certain Investments Held by Not-For-Profit Organizations," in 1996. Under SFAS No. 124, investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are valued at their fair values in the statement of financial position. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets.

Statement of Cash Flows: The Trust considers all cash on demand and certificates of deposit accounts to be cash and cash equivalents.

Asset Restriction: As disclosed in Notes 2 and 3, the assets of the Trust are restricted for the beneficial use of each respective Surrendered Charter or Active Grange, respectively.

NOTE 2 - Surrendered Charters:

Funds received from discontinued or dormant Granges are restricted and held in trust for the benefit of the inactive Granges in the event said Grange is reorganized. The by-laws require such funds to revert to the California State Grange after seven years. The California State Grange is entitled to 100% of the investment income during this seven year period. These funds are reported as both an asset and a liability on the financial statements of the California State Grange as restricted funds.

NOTE 3 - Active Granges:

The By-Laws of the National Grange stipulate that proceeds from the sale of real property belonging to an active Subordinate or Pomona Grange shall be transferred to the State Grange having jurisdiction to be restricted and held in trust for said Subordinate or Pomona Grange. All earned income derived from such funds shall be the property of the selling Subordinate or Pomona Grange.

NOTE 4 - Notes Receivable

Notes Receivable consist of the following:

Scott Valley Grange No 368 due September 22, 1998, payable in monthly installments of \$262.18 including interest 7.0% per annum.	259
Crescent Redwood Grange No 596, due October 15, 2009, payable in monthly installments of \$181.60 including interest at 6.0% per annum.	17,328
Nevada Star, due March 1, 2017, payable in monthly installments of \$1,258.55 including interest at 10% per annum.	125,454
Greenfield Grange, due June 20, 2014, payable in monthly installments of \$426.36 including interest at 8.0% per annum.	45,409
Garden Grove Grange, due April 18, 2004, payable in monthly installments of \$1,600.00 including interest of 8.0% per annum.	164,769
Panama Grange, due November 1, 2038, payable in monthly installments of \$650.00 including interest of 4.0% per annum.	155,376
Total Notes Receivable	508,595
Less Current Portion	(13,506)
Net Long-Term Notes Receivable	<u>\$495,089</u>

NOTE 5 - Due to State Grange

Due to the State Grange represents disbursements made by the California State Grange on behalf of the trust account, along with administration fees, interest and reverted funds due to the State Grange. Due to the State Grange consists of the following:

Administration Fee	1,363
Interest Income	1,341
Total	<u>\$2,704</u>

NOTE 6 - Significant Concentrations of Credit Risk:

The Organization has concentrated its credit risk for cash by maintaining deposits in banks located within the same geographic region. The maximum loss that would have resulted from that risk totaled \$50,082 at the end of 1998 for the excess of the deposit liabilities reported by the banks over the amounts that would have been covered by federal insurance.

NOTE 7 - Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 8 - Investments

Investments are stated at fair value and are summarized as follows as of December 31, 1998:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>
Mutual Funds	<u>\$196,923</u>	<u>\$204,712</u>	<u>\$204,712</u>

The following schedule summarizes the investment return and its classification in the statement of activities for the year ended December 31, 1998.

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Interest Income	\$ 0	\$ 12,938	\$ 12,938
Unrealized gain on Investments	\$ 0	\$ 7,789	\$ 7,789
Total	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 20,727</u>	<u>\$ 20,727</u>

Trust Account Supplemental Information
Schedule of Surrendered Charters
December 31, 1998

	<u>Charter Surrender Date - Mo/Yr</u>	<u>Funds Availability Date - Mo/Yr</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alderpoint	Dec-94	Dec-99	6,831
Colusa Yolo Pomona	May-95	May-99	1,814
Greenfield	Apr-92	Apr-99	74,330
Joshua Tree	Apr-95	Apr-99	7
San Bernardino	Jun-90	Jun-97	8,882
San Mateo Pomona	Aug-91	Aug-98	73
Trinity County Pomona	Jan-91	Jan-98	160
Yolo	Jan-93	Jan-00	3,516
Total Surrendered Charters			<u>\$95,613</u>

Schedule of Active Granges - Trust Account
December 31, 1998

	Initial Date Mo/Yr	Original Amount
Fall River	Jul-95	2,178
Bellevue	Apr-90	50,815
Clovis-Sanger	Mar-92	34,737
Dinuba	May-98	57,285
Eason	Jan-81	37,440
Fowler/Kingsburg	Nov-90	68,731
Garden Grove	Jun-97	219,983
James Ranch	Jul-84	23,332
Keyes	Oct-85	28,088
McArthur/Fall River	Jun-79	2,599
Muscoy/Fonbloom	Dec-91	10,231
Nevada Star	Jun-88	211,892
Orchard City	Mar-95	414,542
Panama	Feb-95	220,593
Ranchito Grange	Dec-92	292,462
Rubidoux/Glen Avon	Sep-86	49,996
Rubidoux/Norco	Sep-85	161,191
San Marcos	Nov-90	27,543
Sonora	Dec-89	31,170
Welcome	Nov-86	34,597
Total Active Grange Funds		<u>\$1,979,405</u>

Independent Auditor's Report – California Grange Foundation

To The Executive Committee California Grange Foundation Sacramento, California

I have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the California Grange Foundation, a nonprofit corporation, as of December 31, 1998, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, cash flows and supplemental information on pages 8 to 12 for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance on whether the financial statements are free of material statement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the California Grange Foundation as of December 31, 1998, and the changes in net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental information on pages 8 to 12 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and, in my opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Karl F. Gunther, Jr.
Certified Public Accountant

February 6, 1999

Statement of Financial Position – Foundation**December 31, 1998****ASSETS:**

Current Assets

Cash

Sacramento County Grange Credit Union	37,400
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Sonoma County Grange Credit Union	21,247
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Total Cash	58,647
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Due From California State Grange	193
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Total Current Assets	58,840
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Other Assets

Investments - Merrill Lynch	125,700
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Total Assets	\$ 184,540
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Liabilities and Net Assets

Net Assets

Unrestricted	9,009
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Restricted	175,531
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Total Liabilities and Net assets.	\$ 184,540
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Foundation - Changes in Net Assets
For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Revenues:			
Donations	1,350	7,699	9,049
Raffle	977	-	977
Interest	754	10,015	10,769
Total Revenues	3,081	17,714	20,795
Expenses:			
Donations	-	5,000	5,000
Dues & Fees	38	150	188
Office	167	-	167
Director Expenses	56	-	56
Scholarships	-	9,100	9,100
Audit	500	-	500
Unrealized Loss	-	96	96
Realized Loss	-	51	51
Total Expenses	761	14,397	15,158
Excess of Revenues over/under Expenses	2,320	3,317	5,637
Net Assets Jan 1, 1998	6,689	172,214	178,903
Net Assets, Dec 31, 1998	\$9,009	\$175,531	\$184,540

Statement of Cash Flows - Foundation
For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

Cash Provided By Operating Activities	5,637
Cash Flows Provided by Financing Activities	
Cash Flows Provided by/(used for) Investing Activities	
Investments in Merrill Lynch	(8,131)
Net Decrease in Cash	(2,494)
Cash-Beginning of Year	61,141
Cash-End of Year	<u>\$ 58,647</u>
Reconciliation of Excess Revenues Over Expenses to Net Cash Provided By Operating Revenues	
Excess Revenue Over Expenses	5,637
Adjustments to Reconcile Excess Revenue Over Expenses to Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
Decrease on Due to Foundation	<u>-</u>
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	<u>\$ 5,637</u>

Notes To The Financial Statement
December 31, 1998
NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The California Grange Foundation was created as a nonprofit corporation. The purposes of the corporation are to provide educational activities to the public concerning, the preservation of the agricultural heritage and traditions of California and of America, through publications, workshops, assisting in research, and to provide educational assistance in the form of scholarships. The California Grange Foundation is affiliated with the California State Grange.

Basis of Accounting: The financial statements of the California Grange Foundation have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and accordingly reflect all significant receivables, payables and other liabilities.

Investments: The Foundation adopted SFAS No. 124, "Accounting for Certain Investments Held by Not-For-Profit Organizations," in 1996. Under SFAS No. 124, investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are valued at their fair values in the statement of financial position. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets.

Basis of Presentation: Financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board in its Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations. Under SFAS No. 117, the Organization is

required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets.

Fund Accounting: To ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Foundation, the accounts of the Foundation are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. This is the procedure by which resources for various purposes are classified according to their nature and purpose. Separate bank accounts are not maintained for each fund. The following is a brief summary of each funds' activities and purpose:

General Fund: Accounts for all transactions of the Foundation not accounted for in other funds. These funds are not restricted.

Youth Fund: Accounts for Youth activity transactions of the Foundation not accounted for in other funds. These funds are not restricted.

Junior Fund: Accounts for Junior Activity transactions of the Foundation not accounted for in other funds. These funds are not restricted.

Deaf Activities Fund: A health project designed to educate and serve deaf and hard of hearing people. These funds are restricted.

Schlmever Fund: Established for the purpose of aiding, through college scholarships, the education of the Grangers. These funds are restricted.

Doris Deaver Fund: Established for the purpose of aiding, through college scholarships, the education of Grangers. These funds are restricted.

Dixon Fund: Established for the purpose of aiding through college scholarships, the education of children. These funds are restricted.

Runyon Fund: Established for the purpose of aiding through college scholarships, the education of children. These funds are restricted.

Marinoff Fund: Established for the purpose of aiding through college scholarships, the education of children. These funds are restricted.

Donated Services: Volunteers have made contributions of their time in conjunction with Foundation functions. The value of the contributed time is not included in these financial statements, since it is not susceptible to objective measurement.

Statement of Cash Flows: The Foundation considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At December 31, 1998, the Foundation had no cash equivalents.

