

# California State Grange

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## Section I

Officers of the California State Grange Convention Schedule Standing Rules Minutes of Annual Session Correspondence Delegates to Annual Session

## **Officers for 2008 - 2009**

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## California State Grange

136th Annual Session Holiday Inn Sacramento Northeast Agenda 10/14/08 – 10/18/08

## "Our Community - Our Country"

## $Tuesday-October\ 14^{th}$

8:30 – 4:30 PM Expo Receiving

Hospitality Room Opens (McClellan Suite)
Expo receiving – Katie Squire (Horizon Room)
Registration & Delegate check-in
First Timers Workshop
Lecturer's Workshop – Buzz Chernoff
Membership Workshop – Rich Saxe
Treasurer's Workshop – Marian Nichols
Legislative Chairpersons Meeting
Junior Grange Workshop – Suzy Moramarco
Musician's Workshop – Lyndy Wright
Lunch break
Secretary Workshop – Amy Self & Kalie Benson
Masters' Workshop – Randy Lewis
Legislative Workshop - Mike Greene
Convention Deputy's Meeting – Jack Eyler
Presentation
Memorial Service
Welcome Reception

## Wednesday – October 15<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM to Noon Expo Receiving

7:00 AM	Hospitality Room Opens
8:00 AM	Registration Opens
8:30 AM	Opening of 136 <sup>th</sup> Annual Session in 6 <sup>th</sup> Degree
	Roll Call of Officers
	Lower to Fourth Degree
	Escort & Introduction of Honored Guests
	Introduce Out of State Grange Visitors
	Partial Credential Report
	Approval of Standing Rules
	Approval of Schedule
	Communications
10:00 AM	Guest Speaker – Calif. State Sec. for Resources Mike Chrisman
	Master's Address (Part I) – Randall Lewis
Noon	First Timers Lunch (All welcome with lunch ticket)
	Registration closes
1:00 PM	Registration opens

1:30	Session reconvenes
	Water Committee Program
	Approval of Exec Committee 2007-2008 Minutes
	Master's Address (Part II) - Randall Lewis
	Secretary's Report
	Treasurer's Report
	Officer's and Director's Reports
	Resolution Process Seminar
	Required Constitutional Resolutions
4:00	Budget Presentation
5:30	Closing of the Grange
6:30	Master's Banquet Reception
7:00	Dinner & Program

## Thursday – October 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30 AM GWA Breakfast

6:30 AM	GWA Breakfast
8:30 AM	Opening of the Grange in the 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree
	Roll Call of Officers
	Reading the Journal of the Previous Day
	GWA March
	California Grange Foundation Annual Meeting
	Final Credential Report
	Nomination & Election of officers
Noon	Recess for Lunch
	Patrons Lunch (All welcome with lunch ticket)
1:15	Session reconvenes
	National Grange Representatives
	American Income Life Report
	Pre Paid Legal & Identify Theft Program Report
	Autumn Leaves Report (s)
	Resolution processing
6:00	Recess for dinner
7:30	Session reconvenes
	Resolutions processing
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Closing of the Grange

# Friday- October 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30AM You

9:00

6:30AM	Youth Breakfast – Orangevale Grange Hall
8:30 AM	Opening of the Grange in the Fourth Degree – Youth Team
	Roll Call of Officers
	Reading the Journal of the Previous Day
	Resolution processing
	Veteran's Recognition Program
11:00 AM	Guest Speaker
Noon	Recess for lunch – Youth BBQ Orangevale Grange Hall
2:30	Reconvene Session
	Youth Department Presentation
	GIA Report
4:00	Youth Department Meet & Greet (All welcome)
5:00	Closing of Session

Showcase of Talent Dinner 6:30

Sign-A-Song Program
Lecturer's Program Variety Program

# Saturday – October 18<sup>th</sup> 10 AM - 2 PM Expo Entry Release

8:30 AM	Exemplification of 5 <sup>th</sup> Degree
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10:00 AM	Exemplification of 6 <sup>th</sup> Degree
11:30 AM	Youth lunch meeting
12:30	Youth & Youth Fair Presentations
1:00 PM	Opening – in Full Form in the 6 <sup>th</sup> Degree
1:30 PM	Youth Train Museum Field Trip
	Roll call of Officers
	Lower to the Fourth Degree
	Reading of Journal of Previous Day
2:00 PM	Installation of Officers
3:00 PM	Resolution Processing
	Unfinished Business
	Resolution of Appreciation
	Closing of 136 <sup>th</sup> Annual Session
6:00 PM	Youth Pizza Party with DJ Music (for youth only)
6:30 PM	Dinner and CSG Membership Talent Contest Finals

#### **Committee Chairs**

The following have been named to chair their respective Committees, Programs (\*asterisk indicates resolution committee)

 Jeremy Heckman

 6th Degree
 Randy Lewis

 Convention Nurse
 Betty-Ann Beringer Rehm

 Credentials
 Katie Squire

 Decorations
 Sherry Lange

 Degree Staging
 Marta Kroeger & Karen Heckman

 Election
 Frank Nichols

 Expo
 Katie Squire

 Flowers/Plants
 Dale & Shirley Baker

 Hospitality
 Ethel March & Betty Crile

 Officers Installation
 Lee Geiger

 National Representative Escort
 Bob McFarland

 Production
 Jay Hartz and Summer Maddux

 Registration
 Amy Self and Kalie Benson

Resolution of Appreciation ------- Cheri Bunker
Youth Breakfast------ Bill & Patty Allen
Youth Lunch ------ Bill & Patty Allen
Youth 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Session Opening ------ Youth Team

#### **Legislative/Resolution Committees**

The following are Committee Assignments for Resolution Processing

#### Agriculture

Johnny Squire, ChairJay AllredKen WhitneyMichelle FaethJoseph StefenoniJeanette Doney

#### Conservation

Liz Finn, Chair Richard McNamara

Kalie Benson Bob Pinney
Buzz Chernoff Dale Baker

#### **Education**

Karen Heckman, Chair Erica Bruce Randall Marler Ann Larson

Julie Kroger Linda MacCracken

#### **Foreign Affairs**

Ed Bruce, Chair Les Reynolds Misty Trombley Nenita Lomboy

Nancy Alvarez

#### **Grange Activities**

Rosemary Hansen, Chair Betty Myers Marta Kroger Ernie White Lee Geiger Tim Cruz

Ken Donnell

**Grange Law** 

Bruce Brunell, Chair

Barbara Geiger

Larry Kroger

Nancy Moramarco

Robert Alvarez

Howard Sihner

Jack Surmani

Morgana Bevans

Health

Jim McDaniel, ChairYvette AdamsBettyann Beringer-RehmLeslie ParkerDolores LarriganDomingo Lomboy

**Labor & Judiciary** 

Liz Reynolds, Chair Tony Mello Carrie Cook Charles Voss

Rosemarie Hassel

**Public Policy** 

Ronald Trombley, Chair

Bob McFarland

Beverly Glenn

Lisa Valentine

Jeremy Heckman

Leroy Squire

**Taxation** 

Dick Dahms, ChairCheri BunkerShirley BakerBill ThomasSylvia SloanStefani Kroesen

**Transportation** 

William Allen, Chair Charlie Betschart
Cynthia Komski Joan Townsend

Crystal Jones

Water

David Lewis, Chair Jay Hartz
Howard Brophy Louise Vitek
Craig Eckert Chris Blesch

## California State Grange

## Session Rules 2008

The Standing Rules of the Convention will apply only to the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange, Sacramento, California, 2008. (Reference: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, Chapter XIX, Section 58.)

**REGISTRATION FEE WAIVER:** The Registration Fee shall be waived for Junior Grangers and those invited guests approved by the Executive Committee.

**BADGES:** No one will be admitted to the session without a badge which signifies their registration fee has been paid (except as noted above).

**<u>DELEGATE REGISTRATION:</u>** Closing date and time for "Delegate Registration" shall be at 5:00 PM, Thursday, October 16, 2008. Any late registrant shall have the approval of the State Master.

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

**Deadline:** The last date for the acceptance of properly submitted resolutions shall be 60 days prior to the opening of Convention (for 2008, resolutions were accepted if Postmarked by September 2<sup>nd</sup>). Resolutions received after the deadline will be held over for the following year's Convention unless the Committee Chairman feels the resolution should be acted upon during the current session. All late resolutions should be taken to the appropriate Committee Chairman who will make a determination.

**Committee Make-up:** Each committee shall have a Chairman and a Secretary

**Committee Meetings:** Committees shall not meet while the Convention is in "In Session" and their meeting schedule will be posted outside the Convention Session Hall.

**Committee Processing:** After notifying a Delegate of the sponsoring Grange of origin (unless they are not represented at the Convention) the committees will be allowed to kill resolutions for the following reasons:

- a) They restate current policy.
- b) They have been acted upon by the Delegate Body within the past two years.
- c) They are poorly written and the Committee can not achieve the desired results in the resolved.
- d) They cover several subjects which cannot be easily split into separate resolutions.
- e) The Resolution changes current CSG policy, unless they clearly state the intent of the resolution is to change current policy.

**Consent Calendar:** All "Killed" resolutions will be listed on a "Committee Consent Calendar" and reported to the delegates during the convention.

**Overriding Committee Action:** Any Delegate may bring a "Killed" resolution onto the floor by the passage of a motion.

**Committee Presentation:** In presenting the resolution on the Convention floor, the Committee spokesman will only read the "Resolved" portion of all resolutions, and then state the Committees action. If the Committees recommendation is to reject the resolution, the Committee Spokesman will briefly explain the reason for the Committee's action.

**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.

**Re-Written Resolution Introduction:** A vote shall not be taken on a resolution unless it has been in the delegates' hands at least two (2) hours.

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

**FLOOR MOTIONS IN WRITNG:** 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 & DIRECTOR REPORTS:** The written reports of all officers and Directors shall be submitted to the Secretary's Station prior to the close of the first day of session (if they have not sent them to the State Office prior to Convention) 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.

**CONVENTION SITE 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)

**FRAGRANCES:** Please refrain from wearing perfumes, after shaves or other fragrances during the session or at any of the functions. Some of our members have allergies and it is everyone's desire to have an enjoyable convention. (Floor Motion - 2007)

### California State Grange 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Session Sacramento, California Minutes

The California State Grange Officers were introduced by Dale Baker and marched in to the strains of Imagine as the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange was opened in full form in the Sixth Degree at 8:30 AM on Wednesday October 15, 2008 by Worthy Master Randall Lewis. The flag of our nation was presented by Worthy Flora, Morgana Bevans. The opening song, "This Land is Your Land" was led by Lecturer Buzz Chernoff and was offered in honor of the convention theme "Our Community – Our Country."

<u>Honored Guests</u>: Roger Bostwick, Assistant Steward of the National Grange and Melanie Bostwick, First Lady of the Kansas State Grange, Past CSG Master Robert Clouse and Past First Lady Martha Stefenoni were escorted to the Master's Station, welcomed to the session and each spoke briefly.

Master Lewis also recognized those members who had traveled from other states to be with us. Jim & Margaret Clute of Oregon were recognized for their service to the California State Grange over the past 12 years.

<u>Credential Report</u>: A partial report of the Credential's Committee was presented by the Worthy Secretary. 63 Granges are being represented by 94 delegates. 49 Subordinate Granges and 14 Pomona Granges have representation, giving us 27% of the Granges represented. A minimum of 25% representation is required, that minimum has been met and the session may continue.

The Master Lewis announced that Guest speaker, Mike Chrisman, California Secretary of Resources was called into a Cabinet meeting by the Governor, and his presentation to us has been rescheduled for 5:00 PM this afternoon.

<u>Convention Standing Rules</u>: It was moved by Martha Stefenoni and seconded by Houghton Sawyer that the standing rules of the convention be accepted as printed. Motion carried. Standing rules were adopted.

<u>Convention Schedule:</u> Motion by Martha Stefenoni that the convention schedule be approved with an amendment to account for the change in our Guest speaker's schedule, seconded by Dale Baker. Motion carried. The convention schedule was adopted.

BettyAnn Biringer-Rehm of Dows Prairie Grange acknowledged that she will be serving as the nurse for the course of the session and will be present at the back of the hall. While she enjoys seeing you at convention, she would prefer to not see you professionally this week.

**Executive Committee Minutes:** Motion by Lee Geiger and seconded by Jack Eyler to accept the Executive Committee minutes. Motion carried.

Resolution processing seminar was presented by the Worthy Master. He explained that in order to streamline the resolution process each committee has developed a consent calendar for those resolutions that are either poorly written or apply to current policy.

<u>Budget:</u> It was moved by Martha Stefenoni and seconded by Houghton Sawyer that the budget be accepted. Discussion.

Motion to Amend by Larry Kroger, Chairman of the Budget Committee and seconded by Houghton Sawyer to amend the Budget, "The Executive Committee restore those Budget items printed in bold to the amounts originally requested, if and when, additional rental or other income becomes available. Motion carried, amendment adopted.

Motion to Amend by Larry Kroger and seconded by Dale Baker, insert "If by the end of the second quarter the rental properties are not rented, an additional fee of five (\$5) dollars per member be added to the third quarter billing to the Subordinate Granges. This fee is to be used only for funding the 2009 Annual Session." Discussion. The Worthy Master determined that this amendment will require a 2/3 majority to pass. Additional discussion.

Motion to Amend the Amendment by John Luvaas and seconded by Marlene Hogaboom, to strike the balance of the first sentence following the words, are not rented, and insert "each Subordinate Grange will be asked to request donations from their members to be added to 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report." Discussion. Motion carried. The motion as amended will now need a majority vote to pass.

The motion to amend as amended was returned to the floor for discussion. Amended amendment failed.

The Budget as originally amended returned to the floor. **Budget approved**.

The membership of the California Grange was challenged by Lee Geiger to hold one additional event to raise funds to support the convention.

Motion from the floor: Shirley Baker moved "That the Worthy Master establish a 2009 Convention committee to identify funding sources. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Worthy Overseer Martha Stefenoni was asked to approach the Master's Station in preparation for the Master's Address (Part 1).

<u>Master's Address – Part I</u>: Worthy Master Randall Lewis presented the first part of his Master's report. It was moved by Bruce Brunell and seconded to accept the Worthy Master's initial report, print it in the Journal of Proceedings, and direct any portions for action to the appropriate committees. Motion carried.

Master Lewis resumed his station and the Worthy Overseer returned to her station.

<u>Communications</u>: A letter from the National Grange Master, Ed Luttrell, was read, offering congratulations on our 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Session. A letter was also read from Past Master Leo T Bergeron and Past First Lady Kathy Bergeron offering highlights of their year. The members were also reminded of their duty to each other and agriculture. A letter detailing the results of the Grange Trial Court Decision, Hitt vs. Lewis was presented.

<u>Treasurers Report</u>: The report was presented by Sister Marian Nichols. It was moved by Liz Finn, and seconded by Barbara Geiger to accept the Treasurer's report and print it in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

The Worthy Overseer was again requested to assume the position of Master for the second part of the Master's Report.

<u>Secretary's Report</u>: Sister Katie Squire offered her Secretary's report. It was moved by Liz Finn, and seconded by Lee Geiger to accept the report of the Secretary and print it in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

<u>Master's Address – Part II</u>: Worthy Master Randall Lewis presented the second part of his address, concerning internal functioning of the Grange. It was moved by Bruce Brunell and seconded by Liz Reynolds to approve the second part of the Master's Address for inclusion in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Master Lewis returned to his position and resumed the chair.

Grange Law Chairman, Bruce Brunell, was introduced to work resolutions that must be completed before any elections can be held

**Res. 08-042** –**GL: Term Limits for California Officers**: The chairman announced that there was a friendly amendment made by the author adding the word "full" before the word terms in the second resolved. Committee action: no recommendation. Resolution placed on the floor with no recommendation. Discussion. It was moved by Rosemary Hansen and seconded by Cheri Bunker to reject the resolution. Discussion. **Motion carried. Resolution rejected.** 

Res. 08-050 – GL: Term Limits: Committee recommendation to reject. Committee recommendation adopted. Resolution rejected.

**Drawings:** Chris Blesch won a tool set.

**Announcements**: Transportation and Legislation Committees were asked to meet immediately after the meeting is adjourned. Seating arrangements

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 11:44 AM. The First Timer's Lunch was held in the adjoining room.

At 1:30 PM the California State Grange presented a wonderful and informative, public Water Symposium regarding the Delta water situation. The symposium was offered through the cooperative efforts of Water Committee Chairman, David Lewis, Lecturer Buzz Chernoff, and Legislative Director Michael Greene.

The session was called back to order at 4:03 PM by Master Randall Lewis. Public Relations Director, Bob McFarland presented a short video featuring Frank and Marian Nichols. It is hoped that this will be the first in a series about heritage Grange members. The Public Relations department report was presented.

The Master asked for a volunteer from the Deputy corps to await the arrival of the guest speaker, who is in transit at this time. He is expected to arrive near 5:00 PM.

Houghton "Tom" Sawyer presented his report as Chairman of the California State Grange Executive Committee. It was moved and seconded that the report of the Executive Committee Chairman be accepted and printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the report of the Public Relations Department be accepted and printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Master Lewis recognized the members who had contributed their time and effort to making this convention a success.

Brother Ron Trombley presented his Chaplain's report. It was moved by Chris Blesch and seconded that the report be accepted and printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Musician's Report was offered by Sister Lyndy Wright. It was moved by Sharon Taylor and seconded by Chris Blesch that the report be accepted and printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

The Chief Deputy, Jack Eyler, presented his report of activities for the year. It was moved and seconded to accept the report and print it in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Patty Allen presented the report of the Youth Directors. It was moved by Dolores Larrigan and seconded that the report be accepted and printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried. Suzanne Moramarco presented the report of the Junior Director. It was moved by Dolores Larrigan and seconded by Cheri Bunker that the report be accepted and printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Bruce Brunell, Grange Law Chairman returned to work resolutions

08-028-GL Prevent Any Policy Prohibiting the Continued Use of Affiliate Membership: Committee recommendation favorable. Committee recommendation adopted. Resolution adopted.

**08-002** GL Business Meetings Online: Committee recommendation unfavorable. No discussion. Committee recommendation adopted. Resolution rejected

**08-001** GL Hold The Line On Dues Increases: Committee recommendation unfavorable. No discussion. Committee recommendation adopted. Resolution rejected.

Cheri Bunker – Chairman for the Taxation Committee came forward to present resolutions.

**08-009** Tax Prevent Closure of Rural Post Office: Committee recommendation favorable. Discusion. It was moved by Buzz Chernoff and seconded to amend inserting "the Postmaster General or any other appropriate authority" following the word lobby in the resolved. Discussion. Friendly amendment was added to strike "this" in the resolve. Further discussion. It was noted that the scope of this resolution should be National. Amendment adopted.

Resolution as amended back on the floor. **Resolution adopted as amended**.

**08-012-Tax Credit Scoring: committee recommendation unfavorable.** No discussion. **Recommendation adopted. Resolution rejected.** 

**08-014-Tax: Prevent Tax Grab: Committee recommendation unfavorable.** No discussion. **Recommendation adopted. Resolution rejected.** 

08-024-Tax: Spend U.S. Public Works Funds or Procurement Funds Within the United States of America. Committee recommendation unfavorable. No discussion. Recommendation adopted. Resolution rejected.

08-029-Tax: Reaffirm Keeping Proposition 13 in Place: Committee recommendation unfavorable as it is already policy. No discussion. Recommendation adopted. Resolution rejected.

**08-043-Tax Stay-At-Home Parent Retirement: Committee recommendation unfavorable.** No discussion. **Recommendation adopted, resolution rejected.** 

**Guest Speaker:** Mike Chrisman, California Director of Resources was escorted to the Master's Station. Mr. Chrisman explained the diversity of resources that are covered by his department. Of special importance at this time is water. There has been only one "above ground" water storage facility built in the past 10 years. Based on the current conditions and increased need statewide there is considerable reason to look at expanding water resources. Mr. Chrisman answered questions from the floor. With the thanks of the membership the guest speaker was escorted from the gathering.

An additional announcement was made regarding a committee meeting immediately after closing. The delegation was informed about the plans in preparation for dinner.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Day of the 136<sup>th</sup> California State Grange Session was closed at 5:44 PM.

The delegates and guests were treated to a toe tapping banquet later in the evening. The Sacramento Banjo Band provided the evenings entertainment while the members dined at the buffet. Brother Jay Hartz was recognized for his service to the Grange since he joined in the early 1970's. Representative Doug LaMalfa was presented with a plaque in recognition of his contribution, as an Assemblyman, to the legislative experience of the California State Grange. Following the banquet the Banjo Band returned for another set. It was announced that the Grange Expo was opened for viewing this evening.

#### **Second Day of Session**

The second day of the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange began with the entrance of the California State Grange Officers. The meeting was opened by Worthy Master Randall Lewis at 8:40 AM. The opening song, The Battle Hymn of the Republic was introduced by Worthy Lecturer Buzz Chernoff. The flag was presented by Worthy Ceres Nancy Alvarez.

Roll Call of Officers was taken, Brother Jack Eyler was temporarily detained on GWA business, and Lee Geiger was found filling his position, all other officers were present.

The Minutes of the First Day of the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange were presented by Secretary, Katie Squire. Errors and omissions were noted and corrections made. The minutes were approved as corrected.

<u>Honored Guests</u>: Sister Betty Eyler, Director of the GWA, her team of Regional Directors, and the Sisters of the Grange entered the hall to the jazzy strains of "As the Saints Go Marching In" as honored guests. The GWA presented the Worthy Master with an American eagle sculpture as a token of their esteem.

The meeting was set at ease at 9:15 AM for the Annual meeting of the California Grange Foundation.

The Grange returned to work at 9:47 AM.

The Worthy Master announced that the GWA march brought in donations amounting to \$907.55.

**Final Credential Report:** Fifteen Pomona Granges are represented by 22 Delegates. Sixty-five Subordinate Granges are represented by 110 delegates. Total voting delegates 132. Total Grange representation 39.6%.

The Worthy Master reviewed the voting procedures, as they have been changed from prior years' elections.

Additional resolutions and re-write resolutions were passed out at 10:06 AM.

The Worthy Overseer announced that those interested in taking home Chrysanthemums should see her with \$5 and she will give you a label for your plant.

The Worthy Lecturer, Buzz Chernoff, recognized the birth of one of our "elder" members, Jack Eyler. In honor of Jack and all other members celebrating their natal day the delegates sang "Happy Birthday."

Brother Robert Clouse presented information about the passing of Common Sense from this mortal coil.

The Election committee assumed their position on the stage.

**Nominations for Offices:** Nominations for the position of Executive Committeeman #1 were opened.

Bob McFarland El Dorado County Houghton Tom Sawyer Santa Clara County

Worthy Master acknowledged the Granges and individuals that have made donations for this convention.

Liz Reynolds, Chairman of Labor and Judiciary Committee was introduced to work resolutions.

**08-006-L&J Improve Child Support Withholding Procedures: Committee recommendation unfavorable,** already federal law. **Recommendation adopted, resolution rejected.** 

**08-010-L&J Air the "Bennies": Committee recommendation unfavorable.** No discussion. **Recommendation adopted, resolution rejected.** 

**08-016-L&J Register Illegal Aliens: Committee recommendation unfavorable.** Discussion. **Committee recommendation fails.** The resolution is now on the floor without recommendation.

Motion by Martha Stefenoni to reject resolution 08-016-L&J, seconded. Motion carried. Resolution rejected.

08-031-L&J Public Benefits: Committee Recommendation unfavorable. Committee recommendation adopted, resolution rejected.

08-045-L&J Mandatory Substance Abuse Programming for Public Offenders Who Are Drug or Alcohol Addicts: committee recommendation, unfavorable. Recommendation adopted, resolution rejected.

Chairman Reynolds thanked her committee for their work and research.

Rosemary Hansen, Grange Activities Chairman approached to work resolutions.

08-008-GA Grange Responsibility for the Homeless: Committee recommendation unfavorable. Recommendation adopted, resolution rejected.

08-034-GA Study Reducing Convention Costs: Recommendation, favorable as amended, inserting "Master" after CSG. Committee recommendation adopted, Resolution adopted as amended.

08-040-GA Formation, Purpose and Authority of a State Grange Good of the Order Committee: recommendation unfavorable. Discussion. Resolution was withdrawn by the Grange.

**Election Committee Report**: Frank Nichols presented the election results.

116 voting

Bob McFarland 69 Tom Sawyer 38 Spoiled 8 Blank 1

The number of spoiled ballots was explained by committee member Dolores Larrigan.

Floor Motion by Joseph Stefenoni, with permission from his delegate, to rescind the voting procedure adopted last year, for the ballot, seconded. Motion declared out of order by the Worthy Master.

Bob McFarland was declared elected to the position of Executive Committeeman for the ensuing term.

Nominations for the second Executive Committee position:

Cheri Bunker
Bruce Brunell
David Lewis
Larry Kroger
Tom Sawyer

Butte County
Mendocino County
Sonoma County
Contra Costa County
Santa Clara County

Grange Activities Chairman, Rosemary Hansen continued processing resolutions.

08-044-GA Accounts owed the California State Grange by Subordinate (Community) or Pomona Granges: Committee recommendation, favorable. Recommendation adopted, resolution adopted.

08-046-GA Historical Resources Preservation: Recommendation unfavorable. Recommendation adopted, resolution rejected.

**08-047-GA Alternative Energy for Grange Halls: Recommendation unfavorable**, foundation funds are only available for education purposed only. Discussion.

Motion made by Martha Stefenoni to substitute the resolution for the committee report, seconded. Motion carried.

Motion by Martha Stefenoni to amend the resolution by striking the second resolved, seconded. Motion carried. Resolution amended.

Motion made by Martha Stefenoni to adopt the resolution as amended, seconded. Discussion.

Motion to amend made by Johnny Squire to strike "State Lecturer and the Deputies be directed" and substitute "the CSG Master appoint a committee", motion seconded. Discussion. Motion carried. Resolution amended.

Resolution as amended returned to the floor. Discussion. **Original motion to adopt the resolution carried, resolution adopted.** 

Lecturer and Alan Carrozza volunteered to serve on the Alternative Energy committee. Brother Ken Donnell and Sister BettyAnn Birringer-Rehm also volunteered to be part of the committee.

**Election Committee reported:** 117 ballots cast

Cheri Bunker Butte County 20

Bruce Brunell	Mendocino County	30
David Lewis	Sonoma County	29
Larry Kroger	Contra Costa County	11
Tom Sawyer	Santa Clara County	25
Spoiled		2

A run-off was declared between Brothers Brunell and Lewis.

Additional resolutions were passed out at 11:43 AM

**Drawing:** Bob Westfall received a door prize.

Announcements were made from the Overseer's station. Robert Clouse announced that the menu for the Youth Breakfast tomorrow is Biscuits and Gravy. A map to Orangevale Grange is available at the back of the hall.

Lucette Moramarco brought the delegate body an update from Sister Barbara McGrosso, who was injured last year on the way home from convention. Sister Luella Crandall, her mother, was also injured in the accident and succumbed earlier this year due to complications from the accident. Barbara thanked the members for their cards and prayers. She is back at work in Georgia at the Border Patrol training center.

The Grange adjourned for the Patron's Lunch at 11:50 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 1:24 PM, but was held at ease.

**Prepaid Legal & Identity Theft Program:** The Worthy Master introduced Tony Lamm, for the Prepaid Legal & Identity Theft Program report. This is one of our benefit providers for the membership. After an informative presentation Brother Lamm provided answers for questions from the floor.

Robert Clouse provided a testimonial regarding the Prepaid Legal program.

The musical interlude posed the burning question "Does Your Chewing Gum Lose It's Flavor on the Bedpost Overnight?"

Dale Baker requested a Moment of Personal Privilege. Accompanied by Bob McFarland he discussed the Grange Relief Emergency Action Team (G.R.E.A.T.). A group of Granges have come together to develop an action plan in order to provide assistance to California Grange members within 2 hours of an emergency. There will be a website, 800 phone number, digital bulletin board and fund raising aspects of the program. It is hoped that additional Granges will join the effort and hold a fund raiser during the year to support this program. Funds will be administered through the CA Grange Foundation.

The meeting was reopened for business at 2:05 PM

National Grange Representatives: Roger Bostwick, National Grange Assistant Steward and Master of the Kansas State Grange and Sister Melanie were escorted to the Master's Station and introduced. Keep in mind that the key element of our organization is the Community Grange. The Grange can be tailored to the needs of the community. Something new from the National Grange is a poster, suitable for framing that outlines our beliefs as Grange members. The Grange has always been about change. Change with a definite reason is a good thing. Brother Bostwick also spoke about the use of the Grange name, as proposed by Tyson Foods. Look to the youth organizations in your community, especially 4-H and FFA, they are well trained leaders, used to working on service. And, when you return to your Grange make sure to show off your new Grange

attitude. Sister Melanie Bostwick, First Lady of the Kansas State Grange thanked the California State Grange for their hospitality. The Bostwicks were escorted back to their seats to tune of the Kansas State Song, "Home on the Range."

**Autumn Leaves Reports:** Brother Strock and Sister Rosemary Hansen were escorted to the Master's station for their reports.

Sister Hansen presented the report of Vacaville Autumn Leaves, which was made possible by the Grange and the Retirement Housing Foundation. Twenty years ago this year the Vacaville Autumn Leaves opened, and at the time it was outside of town, now it is surrounded by business.

It was moved by Yvette Adams and seconded that the report be accepted and printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

The Ukiah Autumn Leaves report was presented by Brother Henry Strock. This year Autumn Leaves celebrated it 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Autumn Leaves began as a seed of a thought in the mind of a Grange member. It has been fostered through the perseverance of the members over the years.

Moved by Houghton Sawyer and seconded that the report be accepted and printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

The ballots for the run-off election were collected.

**Officer Reports:** Membership co-director Jan Saxton has arrived but is taking a nap and requested to give report later in the convention.

Marta Kroeger's report as Pomona outlined a new vision for the court. New chair backs for the court. She thanked Grangers for helping with the court. She spoke about documenting the stories of long time members. The ultimate goal is to produce an hour long PBS presentation about the Grange.

It was moved and seconded to accept Pomona's report and print it in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Grange Activities Chairman, Rosemary Hanson returned to work resolution

**08-048-GA Insurance for Grange Halls: Committee recommendation unfavorable.** No discussion. **Recommendation adopted, resolution rejected.** 

08-049-GA Membership Development: Committee recommendation unfavorable. Recommendation adopted, resolution rejected.

08-052-GA Convention Planning: Committee recommendation unfavorable. Recommendation adopted, resolution rejected.

08-057-GA Incorporation of State Grange Adopted Policies into National Grange Policy: Committee recommendation favorable. Recommendation adopted, resolution adopted.

**08-039R-GA** Preserving Community Grange Halls: committee recommendation favorable as rewritten. Discussion.

Motion by Johnny Squire, to recommit the resolution to the committee along with additional proposed amendment, seconded. Motion carried, resolution returned to committee.

**Election Results**: Frank Nichols chairman of the Election Committee, 114 ballots were cast.

Bruce Brunell 56
David Lewis 50
Tom Sawyer 4
Cheri Bunker 3
Spoiled 1

A run-off election between Bruce Brunell and David Lewis was declared.

A large black and white photograph of Brother Buzz Chernoff was displayed and explanations were offered regarding the unique setting.

**GWA Report:** Sister Betty Eyler presented her report of the Grange Women's Activities Committee for the past year.

It was moved by Lee Geiger and seconded by Darlene Wingfield to accept the GWA report and print it in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

**Legislative Affairs Director's Report:** Brother Mike Greene presented a report of the activities and achievements of the Legislative Affairs Department.

It was moved by Liz Reynolds and seconded by Dave Wilson to accept the Legislative Affairs Director's report and print it in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

**Results of the Election:** The results were announced by Election Committee Chairman, Frank Nichols. 115 votes cast.

Bruce Brunell 59
David Lewis 52
Cheri Bunker 1
Tom Sawyer 3

Bruce Brunell was declared as elected as Executive Committeeman for the ensuing term.

Liz Finn, Conservation and Environmental Affairs Committee approached the podium to work resolutions.

**08-032–C&EA Right to Dry: committee recommendation favorable as amended.** Discussion. **Recommendation adopted, resolution adopted.** 

08-033-C&EA support of Hazardous Fuel Removal: Committee recommendation favorable as amended. Recommendation adopted resolution as amended adopted.

08-061-C&EA Support Zero Waste: committee recommendation favorable. Recommendation adopted, resolution adopted.

**08-058-C&EA No On Proposition 7:** Resolution withdrawn by the maker.

Motion by Chris Blesch, and seconded to bring Res. 08-061-C&EA back to the floor. Motion carried.

Motion by Liz Fin to strike "Conservation Committee" from the first line of the resolved, so that the California State Grange supports the principle of zero waste. Motion was seconded. Motion carried. Resolution amended.

Motion by Marian Nichols to accept Res 08-061 C&EA as amended, seconded. Motion adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

Motion by Liz Finn, "The California State Grange opposes Propositions 7 & 10 on the November 2008 ballot." Motion was seconded. Motion adopted.

Chairman Finn thanked her committee and gave her final report.

It was moved by Bruce Brunell and seconded by Sharon Taylor that the final report of Conservation and Environmental Affairs Committee. Motion carried and report accepted.

No Budget, No Pay.

Moved by Martha Stefenoni and seconded by Houghton Sawyer that "the California State Grange go forward with a "No Budget, No Pay" initiative as soon as possible."

Discussion, the Worthy Master reviewed what has happened during the past 30 days regarding "No Budget, No Pay". There is a monetary factor involved if we proceed with this action, nearly \$2 million. Master Lewis announced that he had obtained a website, <a href="www.NoBudget-NoPay.com">www.NoBudget-NoPay.com</a>. There have been several articles in major newspapers as well as interviews on two large radio stations in the Central Valley. Brother Mike Greene reported the procedure for beginning the initiative process. There was continued discussion.

**Previous Question was moved by Bob Westfall, seconded. Motion carried. Original Motion carried.** In doing so, the California State Grange moved forward with the "No Budget, No Pay" initiative process.

Additional resolutions were passed out at 4:43 PM

Leslie Reynolds, Foreign Affairs Committee was introduced to work resolutions.

08-023-FA Send American Produced Agricultural and Manufactured Products as Foreign Aid Instead of Money (Tax Dollars): committee recommendation favorable. Recommendation adopted, resolution adopted.

08-26-FA America Avoid the Use of Torture in All Situations: Committee recommendation unfavorable. Committee recommendation adopted, resolution rejected.

The committee chairman presented his final report. It was moved by Dave Wilson and seconded that the report be accepted and printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Dolores Larrigan, acting Chairman for the Health Committee came forward.

08-015-H Oppose SB 1096: Committee recommendation favorable. Discussion.

Motion by Martha Stefenoni, to strike the first resolve and in the second resolved by written, "That the California State Grange oppose legislation that would allow drug stores to share patient information." The motion was seconded. Discussion. A friendly amendment was offered to make the resolve read:

The CSG oppose any legislation that would allow drug stores to share patient prescription information with companies that specialize in bulk mailing." Amendment adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

**08-027-H Support help for Maintaining Rural Hospitals: committee recommendation unfavorable.** No discussion. **Recommendation adopted. Resolution adopted.** 

08-035-H increase State Funding for Community Mental Health Treatment; committee recommendation unfavorable. Recommendation adopted, resolution reject.

Sylvia Sloan, Public Policy Committee was introduced.

08-003 – PP Extend Daylight Savings Time: committee recommendation unfavorable. Recommendation adopted, resolution rejected.

08-007-PP Eliminate Super Delegates: committee recommendation unfavorable. Recommendation adopted, resolution rejected.

08-011-PP Voters ID: committee recommendation unfavorable. Recommendation adopted, resolution rejected.

08-020-PP Preserve Our Heritage: committee recommendation unfavorable. Recommendation adopted, resolution rejected.

08-021-PP Investigate the Public Utilities Commission: committee recommendation unfavorable. Recommendation adopted, resolution rejected.

08-037-PP Repeal Loyalty Oath California Public Employees: committee recommendation favorable. Recommendation adopted, resolution adopted.

08-017-PP Border Security: committee recommendation unfavorable. Recommendation adopted, resolution rejected.

08-018-PP Immigration Reform: committee recommendation unfavorable. Recommendation adopted, resolution rejected.

08-054-PP Immigration Laws and Regulations Reform: committee recommendation unfavorable. Recommendation adopted, resolutions rejected.

The final report of the Public Policy committee was given. It was moved by Bob Westfall and seconded by Marlene Hogaboom that the report of the Public Policy committee be accepted and printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

Linda MacCracken was introduced as the Chairman of the Education Committee.

08-004E Maintain Rural School Funds: committee recommendation favorable. Recommendation adopted. Resolution adopted.

08-013-E High School Career Day: committee recommendation unfavorable. Discussion.

It was moved by Leslie Reynolds and second Houghton Sawyer to substitute the resolution for the committee recommendation. Motion carried. The resolution now on the floor with no recommendation.

Motion by Leslie Reynolds and seconded by Houghton Sawyer to adopt the resolution. Motion carried. Discussion of the resolution.

Motion to amend by BettyAnn Birringer-Rehm to strike "exert pressure on" and to substitute "urge", second. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Westfall to amend, add "strike any monetary aid", seconded. Friendly amendment, to reword. Resolved to read: "That the CSG and National Grange the U.S. Congress to pass legislation that would prohibit any school district to refuse the Armed Forces representatives at the schools on Career Day." Motion to amend the amendment adopted.