Income Taxes: The Foundation is a corporation exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) and is exempt from state income taxes under California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 23701(g). No provision for income taxes has been made in the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE 2 - Investments - Merrill Lynch

Investments - Merrill Lynch are stated at market value. On September 14, 1994, \$47,000 was invested in a certificate of deposit with Amex Centurion Bank and \$50,000 was invested in a certificate of deposit with Wachovia Bank of Georgia. On September 18, 1996, the Foundation liquidated the Amex C.D. and purchased a Treasury Note on September 19, 1996. On August 31, 1998, the Foundation liquidated the Wachovia Bank CD and deposited the funds into the money market fund. The Treasury Note will mature on February 29, 2000. Interest earned by the investments are reinvested into the funds. At December 31, 1998, the cost and market value of the funds were as follows:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Unrealized Gain/(Loss)</u>
Merrill Lynch Money Funds	\$ 77,438	\$ 77,438	0
Treasury Note	48,526	48,262	(264)
	<u>\$ 125,964</u>	<u>\$ 125,700</u>	<u>\$ (264)</u>

NOTE 3 - Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Supplemental Information
Statement of Revenue & Expenses
General & Youth Funds - Unrestricted

	<u>General</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues			
Donations	1,250	100	1,350
Raffle	-	977	977
Interest Income	754	-	754
Total Revenue	<u>2,004</u>	<u>1,077</u>	<u>3,081</u>
Expenses			
Fees	38	-	38
Office	167	-	167
Director Expense	56	-	56
Audit	500	-	500
Total Expenses	<u>761</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>761</u>
Excess Revenue over Expenses	<u>\$ 1,243</u>	<u>\$ 1,077</u>	<u>\$ 2,320</u>

Revenue & Expenses - Deaf Activities - Grange Foundation
For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

Revenues	
Donations - General	4,160
Donations - Dogs For the Deaf	725
Total Revenues	<u>4,885</u>

Expenses	
Scholarship	5,000
Total Expenses	5,000
Excess of Expenses over Revenue	\$ (115)

Statement of Revenue & Expenses**Scholarship Funds – Restricted****For the Year Ended December 31, 1998**

Revenues	General	Marinoff	Deaver	Dixon	Sehlmeyer	Faoro	Total
Donations	677	592	25	-	25	1,500	2,819
Interest Income	-	-	906	528	8,576	-	10,010
Total Revenues	677	592	931	528	8,601	1,500	12,829
Expenses							-
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	150	-	150
Scholarships	750	-	1,250	600	6,000	500	9,100
Unrealized Loss	-	-	-	-	96	-	96
Realized Loss	-	-	-	-	51	-	51
Total Expenses	750	-	1,250	600	6,297	500	9,397
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$ (73)	\$ 592	\$ (319)	\$ (72)	\$ 2,304	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,432

Statement of Changes in Fund Balances**For The Year Ended December 31, 1998**

	Fund Balance 1/1/1998	Revenues Over/(Under) Expenses	Balances 12/31/1998
General	7,277	1,243	8,520
Youth	(588)	1,077	489
Scholarship			-
General	3,628	(34)	3,594
Marinoff	337	592	929
Deaf Activities	20,479	(115)	20,364
Deaver Scholarship	16,655	(319)	16,336
Dixon Scholarship	10,725	(72)	10,653
Sehlmeyer Scholarship	120,351	2,304	122,655
Runyon	39	(39)	-
Faoro	-	1,000	1,000
Total	\$ 178,903	\$ 5,637	\$ 184,540

5.2 Audit & Budget Committee Report

Budget for year 2000

The Budget Committee meeting this year was a very difficult session. In the years that I have been Chairman, I have found that the task is getting more difficult and will only get worse. It is my opinion that the California State Grange must start making plans to avoid a future financial crisis. For many years, the State Grange and its members have focused only on the current situations. If the Grange continues to lose 10% of the membership every year, it does not take much to see the disaster just ahead.

In 1983, the California State Grange had 42,722 members. At June 30, 1999, that number was down 44% to 23,754. Projections for the Year 2000 budget include 10% and 20% additional reductions in membership and associate members reducing dramatically. This estimated reduction is very conservative as original estimates for the budget period were as high as 40%.

I would like to take this opportunity to make a suggestion regarding the continuing decline of membership and the affect it will have on the California Grange as a whole. In my opinion, there is no reason the Grange cannot continue to be a viable organization. I say this even with the many problems that must be addressed including the funding of the California State Grange. I believe that a task force should be appointed to investigate the options and possible solutions. All resources from members as well as outside sources of income; such as, rental of property, donations, etc. would be recorded for review and analysis. This task force with the help of the Grange membership could form possible proposals regarding the type of Grange we might expect when membership can no longer support the operation. Do we consolidate, restrict activities, revise the annual convention, restructure, sell property, etc. It is my opinion that this must be done immediately before it becomes too late.

The California State Grange exists for the benefit of the Subordinate Granges. The combined effort of all the Subordinate Granges and their members reflects the success of the State Grange. Each individual Subordinate Grange must get actively involved in the solution to an escalating problem. Organizations are funded predominately by their membership. If the number of members is high, dues are lower. If there is a decline in membership; dues must be raised to offset the deficiency. However, at some point, dues cannot keep pace with a declining membership. It is critical that we work on alternatives for the future. If this situation is addressed in a timely matter with some extraordinary effort and creativity, the California State Grange will continue to provide the service and benefits expected from the Subordinate Granges.

The Budget this year is submitted in two parts:

Proposed Budget A: Assumes no increase in dues. A 10% reduction in membership, reduction of several expense items, including payroll.

Proposed Budget B: Assumes an increase in dues per resolution submitted by the Budget Committee. A 20% reduction in membership. reduction of expense items including payroll.

The Budget Committee is making the following recommendations:

1. Approval of the Audit & Budget Committee Resolution raising dues \$6.00 per member.
2. Accounting & staff work-up preliminary budget before Budget Committee meeting each year and staff be present during meeting for clarification and answers to budget questions.
3. Devise a method to track volunteer hours and non-compensated expenses.
4. Recommend eliminating one staff position.

I wish to thank the members of the Budget Committee: Wilma Webb, Terry Hohmann, Ernie White, Bud Hill and Tom Stefenoni for their untiring efforts in accomplishing a very difficult task.

Fraternally

Sharon Angle,
Chairman

5.3 Budget

Listed below are the actual results for the fiscal year 1997, the 1998 adopted budget and actual results and the 1999 and 2000 adopted budgets. The current fiscal year of the California State Grange is January 1st to December 31st.

	1997 Actual	1998 Adopted	1998 Actual	1999 Adopted	2000 Adopted
RECAP					
Income					
General	515,680	410,250	390,186	387,474	270,600
Extension	36,121	20,100	6,400	18,100	7,402
GWA	4,024	1,500	2,701	5,200	5,200
Youth	12,554	8,950	11,230	13,700	12,000
Junior	18,752	2,000	5,045	4,650	4,500
Conf Center	0	225	0	0	0
Deaf Activities	206	650	686	650	850
Legislative	0	0	0	0	0
Convention	23,677	18,500	17,105	17,250	15,750
News	55,950	58,540	50,792	54,120	38,550
Rentals	161,759	173,258	181,059	186,525	188,935
Total	823,860	695,073	665,204	687,669	543,787
COGS	(14,637)	(6,750)	(3,916)	(5,700)	(5,200)
Expenses					
General	383,003	373,429	353,193	373,050	303,845
Extension	18,741	10,200	14,848	19,850	12,460

	1997 Actual	1998 Adopted	1998 Actual	1999 Adopted	2000 Adopted
GWA	3,375	2,950	3,241	6,035	5,510
Youth	15,876	15,600	11,606	14,150	12,000
Junior	1,377	2,750	2,331	4,650	4,500
Conf Center	0	0	0	0	0
Deaf Activities	161	160	397	460	850
Legislative	32,031	23,760	26,153	27,650	20,860
Convention	54,725	62,850	46,846	54,950	13,950
News	73,963	89,922	71,992	70,435	66,470
Rentals	66,894	65,735	73,262	72,381	74,660
Total	647,788	646,498	597,211	637,067	487,484
Net	176,072	41,825	64,077	44,902	51,103
Depreciation	(38,483)	(49,935)	(34,594)	(37,880)	(34,142)
Net/Net	124,725	(366)	22,767	478	16,961
General Fund					
Income					
Dues - Fraternal	341,589	312,500	286,062	292,500	233,500
Dues - Associate	46,945	54,250	56,859	52,000	7,400
Interest - General	20,486	20,000	13,694	20,500	12,000
Donations - General	563	500	12,285	500	500
Trust Administration	4,692	4,500	7,933	3,554	3,000
Trust Interest	4,692	4,500	0	2,300	2,000
Special Services	7,516	8,000	4,698	1,000	1,000
Commission	331	1,000	300	300	300
Miscellaneous	12,045	0	1,878	0	0
Resale	9,710	5,000	6,181	6,000	6,000
Grange Hall Loan	39,054	0	0	0	0
125th Anniversary	720	0	296	0	0
Contingency	27,337	0	0	0	0
Dues - Pomona	0	0	0	1,200	1,200
Dues - Junior	0	0	0	120	200
Dues Billing Service	0	0	0	7,500	3,500
Total Income	515,680	410,250	390,186	387,474	270,600
COGS	(12,238)	(5,000)	(3,510)	(5,000)	(4,100)
Expenses					
Officer Salary	70,281	72,051	71,853	73,250	55,978
Staff Salary	47,756	50,078	42,375	51,400	32,858
Benefits	18,000	18,000	15,189	15,000	7,236
Payroll Tax	10,500	10,500	10,658	11,300	8,636
Acctg Services	0	0	10,096	10,000	9,300