Amendment as amended adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

Motion by Johnny Squire, Agriculture Committee chairman, seconded by Sharon Taylor. "The California State Grange opposes Proposition 2 on the November 2009 ballot." Discussion. Motion carried.

**Drawing:** Amanda Tottemeier received a set of Maglites.

Announcements: Youth Breakfast reminder. Youth meeting to follow the closing this evening.

The meeting was set at recess at 6:00 PM, to reconvene at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:37 PM, by Worthy Overseer Martha Stefenoni.

Water Committee Chairman David Lewis came forward to present the Water Committee resolutions.

**08-041-W Removal of Dams:** Withdrawn by the maker.

**08-055-W Water Storage**: moved to the consent calendar as it is already policy.

08-019R-W Groundwater Replenishment in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys: Committee recommendation favorable, recommendation adopted, resolution adopted.

**08-056R** – W Yolo County Water Transfer Groundwater Ordinances; committee recommendation favorable. Discussion. Committee recommendation adopted, resolution adopted.

Brother Lewis presented the final report of the Water Committee.

It was moved and seconded that the Water Committee Report be accepted and printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

Brother Bill Allen, Transportation Committee Chairman Came forward to work resolutions.

**08-064-TR High-Speed Rail bonds, Proposition 1: Committee recommendation favorable.** Discussion. **Committee recommendation adopted, resolution adopted.** 

**08-062-TR Diesel Powered Vehicles: Committee recommendation favorable.** Discussion. **Committee recommendation adopted, resolution adopted.** 

**08-063-TR California Emissions Testing: Committee recommendation favorable.** Discussion. **Motion by Katie Squire and seconded to recommit the resolution. Motion passed, resolution returned to committee.** 

Rosemary Hansen returned to present her final resolution.

**08-039R-GA Preserving Community Grange Halls: Committee recommendation favorable.** Discussion. Recommendation adopted, resolution adopted.

Sister Hansen represented the final report of the Grange Activities Committee. It was moved by Sharon Taylor and seconded by Henry Strock to accept the report of the committee and enter it into the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Brother Bob McFarland completed the press release for the "No Budget, No Pay" Initiative. Sister Stefenoni read the release to the assembled delegates.

Final announcements were made from the Overseer's station.

The second day of the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual California State Grange meeting closed at 8:40 PM.

#### **Third Day of Session**

The third day of the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange began with the entrance of the California State Youth Opening Team. The meeting was opened by Worthy Master Joseph Stefenoni at 9:23 AM. The opening song, Home on the Range, was introduced by Worthy Lecturer Ryan Schlegel. The flag was presented by Worthy Ceres Katie Heckman.

California State Grange Master, Randall Lewis was welcomed and spoke, offering his complements to the youth team for a job well done.

Roll Call of Officers was taken, Stephanie Knigge absent, Dolores Larrigan pro tem, all other officers found present.

#### 2008 California State Grange Youth Opening Team

Master	Joseph Stefenoni	Sonoma County
Overseer	Jeremy Heckman	Butte County
Lecturer	Ryan Schlegel	Santa Cruz County
Steward	Leroy Squire	Fresno County
Assistant Steward	Roger Bostwick	Kansas State Grange
Lady Assist. Steward	Morgana Bevans	Monterey County
Chaplain	Marta Kroger	Contra Costa County
Treasurer	Isabel Valtierra	El Dorado County
Secretary	Molly Burke	El Dorado County
Gatekeeper	Travis Kroger	Contra Costa County
Ceres	Katie Heckman	Butte County
Pomona	Sam Woodfin	El Dorado County
Flora	Carlene Hadden	Los Angeles County
Executive Committee	Blu Smith	El Dorado County
	Matt Knigge	Amador County
	Brandon Nebitt	Kern County

Emma Roots

**Amador County** 

The meeting was set at ease for the Youth Exit march.

The meeting was called back to order at 9:41 AM.

Joseph Stefenoni was introduced for a presentation from the Youth Department. The members of Orangevale and Sebastopol Granges were escorted to the Master's Station. Orangevale Grange was presented with the Youth Booster of the Year award, which has been revived under the auspices of Sebastopol Grange. Congratulations to all involved.

The Minutes of the Second Day of the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange were presented by Secretary, Katie Squire. Errors and omissions were noted, corrections made and rephrasing suggested. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes and print them as corrected in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

**Veterans' Salute:** Brother Les Reynolds was brought forward, along with all of the Veteran's present at the session. Brother Reynolds presented a moving salute to those who have fought for us to preserve our freedom. As part of the presentation Marta Kroger signed "Arlington" for the assembled troopers. The Veterans were escorted from the hall.

Brother Bruce Brunell presented the final report of the Grange Law Committee. It was moved by Darlene Wingfield and seconded by Lee Geiger that the final report of the Grange Law Committee be accepted and printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Cheri Bunker, Chairman of the Taxation Committee presented the final report of the Committee. Liz Fin moved to accept the Taxation Committee report and print it in the Journal of Proceedings, seconded. Motion carried.

Dolores Larrigan, Chairman of the Health Committee

08-030-H Medicare for Congress: Committee recommendation unfavorable. Discussion. Les Reynolds moved and Houghton Sawyer seconded to recommit the resolution. Motion carried. Resolution returned to committee.

**08-005-H Deal with California's Mental Health Problem: Committee recommendation unfavorable.** Already policy. **Recommendation adopted. Resolution rejected.** 

08-038R-H Mental Health Services For Children and Minor Adults: Committee recommendation favorable. Discussion. Motion by Johnny Squire and seconded by Houghton Sawyer to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Motion carried. Motion to reject the resolution by Johnny Squire and seconded by Houghton Sawyer. Discussion. Motion carried. Resolution rejected.

**Grange Insurance Association Report:** Tom McKern, Chairman of the Board of the Grange Insurance Association was introduced. He spoke about having faith in the system. He also offered an update as to the business of Grange Insurance in this time of change. Sister Carolyn McKern also spoke about some behind the scenes activity. GIA Regional Directors Sister Rosemary Hansen and Darelld Larrigan were introduced and spoke briefly.

**Guest Speaker:** Senator Jeff Denham was escorted to Master's Station. The Senator grew up as a farmer. Senator Denham presented a framed copy of the legislation supporting the Grange's efforts to work with local

historical societies to provide information about local history in high school. Senator Denham also spoke about his concerns for the future of California. This crisis offers the opportunity to reform the way California does business. At the conclusion of his comments, Senator Denham was escorted from the hall.

It was noted by Luther Wright that Common Sense is not necessarily dead, and that if the ember is fanned it will begin to glow brighter.

The Convention Committee was asked to consider meeting at Orangevale Grange or other halls in the future in order to cut costs for the convention.

**Drawing:** Bob Clouse received a special organizer for his janitorial supplies.

Jan Saxton reminded the assembly that the Statewide Talent Contest Finals will be held Saturday evening at 7:30 PM. Stop by the Prize Kitty to make a donation to help our Best of Show contestants to go to Connecticut to represent us at the National Cavalcade of Talent.

At 11:45 AM the meeting was set at recess until 2:30 PM for the Youth Barbeque.

The Worthy Master brought the meeting back to order at 2:36 PM.

Past Master William R. Booth and Sister Lillian were escorted to the Master's Station to a rousing chorus of "Won't You Come Home Bill Bailey". Brother Booth reminded us to look forward and to lead by example. He congratulated the delegate body, and reminded all of the challenges that we will face as we push forward on the "No Budget, No Pay" initiative. Sister Lillian encouraged all to be "Felony Stupid" in support of the initiative. She told about the experiences of Paradise Grange, and how it is now a growing Grange. Let's pull together and move in the same direction.

**Membership Report**: Rich Sax and Jan Saxton, Membership Directors were introduced and presented the Membership report. They spoke of the challenges and joys of working for the Grange. Jan extolled the virtue of thinking 7 generations into the future, what will your Grange be like at that time?

It was moved by Sharon Taylor and seconded by Lee Geiger to accept the report of the Membership Directors and to print it in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

**Youth Committee Report:** The report of the Youth Committee and Youth Department was presented by Joseph Stefenoni. The Youth Conference this past February brought together all 3 aspects of the Youth Department: Juniors, Youth and Young Adults. Brother Stefenoni offered thanks to the many people and organizations that have helped out with the activities of the department and offered highlights from the year.

It was moved by Liz Reynolds and seconded by Barbara Geiger to accept the report of the Youth Committee and print it in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion adopted.

American Income Life: Larry Lazano, representative of American Income Life, spoke about this important membership benefit. As members of the Grange in California and the National Grange, we are each covered for accidental death in the amount of \$5000. It was clarified that returning the forms for this coverage is not necessary, but it will make filing a claim in the event of an untimely death easier on the heirs.

Election Committee: Frank Nichols, Chairman of the Election Committee presented their final report. Moved by Liz Reynolds and seconded by Barbara Geiger to accept the report of the Election committee and print it in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Labor and Judiciary: Liz Reynolds, Chairman presented the final report of the Labor and Judiciary committee. It was moved by Darlene Wingfield and seconded to accept the report of the labor and Judiciary Committee.

Johnny Squire, Chairman of the Agriculture Committee presented their resolutions.

08-025-AG Enforce Laws that Ban Sale of Meat from Sick or "Downer" Cows: Committee recommendation unfavorable. Recommendation adopted, resolution rejected.

08-051-AG Sustainable Agriculture: committee recommendation unfavorable. Recommendation adopted, resolution rejected.

08-053-AG Immigration Special Programs: Committee recommendation favorable as amended. "That the CSG and the National Grange shall work with the appropriate agency or our legislators, when special immigration programs, such as H2A, Ag Jobs, Guest Worker, or other special programs of this nature are being formulated to ensure that they will actually be useable in the real world." Recommendation adopted resolution as amended adopted.

The Worthy Master reported that sufficient signatures (25) were received on the initial petition for the "No Budget, No Pay" initiative to present it to the Legislative Counsel's Office. Donations amounting to \$1325 were received yesterday and this morning.

Brother Bill Allen returned to the podium to work his finally resolution.

**08-063-TR** California Emissions Testing: Committee recommendation favorable as amended. Discussion. Committee recommendation adopted, resolution adopted.

Moved by Cheri Bunker to accept the report of the Transportation Committee, and print it in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Agriculture Committee: Johnny Squire presented the final report for the Agriculture Committee. It was moved by Houghton Sawyer and seconded by Bruce Brunell to accept the report of the Agriculture Committee and print it in the Journal of Proceedings.

Robert Clouse reported on the work of the Grange Hall Rehabilitation Team. They are working with Fowler and Delhi Grange, two problem Granges. Fowler Grange Hall needed a major cleanup, which has been accomplished over two separate weekends. The City of Fowler wants to use the hall and there is definite interest in reorganizing the Grange. Delhi was hit by an uninsured motorist and there was no insurance on the hall as well. They are nearly ready to move on to other troubled halls. The California State Grange currently has 16 properties that it is managing. If you are interested in working with one of the teams throughout the state please let him know.

**2009** Convention: Sister Linda Lewis presented a report on the plans for the 2009 Annual Session in Fresno, October 6-10; the contract for this convention has already been signed. It was moved by Amanda Totemeier and seconded to accept the report of the Convention Planner and print it in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Cheri Bunker, moved to change the title State Convention to the California State Grange Annual Membership Meeting. Discussion. Motion by Liz Reynolds for the Previous Question. Motion carried. Original motion carried.

**Health Committee:** Dolores Larrigan returned to work the final resolutions of the Health Committee.

**08-030-H Medicare for Congress**; withdrawn by the maker.

**08-036-H Support Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act. Committee report unfavorable,** already policy. **Recommendation adopted, resolution rejected.** 

Health Committee Report was presented by Dolores Larrigan. It was moved by Bob Alvarez and seconded by Cheri Bunker to accept the report of the Health Committee and print it in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Overseer Martha Stefenoni encouraged everyone to provide their email addresses for exclusive use by the Grange; they will not be shared with other organizations. The Worthy Master emphasized the need for as many email addresses as possible to make communication within the organization more complete. There is information that can easily be sent in a timely manner to Community Grange Officers, Youth Leaders, and the general membership, if we have the contact information.

**Grange Exposition:** Katie Squire presented a Report on the Grange Expo. It was moved by Martha Stefenoni to accept and print the Grange Expo report in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Worthy Lecturer Buzz Chernoff invited everyone to come to the Showcase of Talent later in the evening. Seats will be available, even if for those who have not planned to attend the dinner.

Russell Harris presented his poetic skills in a tribute to Randy Lewis.

**Drawing**: Lillian Booth received a tool kit to use in their newly remodeled home.

The third day of the 136<sup>th</sup> annual session closed at 4:56 PM. Closing song: "The Resolution Song."

Following a lovely meal, the Lecturer's Showcase was presented featuring a wide variety of styles and talents, from the hilarious to the sublime. The evening concluded with a group sing of "It's Later Than You Think".

#### FOURTH DAY OF SESSION

The morning session of the final day of the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange began with the Grange being opened in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree by Worthy Master Randall Lewis at 8:40 AM. The Alternative Opening was used so that the delegates could see how this modified procedure is done. The meeting was set at ease by the Worthy Master in preparation for the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree.

The Fifth Degree was exemplified by the California Grange Youth at 9:00 AM.

2008 California State Youth Fifth Degree Team:

Master Joseph Stefenoni Sonoma County Ryan Schlegel Overseer Santa Cruz County Katie Heckman **Butte County** Lecturer Steward **Brandon Nebitt** Kern County **Assistant Steward** Jeremy Heckman **Butte County** Stephanie Knigge El Dorado County Lady Assist. Steward Chaplain Sam Woodfin El Dorado County

Fresno County

Specter

Treasurer Isabel Valtierra El Dorado County Secretary Molly Burke El Dorado County Contra Costa County Gatekeeper Travis Kroger Ceres Carlene Hadden El Dorado County Contra Costa County Pomona Marta Kroger Morgana Bevans Monterey County Flora **Executive Committee** Elizabeth Charles Los Angeles County Santa Clara County Michael Phelan Nichole Bouche Los Angeles County **Amador County** Emma Roots Martha Stefenoni Sonoma County Musician

Leroy Squire

After the completion of the Fifth Degree, the meeting was set at ease by Master Stefenoni in preparation for the Sixth Degree.

The meeting was reopened in the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree at 10:11 AM with Kansas State Grange Master Roger Bostwick in the chair. The meeting was raised to the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree and the Assistant Stewards escorted the marching candidates from the hall in preparation for the Sixth Degree. The Officers of the California State Grange presented the exemplification of the Sixth Degree, followed by the Harvest Feast.

Master Randall Lewis returned to the chair. Thanks were offered to Kansas State Grange Master Roger Bostwick, and the officers for an excellent exemplification of the degree. The Rose Drill team and the co-team captains Barbara Geiger and Betty Eyler were thanked for their dedication. The Worthy Master then offered his most sincere congratulations to the 24 new Fifth Degree members and the 20 newest members of the Sixth Degree of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

At 11:16 AM the meeting was called back to order by Worthy Master Randall Lewis and lowered to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Reminders and announcements were made. Kansas State Grange Master Roger Bostwick offered his compliments to the Youth Fifth Degree Team and Rose Drill Team. Worthy Master Lewis also gave his thanks for an excellent job. It was pointed out by Brother Joseph Stefenoni that during the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree all the positions were filled by youth age members.

The Grange was set at recess at 11:20 AM. The meeting will reconvene at 1:00 PM.

Beginning at 1:15 PM the newly elected Officers of the California State Grange were installed in a moving ceremony by the installation team.

Opening Master
Installing Officer
Escorts
Lee Geiger
Jeremy Heckman
Stephanie Knigge
Regalia Bearers
Dorothy Brunell
Wendy McFarland

Chaplain Barbara Geiger
Musician Inger Bevans

Bob McFarland and Bruce Brunell were installed as Executive Committeemen for three year terms.

Master Lewis welcomed the newly installed officers, and thanked the Installation Team for their work. The Grange was closed in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree so that it could be reopened in Sixth Degree in full form for the benefit of the newly elevated Sixth Degree members.

The second half of the final day of the California State Grange Membership Meeting was opened in full form in the Sixth Degree by the Officers of the California State Grange with Master Randall Lewis rapping the gavel at 1:49 PM. The opening song, "Amazing Grace", was introduced by Worthy Lecturer Buzz Chernoff. The meeting was lowered to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

Roll call of officers found Steward Joseph Stefenoni, Assist. Steward Jeremy Heckman and Flora Morgana Bevans were absent. The absent officers were excused for the Youth Tour. Pro tem officers were in their places: Bill Allen for Steward; Roger Bostwick for Assist. Steward, and Lola Adamczak for Flora.

The Minutes of the Third Day of the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange were presented by Secretary, Katie Squire. Errors and omissions were noted, corrections made and rephrasing suggested. **It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes and print them as corrected in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.** 

**Past Officer:** The Worthy Master requested the Assistant Stewards to escort Houghton "Tom" Sawyer to of Master's station. Brother Sawyer was recognized for his service as Executive Committeeman. He thanked the membership for their support and reaffirmed that we are much better than off today than we were 6 years ago.

The Worthy Master thanked the Worthy Lecturer for an excellent Variety Show.

Lecturer's Report: Brother Buzz Chernoff presented his report for the Lecturer's Department. He thanked all the members who have contributed during the year to make the Lecturer's program a success. Moved by Bruce Brunell and seconded to accept the report of the Lecturer and print it in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Musician, Lindy Wright presented an idea to have a statewide Karaoke Contest. The Master reminded her that they had discussed the idea and would be talking further.

State Grange Historian Bruce Brunell gave the assembly a bit of information on the equipment of the California State Grange.

Bob McFarland announced that photographs from the Annual Meeting will be available online at www.bobmcfarland.smugmug.com

Nurse's Report: The nurse's report given by BettyAnn Berrenger-Rehm. It was moved by Buzz Chernoff and seconded that the Nurse's report be accepted and printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried.

Jr. Silent Auction raised \$ 1086.68. Those members interested in recycling their three-ring binder and name badge holder may drop them off at the Overseer's station. The telephone number for Blodgett catering was offered for those interested.

The meeting was declared at ease for the Auction of goodies by the Grange Women's Activities Committee. \$248.00 was collected.

Membership Director Rich Saxe announced that so far \$1135 has been collected to cover the expenses for the Membership Talent Show.

The meeting was returned to order by the Master at 3:22 PM.

**Door Prize:** The final door prize was given out.

Sister Cheri Bunker presented the Resolution of Appreciation. Moved by Liz Reynolds and seconded by Robert Alvarez to accept the Resolution of Appreciation and print it in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion carried and so ordered.

The final day of the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual California State Grange Session was closed at 3:35 PM with a fraternal altar circle. The closing song was "God Be with You." And until we meet again in 2009 the California State Grange was closed.

The remaining delegates, contestants, supporters and families gathered for the Membership Dinner and Talent Show that evening, starting at 6:30 PM. The evening was filled by the sounds of new and talented Grange members, representing Granges from across California. First Place in the 16 and Over Class was the Mt. Hamilton Grange Dancers. Winning First Place for the 15 and under group and Best of Show was the Tarlessen Family from Western Yolo Grange, by way of Liberia. Following the end of the Talent Show, an auction was held to raise additional funds to help defray the cost of sending the Best of Show to the National Grange Session in Connecticut this November.

Respectfully submitted, Katie Squire, Secretary

## **Delegates to 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Session**

### California State Grange Sacramento, CA

**American River Grange #172** 

William Thomas Regular Delegate - Master

Susan Megeath Selected Delegate
Anderson Grange #418

Rosemary Hansen Regular Delegate - Master

Aptos Grange #800
Randy Turnquist Regular Delegate - Master

Robin Turnquist Regular Delegate - Master
Robin Turnquist Regular Delegate - Spouse
Aromas Grange #361

Loren Jones Regular Delegate - Master
Crystal Jones Regular Delegate - Spouse

Bachelor Valley Grange #667

Donald Clay

Selected Delegate

Bellevue Grange #374

David Wilson Regular Delegate - Master

Judith "Pat" Wilson Regular Delegate - Spouse

Judith "Pat" Wilson Regular Delegate - Spouse

Bennett Valley Grange #16

William Allen Regular Delegate - Master Patty Allen Regular Delegate - Spouse

Berry Creek Grange #694

Lola Adamczak

Regular Delegate - Master

Bodega Bay Grange #777

David Lewis Regular Delegate - Master Lisa Valentine Selected Delegate

Butte Pomona Grange #16
Cheri Bunker Regular Delegate - Master

Chico Grange #486

Jon Luvaas Regular Delegate - Master

Clovis-Sanger Grange #478
Craig Eckert Regular Delegate - Master

JoAnna Eckert Regular Delegate - Spouse

Coyote Grange #412

Evelyn Phelan Selected Delegate
Claire Kimball Alternate Delegate #1

Cupertino Grange #739
Patricia Schunneman Regular Delegate - Master

Danville Grange #85

Larry Kroger Alternate Delegate #1

Julie Kroger Alternate Delegate #2

De Sabla Grange #762

Karen Heckman Regular Delegate - Master Jeremy Heckman Selected Delegate

Dows Prairie Grange #505

Bettyann Biringer-Rehm
B.J. Fitzpatrick
Regular Delegate - Master
Selected Delegate

Durham Grange #460
Sylvia Sloan Regular Delegate - Master

East Palo Alto Grange #409

Louise Vitek Regular Delegate - Master

El Paso De Robles Grange #555

Louise Palmer Selected Delegate

Elbow Creek Grange #733

Richard Jones Regular Delegate - Master Karen Jones Regular Delegate - Spouse

Elk Grove Grange #86

Howard Sihner Regular Delegate - Master Jonnie Sihner Regular Delegate - Spouse

Feather River Grange #440

Forest 'Pete' Witham, Sr Regular Delegate - Master

Dennis Cokor Selected Delegate

Fort Bragg Grange #672

Randall Marler Regular Delegate - Master Alternate Delegate #1

Fresno-Madera Pomona Grange #24

Johnny Squire Regular Delegate - Master Katie Squire Regular Delegate - Spouse

Gilroy Grange #398

Leona Reif Regular Delegate - Master

Gold Hill Grange #326

Carol Ormsby Selected Delegate
Richmond Johnson Alternate Delegate #1

**Grover City Grange #746** 

Bill Compton, Sr Regular Delegate - Master Joan Compton Regular Delegate - Spouse

Hangtown Grange #464

Glen Wiles Regular Delegate - Master Christina Transue Selected Delegate

**High Desert Grange #593** 

Judy Blesch Regular Delegate - Master Chris Blesch Regular Delegate - Spouse

**Humboldt Grange #501** 

Betty Crile Regular Delegate - Master

**Humboldt-Del Norte Pomona Grange** 

Charlie Shewry Selected Delegate

**Independent Grange #470** 

Kathryn Parra Selected Delegate

Ione Grange #681

Dolores Larrigan Regular Delegate - Master Darelld Larrigan Regular Delegate - Spouse

**Jacinto Grange #431** 

Pauline Roberts Selected Delegate

**Kings County Pomona Grange #28** 

Bob Westfall Regular Delegate - Master

Kings River Grange #562

Robert Geissler Regular Delegate - Master Apolonia Geissler Regular Delegate - Spouse

**Lake County Pomona Grange #43** 

Marian Nichols Selected Delegate

Little Lake Grange #670

Henry Strock Alternate Delegate #1
Ursula Partch Alternate Delegate #2

Loma Rica Grange #802

Yvette Adams Regular Delegate - Master

**Loomis Grange #638** 

Laverne Jensen Regular Delegate - Master Regular Delegate - Spouse

Los Alamos Valley Grange #647

Samantha Woodfin Selected Delegate

Jackie Rantz Alternate Delegate #1

Manton Grange #732

Renee Timmons Regular Delegate - Master Shirley Leatherwood Selected Delegate

Marina Grange #518

Kenneth Leetch Regular Delegate - Master Christine Leetch Regular Delegate - Spouse

Marshall Grange #451

Gerald "Buzz" Chernoff Regular Delegate - Master Linda Chernoff Regular Delegate - Spouse

Meadow Vista Grange #721

Jack Anderson Regular Delegate - Master Elsa Hazen Selected Delegate

**Mendocino County Pomona Grange #10** 

Bruce Brunell Regular Delegate - Master Marie Koskela Selected Delegate

**Monterey County Pomona Grange #17** 

Barbara Geiger Regular Delegate - Master

Mt. Hamilton Grange #469

Domingo Lomboy Regular Delegate - Master

Mt. Vernon Grange #453

Manuel Ferreira Regular Delegate - Master Roberta Ferreira Regular Delegate - Spouse

Oakdale Grange #435

Bob Pinney Regular Delegate - Master

Orangevale Grange #354

Dale Baker Alternate Delegate #1
Shirley Baker Alternate Delegate #2

Pilot Hill Grange #1

William Joe White Regular Delegate - Master

Placer Nugget Pomona Grange #29

Marlene Hogaboom Selected Delegate
Russell Harris Alternate Delegate #1

Pleasant Valley Grange #675

Bob McFarland Regular Delegate - Master Wendy McFarland Regular Delegate - Spouse

Plumas-Sierra Pomona Grange #18

Ken Donnell Selected Delegate

Prunedale Grange #388

Liz Reynolds

Ventura Pomona Grange #50

Jay Allred

Karen Allred

Ingermarie Bevans Alternate Delegate #1 Alternate Delegate #2 Morgana Bevans Rainbow Valley Grange #689 Nancy Moramarco Alternate Delegate #1 Lucette Moramarco Alternate Delegate #2 Ranchito Grange #654 Michael Allen Regular Delegate - Master Regular Delegate - Spouse Maryann Allen Redwood Valley Grange #382 Dorothy Brunell Selected Delegate Rincon Valley Grange #710 Elizabeth Finn Regular Delegate - Master Carrie Behler Selected Delegate **Rio Linda Grange #403** Sharon Taylor Regular Delegate - Master Linda MacCracken Selected Delegate Riverdale Grange #624 Leroy Squire Alternate Delegate #1 Rohner Grange #509 Curtis Lindley Regular Delegate - Master Selected Delegate Lois Trumbull Rosedale Grange #565 Darlene Wingfield Regular Delegate - Master **Brandon Nebitt** Selected Delegate San Diego County Pomona Grange #35 Suzanne Moramarco Regular Delegate - Master San Fernando Valley Pomona Grange Randall Lewis Regular Delegate - Master Regular Delegate - Spouse Linda Lewis San Luis Obispo Pomona Grange #27 Elsie Greenmyer Selected Delegate Santa Clara County Pomona Grange #4 "Tom" H.F. Sawyer Alternate Delegate #1 Frances Sawyer Alternate Delegate #2 **Sebastopol Grange #306** Martha Stefenoni Regular Delegate - Master Selected Delegate Deborah Lokka Sierra Valley Grange #466 John Wilkison Regular Delegate - Master Sonoma Pomona Grange #1 Amanda Totemeier Alternate Delegate #1 Travis Kroger Alternate Delegate #2 **Springfield Grange #523** Leland Geiger Regular Delegate - Master Patricia Duarte Selected Delegate **Thermalito Grange #729** Leslie 'Les' Reynolds Regular Delegate - Master

Regular Delegate - Spouse

Regular Delegate - Master

Regular Delegate - Spouse

Western Yolo Grange #423

Frank Nichols Regular Delegate - Master

Trudie Martin Selected Delegate

Whitesboro Grange #766

Robert Canclini Selected Delegate
Marialice Canclini Alternate Delegate #1

Windsor Grange #410

Charlie Betschart Selected Delegate
Cherry Betschart Alternate Delegate #1

Wyandotte Grange #495

Robert Dyer Regular Delegate - Master Sandra Dyer Regular Delegate - Spouse

Yankee Hill Grange #735

Robert Alvarez Regular Delegate - Master Nancy Alvarez Regular Delegate - Spouse

# **Summary**

# of Subordiante Granges Represented by Delegates: 65 /178Open Subordinate Granges (36.5%)
# of Pomona Granges Represented by Delegates: 15 /26Open Pomona Granges (57.7%)

# of All Granges Represented by Delegates: 80/229 Total Granges (34.9%)

# Correspondence

October, 2008

#### **Dear Brothers and Sisters**,

Congratulations to the members of the California State Grange for holding your 136th Annual Session!

State Grange conventions are the culmination of each year's unique experiences. It is where we <sup>g</sup>et together to renew ac<sup>q</sup>uaintances and brin<sup>g</sup> new members into our State Grange family. State Grange Session is also the place where we set policy and goals for the year ahead. Your State Grange is the third largest State Grange by membership and your actions will set the tone for many Grange members in the coming year.

One of the purposes of your State Session is to strengthen the Community Granges. Each Community Grange exists to improve the quality of life for our members and their neighbors. Each Grange finds their own way to fulfill that mission through our active programs of community service, legislative activity, educational efforts, and fellowship events from the local to the national levels. The challenge is to enhance their opportunities with the actions you will decide upon.

From the National level we've helped you to bring new Medicare benefit information to your communities, exposed you to the problems of methamphetamine production and use, and now suggest that you take positive steps to improve your health by participating in the Life Line Screening program. We've also had great grassroots support in our efforts to bring National Grange policy to Congress, thanks to the many members who react to our electronic Action Alerts.

My sincere congratulations to each of the 41 Community Granges in California that achieved a net gain in membership <sup>in</sup> the 2006-07 membership year (July 1 to June 30.) You should be proud of your state for your re-organizational work in 2006-07.

I encourage each of you as members of the Grange to contribute liberally of your wisdom and enthusiasm in this State convention. As Grange members working together, we can, and will continue to make a difference locally, state-wide, and nationally!

Fraternal best wishes.

Edward L. Luttrell, Master The National Grange

October 9, 2008

Greetings Brothers & Sisters from the tip top of the state.

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It has been a wonderful year for Kathy and I up in northern Siskiyou County where cows out number people!

Our life is busy and full as usual.

We are chasing cows and enjoying every minute of it (almost). This year Leo's brother came out from Florida for six months and we are now racing pigeons! Kathy has a new colt and now knows what it feels like to "hit the

dirt". She has also trained and certified her black lab "Kool" as a therapy dog. They visit schools and facilities that a 100 pound black dog can give someone a little (or a lot) of love.

Leo is immersed in the "State of Jefferson". The San Francisco Chronicle picked up the story of our desire to form the 51<sup>St</sup> state and it has been mayhem since. His goal is to put the issue on the ballot as an advisory measure with 1 million signatures.

A couple of bumps in the road have made it so that we are unable to attend your annual session this year. We pray that your deliberations are thoughtful and productive.

There are so many issues in our country right now. Every one of you has an opinion or you wouldn't be at this session to voice yourself. We know it is possible for one small voice to make a difference. Please keep in mind as you participate in these deliberations, the purpose and the mission of the Grange. The Grange was formed over one hundred-forty years ago to preserve and enhance agriculture in this country. The devastation of the civil war destroyed agriculture in the south. This devastation was the result of different ideologies. The result was the destruction of agriculture in the south which made life in the north much more difficult.

The Grange was formed to rebuild agriculture in the south and to enhance agriculture through out the country. Over the years the Grange has developed many programs that benefit agriculture and has been directly responsible for this country becoming the greatest agriculture producing country the world has know. Without the agricultural products grown in this country, many, many people would not survive.

An example of the accomplishments of the Grange efforts is the central valley project. This project with the Shasta Dam as its source of water is the greatest bread basket in the world. The CSG was the primary mover in this project and even assisted in the writing of the legislation that authorized the project.

In your deliberations this week, please temember the reason that are here. You are the Grange and you are here to protect, preserve, and enhance agriculture as our forefathers in the Grange did before we came along. There are many different ideologies today, a great many more than when the Grange was formed. We all need to be vigilant and sure that our actions are not harmful to agriculture. Your charge as a Granger is to protect, preserve and protect agriculture.

We love you all and wish you the best Fraternally
Leo & Kathy Bergeron
CSG Past Master

# Grange Trial Court Decision Hitt vs. Lewis

February 19, 2008

On February 8, 2008 a Grange Trial Court was convened at 10 AM at the Comfort Suites – Downtown in Sacramento, CA to hear the charges by Hank Hitt vs. Randall Lewis, State Master of CA. Trial Court members were: Steve Verrill, Poland, ME; Don Johnson, Meridian, ID; Mike, Lamont, OK

# Charge I

Violation Chapter XII, Section 12.2.1 (2006 edition) by improperly concluding that the "Statute of Limitations" did not apply, as the <u>date of discovery</u> satisfied the conditions of the complaint in the case of Sawyer, Bevans & Squire vs. Hitt.

Specifically, Master Lewis improperly concluded that the statute of limitations did not apply in this case because he used an edition of Grange Law that was not in effect at the time of the alleged violation. Chapter XII, Section 12.2.1 was changed at the annual session of the National Grange in November 2006. The date of the alleged violation is not represented in the original charges nor is it referenced in the determination of the Trail Court, only vague references are made of a date in March 2006. The complaint, dated February 24, 2007 against Hitt brought by Sawyer, Bevans & Squire and the resulting appeal should have been adjudicated according to the law in effect at the time of the alleged violation (2006 edition of the National Grange Digest). Additionally, Chapter XII, Section 12.1.3, specifically allows questions concerning Grange Law or Usages to be appealed to the National Grange, in this case Master Lewis has denied such an a appeal. The question of the statute of limitations arose at the Arbitration hearing and was raised again in the appeal of the Trial Courts determination to Master Lewis. Master Lewis inappropriately concluded that under Chapter XII, Section 12.2.14 that the State Masters decision was final in all matters pertaining to Grange Trials.

#### **Decision**

The Trail Court finds Randall Lewis **Not Guilty** of the first charge. On November 21, 2005 Hank Hitt signed a Commercial Property Purchase Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions with the Eglesia Del Dios Vivo Columna Y Del La Verdad La Luz Del La Verdad La Luz Del Mundo Church to purchase the Vista Grange. On December 15, 2005 The California State Grange declined permission to sell the hall pending further information from Vista Grange. No satisfactory information was received. The purchase and sale agreement remained in effect until the California State Grange learned of the pending sale of the Vista Grange and issued a Cease and Desist Order on or after March 2, 2006. Mr. Hank Hitt was in clear violation of Article XI, Section 4.11.1 of the Bylaws of the National Grange each and every day from November 21, 2005 until March 2, 2006. Therefore Master Randall Lewis was correct in stating the "date of discovery", March 2, 2006, met the requirements of the 2006 Code of Judicial Law of the National Grange 12.2.1 stating that all complaints must be filed within one year from the date of the alleged violation. Charges against Mr. Hitt were dated February 24, 2007, less than one year.

We find the second part of Charge I to be a moot point. Mr. Hitt alleged that Master Randall Lewis denied him the right to take his appeal of the charges to the National Master. Mr. Hitt contacted the National Master, Bill Steel, concerning his case as evidenced from a letter dated August 15, 2007 from Bill Steel who declined to take any action against Randall Lewis for his actions involving the affirmation of the Trial Court decisions against Mr. Hitt.

# **Charge I1** (formerly Charge IV sections 2, 3, and 5)

Violation Chapter XII Section 12.2.13 (A) Grange Law allows for five (5) sanctions that a Trial Court may impose and a State Master may affirm Specifically, Master Lewis has violated Chapter XII, Section 12.2. 13 by affirming sanctions imposed by the Trial Court of Chairman David Austin, Carried Cook and David Proft against Hitt that are not permitted under Chapter XII, Section 12.2.13. The sanctions imposed by the Trail Court and affirmed by Master Lewis against Hitt are:

- 1. (formerly section 2) You are immediately removed from any and all elected offices and appointed positions of the order or any Division of the Grange within the jurisdiction of the California State Grange or National Grange as a member; affiliate or any other membership nomenclature.
- 2. (formerly section 3) You are permanently and forevermore banned from holding any elected offices or appointed positions of the Order or Division of the Grange within the jurisdiction of the California State Grange or National Grange as a member; affiliate member or any other membership nomenclature.

3. (formerly section 5) 1 am forwarding a copy of this letter to the Master of the National Grange where he shall see that each State Grange Master within the Order is made aware of the results of this Grange Trial.

Sections numbered 2 and 3 are not within the purview of a Trial Court Panel or a State Master as established by the limits of Grange Law Chapter XII Section 12.2.13.

#### Decision

The Trial Court finds Master Randall Lewis **Guilty** on charge 11. Master Lewis should not have affirmed the decision of the Trial Court, sanction 2 in the Hitt case. Section 12.2.13 ) (3) of the Code of Judicial Law states that the Trial Court could remove Mr. Hitt from all elected and appointed positions, but not "permanently and forever banned". We suggest that Master Lewis review his actions concerning the affirmation of the findings of the Trial Court and rephrase sanction #2 by removing the words "permanently and forever banned".

Sanction #3 is not listed as an action that can be taken by the Trial Court and should be deleted. However, there is nothing stated in the Digest of Laws of the National Grange that would not allow State Master Lewis from asking the National Master to notify all State Masters of the outcome of the Hitt trial, nor would there be anything binding on the National Master to comply with Masters Lewis's request.

#### **Trial Expenses**

Due to the outcome of this trial (Hitt vs. Lewis) we declare that 75% of the trial costs be paid by I lank Hitt and 25% be paid by Randall Lewis, pending the outcome of any appeals. According to the Code of .Judicial Law of the National Grange Chapter XII 12.2.24, both the Complainant and the Respondent have 15 days from receipt of this Trial Court Decision to request an appeal of the decision to the National Master.

A copy of this letter should be read at the next annual session of the California State Grange per the Code of Judicial Law of the National Grange 12.2.23 (A) (1).

Respectfully Submitted, Trial Court Members, Steve Verrill, Chairman Donald Johnson Mike McCann

# Section II

# Officer's Reports

**Annual Address** 

Overseer

**Executive Committee Chairman** 

**Executive Committeeman Inger Bevans** 

Secretary

Treasurer

Chaplain

Pomona

Musician

# State of the California State Grange Part I

National Representatives, State Officers, Honored Guests, Brothers and Sisters;

It is once again my pleasure to welcome you to Sacramento. This marks the 21<sup>st</sup> time the California State Grange Annual Session has been held in this great city and the second time in as many years that we have met here in this facility. I would like to thank the staff of the Holiday Inn, Sacramento, for being such gracious and accommodating hosts.

# ARE WE HAVING FUN YET??

Most of you will recognize that question as one of my favorite catch-phrases. But when it comes to our activities in the public sector, the question is not rhetorical, and the answer is a resounding YES! We are making a difference – just look over the resolutions in your resolution pack and see the variety of areas in which we strive to serve the public good. If you have not yet done so, I want to encourage and welcome you to come on board and enjoy the ride. To paraphrase our motto, we are helping our State, protecting its citizens, and we are having a heck of a lot of fun doing so!

#### NO BUDGET - NO PAY

This year's record budget stalemate should still be fresh in your memory. The total damage done to Californians through the failure of our state government to pass a state budget on time is not yet fully calculated, but know that everyone in this room will be effected. From the more serious loss of jobs and services because a vendor doing business with the State must shut down, to increasing your tax burden in paying the interest on debt accumulated, we all suffer when our elected government officials do not do the job we hire them to do. This does not mean the Grange is unhappy with any individual legislator, but, 27 of the last 31 budgets have not been passed on time. That fact is very concerning and its time to recognize that enough is enough.

Some of you may have been around in 1993 when the State Grange, frustrated by the lack of responsibility on the part of the government to pass a budget on time, initiated a petition to amend the California State Constitution through the Government Responsibility Act of 1994. Let me quote from one of the flyers promoting the petition drive at the time:

"If our elected officials are unable to do what we have hired them to do, perhaps we shouldn't be paying them. And if they cannot abide by the law as set forth in the Constitution, perhaps they should be fined like any other lawbreaker!"

If you or I continually break the law, chances are we will be fined, and we could face arrest and prison. If we do not perform the job our employers hire us to do, we probably will be fired. Should not those same constraints be placed on those we hire to govern us?

Brothers and Sisters, in the last 15 years we have seen great advancements in technology. We have added tremendously to our store of knowledge. Yet our governance has advanced not one iota. We continue to see partisan politics trump the public good.

At this convention, I am going to ask you to once again authorize the Grange to seek an amendment to the State Constitution which adds accountability to responsibility. Grange Policy is already set, it was enacted 15 years ago. What I am asking is for your support in having the California State Grange once again

spearheading an effort to qualify a proposition for the ballot in June, 2009. I am also going to ask you to approve a Political Action Committee or PAC. The National Grange allows us to have a PAC as long as we use it for non-partisan issues. With this in mind we need to have available funds to be able to further our legislative agenda and a CSG PAC is the way to achieve it.

Fifteen years ago, under the leadership of the Legislative Director George Dupray, we failed to gather enough signatures to qualify the measure. We have learned from our shortcomings and this time will utilize professional help and seek a broader coalition of supporters. Michael Dupray, son of George, addressed the Legislative Chairmen during their meeting Tuesday morning about the No Budget – No Pay issue and is in strong support of our cause.

#### **WATER WARS**

Two-thirds of all Californian's take for granted that the Delta will provide them with water. In reality, the Delta is an unsustainable and complex system of aging earthen levees with inadequate conveyance and storage facilities which, if left alone, cannot continue to meet expectations.

This afternoon at 1:30, the Grange will hold a water symposium on the California Delta. David Lewis, Chair of the CSG Water Committee, and State Lecturer Buzz Chernoff, have assembled a distinguished panel of professionals and advocates to speak on the issues.

In an interview, Brother Chernoff suggested that "The Delta problems are a matter of education. The majority of people in California don't have an appreciation of what the water issues are. This symposium will help us make informed decisions."

Brother Dave Lewis reminds us that we are running out of time to address these problems. For example, the U.S. Geological Service has predicted that an earthquake of magnitude 6.7 or greater will strike the Bay Area by 2032, a quake which could destroy much of the Delta levee system and interrupt the water supply to millions of Californians for as long as two years.

There are many unresolved environmental and socio-economic issues that must be addressed. The Grange historically and currently advocates these issues be addressed and acted upon. Now! You, the Delegate Body, are the individuals who will determine which solutions to the issues the Grange advocates. This symposium is designed to educate you to be able to make the right decisions when forming our policies. I hope you will make every attempt to be here.

#### PROTECTING THE CONUSMER

Food-borne E-coli outbreaks and other bacterial threats to our nation's food supply were, and continue to be, subjects of intense interest to consumers, agricultural producers and distributors alike. We have come to rely on the food we buy to be safe, and when this trust is broken, we become afraid and angry. Individually we are almost helpless, but together, we can and will make a difference.

Early this year, the California State Grange sent representatives to the annual California Certified Organic Farming (CCOF) Conference, and the Ecological Farming Association (EFA) Conference. These two conferences focused on the fallout resulting from the E. coli outbreak in the fall of 2006 when several people became ill after eating spinach. The debate on the source of this contamination continues today.

This inability to pinpoint the source sparked controversy, panic, and a scatter-gun approach to prevention. One of the major problems was in getting all sides to sit down and discuss options and solutions without finger-pointing. Enter the California Grange.

Representing the Grange at these conferences were Bob McFarland and Mike Greene. After listening to the participants, it became clear to them the California State Grange needed to host a meeting attended by all of the various factions, in a neutral setting, to discuss solutions without blame. The key would be to get **ALL** involved - the farmers, retailers, regulators and scientists who together make up our agricultural community – to come together and to act together.

I appointed a team consisting of Buzz Chernoff, State Grange Lecturer, Mike Greene, State Grange Director of Legislative Affairs, and Bob McFarland, State Grange Director of Public Relations to set about organizing just such a meeting.

The site chosen was the American River Grange hall in Rancho Cordova, close to the capitol yet somewhat removed from powerbases. Getting the Ag community to agree on a time and format that everyone felt comfortable enough to participate in was the hard part. I'm not sure Bob realized just how much diplomacy was involved in his position as PR Director, but after much cajoling and friendly persuasion, the California State Grange's Safe Food and Leafy Greens Roundtable became a reality.

No, we did not solve all of the problems of food safety, but we did produce results. Shortly after the meeting, the great tomato scare of 2008 hit the headlines. This time, the Ag community met the crisis by seeking solutions, not pointing fingers. The Roundtable participants are continuing to work together, they have held at least one other meeting since attending the one at American River Grange. I understand they have planned more meetings for the future. Brothers and Sisters, this is your Grange team in action.

#### A SUCCESSFUL 2008?

At the Legislative Committee meeting we held back in December 2007 here in Sacramento, Director of Legislative Affairs Mike Greene predicted 2008 would be a challenging yet successful year for our Legislative Department. His prediction was accurate. We did not get all of the resolutions you passed at last years convention acted upon, due in some cases to the fiscal problems facing California, but we did have our successes.

#### **GREEN SCHOOLS**

In January of this year I attended a meeting at Marshall Grange to discuss their resolutions to incorporate solar energy in the design of public school buildings and the inclusion of courses on alternative energy in Continuing Technical Education school programs. The meeting was attended by solar energy consultants and educators, and it provided a unique opportunity for the Grange to advocate and promote alternative energy programs. From this meeting grew the principle elements of AB 2855.

This bill established 2 new categories of partnership academies, the Green Technology Partnership Academies and the Goods Movement Partnership Academies. The Superintendent of Public Schools would be required to issue grants for the establishment of partnership academies in each of the 9 economic regions established in the state, and would be required to give priority to partnership academies dedicated to educating young people in emerging environmentally sound technologies. In short, the Grange was advocating the use of funds approved by voters in 2006 as the Public Education Facilities Bond Act to fund environmentally sound upgrades to public schools and provide courses in alternative energy technology.

You should be extremely proud as the bill was chaptered into law by Governor Schwarzenegger earlier this month.

### HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Also helping us further our goals in public education was SCR 86, authored by Senator Jeff Denham, which started as an idea and resolution of Buena Grange Master Wayne Gularte and the members of their Grange in Monterey County.

This Senate Resolution calls upon Granges throughout the state to work with local historical societies to share factual, non-partisan information about statewide contributions made by their local communities and proposes that through developing a better understanding of local history, pupils will understand and value their communities.

I congratulate and appreciate the efforts of Brother Wayne Gularte, Sister Inger Bevans, and all of the Grangers of Monterey County. They have provided a model for every California Grange to follow in working with county Boards of Education, Historical Societies and the individual teachers involved in making this project a success.

On Friday morning, California State Senator Jeff Denham, who introduced the legislation as SCR 86 will be here to address you and make a presentation to our organization. I hope you will all be able to attend and witness this historic event and provide a warm Grange welcome to Senator Denham.

#### THAT'S COOL!

Longstanding California and National Grange policy to require labels on our foods to tell us where they are grown has now passed into law. When Sister Linda and I attended the National Grange Legislative Fly-In in 2003, 2005 and 2006 we lobbied on your behalf every California Congressman and both Senators offices for the passage of and implementation of COOL. As of this September 30, the U.S. Department of Agriculture began requiring Country of Origin Labeling, or COOL. Now when you buy your lamb chops, beef steaks, hamburger, fresh or frozen vegetables, fish or nuts, they are required to have a label indicating where they were grown. The backers of these regulations, including the Grange, are to be commended for their patience and their perseverance. The passage of this legislation into law also serves as a reminder to us all. While a resolution you submitted this year may not appear to receive any action, don't give up. The advocates of COOL worked long and hard to get it inserted into the 2002 Farm Bill. It was not until the 2008 Farm Bill that we overcame opposition and saw it chaptered it into law.

#### **CONCLUSION**

As I stated at the beginning of this address, you, the members of the California State Grange, are making a difference in the public sector. More importantly, we are having fun accomplishing these goals.

There are numerous people and organizations which have earned my gratitude for their help and selfless devotion to our cause. Primarily, there are you, the Delegates, and each and every active member of your various Granges. Without you and your dedication we could accomplish nothing.

Next, there are the chairmen and members of the various committees who work so hard at trying to accommodate each resolution that is received. We realize that each is the product of a Granges hard work and dedication to a cause. Again, I invite you to peruse your Resolution Pack and see the varied and disparate issues with which these committees must deal. But remember, it is the committee's responsibility to recommend only those resolutions for action which they believe can realistically be achieved to become Grange policy. This is not always an easy task, and they have my deepest gratitude for the service they perform.

Many individuals come to mind, both inside and outside of the Grange, without whom our efforts may have been in vain. We have Officers and Directors whose dedication and labor are paramount to our success. We will be hearing more from some of these individuals as the convention goes on.

Finally, I will end this report in much the same way as I began it. I repeat - serving your community is fun. You can double the pleasure by reaching out and getting a friend and neighbor to join you in your endeavors. A new concept? No, that is how the Grange was founded, that is how the Grange will continue to be a valuable service organization in our communities.

So the next time I ask, "Are We Having Fun Yet?" I expect you to answer, "Yes We Are!" with emphasis on the WE.

Respectfully Submitted Randall Lewis, President California State Grange

# State of the California State Grange Part II

National Representatives, State Officers, Honored Guests, Brothers and Sisters it is indeed my pleasure to address you this afternoon. We have had a very busy and productive year since we last met and I will try to capture the flavor of some of those fun and exciting items along with a few of the more challenging events we have had to address.

This year's theme convention is "Our Community – Our Country." One of the visions of each local Grange should be to improve the quality of life in California's families and communities. In the local communities where we live and work is where the Grange needs stand tall and make a difference in the lives of others.

Through the unity of our membership and the execution of defined goals and plans our Granges are once again becoming the premier organization for the family and the community. This opportunity makes us the single organization that can best serve the needs of both our membership and the general population of California. The real strength of the Grange is in the community that lies beyond the walls of our meeting locations. It is time for your Grange to reach out to the community.

Make your meetings and programs high quality and open the Grange Hall doors providing a positive direction for all who may enter. Invite your County Supervisor, Sheriff, Fire Chief, and the Principal of a local school or anyone who is a leader in the community to come speak at your meetings. Make your Grange an icon in the community by developing a picture of what is going on locally, and then determine the direction your community service programs should take.

Now is not the time to sit back and wait for the right answers, but it is a time to improve leadership and fiscal responsibility. Change is for all, not just a few. Community Granges need to identify goals on a continuing basis. They need to develop and implement plans to accomplish these goals. We need to ask ourselves, are the meetings and programs value-added? Do we make a member want to come to meetings and be an active participant? New members joining the Grange need to be encouraged and permitted to accept leadership roles to improve our programs. If these items are met it is possible not only to attract new individuals to join, but also retain the members who never seem to show up. The capabilities of your local Grange to make our communities a better place to live are only limited by your vision and willingness to serve.

Increasing membership and participation is the two-pronged challenge that now lies before us. Neither can stand-alone and neither will happen without each of us recommitting ourselves to providing the best positive influence and effort that will make our great organization grow and prosper. It starts with a smile and an invitation to join and it continues with a thank you for a job well done. By doing this we can create the positive attitude so necessary for our Community Granges to build their membership. Public perception is formed very early on when you encounter someone and it is important that a positive, encouraging attitude is always perceived.

We talk a lot about the "traditional" and "alternative" ways of conducting Grange business. As an organization today we need to walk a fine line between keeping our traditions and making the organization relevant in our communities. The National Grange adopted the Alternative Manual for Subordinate/Community Granges in 2004. The language was designed so Granges could run their business meetings without going through the traditional opening and closing. This past year the State Grange mailed copies of these manuals to each Grange for use upon the approval of their membership. Many Granges are alternating between the two manuals so their membership does not lose sight of our heritage. The important

issue here is that one or the other must be used. No Grange business may be conducted unless the Grange is opened in ample form in the Fourth Degree and with a quorum of seven members present.

While it is important that Granges adapt to the changing environment we also should be accountable for maintaining the history and traditions of 136 years. Performing the Ritual Degrees should be encouraged to

remind us of our heritage and to allow our new members the opportunity to witness the exemplification of the Degrees. This is where our Pomona Granges can play an important role. The symbolism and instruction of the degrees' is still impressive even in today's fast paced world, with instant everything. The Pomona's can insure that the first five degrees are put on at least once each year, and all new members are given an opportunity to witness and learn our traditions.

Pomona Granges also play an important role in our legislative work by providing a place where we can discuss issues on a larger scale than the local communities. The National Grange Preamble for Pomona Granges states, "It will be seen that the organization of Pomona Granges is intended and designed to "strengthen and aid" the Subordinate Granges." The Fifth Degree teaches the lesson of Perseverance and to strive unwaveringly to attain the goals toward which they aspire. Pomona Granges should reach out and help Community Granges giving them assistance and advice when needed, which will strengthen and promote participation and membership gains in both.

#### **Executive Committee**

I would like to thank the members of the Executive Committee for their hard work and dedication during a very tumultuous past twelve months. As the economy of our state and nation slowed it caused our organization to face financial challenges we have not had to address for many years. The Executive Committee rose to the occasion making difficult decisions for the future of our organization. They responded to not only fiscal challenges but also dealt with some important fraternal issues in an effort to maintain programs and services for the Community and Pomona Granges.

Over the past year several Community Granges closed their doors and turned over their property to the State Grange to manage. This creates a tremendous drag on our operational cash flow and at the same time adds additional work on an already overloaded staff. The State Grange pays the taxes, insurance and maintenance on the property in addition to any other special needs that appear. Currently the State Grange is managing at least 15 properties. We have reorganized several Community Granges but some of them are not able to stand on their own yet and we are continuing to support them financially.

We revised the budget as necessary, cut expenses where possible, and have successfully planned for our short-term needs by acquiring a Bridge Loan secured by the West Visalia Grange property. This \$150,000 loan will be repaid upon the sale of the property, which is currently listed with Pearson Realty for \$385,000. The Executive Committee did not want to sell the property but it was the only way to secure the cash flow we need for continued operations. To explain, a couple of years ago the Master of West Visalia Grange took out a loan on their property in the amount of \$60,000 without following the rules in the National Grange Digest or receiving the permission of the California State Master and Executive Committee. He proceeded to default on the loan and when the Executive Committee found out about it the property was in a foreclosure action. They were forced to make the decision do we save the property or let it be taken? The value of the property dictated our actions and we hoped to be able to save the property without selling it in order to reopen the Grange at a later date. Unfortunately, cash flow diminished and we are now selling the property to put us back on track. Saving the property from foreclosure cost the organization approximately \$150,000 with the payoff of the loan, court costs, posting a bond and all of the attorney fees. The District Attorney of Tulare County filed charges against the individual and I understand he was in an Indian Casino when they arrested him. Those charges were dropped at a later date and now we have no recourse.

Our previous office located at 2101 Stockton Blvd. has not been leased yet but we are hoping to achieve that during the next few months. On March 1<sup>st</sup> we also lost Crossroads, Inc. the tenant in the downstairs of the GBO building which again has impaired our income stream. As a result we have been faced with decreased cash flow but have hired CB Richard Ellis to find new tenants to occupy both spaces. CBRE is the largest commercial leasing company in the nation and I am very impressed with the professional services they offer. Unfortunately, office space in the Sacramento area has increased as our economy has continued to depress. Since the properties are not currently providing us with an income stream the 2008 budget has not been activated and we have not

begun making the expenditures as passed during the 2007 annual convention. Although, the revenue neutral and non-revenue portions of the budget were implemented and we are in a holding pattern to begin any new programs.

We have had two formal offers on the GBO space but neither of them decided to take the space favoring other locations. As our economy begins to rehabilitate I am encouraged we will be successful in restoring our income, understanding the market will not bring in as much as we originally anticipated.

As a result of the economy we are all feeling the pinch and hoping things will get better. While I am sure they will it may take several years to overcome the pain our communities are feeling. It is our time as an organization to step up to the challenges facing communities and assist the citizens living within the areas we serve.

#### 2006 – 2007 Audit

Our Auditor, Bruce Sneesby from Boden Klein & Sneesby, Certified Public Accountants, have completed the audits for 2007 of the Asset Management and California State Grange Accounts. In his report Mr. Sneesby states, "In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of California State Grange as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."

#### **Asset Management Accounts**

I wanted to touch briefly on our asset management accounts and the financial security the Executive Committee has worked to create with our invested funds. All of the funds of the organization are managed by Morgan Stanley who has placed Certificates of Deposit with other institutions which are Federally Insured. Therefore, we have no exposure to equities in the stock market or to corporate bonds. Revenue streams have continued without interruption of loss of principal throughout the meltdown seen on Wall Street.

#### **New Granges**

During the last year we reported to National Grange the chartering of four Community Granges. They are Mount Bolivar #218, Solomon Hills #480, Calaveras #715 and Coalinga #779. Additionally, we saved the closure of Taylorsville Grange when the officers all decided to quit. We worked with the community to reestablish the Grange there and when I attended their second meeting following reorganization they had approximately 25 strong and energetic members participating. We also chartered six new Junior Granges during the past year. They are Solomon Hills #J237, Grover City #J238, Lompoc #J239, Calaveras #J240, Lookout #J241 and Coyote #J242. Congratulations to all of these Granges for their hard work to penetrate their communities and bring new programs to those areas.

On this past Saturday afternoon we reorganized Hessel Grange with 18 new members and more members on the way. We are currently working to charter or reorganize several other Granges in other communities around the state. Many other Granges are having membership gains and it is directly related to the activities

they are having and the work they are doing. The Grange is a tremendous organization and when we are active in the communities we will gain new enthusiastic members who want to help us with our programs.

# Wisteria Project

As you know we moved into the new office on November 20<sup>th</sup> of last year just a few days before Thanksgiving and the construction phase is now complete. We have included a detailed accounting of the cost of construction as well as some of the fixtures and equipment we purchased. CalRam did a really quality job for us and we have a building we can all be proud of. When visitors come into the office they are really overwhelmed at the beautiful space we now occupy. I hope you will all come by Sunday morning on your way home to see your headquarters, it is absolutely gorgeous.

As the construction was progressing there were items requiring modification, or additions to make the facility either comply with code as built or to make it more functional. One such item was a mezzanine and staircase.

When we originally designed the building there was no usable storage in the very large attic area. We asked the contractor to put plywood on the top of the ceiling joists so we could put a few things up there. As construction continued the architect was able to get a mezzanine approved by the building department so we had to add a little more foundation and find a place to put the stairs. As it turned out we really did need to make that modification because our storage space needs were underestimated. In the training room we currently still need to add a ceiling mounted projector and sound system. We also need to add plasma screens in both the training room and the Presidents office. Brothers and Sisters, this was a huge project and you should be proud of what you have accomplished. Even though we spent a lot of money upgrading the building, in the long run this will be a tremendous advantage for the organization.

I would like to once again thank the Wisteria Hall Feasibility Committee chaired by Howard Sihner, along with Bob Clouse, Bruce Brunell, Jay Hartz, Ed Komski and Claude Campbell for the great job they did and the long hours they put in making sure we were doing the right thing for you.

#### **Grange Staff**

I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of our staff and how hard they work for our organization each and every day. Amy Self, Summer Maddux, Kalie Benson, Jay Hartz, Bob McFarland and Mike Greene are absolutely the best group of individuals I have ever had the pleasure of being associated with. Each one of them has special talents and abilities that they bring to the table each day to make our operations move forward in this instant society we live in. Their positive can do attitude is always present and they are always looking at ways we can improve things from both an operational and an economic perspective. Their dedication and commitment to our cause is partly what drives them to the excellence they produce. If you have not had the opportunity to meet them or talk with them please make the effort and let them know how much you appreciate the jobs they do for us.

# GrangeSpeak

I would like to invite each of you to join us on GrangeSpeak. It only takes a few minutes to download the free program and get you hooked up. It will open up communications between members for the fun and benefit of the Grange. To date we only have about 60 individuals signed up to be able to use our system. It is as clear as a telephone and does not cost anything to use. All you need to do is send an e-mail out to the folks you want to talk to containing the time and date you want to meet. That is all it takes. We are having Executive Committee, Public Relations and Legislative committee meetings on it with great success and zero cost. The Youth Activities Department has had many meetings on GrangeSpeak along with our younger members. I am still hosting a "Cyberside Chat" on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM for an hour or however long it lasts. Unfortunately, not many times have members come on-line to take advantage of it. We discuss current Grange events and members are able to ask me any questions they may have.

#### **Public Relations Committee**

We are very fortunate to have a top notch Public Relations Department working for us. I hope many of you have seen the quality job that Bob McFarland is doing and how many times he gets articles in the press. If you are planning an event at your Grange please send the information to Bob and he will send it out in the form of a press release to the papers, magazines and radio stations in your area. If you would like to participate on the PR Committee please let Bob know and he will get you started. Remember, we would like to have a PR Chairman in each Grange and achieve our goal, which is to eliminate the phrase "The Grange is the best kept secret in the world." You can go to our press site at <a href="www.csgpressroom.org">www.csgpressroom.org</a> and take a look at what Bob has done; I know you will be pleasantly surprised.

#### **Youth Activities Department**

I am sorry to inform you Ed Komski has resigned as the Director of the Youth Activities Department. Ed was really upset that he had to leave the leadership team but is in the middle of managing a very large development in the Barstow area and just has no time left to give. He did say he would be happy to assist as an advisor for the fair program. I thank you Ed for all of your hard work and the leadership you demonstrated over the past couple. I wish all the very best to you and your family.

I am very pleased with the overall operation of the Youth Activities Department since we combined their operations and would like to thank Bill and Patty Allen and Suzy Moramarco for their hard work and making their areas of responsibility a success. We are seeing the rebirth of our youth programs and need to keep it going. If you would like to participate as a leader please let us know.

The weekend of July 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> the California State Grange hosted this year's Western Regional Youth Conference in Sacramento. I want to thank Orangevale Grange for allowing us to use their beautiful hall for the program. I also would like to thank American Income Life and Grange Insurance Group for their donations towards the conference. Charlene Shupp Espenshade, National Grange Youth & Young Adult Director and Anne Kurburski, National Grange Junior Director were in attendance. One of the highlights of the conference was a trip to the Amador County Fair for the Junior Livestock Auction and breakfast. In addition to having an opportunity to see some of the exhibits and part of the auction, the attendees were really shocked, impressed and totally amazed with the sea of red vests. We are very proud of our California State Grange Youth and their participation in local fairs.

#### **Grange Foundation**

The California Grange Foundation is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c) (3) corporation and was established in 1992 to handle the charitable and educational aspects of the California State Grange. Over the years the foundation has provided thousands of dollars for scholarships, dogs for the hearing impaired, NOAH weather repeater equipment, and relief for earthquake and fire victims as well as providing special needs assistance to our communities. The foundation also receives and administrates grants on behalf of our local granges to help them improve their halls, or run special programs.

I would like to see the Grange Foundation take on a new role and start working toward bringing in funding for the operation of our Adult and Youth educational and leadership programs. The Foundation should be able to find grants and/or donations from individuals totaling thousands of dollars per year. The funds could be used to hire full time staff to administrate our educational and leadership programs. I hope you will all pay close attention to the report of the President of the Foundation, H. Tom Sawyer, when he delivers his report.

# **Deputy State Masters**

We currently have 28 Deputy State Masters who are working very hard to help our Community and Pomona Granges in all areas within the organization from operational issues to growth opportunities. They are helping start youth programs, solving problems with reports and answering questions in addition to assisting Granges

who need help growing. I would like to thank these hard working and dedicated members for the outstanding job they are doing. Each of the Granges has been assigned a Deputy assist them with their work and if you do not know who your Deputy is please ask us.

# **Legislative Department**

On December 8<sup>th</sup> last year we had a meeting of the Legislative Committee Chairmen to discuss plans for the upcoming legislative session here in Sacramento. Thirteen resolutions from the 2007 Convention were prioritized and merged into a working document that included moving forward with the Ostrum Point Dam Feasibility Study, support for the inclusion of solar and renewable energy technology curriculum for California's Certified Technical Education (C.T.E.) and Regional Occupation Program (R.O.P.) programs in addition to support for dams and reservoirs and to conserve and regulate the flow of water in California's rivers.

The committee also discussed communications with our membership and began utilizing the CapWiz program that was successful for our organization in the past. We successfully downloaded all names and e-mail addresses from our Grange Database into CapWiz and sent out bulletins and action notices during the year. We need your support in contacting the legislators and making the Grange policies known when issues arise. We will continue to ask for you to send us your e-mail addresses and when you change your e-mail address please make sure to let us know. Communication is one of the keys to our legislative contact program.

I would like to recognize the tremendous effort and great job that Mike Greene has and is doing for our legislative program. Mike is the heart of our program and without his untiring efforts we would not have the successes we have enjoyed. As you know we had 2 of your resolutions become California law this year, SCR 86 and AB 2855.

#### **Closing Remarks**

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank each one of you for the hard work you are doing in your local Communities. Keep it up and keep on making the changes and readapting our principals and values to the ever-changing areas that your Grange serves. We will be able to grow and now is the time for each of us to start making the future. Always remember you can't do anything about the past, as that is history. You can't do anything about the future because it is unknown. The only thing you can do something about is the present. Please take advantage of the things that will make our organization grow and prosper in the now of your everyday lives.

Linda and I wish you all the very best life has to offer and may God Bless you and may God Bless the Grange.

Respectfully Submitted Randall Lewis, President California State Grange

### **OVERSEER REPORT**

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Overseer this year. Joseph and I have received invitations to Grange events from a number of Granges. I wish time allowed us to accept more of them.

This year I had the honor of representing the California State Grange at the California State FFA Sacramento Leadership Experience along with Joseph and Bob MacFarland. Selected high school seniors come to Sacramento to learn the legislative process. During that week there is a reception for these students and representatives from other agricultural interest and organizations. We met and interacted with these very bright young people who were interested in learning more about the Grange.

In April, Bob and I participated in the Career Fair at the State FFA Annual Session held in Fresno. Imagine 5000 boisterous, energetic young people in Selland Arena, energized by laser light shows and country music, the prelude each day to the State Officers enthusiastically presenting their opening ritual. The Career Fair consisting of booths from colleges, technical schools, Ag related organizations and businesses is held one day during the Session. The State Grange sponsored a *Guitar Hero* competition. While young people were waiting to compete, Bob and I were able to interact with them and talk with them about the Grange. Many of these young people enjoy their FFA ritual and meetings and were glad to hear that Granges meeting were quite similar in nature. They were interested in the fact that the Grange is a family organization. I would encourage each Subordinate and Pomona Grange find out which high schools in your areas have FFA chapters and get to know the FFA members and advisors. Invite the FFA Chapters to your meetings and have them provide you with a program. There are a number of competitions from Parli-Pro to Public Speaking and the competitors in these competitions need to practice in front of an audience. Could you be that audience?

I wish for each of the Granges prosperity in new members, new ideas and new adventures.

Fraternally Submitted Martha Stefenoni, Overseer

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

This was an exciting year as we were expecting to complete and move into renovated quarters. In addition we were expecting to have income from renting the downstairs part of 2101 Stockton Blvd. Your new facility was completed and moved into by November 20<sup>TH</sup>. At the convention, some of you toured this new office and meeting facility. We were depending on UC Davis to rent the 2101 space but as you now know, the economy got in the way and there was no state money for UC. We are now awaiting a rental and have Richard Ellis Co working for us to find a new tenant. This downturn seems very disappointing, but we are poised to have a great future income and together have a more effective office complex. As a matter of fact the Wisteria Hall has changed from a liability to a real asset.

Your Executive Committee has been trying hard to maintain a revised budget and stay in the black. This has caused some major changes in the existing expenses. The committee is comprised of a group of very cooperative talent and diversity. There are many lengthy discussions before coming to a conclusion. We are very serious about our responsibilities to supervise the affairs of the Order as you depend on between conventions. This year we have agonized over the sale of Grange halls. We had many cases where it cost more to maintain the property than it was worth. Combined with impossible future formation of Granges in the area, sale was the most prudent action to take. The sale of a Grange hall is a lamentable incident, and losing a hall is not our goal.

We have had a Grange Speak meeting in September and its success was evident in saving time, travel and board. We plan to mix more of these in the future. We met in Sacramento five times for two day meetings. We

met for many hours and usually completed the Agenda. Martha Stefenoni has done double duty as EC Secretary and committee member. Master Lewis has organized the supporting staff to involve more volunteers throughout the state and improve the effectiveness of all departments. The headquarters Staff is very efficient and works many extra hours to keep up with the work. We are blest with a working organization that meets your needs and understands your problems. We are involved mostly in problems but welcome all inquiries from the membership. I suggest that you read the EC minutes in your packet and see what we do. Your suggestions are welcome.

Fraternally
H. F. Tom Sawyer, Chairman
CSG Executive Committee

# REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER INGER BEVANS

Worthy Master, Officers, Delegates and Members:

It has been four years since I wrote a report for the delegates. At that time I stated that our Pomona Granges needed a purpose. Many felt they weren't fulfilling any purpose. Now with the passage of SCR 86, the Local History resolution, we have been given a job to do. The Grange has been instrumental in many areas of history in our nation, our state and in our localities. In our Declaration of Purposes it states "We shall advance the cause of education by all just means within our power." In the preamble to our Constitution it is stated that "knowledge is the foundation of happiness." As an agricultural fraternity, we must strive for mutual cooperation and advancement promoting the goals of this organization.

Monterey Pomona Grange has begun the task of implementing the teaching of local history in our schools. The agricultural history of our county is included in the outline of topics for instruction. We live in "The Salad Bowl of the World". We encourage all Pomona Granges to begin this work in their communities.

Since last October, there has been much activity in my personal and Grange life. Remodeling my kitchen during tax season was a real chore, as my tax office is in my home. I spend many hours each week working at my local subordinate Grange, as many of you do also. We cannot walk away from the commitments we have with our home Granges. No Grange should be neglected. When that happens, we often find out after it's too late. Dealing with problems that stem from negligence, apathy and total disregard of Grange Law takes up much of the time at our Executive Committee meetings.

I urge everyone to review the Constitution and Declaration of Purposes of the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry, and begin discussing these concepts with your members. Do not hesitate to call upon the State Grange office, your Deputy State Master or your Pomona officers with questions or resources for helping your Grange when there is a need.

Together we can change our future and grow our membership.

Fraternally, Inger Bevans

# SECRETARY'S REPORT

Worthy Master, Officers, Directors, honored Guests and Brothers and Sisters:

It is an honor to serve you as the Secretary of the California State Gran<sup>g</sup>e. Twenty-Five years ago when I joined San Jose Grange 10, 1 had little idea that I would become a state officer, much less State

Secretary.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Amy, Kalie and Summer for all of the work that they do on behalf of the State Secretary. Their professionalism is especially important for our continued smooth operation.

As the State Secretary I have fielded questions, and on occasion guided secretaries. I have also reviewed the membership reports that are submitted to the National Grange, serving as an additional set of eyes. I also worked with the staff to make sure that your Journal of Proceedings for 2007 was completed. In this year's Journal you will be able to find a complete report of the membership statistics for this year.

This year I was able to work with Membership Directors Jan Saxton and Rich Sax, and PR Director Bob McFarland to reorganize Coalinga Grange. While the process has not been smooth, we are confident that soon we will have a fully functioning Grange in Coalinga.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind each of you that we will soon be electing officers for the ensuing 2 year term. If you would like to consider accepting the nomination to serve as State Secretary please come and see me and I will explain the duties and work with you to follow in the foot steps of our many great Secretaries. Please remember that this is truly **not** "the most onerous of jobs" within the Grange. While I again thank you for this opportunity, I am willing step aside to allow another member the chance to serve.

Again, I wish to thank the Staff of the California State Grange, the Secretaries of the Granges of California, the Officers and Directors of the California State Grange and most of all each and every one of you for your continued support.

Fraternally submitted, Katie Squire

# TREASURER'S REPORT

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

We again held a Treasurers workshop prior to the convention. I hope it helped inform our Subordinate and Pomona Treasurers. The budget presentation prior to the opening of the Grange convention proved to be very successful last year and it should continue to aid our members in understanding the State Grange budget for the coming year.

The Executive committee adjusted last year's budget due to financial restraints caused by the vacancies of the Grange Stockton Blvd. property and the G B 0 building. We are forced to face a deficit budget this year. The length of time it is taking the State of California to agree on their budget is one of the reasons we were not able to rent the property. When this property is rented we may adjust our budget for 2009. We hope that we can then have funds to help the Grange grow.

The State Grange is forced to tighten our belt. We need to find new ways to generate funds; Donations, corporate sponsors, money raising projects, and new members.

State Grange Staff, State Master Randall, #1 assistant Linda, and volunteers need a special award for their work in transferring everything to the new headquarters. What a wonderful and efficient Sate Grange office. I personally would like to thank The Grange Staff, Amy, Summer, Kalie, Bob, and Jay for their assistance to me

and all Grangers. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated employees.

Grangers should support agriculture, be active in rural and urban communities, protect the environment, and Volunteer. Volunteers don't get paid, not because they are worthless but because they are priceless. It has been a pleasure to serve as your CA. State Grange Treasurer.

Fraternally Marion Nichols

# **CHAPLAINS REPORT**

As your Chaplain for the California State Grange I have visited Gazelle Grange on two different occasions. One time was for the draping of the charter memorial ceremony, a 203 miles round trip. The second was for a Grange member's memorial ceremony. I traveled there at the request of family members. I also visited the McCloud Grange, the Redding Grange Pomona, and also the Ono Grange fundraiser two times. I also attended my home Grange, Anderson #418, as well as attending two meetings at the C.S.G. office in Sacramento Ca. And now the 2008 C.S.G Annual Session Meeting where I am the Chaplain and held the memorial services .

Those who passed on in the years 07-08 were Nan Larson, Wilma Dyer, Leon O. Johnson, Jack (Ted) Grainger, Rosemarie Hassel, Virginia Jackson, Guy Marschner, Barbara Carden, Jolene Jones, Luella Crandall, Fred Metzger, A.R. Smiley, Al Miller, Bill Kennedy, Jim Gillespie, Herbert Sorensen, Wallace Turner, Sue Biringer, Chris (Pete)Hansen, Boyd Spencer, and the honorable National Chaplain John West.

Opening prayer by Chaplain Ronald Trombley was followed by the song Beautiful *Garden of Prayer* sung by Barbara Geiger. Inger Bevans played the piano for all the music throughout the Memorial service. And then the roll was called with the list of names (twenty one in all). Roses were bought by the C.S.G. First Lady Linda Lewis and given out to all the representatives from the Granges by Flora Morgana Bevans and Pomona Marta Karoger. Next came another song by Barbara Geiger who sang *How Great thou Art*. Then Ceres Nancy Alvarez read the poem *Footprints in the Sand* by Margaret Fishback Powers. Chaplain Ronald Trombley then delivered the message *Psalms Twenty-three* witch was received well. And then we all song Amazing Grace in Unison. Closing Prayer was given by Chaplain Ronald Trombley.

Much thanks to all the people who took part in this memorial Services .May GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!

Your Servant Ronald William Trombley

# **REPORT OF STATE POMONA**

Worthy Master, State Officers, Delegates, and Members,

I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve you as State Pomona for the past two terms, and for the wonderful experiences I have had in this position.