	1997 Actual	1998 Adopted	1998 Actual	1999 Adopted	2000 Adopted
Audit Services	6,000	6,000	2,500	2,500	2,500
Amortization	419	1,000	368	400	0
Automobile	3,484	700	5,668	6,000	6,000
Awards	883	650	1,294	1,000	1,300
Bad Debt	0	0	0	0	0
Maintenance	6,289	13,000	5,390	6,000	6,000
Fairs	685	500	688	700	500
Leases	1,328	5,600	5,780	1,500	5,780
Loans Payable	0	0	0	0	0
National Convention	3,165	1,000	1,940	3,200	1,000
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0
Dues/Subscriptions	712	1,000	813	800	800
Insurance	6,603	5,000	5,305	7,000	5,500
Licenses/Permits	0	100	0	0	100
Dues - Nat'l - Fraternal	106,195	94,000	90,726	93,600	74,736
Dues - Nat'l - Associate	0	13,750	13,368	13,000	2,000
Dues - Nat'l - Penalty	0	0	0	0	0
Office	14,119	14,000	11,385	13,000	13,000
Postage	3,638	6,000	8,183	6,000	8,200
Publications	3,652	4,000	4,330	3,700	4,000
Printing	(640)	500	(2,651)	500	0
Repairs	20,718	7,000	11,744	18,000	11,000
Scholarship	500	600	500	500	500
Special Services	6,134	8,000	3,074	6,200	5,500
State Officers	323	1,000	825	400	400
State Master	6,694	5,300	1,149	1,000	1,000
State Lecturer	1,053	1,000	1,092	1,000	1,000
State Secretary	2,244	600	43	600	600
State Executive Comm.	3,378	4,000	4,546	3,400	3,400
Property Tax	2,302	0	2,986	800	1,600
Telephone	3,211	4,000	2,662	3,000	3,000
Trust Expense	42	0	31	0	0
Utilities	13,373	13,000	14,588	15,000	6,000
Professional Fees	14,792	9,500	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	1,015	0	175	0	0
Conf/Meetings	2,361	2,000	4,020	2,500	2,500
Donations	721	0	500	800	500
125th Anniv.	1,073	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses	383,003	373,429	353,193	373,050	282,424
Net:	120,439	31,821	33,483	9,424	(15,924)

	1997 Actual	1998 Adopted	1998 Actual	1999 Adopted	2000 Adopted
Extension Fund					
Income					
New Grange	442		140	200	0
Western States	0			5,000	0
Reverted Trust	0	4,269	65		500
Affiliate Donations	14,601	12,000	1,970	0	250
Builders Donations	0	0	70	0	0
Emergency Relief	6,484	0	50	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0
Member Devel.	11,717	1,831	396	5,900	527
Organizing Deputy	352	0	866	4,000	3,125
Camp	2,525	2,000	2,843	3,000	3,000
Total Income	36,121	20,100	6,400	18,100	7,402
Expenses					
Meetings/Conf	0	500	4,646	6,350	500
Western States	1,154	0	0	0	0
Deputies	217	500	823	500	500
Deputy Training	2,005	2,000	0	2,100	1,860
Awards	196	150	888	200	200
Sub Leader Training	0	2,500	0	0	0
New Grange	746	0	403	200	400
Emergency Relief	10,000	0	0	0	0
Member Devel.	399	1,000	2,311	500	500
Membership Director	771	500	1,180	1,000	500
Builders Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0
Postage	38	0	0	0	0
Donations	0	50	0	0	0
Organizing Deputy	0	0	1,538	6,000	5,000
Family Camp	3,215	3,000	2,519	3,000	3,000
Miscellaneous	0		540		0
Total Expenses	18,741	10,200	14,848	19,850	12,460
Net:	17,380	9,900	(8,448)	(1,750)	(5,058)
GWA Fund					
Income					
Donations	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	18	0	0	0	0
Cookbook Sales	4,006	1,500	2,701	2,000	2,000
Fundraisers	0	0	0	0	0
Women's March	0	0	0	1,600	1,600
GWA Bkfst-Conv	0	0	0	1,600	1,600

	1997 Actual	1998 Adopted	1998 Actual	1999 Adopted	2000 Adopted
Total Income	4,024	1,500	2,701	5,200	5,200
COGS	(1,644)	(1,100)	0	(700)	(700)
Expenses					
Amortization	0	0	0	0	0
Bad Debt	0	0	0	0	0
Conferences	526	400	1,140	500	0
Depreciation	691	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	291	0	0	0	0
Supplies	23	50	211	300	300
Postage	203	200	42	260	260
Printing	278	350	182	275	250
Phone	152	200	37	0	0
Projects	0	0	0	0	0
Director Expense	1,211	750	1,416	1,500	1,500
Reg Dir Expenses	0	250	0	0	0
Donations	0	0	213	0	0
National Conv.	0	750	0	0	0
Women's March	0	0	0	1,600	1,600
GWA Brfst-Conv	0	0	0	1,600	1,600
Total Expenses	3,375	2,950	3,241	6,035	5,510
Net:	(995)	(2,550)	(540)	(1,535)	(1,010)
Youth Fund					
Income					
Donations	1,195	750	2,830	1,400	1,000
Sponsor Fund	0	200	0	0	0
Resale	1,678	500	0	1,700	0
Youth Conf	3,818	4,000	3,533	4,000	4,000
Young Adults	0	0	0	1,200	0
Projects	0	2,500	4,012	0	2,000
Convention	1,000	1,000	0	0	0
Interest	0	0	855	900	600
Convention Bkfst	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
Convention BBQ	0	0	0	1,500	1,500
Transfer from CD	0	0	0	2,000	1,900
Total Income	12,554	8,950	11,230	13,700	12,000
COGS	(400)	(200)	0	0	0
Expenses					
Conference	8,116	2,000	317	1,500	1,100

	1997 Actual	1998 Adopted	1998 Actual	1999 Adopted	2000 Adopted
Youth Conf	0	6,500	5,800	6,000	5,000
Young Adult Conf.	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	109	0	115	0	0
Supplies	41	0	234	400	250
Postage	75	200	96	100	100
Printing	172	150	135	200	200
Projects	1,906	1,000	2,050	900	1,000
Sponsor Fund	0	250	0	0	0
Director	106	500	98	300	200
Nat'l Convention	2,106	5,000	2,343	3,000	1,000
Awards	30	0	418	250	300
Convention Bkfst	0	0	0	400	400
Convention BBQ	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
Youth Officers	0	0	0	100	100
Western States	0	0	0	0	1,350
Total Expenses	15,876	15,600	11,606	14,150	12,000
Net:	(3,722)	(6,850)	(376)	(450)	0

Junior Fund**Income**

Donations	17,249	1,250	2,524	250	1,500
Projects	1,503	750	1,591	1,700	1,500
Interest	0	0	930	1,200	760
Junior Lunch - Conv	0	0	0	500	500
Transfer from CD	0	0	0	1,000	240
Total Income	18,752	2,000	5,045	4,650	4,500

Expenses

Conferences	516	800	344	1,700	1,600
Supplies	0	250	0	250	350
Postage	92	50	53	100	300
Printing	352	250	154	350	400
Projects/Conv. Proj	302	100	40	660	300
Director Expenses	115	200	690	440	500
Family Camp	0	350	300	350	350
National Convention	0	750	750	0	0
National Donations	0	0	0	300	300
Junior Lunch - Conv.	0	0	0	500	400
Total Expenses	1,377	2,750	2,331	4,650	4,500
Net:	17,375	(750)	2,714	0	0

	1997 Actual	1998 Adopted	1998 Actual	1999 Adopted	2000 Adopted
Deaf Activities Fund					
Income					
Donations	0	500	0	500	0
Resale	0	0	0	0	0
Projects	206	150	686	150	850
Total Income	206	650	686	650	850
Expenses					
Postage	25	40	33	40	100
Printing	0	20		20	100
Projects	20	0			0
Director Expenses	45	100	230	100	350
Conf/Meeting	0	0	134	300	300
Total Expenses	161	160	397	460	850
Net:	45	490	289	190	0
Legislative Fund					
Income					
Lanlines	0	0	0	0	0
Donations	0	0	0	0	0
Special	0	0	0	0	0
Infonet	0	0	0	0	0
Total Income	0	0	0	0	0
Expenses					
Officers Salary	0	0	0	0	0
Staff Salary	18,977	13,000	13,000	13,300	12,200
Benefits	650	0	0	0	0
Payroll Tax	769	1,060	1,274	1,100	1,100
Vehicle Expense	298	500	375	500	500
Conferences	2,506	2,500	1,677	2,500	1,500
Ag Committee	0	0	0	0	0
Interim Committees	0	0	0	0	0
Donations	0	0	2,500	1,000	0
Dues/Subscriptions	1,326	1,000	593	1,000	500
Ag Network	0	0	1,005	2,000	1,000
Legi-Tech	3,395	2,800	3,655	3,500	1,560
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0
Supplies	2,803	100	155	100	100
Postage	360	500	0	400	400
Printing	0	600	593	650	650
Telephone	687	500	903	1,000	750

	1997 Actual	1998 Adopted	1998 Actual	1999 Adopted	2000 Adopted
Director Expenses	260	1,200	423	600	600
Total Expenses	32,031	23,760	26,153	27,650	20,860
Net:	(32,031)	(23,760)	(26,153)	(27,650)	(20,860)
Convention Fund	1997 Actual	1998 Proposed	1998 Actual	1999 Proposed	2000 Adopted
Income					
Degree Tickets	1,090	500	660	1,000	1,000
Donations	12,261	5,000	6,889	6,000	5,000
Women's March	1,678	1,500	1,709	0	0
Convention Pins	1,460	1,250	0	1,500	1,500
Journal of Proceedings	150	100	166	100	100
Registrations	1,985	1,700	1,682	1,700	3,000
Resolution Pads	170	100	185	100	150
Awards Banquet	0	2,500	1,764	3,750	2,000
Youth Breakfast	0	750	0	0	0
Youth BBQ	0	1,000	0	0	0
GWA Breakfast	2,385	1,500	1,720	0	0
Miscellaneous	230	400	10	0	0
Child Care Tickets	31	1,000	910	0	1,000
Golf	1,797	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Grow Luncheon	440	200	270	500	500
Lecturer's Luncheon	0	0	0	500	500
Donations - Lecturer	0	1,100	0	1,100	0
Resale	0		1,140		0
Total Income	23,677	18,500	17,105	17,250	15,750
COGS	(355)	(450)	(406)	0	(400)
Expenses					
Awards/Gifts	2,067	800	0	1,000	0
Facility Fees	34,441	40,000	27,800	0	5,000
Equipment Rental	0	1,500	3,145	1,000	1,000
Awards Banquet	0	2,500	2,013	3,750	2,000
Youth Breakfast	0	250	0	0	0
Youth BBQ	0	500	0	0	0
GWA Breakfast	2,812	1,500	1,830	0	0
Grow Luncheon	572	200	193	500	500
Lecturers Luncheon	0	0	0	500	500
GWA March	3,250	1,500	1,709	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	400	0	0	0
Harvest Feast	0	500	258	500	500
Supplies	1,139	500	891	1,000	900
Postage	0	300	128	0	150

	1997 Actual	1998 Adopted	1998 Actual	1999 Adopted	2000 Adopted
Printing	572	2,000	1,467	1,000	500
Per Diem	7,707	8,000	6,440	8,000	0
Youth Dept Reimb,	0	1,000	0	0	0
Golf	1,854	800	0	1,000	1,000
Child Care	311	600	361	600	400
Lodging	0	0	0	35,000	1,000
Lecturers Awards	0	0	469	1,100	500
Degree Fees	0	0	142	0	0
Total Expenses	54,725	62,850	46,904	54,950	13,950
Net:	(31,403)	(44,800)	(30,205)	(37,700)	1,400

Grange News Fund**Income**

Dues-Fraternal	36,601	37,500	34,908	35,100	28,000
Dues-Associate	4,209	3,750	3,965	3,900	600
Paid Subscriptions	0	50	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0		0	0	0
Advertising	14,875	17,000	12,018	15,000	10,000
Tour Commissions	200	300	0	200	0
Ad Discounts	65	(60)	(99)	(80)	(50)
Total Income	55,950	58,540	50,792	54,120	38,550

Expenses

Staff Salary	17,128	21,097	25,285	21,562	21,562
Benefits	2,112	2,200	2,618	2,300	2,300
Payroll Tax	1,719	1,800	1,754	1,758	1,758
Accounting Svcs	0	0	0	0	0
Amortization	0	0	0	0	0
Bad Debt	0	0	907	200	0
Conference/Meetings	111	0	25	250	0
Depreciation	7,267	9,700	0	0	0
Insurance	0	0	0	0	0
Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	817	0	309	0	0
Supplies	117	100	1,450	230	750
Postage-Meter	0	100	0	0	0
Postage-Permit	26,853	32,000	22,464	27,000	25,000
Mailing Services	0	3,000	1,738	3,735	3,100
Printing	16,736	16,000	14,064	13,000	12,000
Print Supplies	0	200	0	0	0
Photo Development	0	125	0	200	0
Promotional	38	100	17	0	0
Repairs/Maint.	0	1,000	0	0	0

	1997 Actual	1998 Adopted	1998 Actual	1999 Adopted	2000 Adopted
Property Tax	0	800	0	0	0
Phone	405	500	286	0	0
Utilities	1,588	1,200	1,075	0	0
Office Expense	0	0	0	200	0
Total Expenses	73,963	89,922	71,992	70,435	66,470
Net:	(18,013)	(31,382)	(21,200)	(16,315)	(27,920)
Property Fund					
Income					
Upstairs	66,240	67,056	67,431	69,438	69,085
Wisteria	6,760	6,000	7,390	10,760	12,000
GBO	76,484	86,510	85,682	87,974	89,754
Fresno	10,440	10,292	11,154	10,553	10,296
Parking	1,835	3,400	1,800	1,800	1,800
Utilities Reimbursement	0	0	7,602	6,000	6,000
Total Income	161,759	173,258	181,059	186,525	188,935
Expenses					
Administration					
Officer Salary	0	0	0	0	0
Staff Salary	23,440	21,097	21,692	21,562	21,562
Benefits	0	2,200	2,619	2,300	2,300
Payroll	0	1,800	1,754	1,758	1,758
Subtotal	23,440	25,097	26,065	25,620	25,620
Upstairs					
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance	1,740	2,600	1,656	2,200	2,200
Interest	0	1,905	3,619	2,328	1,900
Repair/Maint.	6,848	0	4,459	6,000	6,000
Taxes	2,115	2,800	2,560	2,800	2,800
Utilities	226	0	252	300	6,300
Subtotal	10,929	7,305	12,546	13,628	19,200
Wisteria					
Depreciation	0				0
Insurance	870	1,200	1,450	870	870
Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Repair/Maint.	2,209	1,800	2,185	3,600	2,400
Taxes	1,012	1,300	853	1,300	1,400
Utilities	2,422	3,040	2,423	2,922	2,800
Subtotal	6,513	7,340	6,911	8,692	7,470
GBO					
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance	1,740	2,100	2,445	1,740	1,740

	1997 Actual	1998 Adopted	1998 Actual	1999 Adopted	2000 Adopted
Interest	0	4,015	1,782	315	0
Repair/Maint.	11,333	5,400	10,415	9,000	7,000
Taxes	1,772	2,130	1,138	2,130	2,130
Utilities	8,911	10,000	9,478	9,000	9,000
Subtotal	23,756	23,645	25,258	22,185	19,870
Fresno					
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance	0	150	0	0	0
Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Repair/Maint.	0	0	0	0	0
Taxes	2,256	2,200	2,482	2,256	2,500
Utilities	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	2,256	2,350	2,482	2,256	2,500
Total Expenses	66,894	65,735	73,262	72,381	74,660
Net:	94,865	107,523	107,797	114,688	114,275

6.1 Degree Candidates

The following members received the Degree of Pomona (Fifth Degree) at this annual session of the California State Grange.

Name Of Recipient	Subordinate Grange	Name Of Recipient	Subordinate Grange
James Alfieri	Bennett Valley #16	Francis Gramata	Adelanto #603
Dawn Allen	Ranchito # 651	Marie Gramata	Adelanto #603
Billie Jo Atchley	Fairfax # 570	Bobbie Grant	Crescent Redwood # 596
Martin Benson	Napa # 307	Nancy Gregg	Hornbrook # 391
Shirley Beauregard	Oakdale # 435	A. Margaret Gustafson	Ft. Bragg #672
Anthony Bettencourt	Orland # 461	John Gustafson	Ft Bragg # 672
Margaret Bettencourt	Orland # 461	John Hassel	Durham # 460
Kathy Boswell	Meadow Vista # 721	Keith Hohmann	Concow # 735
Kris Boswell	Meadow Vista # 721	Terry Hohmann	Concow # 735
James Buren	Gridley # 457	Loretta Hooper	Millville # 443
Harry Caldwell	Hangtown # 464	Cecil Hooper	Millville # 443
Dawna Conas	Orangevale # 354	Robert Huffman	Concow # 735
Norm Dahlia	Yucca # 736	Barbara Huffman	Concow # 735
Lori Dahlia	Yucca # 736	Ronald Latronica	Gilroy # 398
Grace Doty	Rough & Ready # 795	Shannon Lockhart	Berry Creek # 694
Tommy Elledge	Meadow Vista # 721	David Loomis	Berry Creek # 694
Daniel Feldman	Santa Cruz-Live Oak # 503	Dwight Lunkley	Brownville # 708
Stephen Fugett	Lake Francis # 745	Susan Mathias	Lake Francis # 745
Kimberly Gardner	Millville # 443	Margaret Null	Rio Linda # 403
Nichli Gibbons-Elledge	Meadow Vista # 721	John Page	Fairfax # 570

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Name Of Recipient	Subordinate Grange
Ben Parra	Independent # 470
Jason Patterson	Berry Creek # 694
Kimberly Pittman	Alpine # 665
Regina Pugh	Concow # 735
Glen Pugh	Concow # 735
Dawn Renner	Rainbow Valley # 689
Joseph Skinner	Palermo # 493
Judy Skinner	Palermo # 493
Mandi Taylor	Berry Creek # 694
Michael Terrell	Waterford # 553

Name Of Recipient	Subordinate Grange
Crystal Tollefson	Meadow Vista # 721
Tanya Tollefson	Meadow Vista # 721
Ronald Trombley	Anderson # 418
Tara Whetstone	Berry Creek # 694
Myra Wilson	Loma Rica # 802
Robert Wilson	DeSabra # 762
Paula Wilson	DeSabra # 762
Nikki Wilson	Loma Rica # 802
Kelly Yearsley	Berry Creek # 694

The following members received the Degree of Flora (Sixth Degree) at this annual session of the California State Grange.