This year, one of my responsibilities was to design new decorations for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Degree court. I first came up with the idea to redesign the court after taking part in the conferral of the 6<sup>th</sup> degree at the National Convention in Reno. Using some of the ideas from that court, and some of my own, I came up with a new vision for our court. I wanted to make elegant chair backs, decorated in the graces' respective colors with matching seat skirts. I sent Dave Wilson from Bellevue Grange a drawing with some measurements and within a few days he had the chair backs ready for my father to pick up. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dave for donating the supplies and his labor for making the chair backs. I would like to think Shirley and Dale Baker for allowing us to use the Orangevale Grange's arbors and delivering them to the hotel. I would also like to thank my mother, Julie Kroger, for the help sewing the seat skirts, for taking me to garage sales and thrift stores to find flowers and decorations, for helping with the decoration of the arbors, for ironing all the court robes, and her support of my project.

The other project I took on this year, with the help of Bob McFarland, is documenting the stories of long time Grange members. The original idea came from hearing stories of Grange members at the State Officer meetings, and as the Pomona, I thought this would be a wonderful opportunity to promote the Grange. Most of you saw the video recording of Frank and Marian Nichols, which was our first recording, and I look forward to traveling the state to record more of these valuable stories. Our ultimate goal is to put together a one-hour special to be aired on PBS to help share the Grange with the community. I would like to thank Bob for his enthusiasm in helping me initiate this project, and Ryan Harbert for volunteering to help us videotape our first trial, and for editing the movie you saw yesterday.

I have enjoyed serving as your State Pomona, and I would once again like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as a State Officer.

Fraternally, Marta Kroger State Grange Pomona

#### **MUSICIAN'S REPORT**

#### Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters:

I would like to encourage you to sing along with the "band" during the week. There was a lot of effort given to make sure that we have a song book to use. I also would like to thank the girls for their work.

I would like to thank Buzz Chernoff for the monitors, mikes and stands, and the Rise Up Singing book! Thanks also go to Dave for the extra guitar. Jim Clute deserves recognition for his work with sound. I appreciate the efforts of Linda and the Grange Staff for procuring a stage, it makes this job much easier. We are still looking for a drummer.

In an area related to music, we have copies of OLGA available on disk for 50 cents. OLGA provides a 118,000 songs, sheet music with lyrics and chords. Please contact me if you are interested.

Respectfully submitted, Lyndy Wright

# Section III

**Executive Committee Minutes** 

# CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Sunday October 14, 2007

Chairman Tom Sawyer called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. In attendance were: Tom Sawyer, Bob Clouse, Bruce Brunell, Randall Lewis, Inger Bevans, Martha Stefenoni, Johnny and Katie Squire.

Tom Sawyer reviewed the agenda for the morning.

Secretary: Randy wants a change. Discussion. Postponed until Randy can check with staff.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Discussion on the original intention of the selection of chair. Agenda should be co-ordinated with the Master. *Motion made by Inger Bevans, seconded by Bob Clouse to retain Tom Sawyer as chairman for this year. VOTE: Ayes: Unanimous.* 

VICE-CHAIRMAN: Johnny Squire nominated Bruce Brunell. Nomination seconded by Bob Clouse. **VOTE:** Ayes: Unanimous. It was suggested that a paper ballot be used next year for this election.

Minutes of the final day of the State Session (October 13, 2008) were read by Secretary Katie Squire. Corrections were noted. *Bruce Brunell moved that we accept the minutes of October 13, 2007 as corrected. Seconded by Bob Clouse. VOTE: Ayes: Unanimous*. Approval to be added to the final day's minutes.

Aptos Grange request for \$85,000 for work on their hall was reviewed. **Bob Clouse moved, seconded by Bruce Brunell to allow the withdrawal from their Asset Funds. AYES: Unanimous.** 

#### **CONVENTION CRITIQUE:**

*Martha Stefenoni* – Received a few comments. Suggest send out a questionnaire to all officers and directors to submit suggestions. Perhaps add an exit survey in delegate's packets.

*Bob Clouse* – We should set the example for starting on time. Found session to be very good and positive. Wish we could harness the energy and use it in all Granges. Use locally-grown food for our meals.

*Bruce Brunell* – Need better scheduling with the hotel.

Mike Green entered the room. Master Lewis presented Mike with Certificate of Appreciation for his legislative work for 2006-2007.

Convention Critique (continued):

*Inger Bevans* – Positive comments from everyone. There was a problem of scheduling youth activities and adequate rehearsals were lacking.

*Tom Sawyer* – The music by Lyndy was delightful and the talent contest was very good. The Lecturer and Membership director did a great job with their programs. Need to leave out raunchy jokes. Hospitality room was excellent.

Johnny Squire – The hotel was superb. The facilities were first-class.

NEXT MEETING: Nov 30 at 9am at the new office.

Randy stated the Cisco quote will be e-mailed. There is 25% off for non-profits.

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned by Tom Sawyer at 12:00 p.m.

# CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Friday, November 30, 2007 Sacramento, CA

Chairman, Tom Sawyer called the meeting to order at 9:05 am at the new office.

ATTENDANCE: Tom Sawyer, Bob Clouse, Bruce Brunell, Randall Lewis, and Inger Bevans. Martha Stefenoni will arrive later. Johnny Squire called in that he is ill and cannot make the meeting.

MINUTES: Minutes of the October 8, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Bob Clouse moved to approve the minutes of October 8, 2007 as corrected; seconded by Bruce Brunell. VOTES: Ayes -Unanimous.

Minutes of the October 14, 2007 meeting were reviewed. *Moved by Bob Clouse to approve the minutes of October 14, 2007 as corrected; seconded by Bruce Brunell.* VOTES: Ayes – Unanimous.

Discussion was held on secretary for the Executive Committee. *Inger moved that we appoint Martha Stefenoni as secretary. Motion was tabled until her arrival.* 

**MASTER'S REPORT**: Randy reported on the timing of the move from the old office to the new office. The movers had everything done by 12:30PM on the morning of the November 20<sup>th</sup>. He explained the new electronic lock system. The new phone system includes a screen that will identify those approaching the door.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**: Randy wants to eliminate the phrase "The Grange is the best-kept secret in the world." He also feels that the CSG needs to develop new tools for the Subordinate Granges, including professional brochures.

Note: Martha Stefenoni arrived at 9:51 AM.

Randy discussed the plans for legislative action.

**FRATERNAL**: Randy has received many calls commenting on the positive atmosphere at State Session.

Deputy Betty Myers is overseeing Westside Grange Hall. We have insurance coverage on the hall. The furnace is currently unusable. Westside Grange requested \$2,977 for replacing the furnace. **Bob Clouse moved to accept the bid of \$2,977 for replacing the furnace at Westside Grange; seconded by Bruce Brunell.** VOTE: Ayes: Unanimous.

The committee took a break at 10:12AM. Chairman Sawyer called the meeting back to order at 10:22AM

SECRETARY: Tabled motion to appoint Martha Stefenoni as secretary for the Executive Committee was brought back on the floor. Martha Stefenoni accepted the request to be the secretary. Bob Clouse seconded the original motion. VOTE: Ayes: Unanimous.

**MASTER'S REPORT CONTINUED**: Randy discussed his management plans and expectations of the Directors. He will be discussing the goals and objectives for the different departments and plans for attaining those goals and objectives at the Directors Meeting. The organizational charts he has developed provides a line of successions that we need to be utilizing.

There is a misconception with some members who believe the deputies are able to know and to do everything. He is planning to have the Deputies assist him in developing the training course for the Masters. He will be providing tools for the appropriate leaders to do their jobs. Members need to be taught how to use the tools; that is the goal of the new training program he is implementing.

The acceptance of all faiths and other differences is expected. The Grange is a non-sectarian organization.

General discussion was held on possible ways to protect our Grange properties from being sold or disposed of improperly.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Committee went into Executive Session from 11:15AM to 11:43AM.

#### **GRANGES:**

working with youth in the foundation activities.

LAKE EARL: No more information at this time. Deputies are working with them. EL CAMINO GRANGE: No more information. Hall is currently being leased. EASTLAKE: Bruce Brunell is working with this Grange.

**FOUNDATION/BACKGROUND CHECKS**: The State Master's goal is training people in our Granges for service in their respective communities. This is our signature program. We need more than volunteers to successfully run this program. He believes the California Grange Foundation should be able to support this plan with both administrative leadership and fundraising. Background checks will be required for volunteers

**WISTERIA PROJECT UPDATE**: There are still some lighting issues that need to be addressed in the restrooms and production room. Drapes are needed throughout the building. The non-energy efficient windows should be replaced. Building renovation costs will include decorating items such as window coverings. The Executive Committee will have copy of invoices on the renovation.

**OFFICE MANAGER REPORT:**:Amy Self joined the meeting. She apologized for not being able to provide the financial statements due to computer problems. She has set a goal of 2/15/08 for year-end financial reports to be completed. Based on our current staff she and Randy have reviewed our need for a bookkeeper and think we can get by with 20 - 24 hours per week. She wanted to wait until after the State and National conventions were over before considering adding personnel. Randy informed the Board that until the 2101 Stockton Blvd. property is leased he would not implement the 2008 budget.

Orangevale Grange Request – The request from Orangevale Grange for \$20,000 from their Asset Account was properly submitted. Moved by Randy Lewis to allow Orangevale Grange's request for \$20,000 from their Asset Account for work on their hall; seconded by Bruce Brunell VOTE: Ayes: Unanimous.

Redwood Valley Grange Request – The request from Redwood Valley Grange for \$26,923 to continue the renovation on their hall was properly submitted. Bob Clouse moved to allow Redwood Valley Grange's request for \$26,923 from their Asset Account for continued renovation to their hall; seconded by Martha Stefenoni. VOTE: Ayes: Unanimous

Welcome Grange Request – A properly submitted request for \$10,000 was received from Welcome Grange for work on their hall. Moved by Bob Clouse to approve Welcome Grange's request for \$10,000 from their Asset Account for work on their hall; seconded by Martha Stefenoni. VOTE: Ayes: Unanimous.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 1:45pm and reconvened 2:20pm

**PROPERTY REPORT:** Orangevale Grange is willing to have the Conex storage container that is presently behind Wisteria Hall placed on their property. There will need to be a small amount of sight work done to accommodate the unit. *Moved by Bruce Brunell that Randy be authorized to move the Conex to the Orangevale* 

Grange property and that we reimburse Orangevale for expenses to level the sight; seconded by Inger Bevans. VOTE: Ayes: Unanimous

Balance Sheet and Income Statement – Amy's goal is to have monthly statements out to Board by 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month as soon as year-end bookkeeping is complete.

#### **REVIEW OF HALLS:**

**Cloverdale** – Randy and Bob MacFarland are going up to meet with Cloverdale Grange Master, Mayor, and City Attorney soon. There were concerns with the proposed lease of Cloverdale Grange Hall by the City of Cloverdale for a performing arts center. He wants the lease to include provisions that the building will always be named Cloverdale Grange Hall #456 and that the Grange will have a place for outreach programs and fundraisers.

**Healdsburg** – Randy will check on the lease with the Ballet School.

**North Fork** – The Grange is again an active Grange.

**Rubidoux** – The Asset Account request from Rubidoux was not properly submitted. Randy will discuss the purpose of the Asset Accounts and how to properly make a request for those funds with them.

The meeting of the Executive Committee was recessed at 3:20 PM for the meeting of Granges. The Executive Committee Meeting reconvened at 3:25PM.

**Mt. Vernon** Grange – In September, Mt. Vernon Grange was designated as County Historical Landmark. They were presented a plaque designating the building as a historical landmark. The Mayor of Auburn and a representative of the Board of Supervisors were in attendance.

FACILITY NAMING: Various means of donor recognition were discussed.

**REVERTED FUNDS**: This item will be held until Johnny Squire is in attendance..

**FFA STATE CONVENTION CAREER FAIR**: Martha Stefenoni felt we should again participate in the Career Fair at the State FFA Convention. She will get information on the Career Fair and e-mail it to everyone.

GRANGE HALL LOAN/SALE/ENCUMBRANCE PROCEDURE: Tom Sawyer distributed a handout on Encumbrance of Grange Hall. *Moved by Bruce Brunell to accept the Encumbrance/Sale of Grange Halls Procedure; seconded by Bob Clouse.* VOTE: Ayes: Unanimous.

**WEBSITE STATUS**: The website is still a work in progress.

TITLE CHANGE PROCEDURE: Moved by Bob Clouse we authorize Randy to work with the real estate attorneys to develop a proper form and an implementation details for a Notification Clause on the title of Grange Halls to prevent Granges from selling their Halls improperly; seconded by Bruce Brunell. VOTE: Ayes: Unanimous

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RETREAT/BUSINESS PLANNING SESSION**: We need to set aside time to focus solely on developing long-range plans, leaving the day-to-day business for the regular Executive Committee meetings. Members of the Executive Committee should submit items for consideration to Randy. We will try to schedule this as soon as possible.

**NEXT MEETING**: The next schedule meeting of the Executive Committee will be February 29 and March 1, 2008 beginning at 9AM.

Martha Stefenoni asked if the California State Grange would consider requesting the National Master dismiss the charges that were pending against State Master, Tom Stefenoni at the time of his death. There was a resolution adopted at the 2007 National Grange Session that added a provision in the By-laws that address this issue. State Master Lewis will make the request of the National Grange Master.

The meeting of November 30, 2007 was adjourned at 5:18PM. The meeting will reconvene at 9AM on Saturday, December 1, 2007.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 01, 2007

Chairman, Tom Sawyer called the meeting to order at 8:55AM. Committee members present were: Randy Lewis, Bruce Brunell, Bob Clouse, Inger Bevans and Martha Stefenoni. Johnny Squire was unable to attend due to illness.

We discussed the communication received earlier regarding the replacement program for the mercury vapor lights. It is an opportunity for Granges to have a community informational meeting, and promote energy efficiency.

Randy Lewis met with Ken Donnell regarding the opportunity of adding solar panels to help offset our energy usage here. It was suggested that Randy turn this over to the Conservation Committee to research.

Linda Lewis finalized negotiations and Randy signed the contract with the Radisson Hotel in Fresno for our 2009 Annual Session. The room rate is guaranteed at \$99 plus taxes per night.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9:20AM.

CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Friday, February 29. 2008 Sacramento, CA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2008

The meeting of the California State Grange Executive Committee was called to order at 9:05 AM. Members in attendance were: Chairman, Tom Sawyer, Master, Randy Lewis, Bruce Brunell, Bob Clouse and Inger Bevans. Overseer Martha Stefenoni was in transit. Johnny Squire, excused absence.

**AGENDA**: Motion by Bob Clouse, second by Bruce Brunell to approve the proposed agenda as presented. **VOTE:** *AYES - Unanimous*.

**MASTER'S REPORT**: Randy stated that he notices a positive attitude change in our Subordinate Granges and is very pleased. He believes that we are in better shape than we were a year ago.

#### **STATUS OF GRANGES:**

CLOVERDALE: Randy and Bob MacFarland met with Cloverdale city officials regarding the Performing Arts Center. Discussions will continue with the Cloverdale Grange leadership and City officials. There was an article in their local paper a week ago regarding the city's desire to reach an agreement with the Grange.

EASTLAKE: They have surrendered their charter. Randy is working with the community members and previous leadership to see if they can reorganize. There is property manager for the building. Bob Clouse offered to assist Randy.

LAKE EARL: Continues to have problems. A serious concern of the Executive Committee is that they are 2 years in default on their note. The last payment received was partial payment in April 2007.

Bob Clouse suggested a regular newsletter to subordinate Masters to remind them of many reporting requirements and adherence to Grange laws. Need to include positive information to inspire them.

RUBIDOUX GRANGE – County acquired surrounding property by eminent domain for a library. Randy read an offer of \$375,000 from the Redevelopment Agency of Riverside County for the Rubidoux Grange property. The Executive Committee had previously approved the sale of the Rubidoux property in order to develop a new Grange Hall in Hemet. **Bruce Brunell moved that we accept the offer, seconded by Bob Clouse**. **VOTE**: **AYES: Unanimous.** 

10:10am – Martha Stefenoni arrived.

VISTA GRANGE – Randy updated the Committee on Vista Grange matters that have occurred since the last meeting.

**BREAK: 10:30am** – Tom Sawyer needed to leave due to an emergency at home. Bruce Brunell, Vice Chairman of the Executive Board, assumed the Chair.

FOWLER GRANGE: There were two Certificates of Deposits that were not reverted to the State Grange and are now in the possession of the State of California. Randy was directed to file a claim to recover these funds.

CALAVERAS: Reorganized on February 11, 2008 with 13 Subordinate Members and 13 in the new Jr. Grange.

COALINGA: Working on reorganization.

DAVIS CREEK: Possibility of reorganization.

HESSEL: Possible Inquiry about reorganization.

MT. BOLIVAR: Reorganization in process.

WESTSIDE: Heating plant repaired. Dance group meets there weekly. The Deputy in the area is managing the building.

TAYLORSVILLE: All officers resigned. The building has been winterized. Randy has a reorganization meeting scheduled with them in April.

Lunch Recess began at 12:15pm. The meeting reconvened at 1:15pm.

Shirley Baker and Howard Sihner joined the meeting.

**Excellence in Presentations:** California State FFA Sacramento Leadership Experience, Thursday, March 6, 5pm. Randy is unable to attend. Howard Sihner, Martha and Joseph Stefenoni will be available to represent the Grange.

A request from Calaveras Grange to release their funds from the Property Management Account had been received. **Moved by Bob Clouse to release the funds to Calaveras Grange, seconded by Inger Bevans. VOTE:** *AYES – Unanimous.* 

**PROPERTY SALE/EMCUMBERANCE/TRANSFER:** Randy is working with the attorneys to develop a program to assist Granges when they must deal with issues related to the sale, transfer or emcumberance of their properties to be sure the Grange is in compliance with the National Grange Digest of Laws.

**OFFICE MANAGER/BOOKKEEPER REPORT:** Office Manager, Amy Self, joined the meeting at 2PM. She discussed ways she would like to keep the books on the Grange Halls that are in the Property Management Account and are being rented out. She feels we need to come up with a long-range plan to support Granges that are having difficulties before they get to the position of having to surrender their charter and have their Grange Hall managed by the State Grange. One possibility would be to earmark the reverted funds to build a program to "support and help" Granges in need.

Randy presented a revised budget based on the realistic rental income. **Martha moved, Inger 2<sup>nd</sup> we adopt the revised budget as proposed.** Discussion – Inger commended Randy on a job well done. Randy thanked Amy for all her help. **VOTE:** *AYES – Unanimous* 

Amy stated she is only about a week away from having all the information ready for the auditor.

Wisteria Construction Project Summary – Moved by Inger Bevans,  $2^{nd}$  by Bob Clouse to allocate UP TO \$75,000 from the Office Contingency Fund to be used for the unanticipated expenses on the Wisteria project. VOTE: AYES – Unanimous

Moved by Inger Bevans that the California State Grange pay interest on the office construction project note equivalent to the quarterly yield of the Asset Management Funds, seconded by Martha Stefenoni. VOTE: AYES – Unanimous.

APPLE VALLEY GRANGE requested \$3500.00 from their Asset Management Account for their Jr. Grange program and to help Hesperia Grange with improvements for their hall. Moved by Inger Bevans to allow Apple Valley to withdraw \$3500.00 from their Asset Management Account for their Jr. Grange program and to help Hesperia Grange, seconded by Martha Stefenoni. VOTE: AYES – Unanimous.

Randy distributed a recap of our reports to National Grange and an updated deputies list. The Executive Committee is concerned about the large number Granges delinquent on their quarterly reports and their loan payments.

Website – Due to the continuing problems with Planeteria we are moving our website to a new host. Randy presented a proposal from Rick Keel to update and make changes to our website. Moved by Bob Clouse that we accept the proposal from Rick Keel for moving the website and making updates and changes to our website in the amount of \$2,200.00, seconded by Martha Stefenoni. VOTE: Ayes – Unanimous.

Winnet Proposal for Audio/Visual Training Equipment – **Bob Clouse moved that we accept the bid from Winnet on the video installations for the building, seconded by Inger Bevans. VOTE:** *AYES* – *Unanimous.* 

Randy presented recommendations from C. B. Richard Ellis on marketing our rental property. **Moved by Bob** Clouse that we authorize Randy to sign the contract with C. B. Richard Ellis to market our rental property, seconded by Martha Stefenoni. VOTE: *AYES – Unanimous*.

Randy distributed "The Board Team Handbook" for the members to review in preparation for our upcoming planning meeting.

Meeting adjourned for the evening at 6:17pm.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2008

Vice Chairman, Bruce Brunell called the meeting to order at 8:30am. Minutes of Friday, February 29, 2009 were reviewed and corrected. Members present were Randy Lewis, Bob Clouse, Inger Bevans, Martha Stefenoni and Bruce Brunell.

Joseph Stefenoni, newly elected Youth Committee Chairman reported on the Youth Conference. There were changes proposed to the Youth Committee guidelines and he reviewed these for the Executive Committee.

Moved by Bob Clouse, to approve the proposed changes to the Youth Fair Handbook, seconded by Martha Stefenoni. VOTE: Ayes – Unanimous.

DELHI GRANGE – Randy moved that the Executive Committee allow the Master to finalize a rental agreement for Delhi Grange Hall, seconded by Inger Bevans. VOTE: Ayes – Unanimous.

Next Meeting: May 2-3, 2008. Meeting was closed at 10:45 am.

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SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9AM. Members in attendance were: Chairman, Tom Sawyer, Inger Bevans, Bruce Brunell, Bob Clouse, Randy Lewis, and Johnny Squire. Martha Stefenoni was in route. State Secretary was also in attendance. Additions to the agenda were noted.

**MASTER'S REPORT**: Master, Randall Lewis began his presentation with a list of the Deputy Assignments. There will need to be additional Deputies, he would like to have the assignments down to two or three Granges so that the contacts are manageable.

The State Roster is nearly ready. There still have been delays due to lack of information from the Granges. It was suggested that the final date be set and the roster be printed. Although we want as much information as possible, we must get the roster printed.

**APPLE VALLEY GRANGE REQUEST**: All of the procedures and guidelines have been followed to merge Apple Valley and Hesperia Granges. They would like to merge and form High Desert Grange using Grange #593. **Motion by Bruce Brunell, seconded by Bob Clouse that the consolidation be approved. VOTE: Ayes - Unanimous.** Sister Bevans point out that the appropriate forms be filed with the Secretary of State.

**BOOKKEEPING:** Amy Self, Office Manager and Bookkeeper, joined the meeting at 9:30AM. Amy announced that they have revised the Chart of Accounts, due to the merger of the various Youth, Junior and Grange Youth Fair programs into one distinct account, #400. The Grange properties that are managed by the California State Grange have also been allocated into separate accounts so that the expense and income for each Grange property will be tracked individually. The old account numbers will continue because our procedures require no account activity for 2 years before an account can be removed.

Grange Legal Counsel, Tom Nickens joined the meeting at 9:40AM.

The draft balance sheet for the first 4 months of the year was reviewed. Inputting the information for the revised current year budget was very time consuming.

Reports of income and expenses for the Grange properties spread over 24 months. Calaveras Grange has had \$5000 released to them. The balance will be released once the Grange is well established. They are agreeable to this

**Accounts Receivable**: The membership dues are skewed due to the timing of the report. Amy Self will be meeting with Accountant, Bruce Sneesby, to review the fixed assets as well as the depreciable assets as well as allocations. This is a long-term project.

Bob Clouse asked that the Income Statement reflect that it referenced the Revised Budget. This will help clarify to the membership that these figures reflect the changes approved by the Executive Committee due to the changes in project income.

Amy Self explained how the income for the rental has been handled on the balance sheet.

The Public Relations Department expenses allocations were discussed. The PR Department now has its own Department number. There are still some Ag Day expenses that need to be moved to this account from the General Account.

The Grange Hall Loan Fund was discussed. There are several Granges that are delinquent in their payments. This item will be discussed later during the meeting. Interest income on these payments varies due to when the payments are made. There are still some Accounts Receivable that should be identified as Grange Hall Loans. Sister Bevans has additional documentation to help with the allocations.

At this time the cash flow and budget is very tight. There are still Accounts Receivables that can be collected.

**OFFICE MANAGER REPORT** - Things have been very busy in the last month. They are trying to work with the engineers to work out the bugs in our phone system. Next week they will be working on the mailings including the Journal, By-laws, Handbooks and Roster. Sister Self was thanked for all her hard work and continuing dedication to our organization.

The Chairman declared at 10 minute recess at 10:50AM.

Attorney Tom Nickens joined the meeting to discuss a new IRS requirement of a Conflict of Interest Statement. He had prepared a document which can be reviewed by the committee. The Executive Committee should adopt a Conflict of Interest Statement and be included in the Handbook.

Master Lewis read a letter dated March 13th from the National Grange regarding the Hitt vs. Lewis complaint decision from National Grange Trial Court. Mr. Hitt has appealed the decision of the National Grange Trial Court. The matter will be taken up by the National Grange Executive Committee.

The quarterly income payment for Grange Insurance Association contract has been received from National Grange.

**Wisteria Construction Project**: An expense spreadsheet was distributed covering expenses up to May 3, 2008. The window coverings should be shipped by May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Randy will be meeting with Cal-Ram Construction regarding the completion of the new State Grange office. They will also be discussing the GBO building. Any commercial building less than 3000 sq. ft. is only required to have one exit. The GBO building is in excess of 4600 sq. ft.

Randy provided an updated lease for the Capital City Credit Union occupying the second floor of the GBO building.

The GBO building had a water leak that required the parking lot be partially dug up; termites in the building and a leak in the hot water heater. Repairs are underway. In talking to the asphalt company they found a way to add another parking space by reconfiguring the handicap parking space.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:15PM. The meeting reconvened at 1:05PM. Randy distributed a graph showing the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2008 Membership Losses and Gains.

**Taylorsville Grange** - On May 8<sup>th</sup> Randy will go up for a reorganization meeting. The County Supervisor for the area will be attending.

**Hessel** - On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Randy will be down for a reorganization meeting.

**Coalinga** - John and Katie Squire have worked on completing the reorganizing of Coalinga Grange. There appears to be the possibility of restarting several other Granges in the State.

**Cloverdale** - the agreement between the City and Cloverdale Grange is off the table. Randy is working with Mike Nixon to try and re-energize the Grange.

**Fowler** - There is interest from the City of Fowler in the Grange Hall. The property needs to be cleaned up both inside and out. Kip Aalto, Board Member of Fresno Grangers Federal Credit Union was a member of Fowler and may be able to help

**Lake Earl Grange** - A new master has been elected and installed.

**North Fork** - The local Deputy has been asked to assist North Fork Grange with their operations.

**Rubidoux** - Randy sent an e-mail to the Master informing him that the Executive Committee had voted to allow them to proceed with the sale of the Hall. Randy has not yet receive a response.

**Crescent Redwood** - The Deputy is working on getting Crescent Redwood working again as a Grange.

**Delhi** Grange is in the process of being leased to a Church.

Mt. Bolivar - Jim McDaniel is working with them to reorganize the Grange.

**Westside Grange** - At the special meeting of the Executive Committee, April 12<sup>th</sup>, we approved the repair of the water pump and tank.

**Biggs** - Does not have handicap accessible restrooms and there has been a leak in the bathrooms. Martha will see if there is interest in organizing a Grange

**Brownsville** - A former member has sent a letter to former members about the possibility of reorganization.

**Legislative** - AB2434 - Randy and Bro. Carpadus testified at the Committee hearings as well as supervisors from Modoc and Shasta Counties. The Appropriation Committee would not recommend the funds for the feasibility study. SCR 86 - Encourages the CSG to work with local historical societies to help collect information and distribute local historical information to the schools to be included in their history classes.

Status of Granges: The Committee reviewed the status of Granges who are not current on their quarterly report. Moved by Bob Clouse, seconded by Bruce Brunell, that the Executive Committee concurred with the State Master on suspending Granges that are three (3) or more quarters in arrears for their per capita. VOTE: Ayes - Unanimous.

An inquiry had been received from a representative of Cookie Lee Jewelry about having a booth at the upcoming State Grange Convention. After discussing this with Linda Lewis, Executive Assistant to the Master, who handles most of the convention planning, it doesn't seem that we have the available space at the facility we have booked.

Randy shared a letter received from Grange Insurance Group's announcing the new Board officers, Tom McKern, Chairman, and the Fred Church, Vice Chairman; they had approved 2009 contract with the National Grange; and they had formed "WIN/WIN" committee for the betterment of both our organizations.

Randy presented of the Conflict of Interest Statement prepared by Attorney, Tom Nickens, that is now required by the IRS for all non-profit charitable corporations.

The necessity of having a corporate Attorney on retainer was discussed based on our current budgetary constraints. Moved by Bruce Brunell, seconded by Inger Bevans that we terminate the retainer agreement with our attorney. VOTE: Ayes - Unanimous.

A request from **Aptos Grange** for work on their hall was properly submitted, including, sewer work, new doors, alarm system. The total amount of the work was \$26,624.00 **Moved by Bruce Brunell, seconded by Bob Clouse that we approve the request from Aptos Grange of \$26,624.00 from their Asset Management Account. <b>VOTE:** Ayes - Unanimous.

Randy reported on the Community event held at Yankee Hill Grange that he and Linda attended.

**Background checks** - We discussed background checks after the National Grange was unable to develop a program for all the State Granges to participate in. Randy is checking with the State Attorney General's office how we can get it done at a reasonable cost.

The Executive Committee Meeting was recessed at 5:05pm for the meeting of Granges.

The meeting reconvened at 5:25pm.

Randy reported on the on going development of State Grange website.

Bellevue Grange requested in proper form, \$7950.00 from their Asset Management Account to pay for door and repairs to Rincon Valley Grange Hall. Moved by Bob Clouse, seconded by Martha Stefenoni to approve Bellevue's request. VOTE: Ayes - Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned for the day at 6:08PM. The meeting will reconvene at 9AM on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 9:10AM by Chairman, Tom Swayer. Members attending were: Randall Lewis, Bob Clouse, Inger Bevans, Johnny Squire and Martha Stefenoni. Bruce Brunell had an excused absence.

**FFA** - Martha and Joseph Stefenoni and Bob McFarland represented the State Grange at the Sacramento Leadership Experience reception. The FFA participants at the event were excited to meet representatives from the Grange and many of them knew of the Grange but were not Grange members.

Bob McFarland and Martha Stefenoni represented the Grange at the State FFA Conference Career Fair in Fresno, April 21, 2008. The Grange had a *Guitar Hero* booth inviting the FFA students to enjoy a game of *Guitar Hero*. They had 122 students stop by to sign up and play the game. While waiting to play the game, Bob and Martha were able to talk with the students about the Grange. There was interest from students about the Grange and also from FFA advisors about the Grange and Grange Youth Fair program. She felt that both of the events were well worth the time and effort to put on the events.

**2008 YOUTH CONFERENCE** - It was noted that there had been no final accounting report on the Youth Conference. The Master will follow up with the Youth Committee.

**PARKING PERMITS** - Randy is working on getting a 'U' Street Parking permit for the State Grange van. He is also checking to see if the "Loading Zone" space in front of the GBO building can be changed to street parking.

EXPO SOFTWARE - It is time to update the Expo Management software. The cost is \$250.00. Moved by Martha Stefenoni, seconded by Bob Clouse that we purchase the software update. VOTE: Ayes Lewis, Clouse, Bevans, Stefenoni. Abstain - Squire.

**REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE** - Bob suggested that perhaps the committee should divide up the list and take responsibility for checking on the properties that the State Grange is managing. Randy and Bob will work together an inspection form that can be used when the Real Estate Committee goes to look at these properties.

**NEXT MEETING: July 12** 

Moved by John Squire, seconded by Bob Clouse the meeting be adjourned at 11:30am. VOTE: Ayes 6.

#### E-Mail Minutes For June 16.

An e-mail meeting of the EC was held on June 16, 2008 to present a motion in Support for the Alaska State Grange. We were being asked to help restore several failing subordinate granges. We wanted to respond positively.

The e-mail Motion by Johnny Squire reads "The California State Grange shall not expend its funds for any expenses for sending a representative to Alaska to help the Alaska State Grange in it's subordinate Grange renewal project" The motion was seconded by Inger Bevans. A discussion followed with the hope that donations could be found to fund air fare for Bob Mcfarland to travel to Alaska and conduct meetings for the public. The vote on the motion NOT to use Grange funds was: Johnny Squire, Yes; Martha Stefenoni, Yes; Inger Bevans, Yes; Tom Sawyer Yes; Bob Clouse, motion unneccesary; Randy Lewis, Abstain; Bruce Brunell, Not voting.

With four yes votes the motion carries and No Grange funds shall be used. As this is an off-budget item, donations were suggested to cover the expense. Due to the generosity of the EC members and the obvious desire to help the Alaska State Grange, \$1000 in donations was committed.

# CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE SACRAMENTO, CA 95817 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING July 12 - 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Chairman H. Tom Sawyer at 8:56AM. Members in attendance were: Inger Bevans, Bruce Brunell, Bob Clouse, Randy Lewis, Johnny Squire, Martha Stefenoni.

The agenda was amended to include correspondence from Rosedale Grange and an update on Coalinga Grange Hall. Moved by Johnny Squire, seconded by Bruce Brunell that we adopt the agenda as amended. *VOTE: Ayes - Unanimous* 

Minutes of the June 16, 2008 e-mail meeting regarding our support for the Alaska State Granges were presented for approval. Moved by Johnny Squire, seconded by Bob Clouse that the minutes of the June 16<sup>th</sup> e-mail meeting be approved. *VOTE:* Ayes - Unanimous

The Committee moved to Executive Session at 9AM.

Executive Session was closed at 11:15AM

The Financial Report was reviewed and discussed.

#### **MEETING OF GRANGES:**

The meeting of Grange was called to order at 11:49AM.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:07PM. The meeting reconvened at 1:00PM.

The meeting of Granges was closed at 1:42PM.

**COALINGA** - The meeting of Coalinga Grange was called to order at 1:00PM. John Squire provided everyone a sketch and pictures of the offices in Coalinga Grange Hall. He is trying to rent the offices to provide income for the Grange. There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 1:20PM.

**MASTER'S REPORT:** Randy read a letter from Tom Nickens in response to our cancellation of his retainer agreement.

The Wisteria Construction Project Summary was reviewed.

Vista Grange - The charter of Vista Grange remains suspended.

**Benefits** - CSG presented to the National Grange and the National Grange has approved Pre-Paid Legal as a benefit plan. We also have presented the American Income Life Program to National Grange which was adopted.

**Eastlake Grange** received a grant from the Lake County Redevelopment Agency to relandscape the property and install a sign.

The expenses related to reactivating Granges in trouble or organizing new Granges will now be managed under the Membership Development Department.

Randy reported on the efforts of CB Richard Ellis in finding tenants for the 2101 Stockton Blvd. lower level and the GBO building.

Rosedale Grange requested \$6000.00 to be used to give \$2000.00 scholarships to three of their members. Moved by Inger Bevans, seconded by Johnny Squire that we allow the request of Rosedale Grange to withdraw \$6000.00 of their cash balance of unpaid interest for the purpose of scholarships. VOTE: Ayes - Unanimous (NOTE: No principal is being withdrawn.)

El Camino Grange - Moved by Bruce Brunell, seconded by Bob Clouse that we authorize Randy to work with J.R. Parish Real Estate Services in assessing the El Camino Grange Hall property. *VOTES: Ayes - Unanimous*.

Randy reported on Bob MacFarland's trip to Alaska to assist in the membership development efforts with the Alaska State Grange and the National Grange. Bob believes that there is a good possibility of organizing 2 new Granges. Any donated funds not expended for Bob's trip will be put into the Public Relations Departme.

Katie Squire joined the meeting at 4:50PM to report on Family Camp. The number of attendees was half of the amount projected, therefore camp income did not meet expenses. They did a number of projects including bread baking, stenciling as well as offsite tours. Katie thanked Bill and Patty Allen for doing the food and Suzi Moromarco for handling the Juniors and the work in putting on the Jr. Degree. Randy Lewis moved, seconded by Bruce Brunell that we fund the food expense for Family Camp from the GIA \$1 per member donation. VOTE: Ayes - Unanimous.

**Cloverdale Grange** - The city no longer wishes to lease the Grange Hall for a performing arts center.

Linda Lewis reported that there are very few reservations for the Western Regional Conference that is scheduled for the weekend of July 28<sup>th</sup>. There is a possibility that it may be cancelled.

The meeting was closed at 5:30PM.

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2008**

Chairman, H. Tom Sawyer called the meeting to order at 8:55AM. Members present were: Inger Bevans, Bruce Brunell, Bob Clouse, Randy Lewis, Johnny Squire, Martha Stefenoni. Guests present were State Secretary, Katie Squire, Youth Committee Chairman, Joseph Stefenoni, Dorothy Brunell and Ernie Bevans

**Grange Hall Loan/Sale Encumbrance procedures** - Martha Stefenoni will work with the office in publishing and distributing the documents for the Grange Hall Loan/Sale Encumbrance procedures.

**Title Change Procedure** - Bob Clouse will work with the office in preparing a cover letter explaining the need for the Title Change Procedure.

2008 Annual Session - Linda Lewis joined the meeting to review plans for convention. Moved by Martha Stefenoni, seconded by Inger Bevans that we charge \$40 for the full registration fee and \$10.00 for the basic registration fee. *VOTE: Ayes - Unanimous*.

Website Progress - The website contractor is working on getting report forms online. The goal is to have all our sites in one place.