Name Of Recipient	Cert. #	Subordinate Grange
James Alfieri	CA 246	Bennett Valley #16
Dawn Allen	CA 217	Ranchito # 651
Billie Jo Atchley	CA 245	Fairfax # 570
Martin Benson	CA 257	Napa # 307
Shirley Beauregard	CA 239	Oakdale # 435
Anthony Bettencourt	CA 270	Orland # 461
Margaret Bettencourt	CA 271	Orland # 461
Kathy Boswell	CA 243	Meadow Vista # 721
Kris Boswell	CA 244	Meadow Vista # 721
James Buren	CA 218	Gridley # 457
Harry Caldwell	CA 264	Hangtown # 464
Dawna Conas	CA 265	Orangevale # 354
Norm Dahlia	CA 247	Yucca # 736
Lori Dahlia	CA 248	Yucca # 736
Grace Doty	CA 219	Rough & Ready # 795
Tommy Elledge	CA 274	Meadow Vista # 721
Daniel Feldman	CA 263	Santa Cruz-Live Oak # 503
Stephen Fugett	CA 220	Lake Francis # 745
Kimberly Gardner	CA 222	Millville # 443
Nicki Gibbons-Elledge	CA 275	Meadow Vista # 721
Francis Gramata	CA 272	Adelanto #603
Marie Gramata	CA 273	Adelanto #603
Bobbie Grant	CA 261	Crescent Redwood # 596
Nancy Gregg	CA 262	Hornbrook # 391
A Margaret Gustafson	CA 224	Ft Bragg #672
John Gustafson	CA 223	Ft Bragg # 672
John Hassel	CA 225	Durham # 460
Keith Hohmann	CA 226	Concow # 735

Name Of Recipient	Cert. #	Subordinate Grange
Terry Hohmann	CA 227	Concow # 735
Loretta Hooper	CA 259	Millville # 443
Cecil Hooper	CA 260	Millville # 443
Robert Huffman	CA 266	Concow # 735
Barbara Huffman	CA 267	Concow # 735
Ronald Latronica	CA 230	Gilroy # 398
Shannon Lockhart	CA 256	Berry Creek # 694
David Loomis	CA 254	Berry Creek # 694
Dwight Lunkley	CA 232	Brownville # 708
Susan Mathias	CA 269	Lake Francis # 745
Margaret Null	CA 233	Rio Linda # 403
John Page	CA 234	Fairfax # 570
Ben Parra	CA 250	Independent # 470
Jason Patterson	CA 255	Berry Creek # 694
Kimberly Pittman	CA 237	Alpine # 665
Regina Pugh	CA 228	Concow # 735
Glen Pugh	CA 229	Concow # 735
Dawn Renner	CA 238	Rainbow Valley # 689
Joseph Skinner	CA 235	Palermo # 493
Judy Skinner	CA 236	Palermo # 493
Mandi Taylor	CA 251	Berry Creek # 694
Michael Terrell	CA 258	Waterford # 553
Crystal Tollefson	CA 276	Meadow Vista # 721
Tanya Tollefson	CA 277	Meadow Vista # 721
Ronald Trombley	CA 268	Anderson # 418
Tara Whetstone	CA 252	Berry Creek # 694
Myra Wilson	CA 240	Loma Rica # 802
Robert Wilson	CA 241	DeSabra # 762
Paula Wilson	CA 242	DeSabra # 762
Nikki Wilson	CA 249	Loma Rica # 802
Kelly Yearsley	CA 253	Berry Creek # 694

6.3 Membership Recognitions 1998~1999

The following members were issued Silver Star Certificates for 25 years of continuous membership in a Subordinate Grange.

Butte County

Berry Creek #694	Harold E. Kennedy
Biggs #459	Lois M. Burks
Biggs #459	Walter B. Caldwell
Biggs #459	Lorna Caldwell
Biggs #459	William Whitcomb
Gridley #457	Manual Almo
Gridley #457	Nadine Carnes
Gridley #457	Lulubelle Clapp
Gridley #457	Glenn Clapp
Gridley #457	Herman Frandrup
Gridley #457	Dona J. Frandrup
Gridley #457	Hulda Frye
Gridley #457	Joseph J. Jonko Jr.
Gridley #457	Milton E. Kuster
Gridley #457	Minnie Mc Mains
Gridley #457	Burl Pendergraft
Gridley #457	Leonard E. Peter
Gridley #457	Charles Pfister
Gridley #457	Angeline Skuris
Gridley #457	Robert Sweringen
Palermo #493	Bill L. Free
Palermo #493	C. K. Hallmark
Palermo #493	Hazel Hallmark
Palermo #493	Don C. Johnson
Palermo #493	S. R. Journey
Palermo #493	Helen Musso
Palermo #493	Steve Musso
Palermo #493	Palvin Potes
Palermo #493	Ruth Rickey
Palermo #493	Joe Rickey

Glenn County

Elk Creek #441	Ruth Johnson
Jacinto #431	Virginia Merrill
Jacinto #431	Maxine Peters

Humboldt County

Dow's Prairie #505	Steve Kilkenny
Dow's Prairie #505	Tim Mc Kay
Dow's Prairie #505	Margaret Ruff

Dow's Prairie #505	Alec Ruff
Dow's Prairie #505	William Sipes
Dow's Prairie #505	Eleanor Sullivan
Dow's Prairie #505	Jean Turner
Dow's Prairie #505	Orvin Turner
Dow's Prairie #505	Kathy Watson
Dow's Prairie #505	Mary Jo Young
Humboldt #501	Velva Angell
Humboldt #501	Bernard Conti
Humboldt #501	Ruth Conti
Humboldt #501	Evelyn Grodem
Humboldt #501	Cherie Hiner
Humboldt #501	Margaret Stringer
Humboldt #501	Emma Sundall
Van Duzen River #517	Margaret Ann Kiser
Van Duzen River #517	Timothy Kiser
Van Duzen River #517	Becky Thomason

Kern County

Fairfax #570	Fern Baldwin
Fairfax #570	Sybil Green
Fairfax #570	Eunice Howard
Fairfax #570	Betty Lautsch
Fairfax #570	William Moss
Fairfax #570	Herbet Rock
Fairfax #570	Frances Rock
Rosedale #565	Frank Gandola
Rosedale #565	Marilyn Gandola
Rosedale #565	Suz Laskowski
Rosedale #565	Sandra Williams

Los Angeles County

Ranchito #654	Bernice Cuddeback
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Mendocino County

Ft Bragg #672	Ruth Ballew
Ft Bragg #672	Robert Ballew
Ft Bragg #672	Bruno Donati
Ft Bragg #672	Mayme Donati
Ft Bragg #672	Caroline Kostick
Ft Bragg #672	Gene Mitchell

Ft Bragg #672	Marget Myer
Ft Bragg #672	Zita Patton
Ft Bragg #672	Ruth Roach
Ft Bragg #672	Mildred Williams

Monterey County

Aromas #361	Shirley Callesen
Aromas #361	Fred Callesen
Aromas #361	Alice Turner
Springfield #523	Randell Geiger
Springfield #523	Jan Van Waardenberg

Napa County

Napa #307	Sylvia Moore
Welcome #791	Laverne Cooper
Welcome #791	Leroy Eldridge
Welcome #791	Iris Mason
Welcome #791	Gary Penir
Welcome #791	Sally Ann Penir
Welcome #791	Martha Peters
Welcome #791	Martha Peters
Welcome #791	Jody Schickedanz
Welcome #791	Kathy Simmons
Welcome #791	William Sisson
Welcome #791	Katherine Volonte
Welcome #791	Ed Wood

Placer County

Mt. Vernon #453	Sharon Ahavranek
Mt. Vernon #453	Katherin Nepal

Riverside County

Rubidoux #611	Caron Reitz
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Sacramento County

American River #172	Marie Sherwood
American River #172	William L. Sherwood
Fair Oaks #724	William Brennan
Fair Oaks #724	Velma Brennan

San Benito County

Bitterwater #748	Pearl Daniels
Bitterwater #748	Daniel Daniels
Bitterwater #748	George O'connor, Jr.
Bitterwater #748	William Rist
Bitterwater #748	Armond Rist
Bitterwater #748	Marlene Thomason
Muscoy #589	Emma Everhart

San Diego County

Encinitas #634	Thereas M. Webster
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Rainbow Valley #689	Lila Sanderson
Rainbow Valley #689	Bruce Sanderson
Rainbow Valley #689	Robert Scholes
San Marcos #633	Frank Bost
San Marcos #633	Lee Bost
San Marcos #633	Manuel Estrada
San Marcos #633	Emiline Frace
San Marcos #633	Wilma Frace
San Marcos #633	John Luft

San Joaquin County

Lockeford Dist. #579	Domonica Carloni
Lockeford Dist. #579	H. E. Carloni
Lockeford Dist. #579	Jeannette G. Bonelli
Ripon #511	Raymond Lial
Ripon #511	Florinda Lial
Ripon #511	Carolyn Sanny
Ripon #511	Vivan Simons
Ripon #511	Raymond Simons

San Luis Obispo County

El Paso De Robles #555	Esther Driver
El Paso De Robles #555	Victor Gomer
El Paso De Robles #555	Ida Gomer
Grover City #746	Wanda Schroder
Grover City #746	Betty S. Silveira

Santa Clara County

Cupertino #739	May Boitano
Cupertino #739	Virginia Perrault

Shasta County

Anderson #418	Robert Bond
Anderson #418	Loretta Bond
Anderson #418	Ben Phillips
Anderson #418	Barbara Towne
Buckeye #489	Eleanor Buhrl
Buckeye #489	Nina Van Sickle
Millville #443	Mildred Bailey
Millville #443	Barbara Bauer
Millville #443	Laurel Brazil
Millville #443	Marcia Brazil
Millville #443	Rowena Goodner
Millville #443	Bea Olson
Montgomery #442	Frank Grannis
Montgomery #442	Stephen Russak
Montgomery #442	Lavina Russak

Siskiyou County

Gazelle #380	Glenn English
Gazelle #380	Helen Horn

Greenhorn #384	Dempsey Johnston
Greenhorn #384	Otto L. Leach
Greenhorn #384	Lorraine Leach
Mt. Bolivar #218	Mary Denny
Mt. Bolivar #218	Margaret Denny
Mt. Bolivar #218	Mitchell Gilmore
Mt. Bolivar #218	Shirley Gilmore
Mt. Bolivar #218	Vernon Gilmore
Mt. Bolivar #218	Linda Hayden
Mt. Bolivar #218	Ernest Hayden, Jr
Mt. Bolivar #218	Lynette Purdy
Mt. Bolivar #218	Michael Purdy
Mt. Bolivar #218	Jack Tolbert

Solano County

Vacaville #575	John D. Anderson
Vacaville #575	John H. Bogart
Vacaville #575	Thomas D. Bors
Vacaville #575	James C. Cassil
Vacaville #575	Michael Conner
Vacaville #575	Tony R. Martinez
Vacaville #575	William S. Muller
Vacaville #575	Daniel D. Rodwill
Vacaville #575	Sue E. Weger

Sonoma County

Bennett Valley #16	Gregory Anderson
Bennett Valley #16	Jim Hindrickson
Bennett Valley #16	Paul Kindig
Hessell #750	Mary Mc Kay
Hessell #750	Jolene Mc Kay
Hessell #750	Elaine Mensching
Rincon Valley #710	Dawn Caldwell

Rincon Valley #710	John Finn
Rincon Valley #710	Diane Greenough
Rincon Valley #710	Michael Haen

Stanislaus County

Empire #521	Randy Angle
Empire #521	Robert J. Daniels
Empire #521	Gary Mason
Empire #521	Wayne Modean
Waterford #553	Leslie Breeding
Waterford #553	Marilee Breeding
Waterford #553	Marion Goncalves
Waterford #553	Richard Goncalves
Waterford #553	James Greer
Waterford #553	Wilma Greer
Waterford #553	Lester Heumiller
Waterford #553	Frances Ramsey
Waterford #553	Lloyd Swanson
Waterford #553	Elizabeth Swanson

Tehama County

Manton #732	Elma Elrod
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Yuba County

Lake Francis #745	Rosemary Hernandez
Lake Francis #745	Nancy Hudson
Lake Francis #745	Juanita Jones
Lake Francis #745	Betty H Largay
Lake Francis #745	Alice J. Rorie
Lake Francis #745	Frank Rorie

50 Years The following members were issued Golden Sheaf Certificates for 50 years of continuous membership in a Subordinate Grange.