**Master's Report continued:** The CSG insurance policies expired in July. After seeking bids and comparing proposed coverages, we are now insured through Philadelphia Insurance thru a local Sacramento area insurance agency. We also were able to add a \$1,000,000 umbrella liability policy.

Revised 2008 Budget - The members reviewed the April 2008 revised budget. Moved by Bob Clouse, seconded by Johnny Squire we authorize the California State Grange to secure a bridge loan contingent upon the listing of West Visalia Grange Hall for sale. VOTE: Ayes - Unanimous.

A lunch recess was declared at 12:00PM. The meeting was reconvened at 12:45PM.

The Conflict of Interest Policy Statement was distributed. Since the committee needs time to review the policy statement it will be held over to be acted upon at the next meeting.

**State History Program (SCR86)** - Inger Bevans reported on the efforts to implement SCR86. Randy Lewis displayed a framed copy of the signed California Senate Resolution SCR86.

Executive Committee Planning Session - We will delay scheduling the Executive Committee Planning Session until after the 2008 Convention.

**Prunedale Grange** Asset Management - Prunedale Grange requested \$70,000 from their Asset Management Account for work to their grounds and pavement. Their request was properly presented. **Moved by Johnny Squire, seconded by Bob Clouse that we grant Prunedale Grange's request for \$70,000 from their Asset Management Account.** *VOTE: Ayes - Unanimous***.** 

Next Meeting: Sept. 7, 2008, 9AM

The minutes were approved as corrected.

The meeting was closed at 2:15PM.

# Email meeting August 14, 2008

An e-mail meeting was opened on August 14 to consider motions on Fowler Grange by Johnny Squire and seconded by Inger Bevans. The report on Fowler Grange property report by Bob Clouse was the basis for the action proposed by Johnny. The motions follow:

"I move we accept and approve the Fowler Grange property report.

I move to implement the recommendations contained in the Fowler Grange property report as fast as possible.

I move we appoint a committee of Bob Clouse chair, and members Dale Baker and Howard Sihner to accomplish the recommendations. (Since they have already had contact with the Fowler city officials). The final details are to be reported to the CSG Executive Committee for final approval before any leases are signed."

E-mail discussions to were presented by Bob, Inger, Bruce, Randy and Tom (myself) *No final action was taken at this* time.

At this same time four other issues became time critical and a Grangespeak meeting was scheduled for August 25 at 9:30 pm

### **GRANGESPEAK MEETING OF AUGUST 27.**

1) The meeting of the California State Grange Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman, H. Tom Sawyer at 8pm via "Grange Speak". Members in attendance were Inger Bevans, Bob Clouse, Randall Lewis, Johnny Squire, and Martha Stefenoni. Bruce Brunell was excused but had provided Chairman Sawyer with his vote on certain agenda items. Larry Kroger, Chairman of the Budget

Committee was also in attendance. Agenda items for this meeting are: 1) 2009 Proposed Budget; 2) Fowler Grange; 3) West Visalia Grange; 4) Delhi Grange; 5) Executive Committee Resolution entitled *ACCOUNTS OWED THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE by SUBORDINATE (COMMUNITY) or POMONA GRANGES*; 6) Past Masters' Convention Expenses; and 7) Fraternal Concerns and Request for Support.

2) The 2009 Budget Committee members were Inger Bevans, Marian Nichols, Bill Thomas, Liz Finn and Larry Kroger, Chairman. Prior to reviewing the proposed budget Chairman Kroger shared some observations of the committee:

A) California State Grange Income is derived as follows:

Rental Income	50%
Membership Dues	25%
Grange Insurance Service Agreement	25%

We need to find ways to diversify our income so if an income source changes it does not create drastic disruptions in our income stream.

- B) There are noted certain items in the budget which the Executive Committee, with delegate approval, should be granted the authority to increase if the income increases.
- C) The committee felt that the staff needed and deserved a raise and if the income allows during the year, a bookkeeper should be hired.
- D) The committee felt that all meal functions at convention should not be subsidized by the State Grange; rather the price charged should be sufficient to cover the cost of those attending the meal function with the exception of the invited guests.
- E) The committee felt the Patrons' Lunch and the First Timers' lunches should be combined.
- 3) The Executive Committee discussed the cost of convention and felt that we need to work to get local Granges to support and/or sponsor some or all of the convention as they did a number of years ago. The 2009 Convention will be held in Fresno and the 2010 Convention in either Bakersfield or Visalia. We need to help the members understand the cost differences between using Fairgrounds and Hotel Convention centers.
- 4) Johnny Squire reminded the committee that the proposed budget is not a reflection of our day to day cash flow. Inger Bevans remarked that the deficit is covered by the surplus that the State Grange was able to accumulate under the management of Master Tom Stefenoni.
- 5) Moved by Inger Bevans, seconded by Martha Stefenoni that the Executive Committee accept the 2009 Budget as presented by the Budget committee. *VOTE: AYES Unanimous*.
- 6) Bob Clouse, Dale Baker and Howard Sihner had made a trip to Fowler to inspect the Fowler Grange property, take a look at the City of Fowler and made recommendations as to what should be done with Fowler Grange Hall. While there, they met with the City Manager who expressed a desire by the City of Fowler to see the Grange Hall is refurbished. It is the largest meeting building in the City. The City Manager mentioned uses such as a cooling center during prolonged heat waves and a place to hold City Council meetings. There are funds in the Fowler Grange Asset Management account that could be used for refurbishing or we could look at the redevelopment funds that may be available through the City of Fowler. Moved by Johnny Squire, seconded by Inger Bevans that we accept and approve the Fowler

Grange property report as presented by Bob Clouse and implement the recommendations of the report as fast as possible. *VOTE: AYES - Clouse, Bevans, Squire, Stefenoni, Sawyer; NO - Lewis; ABSTAIN - Brunell* 

- 7) Johnny Squire, Inger Bevans and Tom Sawyer had met with Pearson Realty of Visalia regarding a Marketing Opinion on the West Visalia Grange Property. The packet of information from Pearson Realty had been distributed to the Executive Committee members for review. Currently the California State Grange has expended over \$150,000 in legal fees and litigation caused by the unauthorized encumbrance of West Visalia Grange Hall which went into default. The current tenant in the West Visalia Grange Hall has expressed an interest in purchasing the property. Moved by Bob Clouse, seconded by Inger Bevans that Randy inform the tenant we will be putting the property up for sale and allow him up to Sept. 10, 2008 to advise us if he is still interested in purchasing the property. If no response is received by Sept. 10, 2008 or if the tenant is no longer interested in purchasing the property, we list the property with Pearson Realty of Visalia. VOTE: AYES Unanimous
- 8) During their return from Fowler, Bob Clouse, Dale Baker and Howard Sihner had gone by the Delhi Grange property and Bob provided the Executive Committee photos of the building and the damage that was done to it by the uninsured motorist's vehicle. He had also secured a repair estimate of approximately \$38,000.
  - While they were looking over the property, they met the minister of the church that was renting Delhi Grange Hall who said that the church was interested in purchasing the property 'AS IS'. Moved by Bob Clouse, seconded by Inger Bevans that we determine the value of the Delhi Grange property 'AS IS' and begin the process to sell the property. VOTE: AYES Unanimous
- 9) Regarding the Executive Committee Resolution entitled *ACCOUNTS OWED the CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE by SUBORDINATE (COMMUNITY) or POMONA GRANGES*, moved by Bob Clouse, seconded by Martha Stefenoni we adopted the resolution which will be submitted to the delegates at the 2008 Convention. *VOTE: AYES Unanimous*.
- 10) Discussion was held on what, in terms of hotel rooms, meals and registration fees would be included in the invitation to the Past State Masters and Past First Lady. Moved by Johnny Squire, seconded by Inger Bevans that for the 2008 Convention the invitations to the Past State Masters and Past First Lady include hotel rooms for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the Master's Banquet and their Registration Fee. VOTE: AYES Unanimous.
- 11) The State Master had received correspondence from a Subordinate Grange Master inquiring as to why it was important for him to receive the Fraternal Concerns notices. The State Master sought input from the Executive Committee as to their feelings about receiving the Fraternal Concerns notices and if the State Grange should continue sending them to those in the e-mail database. All the committee desired to continue receiving the Fraternal Concerns notices and felt that they should to be sent to those in the e-mail database as it continues to build our spirit of fraternity. The recipients need only to delete it from their e-mail if it has no relevance for them.
- 12) Cairman, Tom Sawyer thanked everyone for their perseverance and closed the meeting at 12:05 am, Wednesday, August 27, 2008

CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE SACRAMENTO CA 95817 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETI9NG

## September 7, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sawyer at 10:00AM. Members in attendance were Inger Bevans, Bruce Brunell, Bob Clouse, Randy Lewis, Tom Sawyer, Johnny Squire and Martha Stefenoni. Gusts attending were CSG Treasurer Marion Nichols and Howard Sihner, Master of Elk Grove Grange.

The Agenda was approved.

John Hamden of Elk Gove Funeral Chapel joined the meeting at this time. Howard Sihner explained Elk Grove Grange is considering encumbering their hall by entering into a lease agreement with their neighbor, Elk Grove Funeral Chapel. Currently, the Grange uses the chapel's parking lot for Grange activities. The lease would provide time each month for Grange activities and allow the Funeral Chapel to use the Grange hall the remainder of the time. Brother Sihner stated that the Commercial Lease Agreement we received was a "fill in the blanks" document and lease would not be effective until the Agreement is approved by the Executive Committee. Johnny Squire had reviewed the agreement and expressed concern in several areas of the agreement. MOVED by Bob Clouse, seconded by Bruce Brunell that we support the concept of Elk Grove Grange entering into an agreement with the Funeral Chapel and work to expedite the agreement. VOTE: Ayes – unanimous.

Mr. Hamden was thanked for attending the meeting and excused.

The meeting was moved to Executive Session at 10:30 AM. Howard Sihner was asked to remain for the Executive Session. The meeting reconvened at 11:00 AM. Howard Sihner departed the meeting.

MOVED by Bob Clouse, seconded by Bruce Brunell that in light of allegations received regarding a member of the State Grange Leadership Team, Randy be allowed to place the State Grange Leadership Team member on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation of these allegations. *VOTE: Ayes – Bevans, Brunell, Clouse, Squire, Sawyer, Stefenoni. Abstain -Randy Lewis.* 

MOVED by Bob Clouse, seconded by Bruce Brunell that Randy retains the necessary assistance to conduct an investigation into the allegations received against a member of the State Grange Leadership Team. VOTE: Ayes – Bevans, Brunell, Clouse, Squire, Sawyer, Stefenoni. Abstain – Lewis.

Treasurer Marion Nichols joined the meeting to discuss the Proposed 2009 Budget and preparations for the budget workshop at Convention.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 1:00 PM. The meeting reconvened at 1:30 PM.

**Fowler Grange** – There is a work party of the Clouses, Sihners and Bakers going to Fowler to begin the clean up of the property on Sept. 20 - 21. Their plan is that at the end of the weekend, the property will be cleaned up inside and out.

**Delhi Grange** - We are still working on the disposition of the hall.

**Lucerne Valley Grange** – the air conditioning unit had to be repaired at a cost of \$135.00. The HVAC repairman said the unit needs to be replaced. The church that is the tenant in the Grange Hall thinks they can get the unit replaced for \$5500 - \$6000. Randy will contact them and outline the information that we require in order to approve their request.

**Prunedale Grange** – requested \$13,000 from their Asset Management Account for landscape and sprinkler system, doors, fire suppression and other fire code upgrades. The appropriate documentation accompanied the request. **MOVED by Bruce Brunell, seconded by Johnny Squire that we authorize the \$13,000 request for the fire code upgrades. VOTE** – *Ayes* – *Brunell, Clouse, Lewis, Sawyer, Squire, Stefenoni. Abstain* – *Bevans.* 

Status of the triangle offices leasing - CB Richard Ellis is continuing to show the property.

**Financial Report** – the financial report was reviewed.

**Master's Report** – Randy distributed an updated Deputy State Master list. Randy is still working with Taylorsville Grange. They met again in August and elected a partial slate of officers. He and Linda went up to their last meeting and it was a good meeting. Mike Green had met with the Governor's staff regarding the "No Budget – No Pay" initiative.

A ten-minute recess was declared at 3:40PM. Johnny Squire and Marion Nichols departed. The meeting was declared back in order at 3:52 PM.

Randy distributed a proposed Rental Fee Schedule for the Soquel Training Center at the CSG Headquarters. Randy distributed a copy of Resolution 07-050 regarding the change in the election process. There is a conflict in the resolution regarding the type of ballot to be used during the first ballot and subsequent ballots. In order to clarify the last sentence should read: *If, upon the first ballot any nominee does not receive a majority of all votes case, subsequent ballot(s) will be cast until a candidate receives a majority vote.* Randy distributed a copy of the ballot that will be used this year.

Linda Lewis joined the meeting to review the 2008 Convention Comp. list.

French Camp Grange - French Camp Grange closed in September 2003 and merged with Ripon Grange. It does not appear that the Executive Committee ever approved the consolidation. MOVED by Bruce Brunell, seconded by Bob Clouse that we approved the consolidation of French Camp and Ripon Grange and see that the funds are distributed appropriately. VOTE: Ayes Unanimous.

Randy had received correspondence from California FFA inquiring if the Grange will continue to sponsor the Agricultural Education FFA Proficiency Award, Emerging Agricultural Technology FFA Proficiency, Equine Science FFA Proficiency and Agricultural Sales – State FFA Judging Award. Cost for sponsorship of the 4 awards is \$1400.00. MOVED by Bob Clouse, seconded by Bruce Brunell that we sponsor the same FFA awards as in past years. *VOTE: Ayes – unanimous*.

Randy inquired of the Executive Committee if he should pursue restitution from the owner of the vehicle that ran into Delhi Grange Hall. **MOVED by Bruce Brunell, seconded by Bob Clouse that we pursue restitution from the owner of the vehicle that ran into Delhi Grange.** *VOTE: Ayes – unanimous.* 

Conflict of Interest statement – MOVED by Bruce Brunell, seconded by Inger Bevans that we approve the Conflict of Interest Statement as prepared by attorney Tom Nickens. *VOTE: Ayes – unanimous*.

#### **Status of Granges Report:**

Cloverdale – completed – remove from list. Eastlake – Property Management Lake Earl – Loan payments are now coming in. North Fork – Deputy is now assisting. Taylorsville – reorganized. Vista – continuing to try to resolve the issues, their charter is suspended.

Biggs – The property has been cleaned up. It is now in Property Management.

Coalinga – It is still in Property Management.

Davis Creek – It is in Property Management.

Hessel – The community is still trying to reorganize the Grange.

Mt. Bolivar – Has received some of the grant money they were working towards.

Westside – Repairs on the water system have been completed.

El Camino – The current tenant inquired if there are plans to sell the building.

Moro Bay – The membership is aging. Randy is in the process of moving it into Property Management.

The meeting was closed at 6:07 PM.

# CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIA THE INTERNET SEPTEMBER 27, 2008

Chairman H. Tom Sawyer called the meeting to order at 2:20PM. The meeting was held using "GrangeSpeak." Members participating were Inger Bevans, Bob Clouse, Randy Lewis, Johnny Squire, Tom Sawyer and Martha Stefenoni. Bruce Brunell was excused by had e-mailed his comments to the Chairman.

The Agenda for this meeting was to consider the **motions to amend the proposed budget made by Johnny Squire and seconded by Bob Clouse,** and to consider approving the Resolution submitted by Randy Lewis entitled *Incorporation of State Grange Policies into National Grange Policy*.

The members discussed the proposed 2009 Budget and the notations and/or footnotes that are needed to help clarify certain items for the members. After considerable discussion, Johnny Squire withdrew the motions and Bob Clouse withdrew his second. Johnny Squire was thanked for the work he had done to help clarify the proposed budget.

The Resolution entitled *Incorporation of State Grange Adopted Policies into National Grange Policies* was introduced. **MOVED by Johnny Squire, seconded by Inger Bevans that we approve the resolution entitled "Incorporation of Adopted State Grange Policies into National Grange Policy" and to submit it to the delegates at the 2008 Annual State Grange Session.** *VOTE: Ayes – 7.* 

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in the Hospitality Room of the Holiday Inn in Sacramento at 6:30 PM on Monday, October 13, 2008.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and participation. The meeting was closed to 3:14 PM.

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Chairman, Tom Sawyer called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. Members in attendance were Inger Bevans, Bob Clouse, Randy Lewis and Martha Stefenoni. Bruce Brunell was absent. Johnny Squire was excused.

Inger reviewed the footnotes that will be included with the budget presentation.

The 8/31/2008 Financial Report was reviewed. Randy finally received the audit last week.

**STATUS of WEST VISALIA SALE** - The property is listed for sale and is advertised No offers have yet been received.

**STATUS OF DELHI GRANGE** - Bob is getting in touch with a real estate appraiser down in the Delhi area to see if we can get an appraisal of the property.

STATUS OF FOWLER GRANGE - As of October 12, 2008 the Grange Hall is cleaned out and the property is cleaned up. A former member of Fowler Grange has filed a lawsuit against the California State Grange in small claims court for items she left in the Grange Hall. MOVED by Randy Lewis, seconded by Inger Bevans and passed that we authorize Bob Clouse to represent us in small claims court in Fowler. VOTE: Ayes - Unanimous

Randy distributed a copy of the audit for a quick review. An in-depth review will take place after convention.

**No-Budget-No Pay Status** - We have heard that there will be a Nov. 2009 elections so we will not have to try to garner sufficient signatures for a June 2009 special election. We will be asking the delegate body to affirm their commitment to support the No Budget - No Pay initiative.

Meadow Vista Grange is requesting a \$17,000 loan to repair their rental property. The request was property presented. MOVED by Bob Clouse, seconded by Inger Bevans that we grant a loan of \$17,000.00 at 5% interest for a term of 10 years repairs to their rental property. VOTE: Ayes - Unanimous

The minutes of the meeting were approved as corrected.

The meeting was closed at 9:15PM.

# Section IV

# Reports of Directors and Affiliates

Legislative Director
Membership Director
GWA Director
Chief Deputy
Public Relations Director
Junior Grange Director
Youth Activities Director
Youth Directors

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# **Legislative Director**

#### Worthy California State Grange President, Brothers and Sisters:

Following on the adoption of 28 Resolutions at the 2007 Annual Meeting, the 2008 legislative year began with the Worthy Master's appointment of members to each of the standing legislative committees, including Agriculture, Conservation & Environment, Education, Grange Activities, Grange Law, Health, Public Policy, and Water) and their meeting in Sacramento as the CSG Legislative Committee on Dec. 8.

At that meeting, the Legislative Committee determined that 19 of the 28 Resolutions would require government action for implementation and that 13 of the 19 would require action by the State of California.

The Legislative Committee decided that these 13 Resolutions requiring state action should be the focus of the Committee's attention during the 2008 session of the California legislature. Four of the 13 dealt with global warming and proposed investments in alternative energies and curricula and 6 dealt with water storage and delivery infrastructure and the Committee commissioned the Director of Legislative Affairs to seek members of the California legislature to introduce bills to implement them.

The Director then circulated the 13 Resolutions requiring state action to the Rural Caucus of the California legislature requesting their sponsorship in the form of bills they would introduce to implement the Resolutions. One member of the Rural Caucus, Assemblyman Doug LaMalfa, responded by agreeing to sponsor legislation to implement one of the 13 priority Resolutions, submitted by Lookout Grange, that called for a feasibility study of a dam at Ostrum Point on the Pit River in Modoc County (AB 2434).

The Director worked closely with the sponsor of AB 2434, and arranged for Master Lewis, and Norm Carpadus of Lookout Grange, to provide testimony on the bill before it was placed on "suspense" by the Assembly Appropriations Committee owing to the state's poor financial condition.

Four other bills that the CSG supported were also placed on "suspense", or defeated in policy committees owing to state finances. These bills dealt with Continuing Technical Education (AB 2515), volunteers' exemption on public works projects (AB 2364), the California Conservation Corp's work on greenhouse gas emissions reduction (AB 3001), and tax exemption for volunteer firefighters' out-of-pocket expenses (AB 1890).

Throughout the 2008 legislative session, the Director worked closely with the Master and communicated with CSG's Legislative Committees by phone and internet, and with the general membership through targeted emails encouraging their calls and letters to specific legislators on specific pending bills via the Granges CapWiz program.

In summary, CSG Legislative Affairs working closely with the CSG Legislative Committee resulted in one 2007 CSG Resolution, submitted by Marshall Grange relating to alternative energies curricula in the state's Continuing Technical Education program (AB 2855), being sent to the Governor. CSG also supported the extension of internet services to rural areas (SB 1191), which was also sent to the Governor.

The California Grange was also honored by SCR 86, sponsored by Senator Jeff Denham, which calls on Grange membership to assist in the development of local history curricula for use in public elementary, middle and high schools.

CSG's Legislative Affairs also participated in the very timely Roundtable on Food Safety organized by Bob McFarland, CSG's Director of Public Affairs, which was held on May 30 at the American River Grange, and offered testimony on the Leafy Green Marketing Agreement at a March hearing of the Assembly Agriculture Committee.

Building on these experiences, CSG members should expect more frequent calls from the Legislative Committee requesting that they contact their representatives in the state legislature regarding CSG legislative priorities.

Respectfully submitted by Michael Greene Director of Legislative Affairs.

# **Membership Director**

Your Membership Director team of Rich Saxe and Jan Saxton made a two-year commitment to the California State Grange and its master Randy Lewis in February of 2007. We have been happy to have the opportunity to serve. Here is a report on our activities and accomplishments in 2008 and our observations and thoughts about the future.

Beginning the week after Christmas, we spent a lot of time on the road visiting Granges all over the state. We visited 46 Granges and logged almost 5,000 miles. This was the best part of the job; we were warmly greeted and met wonderful Grangers everywhere we went. We were impressed with the energy and creativity with which many Granges are engaging their communities, and we picked up lots of great ideas that we shared with other Grangers along the way—like putting a poster-sized "wish list" of repairs and hall upgrades up on the dining room wall to encourage donations and participation from the community, putting tip cans on the monthly breakfast table for money to help support the hall, and having monthly Bunco fundraisers. (We also learned, when we were planning a visit, to let Grangers know in advance that we were coming and that our job was simply to support and encourage projects and programs that would bring in new members, not to judge their performance or report on how they ran their Grange or their meetings—this lowered the level of anxiety about the impending arrival of officials from the State Grange.)

The Talent Contest is proving itself to be a genuinely useful membership-building tool. The most new members we heard of joining a single Grange this year from the Statewide Talent Contest effort was 17, another Grange reported signing up 13. Most of the Granges that had a show gained a significant number of new members. Each of the Granges that hosted a Talent Contest reported having a wonderfully fun time—even if it was a small, first effort. More Granges this year were willing to give it a try, with 22 Community Granges sending their champions to represent them at 7 Regional Semi-Finals, twice as many as last year. Judging from the talent we've seen at some of the Regional Contests, the final show at Convention will be fantastic.

Our original budget request for 2008 was \$16,500; it included money for traveling teams and a communication staff to start the 2008 Statewide Grange Talent Contest up and keeping it rolling. Based on our actual expenses to date and our projected expenses for the remainder of 2008, including the Statewide Talent Contest at Convention, it looks like our membership-building effort will cost about \$4,900 total. \$2,800 went toward the costs for the materials and postage for the "Talent Contest in a Box" kits and our travel costs. The remaining \$2,100 will include the cost of trophies and prize money for the Regional and Final Talent Contests. These are expected costs net of income from Prize Kitty donations and ad sales in the Convention Final Talent Show program. We expect to end the year \$11,600 under budget when we file our final report.

The process of getting just one major membership development program up and running has confirmed our earlier belief that no amount of literature or advertising or promotion will generate the new active members our Grange needs. If the Grange wants to attract new members, our local Grange Halls must be open and California Grangers everywhere must be willing to host community events and welcome new people into their Halls and into their hearts. This includes people of all ages and backgrounds—just like the population of this beautiful State of California and the communities that make it up.

We were able to attend several local Grange events around the state, and came to better understand why some people are hesitant to take on organizing an event like the Talent Contest. It isn't difficult, but it can seem

daunting if you've never tried it or seen it done. Many of the halls we visited hadn't used their stage in years. No one-size-fits-all program is going to create all the growth we need, but bringing in young families and engaging them in a fun event at their local Grange Hall is a good start in the right direction. Kids love to get on stage and perform, and when you do something wonderful for people's kids, they tend to want to support your organization.

After several consecutive quarterly drops in membership, Q2 2008 showed a slight gain, from 9,046 at the end of March to 9,116 at the close of books in June. We'd like to believe that we've reached the turning point and that membership in the California State Grange will continue to grow. It will take a joint effort between the leadership and the membership to make that happen. We would like to see the Executive Committee and Grange Foundation Board working together to find funding for Grange Hall restorations. The Talent Contest is working, and with appropriate support and just a little encouragement it will continue to build on its own momentum. It would be great to see local Granges working more closely with the Publicity Department and State Lecturer to develop more social programs and fundraising events so they can pay for Hall repairs and Good of the Order projects like sending delegates and members to Convention and other state events like Family Camp, Regional Conferences, Youth Conferences, etc. There are plenty of good folks out there who want to do good things for their community and the Grange has much to offer them. We need to go out there, find them and invite them in. The bottom line is this: there is no substitute for active members in a grassroots organization. If the Grange is going to survive, membership development is everyone's job!

There are lots of Granges out there that are growing and thriving; it is vital that they reach out and share their ideas, energy and successes with neighboring Granges that are struggling. The Granges that are thriving tend to have a broad base of support in their local communities and leadership that is constantly being renewed by rotating in new members, with new ideas and fresh energy. A small, unchanging leadership is common among Granges that are struggling. One of the most important things we can do to help build confidence and membership is to get local Granges connected with each other. This, of course, was the point of regional contests building to the final show at Convention. Granges need to connect with their neighbors and be willing to give those neighbors a hand.

We would like to say it has been nothing but a joy to help Granges across the state bring in new members, but the truth is that it has also been a real challenge. At times it has been very rewarding; it has also been difficult and humbling. Our State Grange is in trouble—it needs a new attitude and it needs it fast. We will gladly continue to assist with membership development and are willing to support and administer the Talent Contest if we are asked. However, it will take a much larger effort, supported by the active cooperation of every Granger in our state, to get membership on the steady rise again. We have barely begun to grow our Grange. Our wish for your new Membership Team is that they get all the support and cooperation they need and are able to achieve the very best success possible.

Presented with all due respect and consideration for the future.

Fraternally, Rich Saxe & Jan Saxton California State Grange Membership Directors

# **GWA Director's Annual Report**

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

The Grange Women's Activities theme this year is "Soaring into Action"

It has been a very interesting year with the volunteer hours that were turned in with their reports was 35,243 hours. Contributions made: State Family Health Resources \$145.00, Marinoff Memorial Scholarship \$185.00, Kelly Farm Fund \$152.00 and Make a Wish \$111.00.

This year the Women's March will go to U.C. Davis for Autistic research. Last year \$1,093.00 went to Diabetes Research.

This year we started a new project of making Waiting Room Fun Bags, Stationery Kits and Scrapbook Supply Kits to go to the Shriners Hospital for the children plus a \$500.00 donation. The Dictionary Project and Caps for children and adults are the two projects that the GWA's liked doing the most this year. However they still make Lap and ABC Quilts for the community and many other projects that are listed in the program.

Many of the GWA's have their own special projects like sending packages to our troops overseas, New Morning Youth and Family Service, Food bags, start community Gardens, and other projects.

This year GWA was divided into three districts--- Northern, Central, and Southern. Julie Kroger is Northern District Director, Linda MacCracken is Central Distract Director, and Ingrid Dunckel is Southern District Director. Nancy Moramarco is Regional Director for Region 11, and Louise Palmer is Regional Director for Region 10.

The GWA Ladies are great fund raisers to help support their grange. However this year has been a tragic year for fires and many GWA's held dinners to help raise money for the fire victims and also gave clothing and house hold articles.

A very special thanks to all of the GWA Sisters that made my year a joy to being your State Director and your endless hours of dedication to a great organization.

Fraternally,
Betty Eyler
GWA State Director

# **Chief Deputy's Annual Report**

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

First I would like to thank all of the deputies for all of the volunteer work they have done this year.

The new structure in reorganizing the deputies last year has been very beneficial this year in deputy work, dividing the state into three districts—Jackie Rantz is the Southern District Deputy with seven deputies

working under her, two new deputies are Bill Compton and Bob Westfall. Bill Allen is the Central District Deputy with seven deputies working under him. Two new deputies are Dale Baker and Marta Kroger. Curtis Lindley is the Northern District Deputy with twelve deputies working under him; two new deputies are Sylvia Sloan and Jack Surmani.

This year we lost five deputies but gained six new deputies.

The Deputies job is to visit the Granges in their district and help in any way they can in giving advice, answering Grange policy, help solve any problems they may have, reorganizing Granges and help with teaching the Ritual work and By-laws of the Grange

This year I am happy to report the Granges that have been reorganized by the faithful work of the deputies. They are: Mt Bolivar Grange #218, Taylorsville Community Grange #439, Hessel Grange #750, Calaveras Grange #715, Coalinga Grange #779 and Solomon Hill Grange. Apple Valley Grange #593 and Hesperia Grange #682 consolidated changing the two Granges name to High Desert Grange #593. Jim McDaniel and Norm Carpadus

organized a Junior Grange at Lookout Grange #415 and Jackie Rantz organized a Junior Grange at Lompoc Grange #646..

This has been an interesting and prosperous year and I am looking forward to a successful coming year.

Fraternally
Jack Eyler, Chef State Deputy

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

#### **Brothers & Sisters**,

My name is Bob McFarland and I am proud to be your Public Relations Director. I'm honored to work for you and our organization, and grateful for this opportunity to share my thoughts on our Public Relations efforts.

Forgive me for taking this opportunity not only to enlighten you on the progress of the Public Relations team but, more importantly, to inspire you to join our effort.

The California State Grange Public Relations Department was officially launched January 1, 2008. Simply put, our goal is to remove the stigma that "the Grange is the best kept secret in California". Although we've made significant progress, much more work remains to be done.

Those of you that have been around long enough know that the Grange wasn't always such a *secret*. In its heyday, the California Grange boasted 35,000 members and more than 250 Granges.

Times have changed. In1998, the California Grange had 22,633 members and 243 Granges in communities up and down the state. Today, we have 9,116 members and 180 Granges. We've lost 60% of our membership and closed 63 Granges in just ten years.

The truth is not always pleasant. But unless we face the truth today, how can we ever have hope for our future.

Is the cavalry coming to our rescue?

How many of you attended the membership workshop given by our new National Master Ed Luttrell at last year's convention in Reno? The room was packed with Grangers from across the country, eagerly waiting to hear Ed's magic spell that would fix all of our membership woes.

At the end of the workshop, Ed took us by surprise when he announced that he didn't have a magic spell. The answer to our membership woes, he said, lies with each of us and that each community Grange must take responsibility for maintaining and growing its membership. And Ed was absolutely right.

Folks, there is no cavalry coming to rescue us. **We** are the cavalry. And we had better find the courage to fight for our Granges, and find it fast.

Unless we reverse this downward trend, someday we're going to wake up to find we have more empty Granges halls than we have members to fill them.

How many of you have ever been a salesperson? You may be familiar with the old adage: "It takes twice as much effort to bring in a new customer as it does to keep the one you have." We are all salespersons, in this respect, and we must cherish each and every member we have.

What does all of this have to do with Public Relations? I suggest to you that all of this IS Public Relations.

How do we measure the success of Public Relations? Do we count the number of newspaper articles printed from our press releases? Do we evaluate attendance at our public events? Is it tied-in to whether or not a piece of Grange sponsored legislation makes it to the Governor's desk? All of these things are relevant and important. But I suggest to you that none of them are worth a damn unless we have an engaged and thriving membership and healthy Granges that are involved in their communities.

Public Relations starts at the roots of every Grange. No one knows your Grange better than you do. No one is better able to promote your Grange than your own membership.

Every Grange has a story to tell and something worthwhile to share with its community. If not in its current programs and activities, then in its history. If not in its history, then in the character of its members.

These stories can be pasted on billboards, mailed in newsletters, sent out as a press release, or shared over a cup of coffee. It's not the method of delivery that is important, it is the content. You see, every member is a part of our Public Relations team.

The purpose of our State Grange Public Relations department is not just to promote what is happening at the State Office, but to provide guidance, tools, resources and encouragement for every community Grange that reaches out.

Removing the stigma that the Grange is a *secret* involves: 1) promoting our programs and projects at the community, state and national level, 2) supporting our legislative efforts, 3) celebrating the worthy contributions of individual members, 4) increasing awareness of the Grange's purpose, principles, and historical significance, and 5) inspiring each of us to embrace this effort, open our doors and welcome new members.

What is the Public Relations Department doing to help?

Master Lewis challenged the newly formed Public Relations department with developing and implementing a plan that would "move the organization forward".

To that end, we've taken advantage of the latest methods and technologies to get the word out.

We created the California Grange Pressroom website to provide the very latest information on Grange activities and events, and maintain an archive of earlier press releases and photo images. The Pressroom at <a href="https://www.csgpressroom.org">www.csgpressroom.org</a> is targeted at the press but provides useful and entertaining information for Grangers and casual visitors, as well.

Public Relations purchased a media list with more than 1,400 California newspaper, television and radio contacts from Kesten Media, a company out of Portland, Oregon. The cost of the list was an affordable \$85.00.

For another \$225.00, we purchased a software program called GroupMail that provides us the ability to email press releases to every contact on our media list in less than 5 minutes, a process that used to tie-up the State Grange computer network overnight.

The Pressroom, Kesten Media list and GroupMail program are hosted on a "virtual server" that is remote and independent from the network at the California State Grange. This arrangement solves connectivity and bandwidth sharing issues and maintenance expenses for a cost of only \$29.00 per month.

To date, we have used these tools to broadcast nearly thirty press releases that have been picked up and published in newspapers around the state.

In early March, a talented team of Grange members assembled for a full-day meeting to share ideas and participate in a Public Relations training workshop.

Three District Directors were appointed: Suzy Moramarco (southern California), Liz Reynolds (central California), and Jeanette Doney (northern California).

Our goal is to recruit a Public Relations person in each community Grange. Our idea is not to just make a splash in the center of the pond but for the ripples to reach every Grange.

Public Relations Workshops have been scheduled for each district. The first was held in May at Hesperia Grange in Southern California. Two workshops have been held in the central district. A northern district workshop is scheduled November 15 at the Greenhorn Grange. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

If you'd like to schedule a workshop for your Grange, please give me a call.

The Public Relations team has sponsored many public events, including the "Bike Around the Capital" in support of Grange sponsored legislation to create a 1,000 miles of hiking and biking trails along the California levee system. About 100 cyclists representing six Northern California clubs joined us in a colorful and raucous rally on the steps of the state Capital. Master Lewis and Legislative Director Mike Greene took turns on a bullhorn, rousing and entertaining the crowd.

January 22 - 24, Public Relations represented the California State Grange for the first time ever at the annual Eco Farming conferences held in Monterey, giving credence to our motto "Helping Farmers. Protecting Consumers" and connecting the Grange to a state-wide network of agricultural organizations.

March 25, our Public Relations team participated in the annual California Ag Day at the State Capital, providing information about the Grange to agricultural organizations and visitors, which included school children and even Governor Schwarzenegger. Beginning next year, the Public Relations Department will take charge of the Ag Day event, freeing the office staff from that responsibility.

April 18 - 19, Public Relations accompanied State Overseer Martha Stefenoni and Youth Chairman Joseph Stefenoni to Fresno and the annual Future Farmers of America state conference. There, we set up a booth and promoted the Grange to the 6,000 FFA members attending.

May 30, along with the State Lecturer and Legislative Director, the Public Relations Department sponsored the first-ever California State Grange Safe Food Round Table held at the historic American River Grange in Rancho Cordova.

Public Relations assembled an impressive panel of farmers, retailers, regulators and scientists. Included were representatives from the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Western Growers Association, the California Farm Bureau, Department of Fish and Game. University of California, California Grocers Association and the Environmental Protection Agency.

By bringing these important players to the table and conducting the chorus, the California State Grange took charge in the battle against E. coli outbreaks that threaten our nation's food supply, providing a valuable service to the people of California.

June 21 - 26, at the request of National Master Ed Luttrell and National Membership Director Rusty Hunt, Master Lewis sent the Director of Public Relations to Alaska to help recruit members and organize two new Granges on the Kenai Peninsula. I could see Russia from my motel room.

Jay Hartz, Editor of the State Grange News, is a member of the Public Relations team. Jay and the Director work closely together, sharing ideas, resources, information, and articles that celebrate the efforts of Granges and individual members around the State.

Working with Legislative Director Mike Greene and Committee Chairmen, the Public Relations department promotes our legislative agenda and workshops, such as the Delta Water Symposium held at this convention.

A survey taken by our legislative Director two years ago revealed that the average age of a Grange member in California is 64. That's an interesting statistic.

Not many organizations can claim a membership so "mature". But not many organizations can offer its members the traditions, camaraderie, and purpose that the Grange has provided for 140 years. How many other organizations can boast so many dedicated members that have faithfully served for 20, 30, 40 ... 60 years?

In many Granges, our senior members still carry the torch. After so many years of faithful service they deserve to rest. They've paid their dues. They've kept us going. They've earned our respect and consideration.

And when we come to them and ask them to become more active, to start something new, or to flip one more pancake, we should do so knowing that if it wasn't for them, we wouldn't be here.

To those older Grangers that are holding the torch, I say, don't let it go out. Pass the torch to a new generation that will honor your legacy and inherit our future.

We have heard the complaint that young families nowadays aren't interested in the Grange. Both parents work and struggle to pry their children away from their virtual lives on MySpace just long enough to slam down a fast food burger.

More than anyone, these families need the Grange. It's up to us to spread the word that there is a better alternative. Invite them to a potluck. Re-acquaint them with food that doesn't come out of a bag and conversation that doesn't require a keyboard. Introduce them to a real live human being that they can actually reach out and touch. We have to make the effort for them and for us.

Like Ed, we have no magic spell. What we do have are the tools needed to present ourselves to our communities, and to encourage support through membership. However, tools are only effective when they are used. Sheaves are not gathered with implements left rusting in the barn.

Mark Twain observed that, "Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society." We submit that PR is your tailor, your actions the needle and thread that creates the "clothing," the impression you present to the world. Please, let's make sure that your Grange is wearing its Sunday best as you go out and introduce yourselves to your community. And remember that the Public Relations Department is here to help you do just that.

Fraternally Submitted Bob McFarland Director of Public Relations.

# **Junior Director Report**

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

This has been a busy year for Junior Granges in California. I have been working on improving communication between Junior Leaders and the State Office. We had 15 Junior Granges last year. One inactive Junior Grange has regained active status. Six new Junior Granges were opened: Solomon Hills Junior Grange, Lompoc Junior Grange, Grover City Junior Grange, Calaveras Junior Grange, Lookout Junior Grange and Coyote Junior Grange. A big Thank you to Jackie Rantz, Deputy State Master for Solomon Hills, Lompoc and Grover City. We now have 22 Junior Granges and the California State Junior Grange officially gained three members at Grange Family Camp at Camp Yeager, Cambria this past June.

As part of the effort to retain Juniors as Grange members after they turn 14 years of age, Juniors are invited to attend the California State Grange Youth Conference. This past February, I led activities for eight Juniors at the Youth Conference in Paradise. Juniors are also encouraged to participate in Sign-a-song, Speech and Manual Finger Spelling contests at Family Camp and the winners go on to represent California at the Western Regional Youth Conference. This year Katie Fernandes won the Manual Finger Spelling Contest, and Katie along with her brother John and mother Maureen won the Sign-a-Song contest. They were unable to attend Western Regional, which was at Sacramento this year. There were no Juniors in attendance there, so I participated in the workshops and helped judge the Speech contests. National Junior Director Anne Kurburski presented the 2009 Junior Program. The theme will be "No Child Left Inside".

I have kept in touch with my Junior Leaders, and Grangers interested in starting a junior grange, through quarterly newsletters and emails as needed. This coming year I will be working on increasing the number of Junior members as well as Junior Granges.

## **Fraternally**

#### Suzi Moramarco Junior Director

# **Youth Activities Directors Report**

#### Dear Brothers & Sisters:

The Youth Activities Department has exciting news – we have grown, with the addition of Junior, Fair and Expo participation throughout the state. We welcome our new youth groups. Thank you leaders!

A few requests and changes have taken place this year in the department:

- 1. A request to the master to change the "fair team program" name to the "California Grange Fairs and Expositions" department. (pending)
- 2. A new additional uniform option for the Fair and Expo program which includes, blue jeans, belt, white shirt with grange patch on left pocket and an optional denim jacket with logo available through Monroe Classics.(pending)
- 3. Added new youth convention to the state delegate convention this is a weekend venue that is intended to be the youth and junior departments annual business meeting for both youth and leaders
- 4. An accountability of all State funded/supplemented youth events. Specifically preparing a budget, marketing plan, agenda and participation by the responsible parties for the particular event
- 5. Added "Get Out" Junior Program Visiting Sport, Museum, Arts and Fair Events
- 6. A presentation to the National Grange via Western Regional's our Fair and Expo Program to request National Recognition of the program.

#### Hurdles for the future:

- 1. LEADER PARTICIPATION the state department, your region, your grange needs LEADERS/Mentors.
- 2. State wide participation Ca is a large state and it makes it strategically difficult for families to commit finances and time to traveling to Grange sponsored state events. I agree with the regional concept but that is even a large area. We need more member participation in state supported regional events or these events need to be considered for retirement and the resources and support focused on more general (state convention) or as it may be local events.
- 3. Fair and Expo Fair participation is relatively steady, this program needs to stay the course and attract participation in areas other than animals. The program needs be advertised as a viable option for home school participants and independent showman as we have successfully done in '07 with positive results.
- 4. I believe that the Director Positions need to be a paid position This does not need to be a large dollar amount but enough to support a supplemental income for a ..... retired teacher or an individual with a full time job that has a passion for education and youth that can travel and handle big picture issues and give local support. (This in no way pertains to my involvement or resignation) If the program wants to attract quality leadership it needs to provide proper compensation.
- 5. Attracting the Junior program to the Home School Program Participants

## **Up-coming**:

In 2009 – Jim McDaniel will be putting together the northern Family camp – Speaking of Jim – thank you for your genuine, compassionate, sincere devotion to the youth of your area. Your one of a kind.

2009 – State Youth Convention – Youth/Junior/Fair and Expo (to coincide with Delegate convention)

### Resignation:

As some of you may or may not know I have been forming a new company involving Fuel, Convenience Stores, Racing Fuel & Monster Energy Drinks as well as building 2 new retail strip centers. These projects demand 99% of my attention at this time, which leaves me little time for my family and even less for Grange responsibilities. It is on that note that I would like to inform you that State Master Lewis has acepted my resignation as Youth Activities Director, effective 9/22/08. I have offered and he accepted that I will stay on as a Fair and Exposition Advisor. The responsibility of Youth Activities Director demands and must be one of commitment of time and imagination, which at this time I cannot offer. I believe in Lead, Follow, or Get Out of the Way. Since I cannot at this time lead or follow I need to get out of the way of progress. Because of my schedule I will not be attending the State Convention. I am sure that Patty, Bill, Suzie, Joseph & Randy can handle the Youth Convention element.

The program means a great deal to me and I look forward to watching it grow and supporting its excitement. I wish my predecessor all the best and know that our State Master will appointment a member that is more than capable. I will support that person(s) any way that I can.

Thank you Bill & Patty Allen for all you do and have done. Suzanne Moramarco – everyone should be as lucky as I to you have you on my team. *Thank you all* for your participation in the Youth Activities the years that I have been involved. I have enjoyed working with you all.

Please don't hesitate to contact me 760-310-6500 with any questions or concerns.

Fraternally, Ed Komski Past Youth Activities Director

# **Youth Directors Report**

California Youth and Young Adults started out the year in Paradise at a very successful and well-planned youth conference in February. Jeremy Heckman, the youth committee chairperson, did an excellent job of planning and directing a successful and fun event. Paradise grangers were excellent, gracious hosts to the youth. Joseph Stefenoni was elected to lead the youth for the next year.

We were again involved in the Grange Family Camp at Camp Yeager, as the camp "cooks". Katie Squire did a great job as camp director and everyone had a wonderful time. We enjoyed visiting Hearst Castle, seeing the massive elephant seals, touring Nit Wit Ridge, (a poor man's "Hearst Castle" built from recycled materials), and enjoying the wonderful companionship of fellow grangers and guests.

California hosted the Western Regional Youth Conference this year. Our first Lady, Linda Lewis, planned the event with help from the Youth and Junior department. She and the Worthy Master were wonderful hosts for the national youth and junior director's program. Marta Kroger won first place in sign-a-song, Travis Kroger won first place in speech, and Joseph Stefenoni won first for impromptu speaking. They will be eligible to represent California at national convention. Youth Activities director Ed Komski impressed the national directors by explaining our innovational grange youth fair program.

With the reorganization of the youth department, we have all been learning what it takes to mesh all the different factions together to create a viable team to help the youth develop their leadership potentials. Brother Komski has done a terrific job coordinating and directing all factors of the youth department. We appreciate all he has done and are sorry that his other commitments force him to step down from this job. We have been asked to take this on and will try our best to fill Ed's shoes. Luckily, Ed will continue to act as youth fair director. Thank you, Brother Komski, for your dedication to the Grange Youth Department.

We are looking forward to an exciting year and hope we can get more youth involved in a great program.

Fraternally,
Patty & Bill Allen,
State Grange Youth Directors

# **Ukiah Autumn Leaves-**

Another year has passed making it 38 years since our doors opened and over 40 years since the Mendocino Pomona Grange decided to embark on this bold new endeavor. Much has changed in that time as any of us who lived through it can attest. One thing that hasn't changed is Ukiah Autumn Leaves dedication to the Grange and to our Tenants. This year in addition to our normal maintenance and upkeep we repaired our entry overhang and resurfaced our parking lot, fire lanes and the path in back. We replaced one of our A/C units on the roof. The replacement of our hot water return system is completed. We have started painting our interior halls.

Our Resident Manager Delores Bruce resigned in August leaving our Administrator Donald Lauenroth and our Assistant Manager Naomi Houston to take up the slack until we replaced her with Robin Johnston who started October 3". Robin's substantial experience in management and working with HUD is allowing for a smooth transition. In her short time here she is already building a good rapport with the residents.

Our long time Tennant's Association President and resident of over 20 years Peg Shepard passed on in September and will be missed.

Ukiah Autumn Leaves started as a single seed of thought in the mind of a Granger and could have just as easily been forgotten or passed over for other easier projects. Instead this idea was brought to the floor at a Grange meeting where it took root and grew into an obsession. A resolution was sent to the California state Grange convention where it was voted down. This would have been the end of it had it not been for the courage and perseverance of the brothers and sisters of Mendocino Pomona who overcame all obstacles and opened for occupancy in 1975. Since that time Ukiah Autumn Leaves has provided comfortable affordable housing to hundreds of seniors and through the efforts of those who through the years have taken up responsible positions in the spirit of the founders is in the condition to do so for many years to come

Fraternally Submitted Ukiah Autumn Leaves Board of Directors

President: Henry Strock Vice President: Robert Karger Secretary: Patricia Stephens Member: Bruce Brunell

#### Member Bob Canclini

# **Vacaville Autumn Leaves**

Vacaville Autumn Leaves is a senior living complex sponsored by the Grange in conjunction with Retirement Housing Foundation.

The facility opened in the fall of 1988, so we will be celebrating 20 year this year. The first time I visited the facility it was way out in the country, but now the city has grown all around it with a large grocery store right across the street, and all four comers of the intersection right next door, have small businesses on them, with no vacant land in sight.

There are 56 living units and we always have a long waiting list, for when a unit does come available.

In February I had the privilege of attending the 47' annual meeting of The Retirement Housing Foundation. Their office being in Long Beach, CA. We toured the home office and. I learned what a great this organization this is and how they benefit so many senior citizens with housing facilities all over the United States.

10 new air conditioner unites were put in place this past year costing about \$32,000. A new fence replacing an old one along side of the driveway was also installed with the cost being approximately \$20,000.

Project for this coming year are to replace the TV in the recreation room and to up grade the landscaping around the entire building.

The board of directors meet once every three months and we are still looking for new board members.

The facility is a great benefit for the Grange, a home well managed and cared for, and the Grange can be proud to be associated with it.

Respectively submitted, Rosemary Hansen Board President

# Section V

Financial Reports

Budget for Fiscal Year 2009 Financial Statements Check Register

Revised Budget for 2008 and 2009 Proposal

Revised 04/02/2008	2007 Budget	2007 Budget	2008 Budget	2008 Budget	2009 Budget
	Adopted	ACTUAL	Adopted	REVISED	Proposed
INCOME					
General Fund	261,700.00	247,093.45	273,000.00	234,830.00	257,500.00
GIA Service Agreement	192,500.00	192,500.00	192,500.00	192,500.00	188,000.00
Membership	25,000.00	5,246.67	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00
Deputies	5,000.00	5,801.53	5,000.00	4,198.00	0.00
GWA	9,900.00	8,362.62	16,150.00	16,150.00	11,000.00
Youth Activities	<u>,                                      </u>		21,400.00	11,500.00	6,200.00
Youth Department	11,275.00	6,274.27			
Youth Fair Program	0.00	1,255.22			
Junior Department	2,000.00	2,870.84			
Family Health Resources	1,000.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
Legislative	0.00	651.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Convention Fund	15,000.00	28,247.97	16,500.00	31,700.00	22,980.00
Public Relations			0.00	0.00	
Grange News	30,271.00	22,767.44	25,020.00	25,020.00	22,056.00
Rental Property	190,335.00	186,814.51	253,320.00	162,799.16	138,623.00
Total	743,981.00	707,885.52	821,490.00	696,697.16	646,359.00
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<b>EXPENSES</b> General Fund	431,793.00	462,684.62	521,068.00	454,000.00	458,285.00
Membership	25,000.00	5,246.67	18,000.00	18,000.00	•
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Deputies		•	12.250.00	•	
·	5,000.00	5,801.53	12,250.00 16,150.00	10,250.00	6,950.00
		•	16,150.00	10,250.00 16,150.00	6,950.00 11,000.00
GWA	5,000.00	5,801.53		10,250.00	6,950.00 11,000.00
GWA Youth Activities Youth Department	5,000.00 9,900.00	5,801.53 8,362.62	16,150.00	10,250.00 16,150.00	6,950.00 11,000.00
GWA  Youth Activities  Youth Department  Youth Fair Program	5,000.00 9,900.00 11,275.00	5,801.53 8,362.62 8,670.56	16,150.00	10,250.00 16,150.00	6,950.00 11,000.00
GWA  Youth Activities  Youth Department  Youth Fair Program	5,000.00 9,900.00 11,275.00 21,000.00	5,801.53 8,362.62 8,670.56 12,261.95	16,150.00	10,250.00 16,150.00	6,950.00 11,000.00 12,750.00
GWA Youth Activities Youth Department Youth Fair Program Junior Department	5,000.00 9,900.00 11,275.00 21,000.00 2,000.00	5,801.53 8,362.62 8,670.56 12,261.95 6,312.19	16,150.00 39,350.00	10,250.00 16,150.00 30,350.00	6,950.00 11,000.00 12,750.00
GWA Youth Activities Youth Department Youth Fair Program Junior Department Family Health Resources	5,000.00 9,900.00 11,275.00 21,000.00 2,000.00 1,000.00	5,801.53 8,362.62 8,670.56 12,261.95 6,312.19 0.00	16,150.00 39,350.00 500.00	10,250.00 16,150.00 30,350.00	6,950.00 11,000.00 12,750.00 0.00 33,850.00
GWA Youth Activities Youth Department Youth Fair Program Junior Department Family Health Resources Legislative	5,000.00 9,900.00 11,275.00 21,000.00 2,000.00 1,000.00 32,950.00	5,801.53 8,362.62 8,670.56 12,261.95 6,312.19 0.00 34,185.90	16,150.00 39,350.00 500.00 34,550.00	10,250.00 16,150.00 30,350.00 0.00 34,050.00	6,950.00 11,000.00 12,750.00 0.00 33,850.00 38,350.00
GWA Youth Activities Youth Department Youth Fair Program Junior Department Family Health Resources Legislative Convention Fund Public Relations	5,000.00 9,900.00 11,275.00 21,000.00 2,000.00 1,000.00 32,950.00	5,801.53 8,362.62 8,670.56 12,261.95 6,312.19 0.00 34,185.90	16,150.00 39,350.00 500.00 34,550.00 49,500.00	10,250.00 16,150.00 30,350.00 0.00 34,050.00 72,188.26	0.00 33,850.00 19,250.00
GWA Youth Activities Youth Department Youth Fair Program Junior Department Family Health Resources Legislative Convention Fund	5,000.00 9,900.00 11,275.00 21,000.00 2,000.00 1,000.00 32,950.00 45,000.00	5,801.53 8,362.62 8,670.56 12,261.95 6,312.19 0.00 34,185.90 72,188.26	16,150.00 39,350.00 500.00 34,550.00 49,500.00 18,000.00	10,250.00 16,150.00 30,350.00 0.00 34,050.00 72,188.26 18,000.00	0.00 33,850.00 19,250.00 59,950.00
GWA Youth Activities Youth Department Youth Fair Program Junior Department Family Health Resources Legislative Convention Fund Public Relations Grange News	5,000.00 9,900.00 11,275.00 21,000.00 2,000.00 1,000.00 32,950.00 45,000.00 57,683.00	5,801.53 8,362.62 8,670.56 12,261.95 6,312.19 0.00 34,185.90 72,188.26 47,361.49	16,150.00 39,350.00 500.00 34,550.00 49,500.00 18,000.00 43,350.00	0.00 34,050.00 72,188.26 18,000.00 43,350.00	0.00 33,850.00 19,250.00 59,950.00
GWA Youth Activities Youth Department Youth Fair Program Junior Department Family Health Resources Legislative Convention Fund Public Relations Grange News Rental Property	5,000.00 9,900.00 11,275.00 21,000.00 2,000.00 1,000.00 32,950.00 45,000.00 57,683.00 98,373.00	5,801.53 8,362.62 8,670.56 12,261.95 6,312.19 0.00 34,185.90 72,188.26 47,361.49	16,150.00 39,350.00 500.00 34,550.00 49,500.00 18,000.00 43,350.00 60,200.00	0.00 34,050.00 72,188.26 18,000.00 43,350.00	0.00 33,850.00 19,250.00 29,200.00
GWA Youth Activities Youth Department Youth Fair Program Junior Department Family Health Resources Legislative Convention Fund Public Relations Grange News Rental Property Lecturer & Other	5,000.00 9,900.00 11,275.00 21,000.00 2,000.00 1,000.00 32,950.00 45,000.00 57,683.00 98,373.00 1,000.00	5,801.53 8,362.62 8,670.56 12,261.95 6,312.19 0.00 34,185.90 72,188.26 47,361.49 74,045.12	16,150.00 39,350.00 500.00 34,550.00 49,500.00 18,000.00 43,350.00 60,200.00 1,000.00	0.00 34,050.00 72,188.26 18,000.00 43,350.00 60,200.00	0.00 6,950.00 11,000.00 12,750.00 0.00 33,850.00 19,250.00 59,950.00 29,200.00 (24,226.00

Note: When additional rental income is realized, the 2009 budget will be revised to replace extreme cuts.

	2007	2007	2008	2008		2009
	Adopted	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Notes	Proposed
				4/2/2008	2008R & 2009 Notes	
GENERAL FUND						
Department 50						
Income						
Dues - Fraternal	220,000.00	180,192.93	218,500.00	180,192.00	Based on dues-paying	198,000.00
Dues - Associate	4,000.00	3,174.00	3,600.00	3,174.00	members	4,000.00
Dues-Pomona	500.00	161.40	0.00	0.00		0.00
Dues -Junior	0.00	24.60	0.00	0.00		0.00
Administration Fees	6,000.00	24,975.53	15,000.00	20,000.00		20,000.00
Interest - General	7,000.00	20,645.67	15,000.00	15,000.00		12,000.00
Interest - Notes Rec	2,200.00	11,178.57	6,900.00	11,178.00		9,000.00
Donations - General	10,000.00	876.00	9,500.00	876.00		9,000.00
Dues Billing Service	2,400.00	1,910.00	2,000.00	1,910.00		2,500.00
Resale	5,000.00	3,329.51	2,500.00	2,500.00		3,000.00
Special Services		321.98	0.00	0.00		0.00
Prepaid Legal & Misc	600.00	303.26	0.00	0.00		0.00
Total Income	257,700.00	247,093.45	273,000.00	234,830.00		257,500.00
GIA Service Agreement	192,500.00	192,500.00	192,500.00	192,500.00		188,000.00
Total Income	450,200.00	439,593.45	465,500.00	427,330.00		445,500.00
COGS	(2,000.00)	(857.26)	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)		(1,000.00
Expenses						
Officer/Directors Salary	49,000.00	49,109.09	48,800.00	47,200.00		46,400.00
Master's Housing	,	9,900.00	15,000.00	12,960.00		12,960.00
Staff Salary	105,000.00	90,472.31	140,000.00	97,000.00	Not Hiring Bookkeeper	107,625.00
Benefits	18,444.00	11,054.00	16,800.00	15,000.00	<u> </u>	16,500.00
Payroll Tax	12,800.00	13,473.64	18,000.00	14,000.00		15,000.00
Accounting & Bookkpg	2,000.00	0.00	500.00	0.00		,
Audit Services	8,000.00	19,792.50	12,000.00	8,000.00	Only One Year	12,000.00
Auto/Vehicle Exp	5,000.00	731.59	5,000.00	2,500.00	- <b>,</b>	2,000.00
Awards & Gifts	500.00	2,083.75	1,000.00	2,000.00		1,000.00
Bad Debts	1,000.00	986.26	1,000.00	500.00		500.00
Bank Charges/ADP	2,480.00	4,666.83	1,000.00	3,500.00		3,000.00
Conferences & Mtgs	3,000.00	9,222.23	10,000.00	6,000.00	Less Meetings	4,500.00
Donations	1,500.00	1,155.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	20000090	1,500.00
Dues Billings	2,000.00	1,749.08	2,000.00	2,000.00		1,800.00
Dues/Fees/Subscriptions	800.00	2,006.15	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,000.00
Equipment Leases	16,019.00	17,601.23	16,000.00	12,000.00	Own Gestetner	12,000.00
Fairs & Trade Shows	1,500.00	2,662.43	1,000.00	1,000.00	2 33333	1,000.00
Insurance	12,000.00	13,961.93	15,000.00	15,000.00		15,000.00
Insurance - Work/Comp	4,000.00	1,330.35	7,000.00	2,000.00	More Realistic	3,200.00
Interest on Note	1,000.00	9,294.52	15,000.00	15,000.00	Office Construction Loan	17,000.00
Internet Services	1,280.00	1,388.03	1,200.00	3,600.00	T1 Line	3,600.00
Janitorial (& Yard)	4,630.00	4,445.01	4,700.00	4,700.00	1. 2010	3,600.00
Landscaping	5,040.00	5,040.00	5,040.00	5,040.00		4,000.00
Legal	7,500.00	3,849.00	7,500.00	7,500.00		6,000.00
Hitt Trial	7,300.00	2,581.45	7,500.00	7,000.00		0,000.00
Licenses/Permits	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00		100.00
Lodging	100.00	166.55	100.00	100.00		100.00
Moving/Storage/Misc		9,267.11	0.00	3,400.00		
Dues - Nat'l - Fraternal	70 000 00	68,379.50	85,500.00	85,500.00	Duos Ingrassed	00 000 00
	78,000.00	2,175.00			Dues Increased	90,000.00
Dues - Nat'l - Associate	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00
National Convention	7,000.00	13,304.90	5,000.00	5,000.00		5,000.00
Office Expenses	7,000.00	10,118.22	7,000.00	7,000.00		7,000.00

	2007	2007	2008	2008		2009
	Adopted	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Notes	Proposed
Postage/UPS	5,000.00	3,880.97	5,000.00	5,000.00		1,000.00
Printing & Supplies	5,000.00	3,713.01	6,000.00	6,000.00		5,000.00
Promotion	1,000.00	1,012.07	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
Repairs/Maintenance	16,000.00	12,224.48	10,000.00	5,000.00	New Facility	5,000.00
Computer Repair	8,000.00	13,821.58	10,000.00	10,000.00	•	5,000.00
Web Site	900.00	859.30	1,000.00	2,500.00		1,000.00
State Executive Comm.	8,000.00	4,796.31	6,000.00	6,000.00		6,000.00
State Master/Offfice	12,000.00	14,154.79	12,000.00	12,000.00		12,000.00
Stefenoni - Expense		86.18				
State Officers Expense	500.00	805.65	500.00	500.00		500.00
State Secretary/Office	500.00	3,997.79	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,000.00
Supplies - Other		699.15				0.00
Taxes - Property		5,199.48	2,500.00	2,500.00		5,000.00
Telephones	4,000.00	5,893.01	6,000.00	3,500.00	Internet Based	3,500.00
Training	300.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		0.00
Travel		20.85				0.00
Utilities	13,000.00	14,864.88	13,000.00	13,000.00	New Facility	15,000.00
Uncatergorized Expense		3,981.98				
Total Expenses	431,793.00	471,979.14	523,640.00	454,000.00		458,285.00
Net:	16,407.00	(33,242.95)	(59,140.00)	(27,670.00)		(13,785.00)
Note:	10,407.00	(33,242.93)	(59,140.00)	(27,070.00)		(13,765.00)
Master's Salary	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00		40,000.00
Stipends	9,000.00	7,200.00	8,800.00	8,800.00	8 directors-leaders	6,400.00
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MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT						
Department 100						
Income						
Donations		604.00				
Transfer from GBO	25,000.00	4,642.67	18,000.00	18,000.00	Depends on Remaining	0.00
Total Income	25,000.00	5,246.67	18,000.00	18,000.00	Funds after 2008	0.00
Expenses						
Training & Conferences						
Member Development	25,000.00	5,246.67	18,000.00	18,000.00	Use leftover GBO funds	0.00
Total Expenses	25,000.00	5,246.67	18,000.00	18,000.00		0.00
					Unused GBO Allocation	
NET:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$19,753	0.00
COMMUNITY SERVICE						
New Department	Funding to be de	etermined				
Income						0.00
Expenses						0.00
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ial Adopted	Notes Proposed	Revised No
01.53 5,000.0	0.0	4,198.00
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6,800.0	2,000.0	4,800.00
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36.46 750.0 65.56 250.0	400.0	250.00
1,000.0	500.0	1,000.00
65.80 250.0	100.0	250.00
23.30 2,000.0	2,000.0	2,000.00
05.98 1,200.0	1,200.0	1,200.00
01.53 12,250.0	6,950.0	10,250.00
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46.00 300.0	300.0	300.00
84.00 1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.00
81.00 150.0	125.0	150.00
65.00 2,500.0	1,500.0	2,500.00
80.00 0.0	0.0	0.00
90.00 0.0	0.0	0.00
47.00 0.0	0.0	0.00
40.00 0.0	0.0	0.00
31.50 0.0	0.0	0.00
76.00 1,600.0	1,000.0	1,600.00
86.00 1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.00
36.12 9,600.0	Savings Transfer 6,075.0	9,600.00 Restricted Sa
62.62 16,150.0	11,000.0	16,150.00
07.91 1,500.0	1,000.0	1,500.00
53.28 2,500.0	1,000.0	2,500.00
71.00 2,500.0	2,000.0	2,500.00
14.01 3,000.0	2,000.0	3,000.00
96.02 2,500.0	2,000.0	2,500.00
49.41 800.0	800.0	800.00
54.65 250.0	200.0	250.00
35.73 100.0	100.0	100.00
80.00 0.0	0.0	0.00
0.00 150.0	100.0	150.00
43.74 500.0	400.0	500.00
00.31 350.0	200.0	350.00
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62.62 16,150.0	11,000.	10,130.00
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	2007	2007 2008	2008		2009	
	Adopted	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Notes	Proposed
YOUTH ACTIVITIES						
New Department (400)						
Income						
Prior Years Income-Youth	11,275.00	6,274.27				
Prior Years Income-Juniors	2,000.00	2,870.84				
Prior Years Income - Fair	0.00	1,255.22				
Prior Total Youth Income	13,275.00	10,400.33				
	1, 21					
Combined Proposal:						
Donations			1,400.00	0.00		1,000.00
Conference Income			4,000.00	4,000.00		1,000.00
Conf-Western States			0.00	0.00		0.00
Family Camp			3,000.00	3,000.00		1,200.00
Projects			200.00	200.00		0.00
Resale			2,500.00	2,500.00		1,000.00
Convention Brkfst/BBQ			500.00	500.00		1,000.00
Auction			1,300.00	1,300.00		1,000.00
Special Events			8,500.00	0.00	Event Cancelled	0.00
Total Income			21,400.00	11,500.00		6,200.00
COGS						
Expenses						
Prior Years-Youth	11,275.00	8,670.56				
Prior Years-Juniors	2,000.00	6,312.19				
Prior Years- Fair	21,000.00	12,261.95				
Prior Total Youth Expense	34,275.00	27,244.70				
Prior Years NET:		(16,844.37)				
Combined Proposal:						
Awards & Gifts			3,500.00	3,500.00		500.00
Convention Bkfst			300.00	300.00		300.00
Conferences & Mtgs			6,100.00	4,100.00		2,000.00
Family Camp			3,350.00	3,350.00		1,000.00
Grange Fair/Adv			2,400.00	2,400.00		2,400.00
Meals			2,600.00	2,600.00		500.00
Lodging			5,000.00	3,000.00		1,000.00
Postage/UPS			500.00	500.00		100.00
Printing			1,350.00	1,350.00		250.00
Supplies			2,500.00	2,500.00		1,500.00
Travel & Mileage			6,300.00	5,300.00		3,000.00
Projects			550.00	550.00		0.00
Director			700.00	700.00		0.00
Special Events			4,000.00	0.00	Event Cancelled	0.00
Telephone			200.00	200.00		200.00
Total Expenses			39,350.00	30,350.00		12,750.00
NET:			(17,950.00)	(18,850.00)		(6,550.00)
14171.			(17,950.00)	(10,030.00)		(0,550.00)

	2007	2007 2008	2008		2009	
	Adopted	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Notes	Proposed
FAMILY Health						
Department 300						
Income						
Transfer from Savings	250.00	0.00	500.00	0.00		0.00
Donations	750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Total Income	1,000.00	0.00	500.00	0.00		0.00
Evnanças						
Expenses Awards & Gifts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Conf/Meeting Postage	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	100.00	0.00	0.00			
Printing	500.00		500.00	0.00		
Projects & Supplies	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Director Expenses Travel/Meals	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	1,000.00	0.00	500.00	0.00		0.00
Total Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	500.00	0.00		0.00
Net:	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
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LEGISLATIVE DEPT Department 500						
Department 300						
Income						
Donations		651.00	100.00	0.00		0.00
Total Income	0.00	651.00	100.00	0.00		0.00
Expenses						
Salaries - Staff	24,000.00	22,166.00	24,000.00	24,000.00		24,000.00
Benefits	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Conferences/Mtgs	500.00	846.17	750.00	750.00	Includes Ag Day	1,250.00
Donations	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	<u> </u>	0.00
Dues/Subscriptions	3,000.00	4,364.16	3,500.00	3,500.00		3,500.00
Insurance - Work Comp	250.00	,	0.00	0.00		0.00
Legal	500.00	476.02	500.00	500.00		500.00
Lodging	1,000.00	1,884.46	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,000.00
Meals	200.00	142.04	200.00	200.00		200.00
Office Supplies	0.00	40.38	0.00	0.00		0.00
Postage	100.00	6.92	100.00	100.00		50.00
Printing	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00		50.00
Repairs - Maint Database	0.00	1,997.50	0.00	0.00		0.00
Director Expenses	1,000.00	277.01	0.00	0.00		0.00
Supplies	300.00	340.06	300.00	300.00		300.00
Telephone	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00		0.00
Travel Expense	2,000.00	1,495.18	2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00
Total Expenses	32,950.00	34,185.90	34,050.00	34,050.00		33,850.00
Net:	(32,950.00)	(33,534.90)	(33,950.00)	(34,050.00)		(33,850.00

	2007	2007	2008	2008		2009
	Adopted	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Notes	Proposed
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CONVENTION FUND Department 600	Sacramento	Sacramento	Sacramento	Sacramento		Fresno
Income						
Exhibiter Donations	434.65	9,794.97		10,000.00	See General Dept	0.00
Convention Pins	46.43	155.00		200.00	Gee General Bept	200.00
Patrons Luncheon	1,393.17	742.50		800.00	Match expenses	1,000.00
Registrations	5,572.77	5,755.00		6,000.00	Possibly raise fees again	8,000.00
Degree Tickets	232.17	625.00		650.00	r coolsiy raise rece again	400.00
Journal of Proceedings	232.17	130.00		150.00		100.00
Resolution Packs	93.00	80.00		100.00		80.00
Awards Banquet	5,572.77	3,840.00		5,000.00	Match expenses	6,000.00
Expo Income	1,393.17	771.00		1,000.00	Water expenses	700.00
Lecturer's Dinner	0.00	3,380.00		4,500.00	Match expenses	3,500.00
Membership Dinner	0.00	2,760.00		3,000.00	To cover full costs	3,000.00
First Timer's Luncheon	0.00	214.50		300.00	10 cover full costs	0.00
Total Income	15,000.00	28,247.97	16,500.00	31,700.00		22,980.00
Total Income	13,000.00	20,241.91	10,300.00	31,700.00		22,300.00
COGS						
Convention Expenses						
Salary O/T	2,225.00	2,145.87		2,145.87		2,000.00
Awards/Gifts	475.00	1,512.50		1,512.50		1,500.00
Awards Banquet	6,725.00	7,156.37		7,156.37		6,000.00
Conferences & Meetings	725.00	48.23		48.23		100.00
Equipment Rental	2,725.00	2,203.71		2,203.71		2,000.00
Expo Awards	2,725.00	2,499.00		2,499.00		2,000.00
Facility Fees	1,225.00	6,465.00		6,465.00		2,000.00
First Timer's Luncheon	1,725.00	1,044.82		1,044.82	Combine with Patrons	0.00
Harvest Feast	1,225.00	685.91		685.91	Use donations	0.00
Hospitality Room	0.00	562.02		562.02	Use donated foods	0.00
Lecturer's Dinner	0.00	5,089.02		5,089.02		3,500.00
Lodging	16,225.00	24,695.56		24,695.56	Limit Comped rooms	7,500.00
Meals	725.00	696.52		696.52		500.00
Membership Dinner	0.00	4,603.45		4,603.45	Costs to be covered	3,000.00
Opening Reception	0.00	1,866.92		1,866.92	Use hospitality room	0.00
Patron's Luncheon	0.00	1,385.00		1,385.00		1,000.00
Postage/UPS	375.00	318.88		318.88		350.00
Printing	725.00	673.44		673.44		700.00
Promotional Items	1,725.00	2,771.47		2,771.47		1,200.00
Supplies	2,725.00	4,583.16		4,583.16		2,000.00
Travel	2,725.00	1,181.41		1,181.41		3,000.00
Total Expenses	45,000.00	72,188.26	49,500.00	72,188.26		38,350.00
Net:	(30,000.00)	(43,940.29)	(33,000.00)	(40,488.26)		(15,370.00)
LECTURER'S FUND						
Department 160						
Department 100						
Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
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Expenses						
Travel/Mileage/Lodging			500.00	F00.00		
Conferences	1 000 00		500.00	500.00		
Supplies/Awards	1,000.00	0.00	500.00	500.00		2.22
Total Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		0.00
Net	(1,000.00)	0.00	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)		0.00

Adopted	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Notes	Proposed
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		12,000.00	12,000.00	Subject to Change	12,000.00
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		3,000.00	3,000.00		2,400.00
		1,000.00	1,000.00		1,200.00
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					800.00
					650.00
		800.00	800.00		300.00
		200.00	200.00		0.00
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(27,412.00)	(24,594.05)	(18,330.00)	(18,330.00)		(37,894.00)
	20,000.00 300.00 21.00 10,000.00 (50.00) 30,271.00 26,213.00 7,040.00 2,400.00 200.00 1,000.00 200.00 12,600.00 30.00 6,000.00 200.00 200.00 57,683.00	20,000.00 18,321.00 300.00 556.00 21.00 0.00 10,000.00 3,890.44 (50.00) 0.00 30,271.00 22,767.44  26,213.00 26,213.28 7,040.00 6,826.93 2,400.00 2,383.14 0.00 0.00 200.00 0.00 1,087.90 1,000.00 0.00 2,000.00 1,077.75 0.00 276.03 12,600.00 6,464.99 30.00 0.00 6,000.00 2,884.44 200.00 0.00 0.00 147.03 57,683.00 47,361.49	1,000.00   3,000.00   1,000.00   1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00

	2007	2007	2008	2008		2009
	Adopted	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Notes	Proposed
PROPERTY FUND						
Department 700						
Income						
Upstairs-UCDMC	77,060.00	77,033.61	76,000.00	78,221.00		78,000.00
Downstairs	,	,	76,000.00	0.00	Subject to new lease	0.00
Wisteria/Training Room	6,000.00	1,005.00	0.00	0.00	CSG Office	0.00
GBO Bldg -FFBI/Crsrds	77,834.00	78,914.40	78,500.00	61,678.16	Vacancy	28,128.00
GBO-Other/UCD	9,984.00	9,912.00	9,900.00	10,000.00		10,495.00
GBO- CU	12,497.00	12,497.40	12,500.00	12,500.00		15,000.00
Parking	360.00	410.00	420.00	400.00		0.00
Utility Reimbursement	6,600.00	7,042.10	0.00	.00.00		7,000.00
Total Income	190,335.00	186,814.51	253,320.00	162,799.16		138,623.00
		-	-	-		
Expenses						
Staff Salary	26,213.00	26,213.28	20,000.00	20,000.00		0.00
Benefits	7,040.00	6,775.93	2,550.00	2,550.00		0.00
Payroll Taxes	2,400.00	2,767.09	1,800.00	1,800.00		0.00
Insurance Upstairs	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Insurance Wisteria	1,400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Insurance GBO	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Wcomp Ins	1,000.00	0.00	750.00	750.00		0.00
Legal	500.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		0.00
Postage/Supplies	20.00	6.81	100.00	100.00		0.00
Repair/Maint. Upstairs	7,000.00	7,004.33	7,000.00	7,000.00		7,000.00
Repairs/Main. Downstairs	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00		200.00
Repair/Maint. Wisteria	2,500.00	1,941.30	0.00	0.00	General Dept	0.00
Repair/Maint. GBO	10,000.00	6,895.91	6,000.00	6,000.00		6,000.00
Taxes Upstairs/Downstairs	1,800.00	1,052.27	5,000.00	5,000.00		2,900.00
Taxes Wisteria	1,500.00	1,052.27	0.00	0.00	General Dept	0.00
Taxes GBO	6,600.00	1,118.82	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,100.00
Phone - Wisteria	300.00	77.29	0.00	0.00		0.00
Utilities Upstairs	12,000.00	6,480.46	0.00	0.00		0.00
Utilities Wisteria	2,600.00	1,501.50	0.00	0.00	General Dept	0.00
Utilities GBO	11,000.00	11,038.81	11,000.00	11,000.00	<del> </del>	11,000.00
Travel	1,000.00	119.05	0.00	0.00		0.00
Total Expenses	98,373.00	74,045.12	60,200.00	60,200.00		29,200.00
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Net:	91,962.00	112,769.39	193,120.00	102,599.16		109,423.00