Butte

Biggs #459	Laeta Mallory
Gridley #457	Harry Skuris
Gridley #457	Velma Zeleny
Palermo #493	Charlotte Harris
Wyandotte #495	Virginia George
Wyandotte #495	Helen Caswell
Wyandotte #495	Betty Field

Del Norte

Lake Earl #577	Agnes M. Chaney
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El Dorado

Pilot Hill #1	George Niegel
Pilot Hill #1	Georgia Gardner
United Rescue #450	George Smith

Fresno

Fowler #481	Carolyn Harding
Fowler #481	Alice Clark
Kerman #484	Mildred Savage
Kerman #484	Ann Uhd
Kerman #484	Adam Haupt

California State Grange

Kerman #484	Leta Haupt
<u>Glenn</u>	
Elk Creek #441	Keith Silver
Jacinto #431	Aileen Ponter
Jacinto #431	Dorothy Pinheiro
Jacinto #431	Ralph Smith
Jacinto #431	Jessie Pineheiro
<u>Humboldt</u>	
Garberville #514	Dara Lee Kirk
Rohner #509	Lois Gladden
Rohner #509	Cliff Gladden
<u>Kern</u>	
Fairfax #570	Edith Kelly
Fairfax #570	Arlene House
Rosedale #565	Darlene Wingfield
<u>Lake</u>	
Clearlake #680	Robert Harrell
Clearlake #680	Beverly I. Westphal
Clearlake #680	Faye Pennington
Clearlake #680	Mildred "Fay" Boardman
Clearlake #680	Arnold Moore
Clearlake #680	William Clint Cole
Clearlake #680	Evelyn Cole
<u>Los Angeles</u>	
Ranchito #654	Valerie Tichenor
Ranchito #654	George C. Stinebaugh
<u>Mendocino</u>	
Ft Bragg #672	Evelyn De Lain
Ft Bragg #672	Theresa Jardstrom
<u>Merced</u>	
Dos Palos #541	Earl Gale
Winton #531	Paul L. Crookham
Winton #531	Juanita Mc Cune Brown
Winton #531	Paul L. Brown
Winton #531	Sybil Crookham
Winton #531	Mary Sarmento
Winton #531	Delphine Choate
<u>Monterey</u>	
Prunedale #388	Ann Pollitt

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<u>Napa</u>	
Welcome #791	Margaret Peters
<u>Orange</u>	
Costa Mesa #612	Evelyn Cook
Costa Mesa #612	Leo S. Crittenden
Costa Mesa #612	Hazel Mossop
<u>Placer</u>	
Meadow Vista #721	Jewe l Cornett
Mt. Vernon #453	Francis E. Smith
Mt. Vernon #453	Glenna M. Smith
Sierra Nevada #454	Jim Simpson
Sierra Nevada #454	Betty Vellican
<u>Plumas</u>	
Indian Valley #439	Esther Blickenstaff
<u>Riverside</u>	
Rubidoux #611	Vera Stout
<u>San Benito</u>	
Bitterwater #748	George O'Connor, Jr.
Bitterwater #748	Alberta Rist
Bitterwater #748	Armond Rist
<u>San Diego</u>	
San Marcos #633	Ann Godwin
<u>San Joaquin</u>	
Lockeford Dist. #579	Irene Gregory
Lockeford Dist. #579	Herbert Hansen
Ripon #511	Joyce Williams
<u>San Luis Obispo</u>	
Grover City #746	Einar L. Hero
<u>Santa Cruz</u>	
Corralitos #487	Mary Davis-Green
Madonna #535	Frances G. Borrego
<u>Shasta</u>	
Mc Arthur #420	Wayne Eldridge
Mc Arthur #420	Catherine Hillman
Millville #443	Nancy Winegar
Millville #443	Phyllis Gill
Millville #443	Esther Grenz

Siskiyou

Dorris #393	Andrew L. Mc Kay
Greenhorn #384	Ruth L. Burton
Mt. Bolivar #218	Alice Franklin
Scott Valley #386	Lallah Palmer

Sonoma

Hessel #750	Elsie Harris
Hessel #750	Arnold Salmon
Hessel #750	Lloyd Focha
Hessel #750	Emma Focha
Hessel #750	Wildia Persons
Hessel #750	Geneva Reives

Stanislaus

Empire #521	J. Cullen Bearden
Empire #521	Dorothy Bearden
Waterford #553	Ethel Plecker

Tehama

El Camino #462	Violet O. Clark
Manton #732	Vernon F. Schults
Manton #732	Wilma E. Shults

Tulare

Elbow Creek #733	Ruthe Kibler
Elbow Creek #733	Opal Wimp
Elbow Creek #733	Dale Wimp
Farmersville #637	Alice Moore
Farmersville #637	Kenneth Moore
Farmersville #637	Willie Mae Johnson
Farmersville #637	Francis Johnson

Yuba

Lake Francis #745	La Belle B. Webb
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55 Years The following members were issued a 55 year seal to be affixed to their Golden Sheaf Certificates previously issued to them

Del Norte

Lake Earl #577	Phyllis Tedsen
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Kern

Rosdale #565	Mannon Roberts
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Lake

Clearlake #680	Lee Munger
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Orange

Costa Mesa #612	Alice Kyle
Costa Mesa #612	Leo S. Crittenden

Plumas

Indian Valley #439	Esther Blickenstaff
Sierra Valley #466	Selma Genasci

Sierra Valley #466

Sierra Valley #466

Sierra Valley #466

Sierra Valley #466

Sierra Valley #466

Irene Bonta

Red Ramelli

Esther Goss

Joe Goss

Donald Guidici

Shasta

Mc Arthur #420
Millville #443

Catherine Hillman

Adair Boyle Emmich

Siskiyou

Greenhorn #384
Greenhorn #384
Mt. Bolivar #218

June Suter

Webster Fiock

Alice Franklin

60 Years The following members were issued a 60 year seal to be affixed to their Golden Sheaf Certificates previously issued to them

Butte

Palermo #493	Arita Stephens
Palermo #493	Dallas Castleman

Del Norte

Lake Earl #577	Elizabeth Huntley
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Glenn

Jacinto #431

Angie Mc Cracken

Humboldt

Rohner #9
Rohner #9

Agnes M. Gladden

Art P. Gladden

California State Grange

Los Angeles

Ranchito #654 Fred K. Johnson

Orange

Costa Mesa #612 Leo S. Crittenden

Plumas

Indian Valley #439 Esther Blickenstaff

Sierra Valley #466 Helen M. Maddalena

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Sierra Valley #466 Marie Sobrio

Riverside

Cherry Valley #586 Pearl Martin

Siskiyou

Mt. Bolivar #218 Dorothy Hayden

65 Years The following members were issued a 65 year seal to be affixed to their Golden Sheaf Certificates previously issued to them

Kern

Rosedale #5 T. J. Bussell

Plumas

Indian Valley #439 Esther Blickenstaff

Sierra Valley #466 Albert Folchi

Sierra Valley #466 Louie Maddalena

Sierra Valley #466 Guido Maddalena

Sierra Valley #466 Louis Genasci

Sierra Valley #466 Attilio Genasci

Sierra Valley #466 Myrtle Guidici

Sierra Valley #466 Alice Davies

Sacramento

Rio Linda #403 Alma Taynton

Shasta

Anderson #418 Vernon Parsons

Anderson #418 Joy Beatie

Millville #443 Homer Park

Millville #443 Alton Chatham

Siskiyou

Mt. Bolivar #218 Dorothy Hayden

70 Years The following members were issued a 70 year seal to be affixed to their Golden Sheaf Certificates previously issued to them

Los Angeles

Ranchito #4 Ruth L. Wilson

6.2 Youth Opening Team List

The following members served as members of the Youth Opening Team and opened the session of the California State Grange on Thursday October 14th.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grange/County</u>
Master	Kimberly Pittman	Alpine, Los Angeles
Overseer	Jason Petterson	Berry Creek, Butte
Lecturer	Jolene Crook	Gazelle, Siskiyou
Steward	Mike Blesch	Mt Vernon, Placer
Assistant Steward	Josh Harper	Mt Vernon, Placer
Lady Assistant Steward	LoRee Booth	Paradise, Butte
Chaplain	Jamie McGrosso	Romana, San Diego
Treasurer	Shannon Lockhart	Berry Creek, Butte
Secretary	Christina Fletcher	Fair Oaks, Sacramento
Gatekeeper	Charles Holder	Romona, San Diego
Ceres	Brianna Welch	Meadow Vista, Placer
Pomona	Mandi Talyor	Berry Creek, Butte
Flora	Tara Wetstone	Berry Creek, Butte
Executive Committee	David Loomis	Berry Creek, Butte
Executive Committee	Joey Bartly	Berry Creek, Butte
Executive Committee	Eric Pelkey	Fair Oaks, Sacramento
Musician		