# **CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006

# **BODEN KLEIN & SNEESBY**

Certified Public Accountants

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Executive Committee California State Grange Sacramento, California

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of California State Grange (a nonprofit organization) as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits 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. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of California State Grange as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Boden KLEIN & SNEESBY

Certified Public Accountants

October 1, 2008

Statements of Financial Position December 31, 2007 and 2006

# **ASSETS**

	2007	2006
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 242,410	\$ 216,333
Certificates of deposit	311,338	329,398
Accounts receivable	297,727	269,752
Inventory	2,000	8,750
Prepaid expenses	2,699	6,264
Work in progress - Wisteria Hall	-	3,144
Current portion of notes receivable	32,726	24,403
Total current assets	888,900	858,044
Property and equipment:		
Land	64,573	64,573
Buildings and improvements	1,512,898	1,013,939
Office equipment	151,320	151,320
Vehicles	51,860	51,860
Computers and software	90,777	88,824
Accumulated depreciation	(858,330)	(807,783)
Total property and equipment, net	1,013,098	562,733
Other assets:		
Deposits	1,354	1,511
Due from Foundation	5,010	, -
Asset management account	3,626,533	3,127,091
Note receivable - GBO	24,598	24,598
Notes receivable, net of current portion	<u>262,218</u>	286,990
Total other assets	3,919,713	3,440,190
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 5,821,711	\$ 4,860,967

Statements of Financial Position December 31, 2007 and 2006

## **LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

	2007	2006
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 129,430	\$ 94,502
Accrued liabilities	7,974	8,232
Total current liabilities	137,404	102,734
Long-term liabilities:		
Due to restricted	1,742	-
Due to operating	12,734	-
Due to trust	501,493	91,916
Note payable - GBO	24,598	24,598
Asset management account liability	3,626,533	3,127,091
Total long-term liabilities	4,167,100	3,243,605
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	660,120	642,385
Temporarily restricted	857,087	872,243
Total net assets	1,517,207	1,514,628
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND		
NET ASSETS	\$ 5,821,711	\$ 4,860,967

# Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Revenues:			
Dues	\$ 208,561	\$ -	\$ 208,561
GIA income	192,500	Ψ -	192,500
Rental income	172,556		172,556
Other income	144,969	16,492	161,461
Interest income	56,290	750	57,040
Donations	11,926	3,210	15,136
Unrealized gains\losses	(953)		(953)
Net assets released from restrictions:	(000)		(000)
Restrictions satisfied by program requirements	35,608	(35,608)	_
Total revenues			906 301
rotar revenues	821,457	(15,156)	806,301
Operating expenses:			
Salaries and wages	215,284	-	215,284
Dues and subscriptions	80,048	-	80,048
Repairs and maintenance	62,293	-	62,293
Conferences and meeting	60,979	-	60,979
Depreciation	50,547	-	50,547
Travel and meals	46,028	_	46,028
Utilities	41,494	**	41,494
Office expense	35,436	-	35,436
Officer and Director expenses	34,018		34,018
Legal and accounting	26,699	_	26,699
Employee benefits	24,707	_	24,707
Promotion and awards	23,816	_	23,816
Equipment rental	19,805	_	19,805
Postage and printing	19,098	_	19,098
Payroll tax expense	18,449	_	18,449
Insurance	15,292	_	15,292
Supplies	10,654	_	10,654
Building mainteance	9,485	_	9,485
	9,465		9,483 9,295
Interest expense		-	
Taxes	8,423	-	8,423
Donations	3,930		3,930
Bad debts	986		986
Auto expense	732		732
Total operating expenses	817,498	-	817,498
Change in net assets	3,959	(15,156)	(11,197)
-	13,776	,	13,776
Transfers from asset management			
Net assets, beginning	642,385	872,243	1,514,628
NET ASSETS, ENDING	\$ 660,120	\$ 857,087	\$ 1,517,207

# Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

		Temporarily	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Devenues			
Revenues: Dues	\$ 199,042	\$ -	\$ 199,042
GIA income	193,493	Φ -	\$ 199,042 193,493
Rental income	192,500	-	192,500
Other income	24,205	21,747	45,952
Interest income	42,276	964	43,240
Donations	11,057	1,647	12,704
Net assets released from restrictions:	,	•	,
Restrictions satisfied by program requirements	14,528	(14,528)	-
Total revenues	677,101	9,830	686,931
Outside			
Operating expenses:	450 700		450 700
Salaries and wages	156,723		156,723
Dues and subscriptions Repairs and maintenance	84,238		84,238
Conferences and meetings	52,143 44,869		52,143
Utilities	44,009		44,869 44,217
Depreciation	43,692		43,692
Travel and meals	36,489		36,489
Officer and Director expenses	28,527		28,527
Postage and printing	26,019		26,019
Employee benefits	24,407		24,407
Legal and accounting	19,470		19,470
Equipment rental	18,378		18,378
Insurance	18,192		18,192
Supplies	16,160		16,160
Payroll tax expense	15,667		15,667
Bad debts	10,865		10,865
Building maintenance	9,670		9,670
Office expense	8,934		8,934
Taxes	8,779		8,779
Promotion and awards	6,239	-	6,239
Donations	2,357	, _	2,357
Auto expense	1,560	-	1,560
Interest expense	1,034	-	1,034
Total operating expenses	678,629		678,629
Change in net assets	(1,528	3) 9,830	8,302
Net assets, beginning	643,913		
rici assets, beginning	043,813	862,413	1,506,326
NET ASSETS, ENDING	\$ 642,385	\$ 872,243	\$ 1,514,628

# Statements of Cash Flows For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

		2007		2006
Cash flows from operating activities:	Φ	(44.407)	•	0.000
Change in net assets	\$	(11,197)	\$	8,302
Adjustments to reconcile change in net				
assets to net cash provided (used) in operating activites:  Tranfers from Asset Management		13,776		
Depreciation		50,547		43,692
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		50,547		40,002
Accounts receivable		(27,975)		(135,248)
Inventory		6,750		6,750
Deposits		157		647
Prepaid expenses		3,565		(4,457)
Accounts payable		34,928		49,214
Accrued liabilities		(258)		(2,056)
Net cash provided (used) in operating activities		70,293		(33,156)
Cash flows from investing activities:				
(Purchase) of property and equipment		(500,912)		(20,222)
(Purchase) of work in progress		3,144		(3,144)
Investments in Certificates of deposit		18,060		(275,757)
Principal received - notes receivable		16,449		33,317
Proceeds from note receivable - GBO		_		1,243
Net cash used in investing activities		(463,259)		(264,563)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
(Payments) on San Jose Perpetual Trust		-		(24,161)
(Payments) to Foundation		(5,010)		-
Proceeds from trust account		409,577		-
Proceeds from restricted		1,742		-
Proceeds from operating		12,734		_
(Payments) on note payable - GBO	<u> </u>		***********	(1,243)
Net cash provided (used) in financing activities		419,043		(25,404)
Net increase (decrease) in cash		26,077		(323,123)
Cash, beginning	-	216,333		539,456
CASH, ENDING	\$	242,410	<u>\$</u>	216,333

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2007 and 2006

# NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

## a. Reporting Entity -

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.

### b. Standards of Reporting -

The Organization prepares its financial statements using the accrual method of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Number 117, "Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations, 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.

### c. 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 fund's activity and purpose:

<u>General Fund:</u> 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.

<u>Deaf Activities Fund:</u> 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.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2007 and 2006

# NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

<u>Extension/Membership Development Fund:</u> 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 prizes, Officer/Deputies supplies, and membership director expenses.

<u>Convention Fund:</u> 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.

<u>Grange News Fund:</u> 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.

<u>Youth Fund:</u> 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 ambassador expenses, meetings, camp, coordinating council and fundraisers. These funds are restricted for these purposes.

<u>Conference Center Fund:</u> Provides resources for the promotion of camp and conference facilities. Funds are being collected to build or purchases grounds/complex for a combined center for conferences, camps and conventions. These funds are restricted for this purpose.

<u>Junior Grange</u>: Provides resources 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.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2007 and 2006

# NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

<u>Grange Women's Activities Fund (GWA):</u> 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 director expenses to plan programs, organize contests and sponsor events. These funds are restricted for this purpose.

<u>Grange Youth Fair Program:</u> 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.

<u>Grangers Business Organization:</u> 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 unforeseen events. These funds are restricted for this purpose.

<u>Grange Hall Loan Fund:</u> Established to loan funds to local Granges to assist in their development or improvement of Grange Halls. These funds are restricted for this purpose.

## d. Property and equipment -

All acquisitions of property and equipment in excess of \$5,000 and all expenditures for repairs, maintenance, renewals, and betterments that materially prolong the useful lives of assets are capitalized. Property and equipment are carried at cost or, if donated, at the approximate fair value at the date of donation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over lives ranging from three to fifteen years.

#### e. Accounts receivable -

The Organization provides credit to customers and charges off to expense any balances that are determined to be uncollectible. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, the Organization considered all remaining accounts receivable to be fully collectible. Accordingly, there was no allowance for doubtful accounts.

## f. Inventory -

The inventory consists of cookbooks, various publications, jewelry, and supplies and is valued at cost on the first-in, first-out method.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2007 and 2006

### NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

### g. Use of Estimates -

In preparing financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, management must make estimates based on future events that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements, and revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

### h. 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.

### i. Income Taxes -

The Organization is a nonprofit corporation exempt from federal and state income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(8) and related state codes. The Grange may be subject to income taxes on unrelated advertising and membership list revenue in excess of related expenses. No taxes were incurred for either 2007 or 2006.

### j. Cash Flows -

The Grange considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

### NOTE 2 - ASSET MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT:

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. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, Grange earned \$31,934 and \$16,377 in administration fees, respectively.

The Grange, for the benefit of the inactive Granges, holds funds received from discontinued or dormant Granges, in trust 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.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2007 and 2006

# NOTE 3 - NOTES RECEIVABLE:

Notes receivable consists of the following:

	2007	2006
Fresno GBO Property, due April 1, 2018, payable in monthly installments of \$1,242, including interest at 8% per annum.	\$ 99,677	\$ 105,820
San Luis Obisop Grange, due July 1, 2018, payable in monthly installments of \$333 including interest of 7% per annum.	31,853	32,038
Corralitos Grange, due November 15, 2008 payable in monthly installments of \$56 including interest of 7% per annum.	-	1,461
Clear Lake Grange, due July 15, 2011 payable in monthly installments of \$258 including interest of 5% per annum.	18,846	20,907
Eastlake Grange, due March 31, 2019 payable in monthly installments of \$395 including interest of 5% per annum.	49,695	49,695
Lake Earl Grange, due November 15, 2013 payable in monthly installments of \$522 including interest of 7% per annum.	42,328	42,328
Dow's Prairie Grange, due June 15, 2011 payable in monthly installments of \$290 including interest of 7% per annum.	11,072	13,543
Greenfield Grange, due July 1, 2014 payable in monthly installments of \$426 including interest of 8% per annum.	25,974	28,609

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2007 and 2006

### NOTE 3 - NOTES RECEIVABLE (continued):

	2007	<u>2006</u>
Elk Grove Grange, due June 15, 2015 payable in monthly installments of \$225		
including interest of 7% per annum.	15,499	16,992
Total notes receivable	294,944	311,393
Less current portion	(32,726)	(24,403)
Notes receivable, long-term portion	<u>\$ 262,218</u>	\$ 286,990

### NOTE 4 - COMPENSATED ABSENCES:

Employees of the Grange are entitled to paid vacation and sick leave depending on job classification, length of service and other factors. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, the accrued expense for compensated absences was \$7,974 and \$8,232, respectively. The maximum amount of vacation that can be accumulated is 40 hours. Sick days accumulate, but are forfeited when employees leave the Grange.

### NOTE 5 - 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 makes discretionary contributions to the plan up to 5% of gross wages towards the purchase of an annuity for the benefit of the employee. All employees qualify for 100% vesting. There were no contributions made for 2007 and 2006.

### NOTE 6 - OPERATING LEASES:

The Grange is obligated under a long-term operating lease for its mailing system and its folding machine. Both leases have an original term of sixty months expiring December 2012. The balance of the lease commitments are as follows:

For the year ending December 31,

	2008 2009 2010 2011	7,500 7,500 7,500 7,500
	2012	7,500
Total		\$ 37,500

CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE – ASSET MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006

# **BODEN KLEIN & SNEESBY**

Certified Public Accountants

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Executive Committee California State Grange - Asset Management Account Sacramento, California

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of the California State Grange - Asset Management Account as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related statements of activities, changes in net assets and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits 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. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the California State Grange - Asset Management Account as of December 31, 2007 and 2006 and the changes in net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

BODEN KLEIN & SNEESBY Certified Public Accountants

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October 1, 2008

Statements of Financial Position December 31, 2007 and 2006

### **ASSETS**

	2007	2006
Current assets:		
Cash and certificates of deposit:		
Capital City Federal Credit Union	\$ 2,878	\$ 2,874
Morgan Stanley - Money Market	138,776	31,562
American Express Savings	-	180,000
Fresno Credit Union	43,548	42,015
Bank of America - Certificate of Deposit	•	120,000
Morgan Stanley - Certificates of Deposit	2,760,000	2,420,000
Total cash and certificates of deposit	2,945,202	2,796,451
Due from Foundation	15,365	15,365
Due from State Grange	91,916	91,916
Notes receivable - current portion	9,259	46,061
Total current assets	3,061,742	2,949,793
Wisteria investment	400,000	-
Notes receivable - net of current portion	164,791	177,298
Total assets	\$ 3,626,533	\$ 3,127,091
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities:		
Payables	\$ 138,373	\$ 101,816
Net assets:		
Restricted		
Surrendered Charters	667,762	448,035
Active Granges	2,820,397	2,577,240
Total net assets	3,488,160	3,025,275
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 3,626,533	\$ 3,127,091

# Statements of Activities For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

	2007	2006
Revenue:		
Interest income Interest to Active Granges	\$ 149,163 (131,230)	\$ 96,159 (64,514)
Total revenue	17,933	31,645
Expenses:		
Trust administrative fees - Active	31,934	16,377
Excess revenues over (under) expenses	\$ (14,002)	<u>\$ 15,268</u>

Statements of Changes in Net Assets For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

	rrendered Charters	Ac	tive Grange Funds	Total
Net assets, January 1, 2006	\$ 296,697	\$	2,711,546	\$ 3,008,243
Excess revenues over expenses	-		15,268	15,268
Additional funds received	168,212		12,965	181,177
Funds disbursed	 (16,874)		(162,539)	 (179,413)
Net assets, December 31, 2006	448,035		2,577,240	3,025,275
Excess revenues under expenses	-		(14,002)	(14,002)
Transfers	45,594		(59,369)	(13,776)
Additional funds received	174,512		709,104	883,616
Funds disbursed	 (378)		(392,576)	 (392,954)
Net assets, December 31, 2007	\$ 667,762	\$	2,820,397	\$ 3,488,160

# Statement of Cash Flows For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

	2007	2006
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ (14,002)	\$ 15,268
Adjustments to reconcile change in		
net assets to net cash provided by		
operating activities:		
Transfers to State Grange	(13,776)	-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities: Increase in payables	36,557	61,899
Net cash provided by operating activities	8,779	77,167
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Wisteria investment	(400,000)	-
Proceeds from notes receivable	49,310	73,575
Net cash (used) provided by investing activities	(350,690)	73,575
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Trust funds disbursed	(392,954)	(179,413)
Trust funds received	883,616	181,177
Net cash provided by financing activities	490,662	1,764
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	148,751	152,506
Cash and cash equivalents at January 1	2,796,451	2,643,945
Cash and cash equivalents at December 31	\$ 2,945,202	\$ 2,796,451

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2007 and 2006

### NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNT PRINCIPLES:

### a. 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 asset management account are restricted and must be administered in accordance with the National Grange By-Laws.

### b. Basis of accounting -

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

#### c. Use of estimates -

In preparing financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, management must make estimates based on future events that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### d. Cash flows -

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Organization considers all highly liquid investments purchased with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### e. Asset restriction -

As disclosed in Notes 2 and 3, the assets of the Asset Management Account 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 if 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.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2007 and 2006

### 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 consists of the following:	2007	<u>2006</u>
Crescent Redwood Grange No. 596 due October 15, 2009, payable in monthly installments of \$182 including interest at 6.0% per annum	\$ -	\$ 10,957
Garden Grove, due April 18, 2012, payable in monthly installments of \$1,600 including interest at 8.0% per annum		29,911
Panama, due November 1, 2038, payable in monthly installments of \$650 including interest of 4.0% per annum	137,404	140,172
Apple Valley Grange, due July 1, 2012, payable in monthly installments of \$400 including interest of 8.0% per annum	16,704	20,034
Farmersville Grange, due December 1, 2014 payable in monthly installments of \$300 including interest of 6.0%	40.040	00.005
per annum	19,942	22,285
Total notes receivable	174,050	223,359
Less current portion	9,259	46,061
Net long-term notes receivable	<u>\$164,791</u>	<u>\$177,298</u>

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2007 and 2006

## NOTE 5 - CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK:

The Organization maintains its cash balances and certificates of deposits at various financial institutions. The balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000, for each financial institution. Balances in these accounts exceed federally insured limits at times during the year. However, the Organization has not experienced any losses and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on its balances.

# California State Grange Check Register (Checks and EFTs of All Types)

(Report period: October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008)

Cash Account #6 [W.Fargo- Operating]

Check		emana emana ( emana e permuna)	
Number	Date	Name	Amount
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EFT	05/05/08	American Express	1264.84
EFT	04/07/08	SMUD	590.05
EFT	04/07/08	SMUD	300.75
EFT	07/16/08	American Express	2528.49
EFT	04/07/08	SMUD	164.08
EFT	06/10/08	Humanadental Ins. Co.	578.24
EFT	04/10/08	American Express	1842.33
EFT	05/13/08	PG&E	115.18
EFT	09/30/08	Sacramento County	0285.45
EFT	03/25/08	Grange Insurance Association	1614.86
EFT	03/21/08	PG&E	443.38
EFT	03/28/08	PG&E	249.19
EFT	08/07/08	Philadelphia Insurance Companies	5064.61
EFT	09/30/08	Philadelphia Insurance Companies	1344.58
EFT	03/27/08	Humanadental Ins. Co.	528.24
EFT	04/04/08	The Gas Company	371.16
EFT	04/07/08	SMUD	1364.47
EFT	04/07/08	SMUD	173.90
EFT	05/22/08	AICCO, Inc.	382.41
EFT	04/07/08	Blue Cross Of California	1886.00
EFT	06/20/08	American Express	500.00
101	01/29/08	The National Grange	100.00
102	01/29/08	Randall Lewis	1214.72
105	02/06/08	Admail West	350.03
106	02/06/08	Alhambra & Sierra Springs	48.50
107	02/06/08	AT & T Mobility	281.26
108	02/06/08	AT&T	29.66
109	02/06/08	Avaya Financial Services	302.44
110	02/06/08	Blue Cross Of California	938.00
111	02/06/08	Cal Expo	175.00
112	02/06/08	Capitol Webworks, LLC	120.00
113	02/06/08	Norman Carpadus	19.60
114	02/06/08	California Chamber of Commerce	121.32
115	02/06/08	City of Fowler	83.94
116	02/06/08	Clark Pest Control	510.00
117	02/06/08	Crossroads Facility Services, Inc.	1191.75
118	02/06/08	City of Sacramento	121.66
119	02/06/08	Southern California Edison	122.12
120	02/06/08	Elk Grove Grange No. 86	28.00
121	02/06/08	Betty Eyler	16.40
122	02/06/08	Lee Geiger	70.84
123	02/06/08	Daniel Goss	226.25
124	02/06/08	George Gudie Heating & Air	507.16
125	02/06/08	Karen Heckman	327.30
126	02/06/08	Herburger Publications, Inc.	881.20
127	02/06/08	Humanadental Ins. Co.	264.12
128	02/06/08	Bob McFarland	700.13
129	02/06/08	Paradise Grange #490	50.00
130	02/06/08	Paradise Grange #490	750.00
131	02/06/08	Monte Vista Water District	28.43
132	02/06/08	Morgan Stanely	207.50
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133	02/06/08	The National Grange	107.50
134	02/06/08	Marian Nichols	372.02
135	02/06/08	Thomas A. Nickens, Inc.	900.00
136	02/06/08	Office Depot	57.44
137	02/06/08	Office Supplies Unlimted	155.53
138	02/06/08	Pacific Legal Foundation	22.92
139	02/06/08	PG&E	1236.61
140	02/06/08	Pitney Bowes Global	10.36
141	02/06/08	Pitney Bowes Global	2141.53
142	02/06/08	Planeteria	39.95
143	02/06/08	Pitney Bowes Purchase Power	1063.99
144	02/06/08	Quill Corporation	903.44
145	02/06/08	Richard Saxe	1401.80
146	02/06/08	SMUD	1349.61
147	02/06/08	State Compensation Insurance Fund	1619.00
148	02/06/08	Ronald Trombley	110.69
149	02/06/08	Lois Trumbull	75.88
150	02/06/08	Verizon California	34.56
151	02/06/08	Vision Service Plan- (CA)	53.52
152	02/06/08	WinNet Technologies, Inc.	1248.83
153	02/07/08	Bill Allen	360.00
154	02/11/08	Suzanne Moramarco	640.91
155	02/11/08	Lola Adamczak	Voided
156	02/12/08	Clay Ambrose	Voided
158	02/12/08	Lola Adamczak	10.00
159	02/12/08	Clay Ambrose	3.00
160	02/12/08	Velva Angell	5.00
161	02/12/08	Arlyce Baker	5.00
166	02/13/08	Asbarah Bank	43.00
167	02/13/08	Aubry Bassett	27.00
168	02/13/08	Eli Bassett	8.00
169	02/13/08	Kaylynn Bassett	24.00
170	02/13/08	Sea Jay Bates	42.00
171	02/13/08	David Bevans	2.00
172	02/13/08	Jim Bierberich	5.00
173	02/13/08	Betty Ann Biringer-Rehm	30.00
174	02/13/08	Kay A. Booth-Larsen	7.00
175	02/13/08	Luella Crandall	5.00
176	02/13/08	Margaret L. Daley	2.00
177	02/13/08	DeSabla Grange	150.00
178	02/13/08	Ingrid Dunckel	5.00
179	02/13/08	Melissa Dunckel	25.00
180	02/13/08	Tim Dunckel	10.00
181	02/13/08	Maxine Dyer	6.00
182	02/13/08	Michelle Ernst	27.00
183	02/13/08	Jason Feathers	50.00
184	02/13/08	Scott Feathers	25.00
185	02/13/08	Katie Fernandez	15.00
186	02/13/08	BJ Fitzpatrick	70.00
187	02/13/08	Kevin Fontana	18.00
188	02/13/08	Sandi Fontana	83.00
189	02/13/08	Sarah Fontana	12.00
190	02/15/08	Jeremy Heckman	328.00
191	02/15/08	Karen Heckman	272.00
192	02/15/08	Katie Heckman	325.00
193	02/15/08	Jaime Heijmen	12.00
194	02/15/08	Auda Hill	60.00
195	02/15/08	Juanita Hite	13.00
196 197	02/15/08 02/15/08	Jaime Holder Jane Kachell	7.00 20.00
197		Rick Keel	3.00
198	02/15/08	KICK Keel	3.00

199	02/15/08	Ileshia Knigge	5.00
200	02/11/08	PG&E	Voided
200	02/11/08	PG&E	550.00
200	02/15/08	Jean Knigge	Voided
201	02/16/08	Jean Knigge	26.00
202	02/16/08	Aspen Komski	29.00
203	02/16/08	Jenna Lathrop	18.00
204	02/16/08	Dorothy Long	5.00
205	02/16/08	Jim McDaniel	10.00
206	02/16/08	Bob McFarland	25.00
207	02/16/08	Barbara McGrosso	9.00
208	02/16/08	Fern Miller	5.00
209	02/16/08	Lucette Moramarco	74.00
210	02/16/08	Nancy Moramarco	27.00
211	02/16/08	Suzanne Moramarco	64.00
212	02/16/08	Olivia Ortiz	19.00
213	02/16/08	Louise Palmer	13.00
214	02/16/08	Pleasant Valley Grange	7.00
215	02/16/08	Rainbow Valley Grange	100.00
216	02/16/08	Elsie Rodrigues	3.00
217	02/16/08	Olga Samples	8.00
218	02/16/08	Tom H.F. Sawyer	8.00
219	02/16/08	Will Spies	152.00
220	02/16/08	Katie Squire	14.00
221	02/16/08	Lois Trumbull	8.00
222	02/16/08	Consuelo Valenzuela	5.00
223	02/16/08	Barbara Wheat	5.00
224	02/16/08	Susan Williford	5.00
225	02/16/08	Cindy Winter	8.00
226	02/16/08	Josiah Winter	36.00
227	02/16/08	Edwin Woolard	13.00
228	02/16/08	California State Grange	44.00
229	02/16/08	Morgan Stanely	207.50
230	02/16/08	Crescent City Water/Sewer Dept.	41.80
231	02/16/08	Pacific Power	371.09
232	02/16/08	PG&E	323.78
233	02/20/08	Card Service Center	1634.82
234	02/20/08	Card Service Center	8.20
235	02/20/08	Card Service Center	92.78
236	02/21/08	AT & T Mobility	35.49
237	02/21/08	AT&T	29.49
238	02/21/08	Blue Cross of California	238.00
239	02/21/08	CDS Consulting	2000.00
240	02/21/08	City of Coalinga	123.74
241 242	02/21/08	City of Sacramento	548.18
242	02/21/08	Southern California Edison George Gudie Heating & Air	124.17 114.13
243	02/21/08	Kone Inc.	622.17
244	02/21/08 02/21/08	O Communications	330.97
245	02/21/08	Office Supplies Unlimted	155.53
247	02/21/08	PG&E	29.55
248	02/21/08	Planeteria	39.95
249	02/21/08	Principal Life Group	48.32
250	02/21/08	Quill Corporation	135.75
251	02/21/08	The Gas Company	408.47
252	02/21/08	Verizon California	39.40
253	02/21/08	Waste Connections-Cntrl Valley	44.75
254	02/21/08	Waste Management of Sacramento	354.82
255	02/21/08	WinNet Technologies, Inc.	1935.00
256	02/21/08	Randall Lewis	1735.97
257	02/22/08	SMUD	1753.04
20,	02, 22, 00	5.1102	1755.04

258	02/28/08	California Women for Agriculture	500.00
259	03/04/08	Bob McFarland	1116.08
260	03/04/08	The National Grange	17286.00
261	03/04/08	United States Postal Service	2300.00
262	03/04/08	Clearlake Oaks County Water District	904.35
264	03/17/08	Calaveras Grange #715	5000.00
265	03/17/08	Morgan Stanely	207.50
266	03/17/08	Morgan Stanely	207.50
269	04/17/08	Blodgett Catering	250.00
270	04/21/08	PG&E	237.27
272	03/26/08	CDS Consulting	2000.00
273	03/26/08	Randall Lewis	2496.37
280	04/07/08	AICCO, Inc.	127.47
281	04/07/08	Alhambra & Sierra Springs	5.95
282	04/07/08	American Dibetes Association	884.00
283	04/07/08	Amerigas- Lakeport	1449.84
284	04/07/08	Xpedx Stores Division-West Region	652.80
285	04/07/08	AT & T Mobility	136.58
286	04/07/08	AT&T	207.52
287	04/07/08	Bayside Grange #500	164.70
288	04/07/08	Leo Bergeron	48.98
289	04/07/08	Blue Cross Of California	Voided
290	04/07/08	Blue Cross of California	252.00
291	04/07/08	C. Linda Barnes	128.30
292	04/07/08	C. Linda Barnes	625.68
293	04/07/08	Calaveras County	312.18
294	04/07/08	Capitol Webworks, LLC	120.00
295	04/07/08	Capital Advantage	2500.00
296	04/07/08	CDS Consulting	2049.00
297	04/07/08	City of Fowler	41.97
298	04/07/08	City of Coalinga	218.10
299	04/07/08	Clark Pest Control	510.00
300	04/07/08	Colonial Van & Storage, Inc.	50.00
301	04/07/08	Crescent City Water/Sewer Dept.	38.10
302	04/07/08	Crossroads Facility Services, Inc.	2383.50
303	04/07/08	California State Grange Foundation	180.00
304	04/07/08	California State Grange	140.00
305	04/07/08	Certified Safe & Lock Service Co.	74.50
306	04/07/08	City of Sacramento	234.04
307	04/07/08	Del Norte County Tax Collector	353.58
308	04/07/08	Delta Energy Lighting &	172.31
309	04/07/08	Dick Larsen	637.24
310	04/07/08	Dick Larsen	908.27
311	04/07/08	Southern California Edison	Voided
312	04/07/08	Elk Grove Grange No. 86	28.00
313	04/07/08	Fairfield Inn & Suites	340.00
314	04/07/08	Vicki Crow, C.P.A.	252.23
315	04/07/08	Vicki Crow, C.P.A.	1024.11
316	04/07/08	Vicki Crow, C.P.A.	493.29
317	04/07/08	Friends Of The Kelley Farm	147.00
318	04/07/08	Daniel Goss	693.75
319	04/07/08	Grange Insurance Association	507.00
320	04/07/08	Grange Insurance Association	Voided
321	04/07/08	George Gudie Heating & Air	165.02
322	04/07/08	Herburger Publications, Inc.	851.00
323	04/07/08	Lake County Tax Collector	212.63
324	04/07/08	Lake County Waste Solutions, Inc.	30.47
325	04/07/08	Yuba-Sierra Pomona	11.08
326	04/07/08	Margaret Messick Consulting	1190.00
327	04/07/08	Monroe Classic, Inc.	489.82
328	04/07/08	Monte Vista Water District	25.71

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329	04/07/08	The National Grange	62.50
330	04/07/08	The National Grange	52.00
331	04/07/08	Newspaper In Education	250.00
332	04/07/08	O Communications	319.95
333	04/07/08	Office Depot	416.27
334	04/07/08	Office Supplies Unlimted	311.06
335	04/07/08	Pacific Power	95.75
336	04/07/08	Pacific Showcase	1010.00
337	04/07/08	PG&E	660.32
338	04/07/08	Pitney Bowes Global	121.21
339 340	04/07/08 04/07/08	Planeteria Pitney Bowes Purchase Power	39.95 64.11
340 341	04/07/08	Principal Life Group	96.64
341	04/07/08	Quality Safety & Fire Extinguisher	60.00
343	04/07/08	Quill Corporation	423.90
344	04/07/08	Sacramento County	4209.09
345	04/07/08	Sacramento County Sacramento Fire Extinguisher Co., Inc.	137.31
346	04/07/08	Smith, Silbar, & Parker, LLP	7130.12
347	04/07/08	SMUD	1702.22
348	04/07/08	Sonoma County Tax Collector	374.85
349	04/07/08	The Gas Company	295.67
350	04/07/08	Tulare County	275.97
351	04/07/08	UPS	135.80
352	04/07/08	Card Service Center	1272.18
353	04/07/08	Card Service Center	1196.67
354	04/07/08	Card Servie Center	77.04
355	04/07/08	Card Service Center	303.34
356	04/07/08	Vision Service Plan- (CA)	53.52
357	04/07/08	Waste Connections-Cntrl Valley	44.75
358	04/07/08	Waste Management of Sacramento	886.65
359	04/07/08	WinNet Technologies, Inc.	7901.79
362	04/18/08	Board of Equalization	291.00
363	04/18/08	PG&E	286.19
364	04/24/08	Randall Lewis	1260.62
366	05/05/08	Ace Asphalt	4202.00
368	05/13/08	Morgan Stanely	192.50
369	05/13/08	Morgan Stanely	192.50
370	05/13/08	Morgan Stanely	192.50
371	05/13/08	PG&E	52.50
372	05/15/08	Alhambra & Sierra Springs	22.15
373	05/15/08	*Bill Allen	539.34
374	05/15/08	AT & T Mobility	138.83
375	05/15/08	Blue Cross Of California	1031.00
376	05/15/08	Clark Pest Control	165.00 5513.27
377 378	05/15/08 05/15/08	Crossroads Facility Services, Inc. Crossroads Facility Services, Inc.	771.75
379	05/15/08	Crossroads Facility Services, Inc.	420.00
380	05/15/08	City of Sacramento	411.59
381	05/15/08	Fairfield Inn & Suites	170.00
382	05/15/08	Grange Insurance Association	Voided
383	05/15/08	GreenWaste of Tehama	50.19
384	05/15/08	Jeanne Church	100.65
385	05/15/08	Summer Maddux	27.82
386	05/15/08	McDonald Plumbing Heating & Air	145.00
387	05/15/08	Margaret Messick Consulting	255.00
388	05/15/08	Office Depot	193.81
389	05/15/08	Office Supplies Unlimted	155.53
390	05/15/08	PG&E	17.45
391	05/15/08	Sacramento County	283.96
392	05/15/08	SMUD	1557.44
393	05/15/08	State Net	102.36

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394	05/15/08	Vision Service Plan- (CA)	53.52
395	05/15/08	Waste Connections-Cntrl Valley	45.42
396	05/15/08	*Sacramento Police Alarm Unit	40.00
397	05/15/08	City of Fowler	124.46
398	05/15/08	Crescent City Water/Sewer Dept.	48.38
399	05/19/08	Avaya Financial Services	300.96
400	05/20/08	Morgan Stanely	192.50
401	05/20/08	Bob McFarland	552.03
402	05/20/08	Tri County Pump	2000.00
404	05/23/08	Norman Carpadus	105.94
405	05/27/08	CDS Consulting	2000.00
406 407	05/29/08	Randall Lewis The Netional Crange	1336.51
407	05/29/08 06/12/08	The National Grange	21230.00 933.84
408	05/30/08	Sage Software, Inc. American River Grange # 172	100.00
410	06/04/08	United States Postal Service	2500.00
412	06/10/08	Linda Shell Investigations	456.50
413	06/11/08	PG&E	275.77
414	06/11/08	Rapid Information Destruction Servceis	52.00
415	06/11/08	Card Service Center	3899.84
416	06/11/08	Card Service Center	87.29
417	06/11/08	Card Service Center	355.56
418	06/11/08	Card Servie Center	722.15
419	06/11/08	Card Service Center	795.18
420	06/12/08	Ace Asphalt	350.00
421	06/12/08	Admail West	368.43
422	06/12/08	Joe Albini	280.00
423	06/12/08	Alhambra & Sierra Springs	57.50
424	06/12/08	Karen Allred	116.97
425	06/12/08	AT & T Mobility	277.15
426	06/12/08	AT&T	125.52
427	06/12/08	Avaya Financial Services	1094.01
428	06/12/08	Inger Bevans	106.40
429	06/12/08	Bettyann Biringer-Rehm	208.94
430	06/12/08	Chris Blesch	283.53
431	06/12/08	Blue Cross Of California	1081.00
432	06/12/08	Blue Cross of California	252.00
433	06/12/08	Capitol Webworks, LLC	120.00
434	06/12/08	CDS Consulting	2000.00
435	06/12/08	City of Fowler	36.49
436	06/12/08	City of Coalinga	154.15
437 438	06/12/08	Clark Pest Control	1745.00
439	06/12/08 06/12/08	Clearlake Oaks County Water District Coalinga Huron Recreation &	241.72 2400.00
440	06/12/08	Crescent City Water/Sewer Dept.	91.91
441	06/12/08	Crossroads Facility Services, Inc.	771.75
442	06/12/08	Delta Energy Lighting &	323.37
443	06/12/08	Southern California Edison	283.75
444	06/12/08	Fairfield Inn & Suites	4250.00
445	06/12/08	California FFA Foundation	800.00
446	06/12/08	Garza's Air Conditioning & Heating, Inc	383.00
447	06/12/08	Lee Geiger	82.32
448	06/12/08	Daniel Goss	875.00
449	06/12/08	Kone Inc.	622.17
450	06/12/08	Lake County Waste Solutions, Inc.	154.08
451	06/12/08	McDonald Plumbing Heating & Air	2592.31
452	06/12/08	Monte Vista Water District	30.74
453	06/12/08	Lucette Moramarco	155.00
454	06/12/08	Morgan Stanely	192.50
455	06/12/08	Morgan Stanely	192.50
456	06/12/08	Office Depot	481.22