6.4 Youth Fifth Degree Team List

The following members served as members of the Youth Fifth Degree Team and exemplified the Degree of Pomona at the California State Grange on Friday October 15th.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>
Team Captain	Lillian Booth	Butte
Master	Amanda Booth	Butte
Overseer	Lucette Moramarco	San Diego
Lecturer	Martha Stefenoni	Sonoma
Steward	Ed Luttrell	Orgeon State Master
Assistant Steward	Mitch Clouse	Sacramento
Lady Assistant Steward	Heidi Hitt	San Diego
Chaplain	Christina Fletcher	Sacramento
Treasurer	Jolene Crook	Siskiyou
Secretary	Brianna Welsh	Placer
Gatekeeper	Bill Steele	PA State Master
Ceres	LoRee Booth	Butte
Pomona	Darby Niles	Humboldt
Flora	Suzanne Moramarco	San Diego
Specter	Dale Harvey	Humboldt
Court Lady	Danielle Colburn	Placer

Court Lady	Katie Heckman	Butte
Court Lady	KayLynn Booth	Butte
Court Assistant	Jeremy Heckman	Butte
Court Assistant	Joseph Stefenoni	Sonoma
Musician	Lillian Booth	Butte

6.5 Sixth Degree Team Members

The following officers and members were part of the team that exemplified the Degree of Flora, the Sixth Degree of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry on Friday October 15th.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>
Master	John Felder	Butte
Overseer	Tom Stefenoni	Sonoma
Lecturer	Nancy Moramarco	San Diego
Steward	Barry Hutcherson	Shasta
Assistant Steward	Joshua Harper	Placer
Lady Assistant Steward	Carolyn Hill	Merced
Chaplain	Betty Barrett	Butte
Treasurer	Harold Hill	Merced
Secretary	Naomi Fletcher	Sacramento
Gatekeeper	Mike Blesch	Placer
Ceres	Racine Colburn	Sacramento
Pomona	Betty Clouse	Sacramento
Flora	Sara Dahlgren	Sacramento
Executive Committee:		
1 Year Member	Katie Squire	Fresno
1 Year Member	Ernest White	Tehama
2 Year Member	Stephen Tait	Orange
3 Year Member	Jim Smith	Contra Costa
3 Year Member	Hank Hitt	San Diego
Musician	Lillian Booth	Butte

6.6 Lecturer Contest Winners

The Lecturer sponsors several different contests, including talent, art and photography. Listed below are the various contest and winners.

I want to thank all the many members who entered the Lecturer's contests. There were so many really good entries and I am so appreciative of Orchard City Grange for allowing me to award monetary prizes to all the winners. The following are the winners:

ART CONTEST:

Land / Seascape

- 1st and Best of Show: Donna Haynes, Humboldt 501
 2nd Vera Brunell, Loma Rica 802
 3rd Evelyn Kruger, Antelope 161

Still Life

- 1st Marlene Hogaboom, Meadow Vista 721
 2nd Shelley Brower, Empire 521
 3rd Ann Hunt, Millville 443

Portrait

- 1st Lillian Hobbs, Wyandotte 495
 2nd Donna Haynes, Humboldt 501
 3rd Jolie Crook, Gazelle 380

Abstract

- 1st June Ward, Independent 470
 2nd Tiffany Davis, Riverdale 624

JUNIOR ART

Land seascape (5-9)

- 1st Lauren Williams, Rosedale 61
 2nd Eric Laskowski, Rosedale 61
 3rd Mark Pearce, Rosedale 61

Still Life (5-9)

- 1st Mariah Schilling, Independent
 2nd Eric Laskowski, Rosedale 61

Still Life (10-14)

- 1st Mark Nelson, Independent

Portrait (5-9)

- 1st Eric Laskowski, Rosedale 61

Portrait (10-14)

- 1st Andrew Williams, Rosedale 61

Abstract (5-9)

- 1st Eric Laskowski, Rosedale 61
 2nd Mark Pearce, Rosedale 61
 3rd Mariah Schilling, Independent

PHOTO CONTEST

America the Beautiful

- 1st Susan Hodge, Buckeye 489
 2nd Luella Pippin, Buckeye 489
 3rd Tiffany Davis, Riverdale 624

Grangers Promoting Grange

- 1st Suzanne Moramarco, Rainbow Valley 689
 2nd Ivy Gillaspay-Mann, Pleasant Valley 675
 3rd Eve Erickson, Morgan Hill 408

Family Portrait

- 1st Luella Pippin, Buckeye 489 Best of Show
 2nd Barry Hutcherson, Anderson 418
 3rd Maria Wells, Gazelle 380

Animals and Other Creatures

- 1st Ernie Stephenson, Millville 443
 2nd Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley 689
 3rd Barry Hutcherson, Anderson 418

Holiday Happenings

- 1st Eve Erickson, Morgan Hill 408
 2nd Deloris Larringer, Ione 681
 3rd Barbara McGrosso, Ramona 632

JUNIOR PHOTO

Animals and Other Creatures (5-9)

- 1st Melody Ervin, Rainbow Valley 224
 2nd Lindsey Brittain, Rainbow Valley 224

America the Beautiful (5-9)

- 1st Lindsey Brittain, Rainbow Valley 224

America the Beautiful (10-14)

- 1st Jake Brittain, Rainbow Valley 224

WOODWORKING CONTEST

Hand Carved

1st E.T. Kelly, Encinitas 634

Combination

1st Forrest Burns, Anderson 418

2nd B.T. Kelly, Encinitas 634

JUNIORS

Machine

1st Leroy Squire, Quartz Hill 214

2nd Jeremy Heckman, Concow 215

Other

1st Patty Kinser, Concow

2nd Valerie Pugh, Concow

3rd Jeremy Heckman, Concow

BASKET CONTEST

1st Frances M. Bartlett, Mt. Vernon 453

2nd Eve Erickson, Morgan Hill 408

JUNIORS (5-9)

1st Melodie Ervin, Rainbow Valley 224

2nd Lauren Williams, Rosedale 61

JUNIORS (10-14)

1st Andrew Williams, Rosedale 61

DECORATIVE PHOTOS

1st Eve Erickson, Morgan Hill 408

2nd Marion Tipton, Buckeye 489

3rd Douglas Krause, Mt. Hamilton 469

SCULPTURE / CERAMIC

Animal

1st Suzanne Moramarco, Rainbow Valley 689

2nd Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley 689

3rd Darlene Baldrige, Rosedale 565

Containers

1st Ryan Felder, Quartz Hill 697

2nd Cheryl Clough, Yucca 736

3rd Kyle Belveal, San Luis Obispo 639

Any Other

1st Alissa Lovett, Humboldt 501

2nd Mike Alves, Dows Prairie 505

3rd Mary Blesch, Apple Valley 593

People

1st Christina Fletcher, Fair Oaks 724

2nd June Ward, Independent 470

SCULPTURE / CERAMICS JUNIORS

Special

Gene Fletcher

1st Amanda Ervin, Rainbow Valley 224

2nd Lauren Williams, Rosedale 61

3rd Cody Beesen, Yucca 194

WITH PEN IN HAND- CREATIVE WRITING

Poetry-Family

1st Kathy Parra, Independent 470

2nd Gloria Hildreth, Millville 443

3rd Diane Smolenski, Anderson 418

Tell the Story-My First Set of Wheels

1st Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley 689

2nd Suzanne Moramarco, Rainbow Valley 689

3rd Thelma Meyer, Millville 443

Read the Book

1st Diane Smolenski, Anderson 418

2nd June Ward, Independent 470

3rd Rowena Goodner, Millville 443

TALENT CONTEST

Vocal

*1st & Best of Show

Colby Darrah and Jennifer Moore, Millville 443 Sang Phantom of the Opera for Best of Show

2nd Josh Harper, Mount Vernon 453

3rd Ray Kroeker, El Camino 462

Variety

1st June Ward, Independent 470

2nd Rowena Goodner, Millville 443

Thanks to Butte Federal Credit Union for
sponsoring the following: PUBLIC
SPEAKING

1st Lillian Booth, Paradise 490

2nd Ann Hunt, Millville 443

3rd Kathy Parra, Independent 470

Judges for Talent:

Martha Stefenoni, Stephen Tate and Don
Slama

Public Speaking Judges:

Jay Hartz, Hank Hitt and Tom Stefenoni.

Time Keeper: Bill Hitt

Special thanks to Amanda Booth and Lillian,
along with Naomi Fletcher and Bill
Steel, (National Grange) for performing Sign-
A-Song numbers, Along with --Vocal entry
Mandi Taylor, Berry Creek. Special thanks to
speaking entries R. T. Taylor and Dale
Harvey. ALL of you made our Talent Night
very special!

LECTURER'S AWARDS

Lecturer of the Year:

Subordinate Lecturer: Thelma Meyer,
Millville 443

Pomona Lecturer: Mary Victorine, Siskiyou 6

Top 5 Lecturers:

Thelma Meyer, Millville 443; Mary

Victorine, Siskiyou 6; Kathy Parra,

Independent 470; Betty Ann Biringer-Rehm,

N. Humboldt 48; and Evelyn Simpkin, Pleasant
Valley 675.

REPORTING LECTURERS:

The following are the Lecturers who sent in
their reports:

Subordinate Reports:

Beulah Gentert, Wildflower 663;

Jessie Higgins, Redding 446;

Betty Lindberg, Antelope 161;

Elizabeth Bondiette, Lompoc 646;

Lenora Sprock, Whitesboro 766;

Bernice Cannon, Golden Empire 808;

Marilyn Yelle, Garberville 514;

Josephine Lane, Redwood Valley 382;

Vivian Schroeder, Mt. Hamilton 469;

Floy Fry, Orland 432;

Angela Guthrie, Crescent Redwood 596;

Kathleen Simpson, Bellevue 374;

Rebecca Victorine, Tulelake 468;

Katherine Bennett, Rosedale 565;

Brianna Welsh, Meadow Vista 721;

Chris Larson, Lookout 415;

Suzanne Moramarco, Rainbow Valley 689;

Hoyle Haskins, Anderson 418;

Ileshia Knigge, Lone 68;

Patricia Jordan, Bennett Valley 16;

Lillian Olewine, Thermalito 729;

Carmen Pullen, Ranchito 654;

Takashi Yogi, Santa Clara Live Oak 503;

Marie Baker, Napa 307;

Rita Bradley, Sierra Valley 466;

Dorothy Ellis, Elk Creek 441;

Sharon Taylor, Orangevale 354.

Pomona Reports:

Nancy Tomlinson, Del Norte 42;

Russell Harris, Placer Nugget 26;

Lucette Moramarco, San Diego 35;

Jeri Hurst, Butte 16;

Rita Bradley, Plumas Sierra 18;

Tom Sawyer, Santa Clara 4.

* Denotes entries that were sent to National
Grange for judging.

State Contest 1st place winners are not eligible
for National. These are for our State only.

6.7 In Memoriam

Since the last annual session of the California State Grange, the following members have crossed the veil. These members were State Officers, Directors, Deputies, Masters or Past Masters of Pomona and Subordinate Grange and or their spouse as indicated.

State Officers

- ❖ HORACE FLEMING Past State Deputy - Monterey County #17 Past Master Monterey Pomona #17 Past Master Prunedale #388
- ❖ LORAIN RUPP Spouse-Past- State Deputy Kern County #26 Master Kern County Pomona #26
- ❖ HAROLD DARLING Past State Deputy - Sonoma Pomona #1 Past Master - Bennett Valley #16
- ❖ DIXIE FREMEREY - Past State Deputy - Contra Costa County #45 Past Master, Danville #85

Pomona and Subordinate:

Antelope Valley Pomona #39

- ❖ Sam Walston Spouse - Pomona Master - Antelope Valley Pomona #39

Butte County Pomona #16

- ❖ Leslie Evans Past Master - Concow #735
- ❖ Mary Frost Past Master - Chico #486

Fresno-Madera Pomona #24

- ❖ Hazel Arriet - Past Master Kerman #484 - Coalinga #778
- ❖ Wilda Roberts - Spouse - Past Master - Fowler #481
- ❖ Frances Baldwin - Spouse - Past Master

Glenn County Pomona #12

- ❖ Eva Smith - Spouse - Past Master - Jacinto #431 Humboldt - Northern County Pomona #48
- ❖ Don Comstock - Past Master - Freshwater #499

Lake County Pomona #43

- ❖ Peter Hale - Past Master - Bachelor Valley 9667

Mendocino County Pomona #10

- ❖ Joseph Galli - Past Master - Fort Bragg #672
- ❖ Phyllis McMillen - Past Master - Garcia #676

Merced County Pomona #23

- ❖ Lillian Warner - Past Master - Bear Creek #530
- ❖ Margarita Lopez - Spouse - Past Master - Winton #531

Monterey County Pomona #17

- ❖ James Jackson - Past Master - Prunedale #37

Napa County #7

- ❖ Shirley Williams - Past Master - Welcome #791

Nevada County Pomona #51

- ❖ Mark Anderson - Past Master - Banner #627
- ❖ Raymond Daniels - Past Master - Golden Empire #806
- ❖ Walter Struckman - Past Master - Banner #627

Orange County Pomona #36

- ❖ Ercyl Dison - Past Master - Costa Mesa #612
- ❖ Malcolm Thurston - Past Master - Orange Pomona #36 - Past Master - La Habra #622 - Past Master - Garden Grove

California State Grange

- ❖ Donald Hill - Past Master - Orange Pomona #36 - Past Master La Habra #622

Plumas Sierra Pomona #18

- ❖ Louis Maddalena - Past Master - Sierra Valley #466

Sacramento County Pomona #2

- ❖ Lucille Berg - Spouse - Past Master - Rio Linda #403
- ❖ Shirley Straw - Past Master - Orangevale #354

San Bernardino County #32

- ❖ Bill Webb - Past Master - Muscog #589

San Diego County Pomona #35

- ❖ Tina Knudsen - Spouse - Past Master - San Diego Pomona #35 - Past Master - San Marcos #633

San Joaquin/Calaveras County Pomona #20

- ❖ Edna Wagner - Spouse - Past Master - Woodbridge #482

Santa Cruz Pomona #22

- ❖ Doris Hansen - Spouse - Past Master - Aptos #800
- ❖ Hazel Cochran - Spouse - Past Master - Aptos #800

San Luis Obispo County Pomona #27

- ❖ Einer Hero - Past Master - Grover City #746

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Santa Barbara County Pomona #38

- ❖ Wallace Edson - Past Master - Lompoc #646 - Past Master - Santa Clara County Pomona #4
- ❖ Louis Mazzone - Past Master Santa Clara Pomona #4 - Past Master - Coyote #412
- ❖ June Mazzone - Past Master - Santa Clara Pomona #4 Past Master - Coyote #412

Shasta County Pomona #13

- ❖ Eula Lee - Spouse - Past Master - Shasta Pomona #13 - Past Master - Happy Valley #720

Sonoma County Pomona #1

- ❖ Albert Glaser - Past Master - Geyserville #312
- ❖ Charles LaFranconi - Past Master - Bennett Valley #16
- ❖ Frank LaFranconi - Past Master - Bennett Valley #16
- ❖ Ruth Swanson - Spouse - Past Master - Bennett Valley #16

Tehama County Pomona #15

- ❖ Kermit Kast - Past Master - El Camino #462

Ventura County Pomona

- ❖ Cecil Gardner - Past Master - Ventura Pomona #50 - Past Master - Ojai Valley #659

Rank And File And All Veterans

6.8 Resolution of Appreciation

WHEREAS The 127th Annual Session of the California State Grange assembled in Redding for the final time this century in a city so gracious to us that we return frequently, and

WHEREAS The officers, delegates, and ever-faithful members worked diligently to fulfill their duties and desires to preserve the family fraternity we love and care for, therefore be it

RESOLVED That we extend our heartfelt appreciation and thanks to the many individuals who contributed to its success:

- To Joy Beatie for her opening reception with the sounds of the Singing Sheriffs who pleased us with real country music and the two children who delighted in dancing to their tunes.
- To our State Legislative Director George Dupray who can tell us about every important piece of legislation with pin-point accuracy, but can't remember where he's been or what state of mind he is in; could it be his "Golf Days" excuse?
- To Senator Maurice Johannesen who warned us to be watchful of our water rights lest we lose them in the future.
- To Rosemary Hansen and her convention committee for all the work involved with preparations in the city of Redding.
- To the Shasta County Grangers for their outstanding hospitality.
- To the Youth Teams for the grand opening and the Fifth Degree presentation. Thanks, Amanda Booth, for the lovely song during the Sixth Degree.
- To our visiting guests: Oregon Master Ed Lutrell, with his update on the National Grange delegate sash project (yes, we have been proud to participate as the #1 supporter to date); Pennsylvania Master William Steel, representing the National Grange, suggesting that perhaps we should address the small issues that lead to work overload and misunderstandings.
- To Faye and Vern Moore of Idaho for their potatoes.
- To Robert and Diane Fromke and the delightful story of what to do with excess dog hair.
- To Russell Harris, our Membership Director, for the good news and the bad news and how we as members can work to change the bad news.
- To Karen Heckman who opened her Deaf Activities Report with an awareness message we really tried to hear, but only if we can relate to the problems of the deaf and hard of hearing.
- To Katie Squire for her continuing support of the Junior program, the only area in which we achieved real membership growth. Perhaps the activities of their members should be tried in our senior granges.
- To Sharon Angle, chairman of the Budget Committee for all the overtime she and her committee put in to develop a "passable" budget, not in the best interests of the future of the State Grange, but in the interests of the delegates to "get on with the session".

- To our State Lecturer Nancy Moramarco for a varied and talented program and all the contestants who participated. These Grangers show that we can entertain our own by sharing their gifts of writing, speech and song.
- To Marian Nichols and her staff for serving on the election committee and the registration committee.
- To Donna Haynes, Youth Director, and the Youth Department for the barbecue, breakfast, and their able-bodied assistance for all occasions. And to Bob Lang for being the Youth Booster of the Year.
- To Harry Schmidt who attended his 65th consecutive state session and again had new chuckles for us.
- To our Chaplain Betty Barrett for the annual presentation of her inspirational Memorial Service. And a big thanks to the gentleman who constructed the lovely table-top cross.
- To outgoing State Secretary Naomi Fletcher who manages to keep everything straight when it gets confusing on the floor, except when a power disruption causes data to be lost from her computer. Congratulations on your new position as the first woman Master of the California State Grange.
- To the hard-working deputies for guarding the gates and keeping the delegates deluged with paperwork.
- To the Resolution Committees and their chairmen for keeping the flow of information coming and going.
- To Pat Avila, Jay and Jan Hartz, and the unpaid volunteers who keep the State Grange office running smoothly.
- To State Community Service Chairman Emily Felder for her encouragement towards reporting our service projects, even though we didn't quite fulfill the new requirements. We love you, Emily, and share in your disappointment.
- To our Master John Felder who survived two years in office, leading us with the precepts of hope and perseverance. Thank you for your strength and wisdom.

Thanks also to all the unnamed patrons who contributed to making this, our last session of this century, a challenging and informative one. Be it further

RESOLVED That the new century will mean a new beginning for our order with new convictions leading to growth, our continuing concern for the rights of the small family farmer, and the spread of Grange principles throughout the world.

Fraternally submitted,

Inger Bevans, Monterey County