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457	06/12/08	Office Supplies Unlimted	155.53
458	06/12/08	Pacific Power	277.79
459	06/12/08	PG&E	229.10
460	06/12/08	Pitney Bowes Global	93.23
461	06/12/08	Pitney Bowes Global	2030.68
462	06/12/08	Planeteria	79.90
463	06/12/08	Pitney Bowes Purchase Power	2193.15
464	06/12/08	Principal Life Group	96.64
465	06/12/08	San Andreas Sanitary District	54.00
466	06/12/08	Sequoia Western	750.00
467	06/12/08	Smith, Silbar, & Parker, LLP	2033.09
468	06/12/08	SMUD	1738.41
469	06/12/08	Lois Trumbull	69.36
470 471	06/12/08	Verizon California	43.29 107.04
471 472	06/12/08 06/12/08	Vision Service Plan- (CA)	90.17
472	06/12/08	Waste Connections-Cntrl Valley	859.58
474	06/12/08	Waste Management of Sacramento Lyndy E. Wright	85.96
477	06/27/08	AT&T	85.98
478	06/27/08	Blue Cross Of California	1079.00
479	06/27/08	City of Sacramento	299.86
480	06/27/08	Humanadental Ins. Co.	264.12
481	06/27/08	Allen R. Carrozza	66.00
482	06/27/08	PG&E	413.92
483	07/14/08	Randall Lewis	1199.98
484	07/14/08	Morgan Stanely	192.50
485	07/14/08	Morgan Stanely	182.50
487	07/17/08	Holiday Inn Sacramento	5000.00
488	07/18/08	Philadelphia Insurance Companies	313.75
490	07/22/08	Admail West	401.37
491	07/22/08	Alhambra & Sierra Springs	Voided
492	07/22/08	AT & T Mobility	136.24
493	07/22/08	AT&T	80.15
494	07/22/08	Blue Cross Of California	1079.00
495 496	07/22/08 07/22/08	CDS Consulting City of Fowler	1000.00 41.97
490 497	07/22/08	City of Coalinga	86.71
498	07/22/08	Clark Pest Control	270.00
499	07/22/08	Clearlake Oaks County Water District	144.21
500	07/22/08	Crescent City Water/Sewer Dept.	51.36
501	07/22/08	Crossroads Facility Services, Inc.	2383.50
502	07/22/08	City of Sacramento	365.03
503	07/22/08	Department of Industrial Relations	105.00
504	07/22/08	Southern California Edison	235.38
505	07/22/08	Daniel Goss	396.25
506	07/22/08	GreenWaste of Tehama	52.71
507	07/22/08	George Gudie Heating & Air	466.13
508	07/22/08	Karen Heckman	25.00
509	07/22/08	Herburger Publications, Inc.	700.25
510	07/22/08	Lake County Waste Solutions, Inc.	34.29
511	07/22/08	Bob McFarland	804.31
512	07/22/08	The National Grange	85.00
513	07/22/08	Thomas A. Nickens, Inc.	1612.50
514	07/22/08	O Communications	319.95
515	07/22/08	Office Depot	514.09
516 517	07/22/08	Office Supplies Unlimted	155.53
517 518	07/22/08	Pacific Power PG&E	73.34
518	07/22/08 07/22/08	Pitney Bowes Global	139.28 88.73
520	07/22/08	Planeteria	147.40
521	07/22/08	Pitney Bowes Purchase Power	79.16
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522	07/22/08	Principal Life Group	48.32
523	07/22/08	Smith, Silbar, & Parker, LLP	1096.31
524	07/22/08	SMUD	2031.63
525	07/22/08	Katie Squire	414.46
526	07/22/08	UPS	127.32
527	07/22/08	Verizon California	170.12
528	07/22/08	Card Service Center	1184.80
529	07/22/08	Vision Service Plan- (CA)	53.80
530	07/22/08	Waste Connections-Cntrl Valley	49.41
531	07/22/08	Waste Management of Sacramento	433.65
532	07/30/08	Randall Lewis	1794.59
533	08/01/08	Don McFall	200.00
534	08/01/08	Orangevale Grange #354	500.00
535	08/06/08	American Express	1802.20
537	08/13/08	RAH Signs & Outdoor Media	571.83
538	08/21/08	Alhambra & Sierra Springs	10.10
539	08/21/08	AT&T	136.24
540	08/21/08	AT&T	110.39
541	08/21/08	Anthem Blue Cross	1079.00
542	08/21/08	Anthem Blue Cross	252.00
543	08/21/08	Capitol Weekly Group	149.00
544	08/21/08	CDS Consulting	1500.00
545	08/21/08	City of Fowler	41.97
546	08/21/08	City of Coalinga	90.92
547	08/21/08	Clark Pest Control	165.00
548	08/21/08	Clearlake Oaks County Water District	104.57
549	08/21/08	Crescent City Water/Sewer Dept.	38.10
550	08/21/08	Crossroads Facility Services, Inc.	1611.75
551	08/21/08	City of Sacramento	417.31
552	08/21/08	Delta Energy Lighting &	136.30
553	08/21/08	Sandra Dyer	19.88
554	08/21/08	Southern California Edison	139.44
555	08/21/08	Fairfield Inn & Suites	680.00
556	08/21/08	Lee Geiger	69.44
557	08/21/08	Humanadental Ins. Co.	264.12
558	08/21/08	Kone Inc.	622.17
559	08/21/08	Lake County Waste Solutions, Inc.	34.29
560	08/21/08	McDonald Plumbing Heating & Air	221.77
561	08/21/08 08/21/08	*Bob Clouse	115.45
562		Monroe Classic, Inc.	1330.45
563	08/21/08	Monte Vista Water District	47.09
564 565	08/21/08	Suzanne Moramarco	234.00 192.50
566	08/21/08 08/21/08	Morgan Stanely Morgan Stanely	192.50
567	08/21/08	O1 Communications	319.95
568	08/21/08	Office Depot	78.18
569	08/21/08	Office Supplies Unlimted	155.53
570	08/21/08	Pacific Power	90.59
571	08/21/08	PG&E	201.40
572	08/21/08	Pitney Bowes Global	27.17
573	08/21/08	Pitney Bowes Global	2109.05
574	08/21/08	Pitney Bowes Inc.	96.42
575	08/21/08	Planeteria	39.95
576	08/21/08	Pitney Bowes Purchase Power	5000.00
577	08/21/08	Principal Life Group	48.32
578	08/21/08	Sacramento County	79.08
579	08/21/08	Amy Self	720.93
580	08/21/08	Sylvia Sloan	24.12
581	08/21/08	Smith, Silbar, & Parker, LLP	501.50
582	08/21/08	SMUD	2312.59
583	08/21/08	State Compensation Insurance Fund	1619.00
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584	08/21/08	Henry Strock	56.28
585	08/21/08	UPS	57.49
586	08/21/08	Waste Connections-Cntrl Valley	48.75
587	08/21/08	Waste Management of Sacramento	432.92
588	08/21/08	Water Education Foundation	50.00
589	08/21/08	Western Fairs Association	125.00
590	08/21/08	Lake Earl Grange	692.50
591	08/26/08	United States Postal Service	2500.00
592	08/27/08	Nifty Needle	78.00
593	08/28/08	The National Grange	21385.00
594	09/02/08	Card Service Center	1767.47
595	09/02/08	Card Service Center	99.95
596	09/02/08	Card Servie Center	371.60
597	09/02/08	Randall Lewis	1204.12
598	09/05/08	James McDaniel	15.00
599	09/05/08	Robert Canclini	20.00
600	09/05/08	Vicki Crow, C.P.A.	1189.56
601	09/15/08	American Express	376.58
602	09/17/08	Norman Carpadus	53.34
603	09/17/08	City of Coalinga	57.27
604	09/17/08	Clearlake Oaks County Water District	106.57
605	09/17/08	Crescent City Water/Sewer Dept.	55.06
606	09/17/08	Daniel Goss	493.75
607	09/17/08	Herburger Publications, Inc.	853.00
608	09/17/08	Margaret Messick Consulting	382.50
609	09/17/08	Office Depot	48.59
610	09/17/08	PG&E	467.37
611	09/17/08	SMUD	2246.34
612	09/17/08	Vision Service Plan- (CA)	53.80
613	09/17/08	WinNet Technologies, Inc.	105.00
614	09/25/08	Humanadental Ins. Co.	528.24
615	09/25/08	Bob McFarland	762.80
616	09/29/08	Shriners Hospital	500.00
	Cash account Total		330195.33
	Report Total		330195.33

# **California State Grange** Check Register (Checks and EFTs of All Types) Sorted by Check Number

(Report period: October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008) Cash Account #9 [M.Stanley operating -NEW]

Check Number	Data	Nama	Net Amount
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EFT	12/27/07	PG&E	311.08
EFT	01/15/08	PG&E	52.86
EFT	04/07/08	Blue Cross Of California	Voided
EFT	12/27/07	PG&E	17.63
EFT	12/27/07	PG&E	654.60
EFT	01/18/08	AT&T	331.30
EFT	01/18/08	AT&T	459.29
486	10/02/07	CDS Consulting	2000.00
487	10/02/07	Morgan Stanely	187.50
488	10/02/07	Swan Insurance Agency	594.88
489	10/03/07	Margaret Messick Consulting	1105.00
490	10/03/07	Marco	315.00
491	10/03/07	Office Supplies Unlimted	147.99
492	10/03/07	PG&E	40.07
493	10/03/07	Sonoma Pins Etc. Co.	1555.00
494	10/03/07	Card Service Center	3216.36
495	10/03/07	Card Service Center	733.02
496	10/03/07	Card Service Center	482.50
497	10/03/07	Card Servie Center	799.19
498	10/03/07	Card Service Center	65.92
499	10/22/07	Randall Lewis	1500.86
501	10/29/07	Stefan Warmuth	400.00
502	10/29/07	Alex Rayburn	250.00
503	10/29/07	Lily Elder Smith	175.00
504	10/29/07	David Crouthamel	175.00
505	10/29/07	Tifani Phillips	500.00
506	10/29/07	Mary Elizabeth Longworth	300.00
507	10/29/07	Julia Brown	200.00
508	10/30/07	The National Grange	6588.54
509	11/02/07	Voided: Skipped	0.00
510	11/02/07	AICCO, Inc.	127.47
511	11/02/07	AT&T	18.26
512	11/02/07	AT & T Mobility	138.12
513	11/02/07	Avaya Inc.	200.64
514	11/02/07	Blue Cross Of California	1535.00
515	11/02/07	CDS Consulting	2000.00
516	11/02/07	City of Fowler	169.39
517	11/02/07	City of Coalinga	70.13
518	11/02/07	Southern California Edison	136.44
519	11/02/07	Daniel Goss	331.25
520	11/02/07	George Gudie Heating & Air	80.19
521	11/02/07	Humanadental Ins. Co.	192.90
522	11/02/07	Monroe Classic, Inc.	2137.32
523	11/02/07	Monte Vista Water District	31.59
524	11/02/07	Morgan Stanely	187.50
525	11/02/07	Morgan Stanely	187.50
526	11/02/07	PG&E	183.95
527	11/02/07	Principal Life Group	36.24
528	11/02/07	Quill Corporation	513.61
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529	11/02/07	SMUD	719.44
530	11/02/07	Tulare County	275.97
531	11/07/07	Franchise Tax Board	10.00
531	11/02/07	Waste Connections-Cntrl Valley	45.40
532	10/10/07	Auda Hilll	25.00
532	11/08/07	Voided: Skipped	0.00
533	11/08/07	Voided: Skipped	0.00
534	10/18/07	Linda Lewis	1300.00
534	11/08/07	Voided: Skipped	0.00
535	11/08/07	The National Grange	117.50
536	11/08/07	Voided: Skipped	0.00
536	11/09/07	Smith, Silbar, & Parker, LLP	2500.00
537	10/16/07	Blodgett Catering	1544.00
537	11/08/07	Voided: Skipped	0.00
537	11/09/07	Voided: Skipped	0.00
538	11/08/07	The National Grange	268.00
538	11/09/07	Voided: Skipped	0.00
539	11/09/07	Voided: Skipped	0.00
539	11/08/07	The National Grange	134.00
540	11/08/07	The National Grange	69.00
540	11/09/07	Voided: Skipped	0.00
541	11/09/07	Voided: Skipped	0.00
541	11/08/07	The National Grange	85.00
542 542	11/09/07	Voided: Skipped The National Grange	0.00 60.00
542 543	11/08/07 11/09/07	The National Grange Linda Lewis	1630.84
543 544	11/09/07	A Storage City - SAC	290.00
545	11/15/07	Patty Allen	106.92
546	11/15/07	AT&T	18.23
547	11/15/07	Avaya Financial Services	302.44
548	11/15/07	Dale Baker	77.06
549	11/15/07	Brian's Lawn Service	Voided
550	11/15/07	Buzz Chernoff	654.34
551	11/15/07	CIT Technology Fin Serv, Inc.	393.02
552	11/15/07	City of Fowler	155.21
553	11/15/07	City of Coalinga	73.64
554	11/15/07	Clark Pest Control	165.00
555	11/15/07	James Clute	620.33
556	11/15/07	Crossroads Diversfied Services Inc.	3412.50
557	11/15/07	Southern California Edison	99.13
558	11/15/07	Fresno Tax Collector	252.23
559	11/15/07	Fresno Tax Collector	493.29
560	11/15/07	GreenWaste of Tehama	50.19
561	11/15/07	George Gudie Heating & Air	175.71
562	11/15/07	Holiday Inn Sacramento	Voided
563	11/15/07	Boden Klein & Sneesby	9925.00
564	11/15/07	Randall Lewis	1326.01
565 566	11/15/07	Curtis Lindley	117.91
566 567	11/15/07 11/15/07	McDonald Plumbing Heating & Air Margaret Messick Consulting	172.93 87.45
568	11/15/07	The National Grange	52.00
569	11/15/07	The National Grange The National Grange	520.00
570	11/15/07	The National Grange The National Grange	127.15
571	11/15/07	Office Depot	110.81
572	11/15/07	Office Supplies Unlimted	155.53
573	11/15/07	Pacific Legal Foundation	320.99
574	11/15/07	PG&E	116.17
575	11/15/07	Philadelphia Insurance Companies	1629.00
576	11/15/07	Pitney Bowes Global	2020.32
577	11/15/07	Quill Corporation	759.63

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578	11/15/07	Secretary of State	100.00
579	11/15/07	Smith, Silbar, & Parker, LLP	696.25
580	11/15/07	SMUD	1116.25
581	11/15/07	The Gas Company	41.80
582	11/15/07	UPS	300.00
583	11/15/07	Verizon California	39.64
584	11/15/07	Card Service Center	1196.50
585	11/15/07	Card Servie Center	180.45
586	11/15/07	Card Service Center	16.77
587	11/15/07	Vision Service Plan- (CA)	40.14
588	11/15/07	Waste Management of Sacramento	689.24
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# Section VI

## Resolutions

Resolution Committee Assignments Resolutions Adopted At Session

# Committee Reports

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Labor & Judiciary
Public Policy Committee
Taxation Committee
Transportation Committee
Water Committee
Convention Nurse

# Resolution of Appreciation

# **Resolution Committee Assignments – 2008**

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Linda MacCrcken, Chairman Erica Bruce Trudie Martin Julia Starling Randall Marler Evelyn Phelan Allen Carrozza

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Ed Bruce, Chairman Les Reynolds Misty Trombley Nenita Lomboy Nancy Alvarez Tony Lamm

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### **Grange Law**

Bruce Brunell, Chairman

Robert Alvarez Barbara Geiger Howard Sihner Larry Kroeger Jack Surmani Nancy Moramarco Morgana Bevans

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Jim McDaniel, Chairman Wendy McFarland Bettyann Biringer-Rehm Leslie Parker Dolores Larrigan Julie Kroger Domingo Lomboy

### **Labor & Judiciary**

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#### **Taxation**

Dick Dahms, Chairman Cheri Bunker Shirley Baker Bill Thomas Kim Lozano Stefani Kroesen Randy Turnquist

### **Transportation**

William Allen, Chairman Charlie Betschart Cynthia Komski Joan Townsend Crystal Jones Travisa Kroger

Water David Lewis, Chairman Norm Carpadus Jay Hartz Howard Brophy Craig Eckert Chris Blesch Louise Vitek Ryan Schlegel

# Resolutions Adopted at Session

## **Resolutions Passed**

The following resolutions were approved by the Delegates at the 2008 Session. These become Grange Policy. Resolutions which state "National" after the number are forwarded on the National Grange Session in Connecticut for consideration for becoming National Grange Policy. Note that even if National Grange rejects the resolution, it is still considered to be State Grange Policy unless it is a By-law change that would conflict with National Grange Law.

The resolution header is comprised of the following elements: The first two digits (08) represent the year the resolution was passed. The next three digits (001) is the number of the resolution, assigned each year beginning with the number 001 (and yes, we have often used all three digits). Following the number is the designation of the Committee which discussed and forwarded the resolution to the floor for vote.

The Committee designations are:

Agriculture
Conservation and Environmental Affairs
Education
Foreign Affairs
Grange Activities (formerly Good of the Order)
Grange Law (Requires 2/3 vote to pass)
Health
Labor and Judiciary
Public Policy
Taxes and Fiscal Affairs
Transportation
Water

#### **AGRICULTURE**

#### O8-053-Ag - National

Title: Immigration – Special Programs Proposed By: Kings County Pomona

**Whereas**: From time to time it is necessary to have a special immigration program - such as H2A or Ag jobs or a guest worker program - to alleviate certain special circumstances; and **Whereas**: In the past these programs have been billed as easy and convenient to use to recruit and hire alien workers in the event of labor shortages; and

**Whereas:** Most of these special programs have been loaded up with so many requirements that by the time they could be utilized it was too late or so costly they were economically unusable; therefore, be it

**Resolved:** That the CSG and the National Grange shall work with the appropriate agency, or our legislators, when special immigrations programs such as H2A, Ag jobs and Guest Worker programs of this nature are being formulated to insure that they will actually be usable in the real world.

Concurred by Fresno-Madera Pomona #24

## **CONSERVATION & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

08-032-C&EA

Title: Right To Dry

Proposed By: Sonoma Co. Pomona Grange #1

Whereas: Residential clothes dryers use six percent of the total electricity consumed by U.S. households, third behind refrigerators and lighting, consuming about 66 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity per year, the amount that would be produced by burning 34 million tons of coal, and are powerful emitters of carbon dioxide (up to a ton of CO<sub>2</sub> per household every year); and Whereas: Clotheslines are one way to fight climate change, using the sun and wind instead of electricity; and

**Whereas:** Nationwide, about 60 million people now live in about 300,000 "association-governed" communities where residents are not allowed to hang out their clothes to dry in the sun due to community covenants, landlord prohibitions, and zoning laws; and

**Whereas:** Clotheslines are banned or restricted by nearly all of California's 35,000 homeowners' associations; and

**Whereas:** Prohibiting or limiting the ability of people to sun-dry their laundry has the effect of discouraging people from conserving energy and decreasing their carbon footprint, therefore, be it **Resolved:** The CSG shall initiate and support "Right to Dry" legislation to prohibit and rescind state or local laws or regulations, restrictions, or private contracts from limiting the ability of dwellers to erect and use clotheslines for the drying of clothing within their communities.

#### **08-033-C&EA - National**

Title: Support Of Hazardous Fuel Removal Proposed By: Feather River Quincy Grange #440

**Whereas**: There is a buildup of hazardous fuel in California forests and National forests in California and

**Whereas:** Such hazardous fuels are in many forms that provide fuel to wildfires in brush areas and in forested regions; and

**Whereas:** It has been the Quincy Library Group's (QLG) mission to designate these areas for thinning to reduce the fire hazard; and

**Whereas:** There have been legal efforts to stop the QLG in accomplishing its goals; therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the CSG and the National Grange advocate political actions in support of the harvesting of fire-ravaged timber from fire recovery zones, and that removal of such timber be accomplished as soon as possible.

08-061 – C&EA – National Title: Support Zero Waste Proposed By: C&EA Committee

**Whereas**: The California State Grange seeks to educate the public of the role of agriculture in today's modern society; to influence public policy through legislative advocacy; to promote the proper use of the environment and natural resources and to assist in protecting the property rights of the stewards of the land; and

**Whereas:** The California Integrated Waste Management Board has determined that striving to achieve zero waste goals is critical to protecting the environment of the State of California; and **Whereas:** The U.S. EPA has recognized that municipal solid waste landfills are the second

largest source of human-related methane emissions in the United States; and

Whereas: Composting can enrich and improve soil for enhanced plant growth; and

Whereas: The California Product Stewardship Council has determined that extend producer

responsibility is a key component of achieving zero waste; and

**Whereas:** It is the mission of the California State Grange Conservation Committee to provide recommendations to the California State Grange in support of environmental stewardship, therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the California State Grange supports the principals of zero waste including but not limited to: 1. Reducing the use of natural resources when possible; 2. Re-using resources when possible rather than discarding them; 3. Recycling recyclable materials rather than disposing of them; 4. Composting organic materials rather than burying them in a landfill; and 5. Designing, producing and distributing products using methods and procedures that minimize negative health and environmental impacts throughout the product live cycle including end-of-life post-consumer materials management.

#### **EDUCATION**

08-004-E-National

Title: Maintain Rural School Funds Proposed By: Gazelle Grange #380

**Whereas**: When drastic cutbacks in timber harvesting occurred, schools in rural counties in California were on the verge of being deprived of the portion of revenue they had derived from timber harvests, and

**Whereas:** In 2000 the Bush Administration passed the *Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act* which authorized federal funding to help offset the sharp decline in revenue allocated to schools when timber harvesting declined. And

**Whereas:** In 2007 this Act was extended for one more year, thus leaving rural school districts to face devastating cutbacks at the end of that time. Therefore, be it

**Resolved:** That the CSG and the National Grange lobby vigorously for a continuance of the *Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.* 

Concurred and adopted by the Siskiyou Pomona #6

08-013 - E - National

Title: High School Career Day

Proposed By: Windsor Grange #410

Whereas: Many high schools do not invite our Armed Forces to high school Career Day; and Whereas: Our Armed Forces provide vital service to our country, including career choices, and Whereas: Many school districts accept funds from the U.S. Government; therefore, be it Resolved: That the CSG and National Grange urge the U.S. Congress to pass legislation that would prohibit any school district to refuse the Armed Forces representatives at the schools on Career Day.

#### **FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

**08-023-FA** – **National** 

Title: Send American Produced Agricultural And Manufactured Products As Foreign Aid Instead Of Money (Tax Dollars)

**Proposed By: Mount Bolivar Grange #218** 

**Whereas:** The United States economy is depressed and anything that is done to stimulate the economy is a benefit to every person in the country; and

**Whereas:** The use of U.S. Tax Dollars spent in this country is a way to stimulate the U.S.

Economy; and

Whereas: Most U.S. monetary aid that is sent to foreign countries is misused (used to buy arms

or ends up in a numbered Swiss account); therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the CSG and the National Grange lobby for a Constitutional Amendment to require foreign aid to be sent as either U.S. agricultural products or U.S. manufactured products and not U.S. tax dollars/money.

Concurred and adopted by Siskiyou Pomona #6

#### **GRANGE ACTIVITIES**

#### 08-034-GA

Title: Study Reducing Convention Costs Proposed By: Mc Cloud Grange #831

Whereas: With the economy impacted statewide by increasing unemployment and accelerating inflation, many grangers now have a greater difficulty attending CSG Conventions due, among other factors, to the costs they face in order to attend; and

**Whereas:** The many Grangers in the upper age range are on fixed, and often, low incomes and many new young Grangers are not yet able to meet convention expenses or to get time off from work; therefore, be it

**Resolved:** That the CSG Master establish a committee to explore ways to reduce convention costs without diminishing the value and importance of participating in annual State Grange Conventions.

#### 08-039R - GA

**Title: Preserving Community Grange Halls** 

Proposed By: Aromas Community Grange #361

**Whereas**: Even though the State Grange's first priority must be the preservation of Community Grange Halls, the State of California is losing halls at an alarming rate, and every effort must be made to maintain and preserve these valuable community resources; and

**Whereas:** The largest challenge facing many community Granges is the support and upkeep of their hall and the single largest unfunded expense to community Granges is the maintenance and upkeep of their aging historical buildings; and

**Whereas:** Many community Grange halls around our state are in desperate need of deferred maintenance and repairs; and

**Whereas:** Support from Grange hall sale revenues should benefit other Grange communities and their aging halls, and not be used by the State Grange for operating expenses and salaries; therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the reverted Asset Funds from the sale of Grange halls be used exclusively to support the Granges that remain active through the established loan process.

### 08-044-GA

Title: Accounts Owed The California State Grange By Subordinate (Community) Or Pomona Granges

Proposed By: Executive Committee, California State Grange

**Whereas:** From time to time various Granges do not pay their account due the California State Grange for a number of months, and

**Whereas:** At times these Granges have an asset management account in their name earning interest, therefore be it

**Resolved:** That when a grange has an outstanding debt to the California State Grange *that is sixty (60) days or more delinquent,* and has an asset management account, the amount owed the California State Grange shall be deducted from the payment of *interest* to the Subordinate (Community) or Pomona Grange.

#### 08-047-GA

**Title: Alternative Energy For Grange Halls** 

Proposed By: Bayside Grange #500

**Whereas**: The world is currently experiencing high prices for fuel as a reflection of running out of oil commonly known as "Peak Oil"; and

**Whereas:** Many Granges are dependent on major utilities to supply these diminishing forms of energy to light and heat their buildings and run their equipment; and

**Whereas:** Many Granges across the state and the country have supplemented their energy needs with solar hot water systems, and photovoltaic panels; therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the CSG Master appoint a committee to expeditiously, explore the appropriateness, financing and installation of various forms of alternative energy on Grange facilities

#### 08-057-GA - National

# Title: Incorporation Of State Grange Adopted Policies Into National Grange Policy Proposed By: Executive Committee

**Whereas**: The Grange at all levels develops its positions on public policy issues using a grassroots resolution process that involves open debate and adherence to parliamentary procedure to assure that all relevant information and points of view can be incorporated into the final policies adopted by the Grange; and

Whereas: Through the long standing principal recognized under Grange Law of "incorporation"; state and local community Granges currently have the authority (but are not required) to use and advocate National Grange adopted legislative policies in their state and local legislative programs as an alternative to having to adopt separate policy positions through their Granges, when those nationally adopted policies make sense as applied to the state or local circumstances; and Whereas: State Grange adopted resolutions often identify issues of concern to local and state Grange members that primarily address policy issues with in the boundaries of that state but, nevertheless, involve a nexus with the decision making authority of federal agencies. Examples of these types of policy issues would involve military bases, management of federal lands and discretionary application of federal law to state specific circumstances, such as decisions under certain federal farm programs; and

Whereas: The principal of "incorporation" does not allow the National Grange to use state Grange policy as the basis for affirmatively advocating with appropriate federal officials to support state Grange legislative efforts on issues that are primarily of a parochial concern to a state but nevertheless involve federal decision making. Instead, in order for State Granges to gain National Grange support for their local issues, a resolution must generally be submitted and adopted by the National Grange delegate body to affirm state Grange policy on the same issue.

Whereas: Allowing the National Grange the authority to incorporate appropriate state Grange adopted policies into National Grange policy would increase cooperation between State and National Granges and allow the organization of present a more unified and coordinated lobbying front on critical issues, therefore be it

**Resolved:** That the National Master and National Grange Executive Committee work with the National Grange Legislative Director to establish a procedure to authorize (but not require) the National Grange to incorporate appropriate adopted state Grange policies into National Grange legislative policy and act upon those policies at the federal level without the formal process of adopting a similar resolution by the National Grange when such issues 1) primarily affect or impact a single state and 2) there is a direct nexus to a decision that must be made by a federal agency to implement State Grange policy, and 3) there is no conflict with adopted National Grange policy.

#### **GRANGE LAW**

08-028-GL-National

Title: Prevent Any Policy Prohibiting The Continued Use Of Affiliate Membership Proposed By: Mc Cloud Grange #831

**Whereas:** There are recent indications that the National Grange may disapprove of Affiliate Membership and that a vote dealing with Affiliate Membership may occur at the next National Convention. And

**Whereas:** Many rural Granges have benefitted greatly from affiliate membership in maintaining the survival of some Granges; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the CSG and the National Grange strongly support the continued use of Affiliate Membership.

Concurred and adopted by Siskiyou Pomona #6

## **HEALTH**

08-015 – H

Title: Oppose SB 1096

**Proposed By: Kings County Pomona Grange #28** 

Whereas: SB 1096 is an attempt to take away our privacy regarding our use of

prescription drugs by the pharmaceutical industry, and

**Whereas:** Under this legislation drug stores would be free to share the patient's prescription records with companies that specialize in bulk mailings, and

**Whereas:** Money would change hands along with people's personal data and it is not exactly clear who is paying whom. Therefore, be it

**Resolved**: That the California State Grange oppose any legislation that would allow drug stores to share patient prescription information with companies that specialize in bulk mailing.

## **PUBLIC POLICY**

08-037-PP

Title: Repeal Loyalty Oath For California Public Employees

Proposed By: Mc Cloud Grange #831

**Whereas:** Since California became a State in 1849, a perfectly effective Oath of Office has been sworn to by California's elected leaders; and

**Whereas:** A bill before the legislators (SB 1322) restores the basic straight-forward and complete Oath of Office to the California Constitution; and

**Whereas:** The fear-inspired Loyalty Oath adopted a half-century ago by California's Legislature when infiltration by Communists was stressed is not now, nor probably ever, needed; therefore, be it

**Resolved:** That the CSG support the passage of legislation removing the Loyalty Oath from the State's Constitution and restoring California's original and complete Oath of Office as the only required oath for California's elected leaders.

## TAXES AND FISCAL AFFAIRS

08-009-TAX - National

Title: Prevent Closure Of Rural Post Offices

Proposed By: Gazelle Grange #380

**Whereas:** The President's Commission on USPS declares trips to the post office are inconvenient and seeks that postal services be provided inside grocery and drug stores, banks, and other locations and that rural post offices be closed. And

**Whereas:** The cost of operating rural post offices is less than one percent of the annual postal services budget, and

**Whereas:** Rural post offices are the backbone of rural America and an integral part of the social, political and economic fabric of small towns, and

**Whereas:** When a rural post office disappears, to town often eventually disappears. Therefore be it

**Resolved**: That the CSG and the National Grange strongly lobby the Postmaster General or any other appropriate authority to prevent further assault on rural America, by preventing the closure of rural post offices.

Concurred with by Siskiyou Pomona #6.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

#### **08-062-TR - National**

Title: Diesel Powered Vehicles

**Proposed By: Transportation Committee** 

**Whereas**: Decreasing the amount of oil used to fuel passenger vehicles is an important concern;

**Whereas:** Diesel powered vehicles are more fuel efficient than comparable gas powered vehicles; and

**Whereas:** The USA is far behind other countries in the availability of small diesel powered cars and trucks; therefore, be it

**Resolved:** The California State Grange and National Grange encourage auto manufacturers to make available more diesel powered cars and small trucks to the United States market.

#### 08-063 - TR

Title: California Emissions Testing

**Proposed By: Transportation Committee** 

**Whereas**: Every gasoline powered truck and passenger car manufactured after 1975 must pass an emissions test every 2 years to be registered in California; and

**Whereas:** Emissions testing in California includes a visual inspection of the vehicles engine and emissions equipment to insure that the vehicle has not been modified. Modification can cause a vehicle to fail the test even if the emissions produced are in the acceptable range for that vehicle; and

**Whereas:** Vehicles which have been modified and/or had their engine replace with one from a newer vehicle can, in many cases, produce less emissions than they would in their original configuration; therefore, be it

**Resolved:** That the CSG encourage legislation that would allow vehicles in California only to be subject to a visual inspection as part of emissions testing if they produce more pollutants than are allowed for that year of vehicle production, this would exclude exempt vehicles.

#### 08-064 - TR

Title: High-Speed Rail Bonds, Proposition 1 Proposed By: Transportation Committee

**Whereas**: The High-Speed Rail Bonds (Proposition 1 on the November 2008 ballot) provides \$9 billion for building a high-speed railroad between San Francisco and Los Angles; and

**Whereas:** The Proposition also provides for \$950 million for connections to the high-speed railroad for a total funding of \$9.95 billion form General Obligation bonds; and

**Whereas:** The CSG supports the development of alternative modes of transportation but must also try to reduce taxes and government spending; therefore, be it

**Resolved:** That the CSG recommends a NO vote on the High-Speed Rail Bonds Proposition 1 on the November 4, 2008 California State ballot due to the high cost associated with the proposal during hard economic conditions in the state.

#### WATER

#### 08-019R - W - National

Title: Groundwater Replenishment In The Sacramento And San Joaquin Valleys Proposed By: Ripon Grange #511

Whereas: The water table in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys is being depleted at a

rapid rate; and

Whereas: Salt is creeping into the Valley groundwater and polluting crops and trees; and

Whereas: Groundwater is the only water which many farmers and homeowners can obtain; and

Whereas: People need water to live and make a living (farmers); therefore, be it

**Resolved:** hat the CSG and the National Grange advocates to all local, state and federal agencies involved in the transportation, storage, delivery and restoration of water, to develop and institute an emergency program to replenish the groundwater resources of the Central Valley of California.

#### 08-056R-W - National

Title: Yolo County Water Transfer Groundwater Ordinances

**Proposed By: Water Committee** 

**Whereas**: The Yolo County Board of Supervisors is considering adoption of a comprehensive plan of water transfer ordinances and a Groundwater Management Ordinance; and

**Whereas:** No showing has been made of any need for the proposed water transfer ordinances, they fail to address any specific need, they are overly-broad and potentially onerous financially; and

**Whereas:** The proposed Groundwater Ordinance contemplates formation of a groundwater management district without the consent of the affected landowners; and

**Whereas:** The proposed Groundwater Ordinance contemplates adoption of a groundwater management plan in a manner contrary to established State policy, which requires proposal and approval of such a plan by the affected landowners; and

**Whereas:** The proposed Groundwater Ordinance contemplates imposition of fees in a manner that is not based upon principles of fairness and contrary to established state policy, which requires approval by the affected landowners; and

**Whereas:** The proposed Groundwater Ordinance contemplates conducting a groundwater monitoring program that is unnecessary, redundant and financially wasteful; and

**Whereas:** The proposed Groundwater Ordinance contemplates formation of a water agency whose boundaries correspond to the boundaries of a political subdivision of the State of California, that is, the County of Yolo, rather than the boundaries of a groundwater basin; and

**Whereas:** The proposed Groundwater Ordinance would create an unnecessary and redundant additional layer of bureaucracy; and

**Whereas:** The proposed Groundwater Ordinance would constitute an unnecessary wasteful, and burdensome intrusion on the property rights of Yolo County landowners; and

**Whereas:** The proposed Yolo County Groundwater Ordinance could encourage similarly ill-conceived ordinances throughout the State of California; and

**Whereas:** Although the proposed regulations are local to Yolo County, the effect of these regulations transcends the boundaries of Yolo County and therefore requires the action of the CSG; therefore, be it

**Resolved:** That the CSG opposes adoption of the proposed Yolo County Water Transfer Ordinances and the proposed Yolo County Groundwater Ordinance; and be it further **Resolved:** That the CSG urge the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to recognize that none of these ordinances identify any worthwhile legislative goal and that any further amendment, revision, promulgation, or promotion of these ordinances in any form should be abandoned unless and until the Yolo County Board of Supervisors demonstrates to the satisfaction of the electorate a need for legislation on the subject of water transfers, groundwater management plans, regulation of the drilling for or operation of water wells, monitoring of groundwater, appointment of a county-wide water agency or any similar or related issue relating to the waters of Yolo County.

# Committee Reports

# **Agriculture Committee**

We are happy to have served the California State Grange on this Committee. The use of the internet for meetings will work well in the future.

We handled 3 resolutions this year.

2 were found unfavorable: 08-025 and 08-051

1 was found favorable: 08-053

We recommended that the CSG come out in opposition of Proposition 2.

I want to thank James Townsend, Jay Allred, Joseph Stefenoni, Ken Whitney, Michelle Faeth, Robert Cauckwell and Sharon Taylor for their input and help in serving on the Committee.

Respectfully Submitted Johnny Squire, Chairman

# **Conservation & Environmental Affairs**

The Conservation and Environmental Affairs Committee processed five resolutions. Three resolutions were adopted and two were withdrawn as they concerned State Propositions and would not set public policy. I would like to thank my Committee: Buzz Chernoff, Jeanne Behler, Bob Hollis, and Karen Allred for their hard work and research into these important issues.

Respectfully submitted Elizabeth Finn, Chairman

# **Education Committee**

Our Committee worked two resolutions this year. I would like to thank the committee members: Allen Caroza, Patti Allen, Evelyn Phelan, Amanda Totemeier, and Randall Marler for their valuable help with the resolutions.

Respectfully submitted, Linda MacCracken, Chairman

# **Election Committee**

Change is good, but challenging.. We conducted our election in the manor directed by last year's resolution.

It is a good process, giving Grangers a second chance to be nominated for a state office.

It was good to have the Committee work in front of the delegates, showing how the ballots are counted. But we recommend that in the future, we be somewhat separated from the delegaes so the noise does not interfere with the counting process.

Thank you to the most efficient and helpful Committee consisting of John Wilkeson, Dolores Larrigan, Lois Trumbull, Dave Wilson, Patricia Schunneman and Charles Schewrey.

Respectfully Submitted Frank Nichols, Chairman

# **Foreign Affairs Committee**

We had two resolutions before the Delegates: 08-023 which was adopted, and 08-026 which was rejected.

I would like to thank the members of my Committee, Nancy Alvarez and Nenita Lomboy, for their hard work and support. I would also like the thank the Worthy Master for this opportunity to gain experience and confidence.

Respectfully Submitted Leslie Reynolds, Chairman

# **Grange Activities**

Our Committee had ten resolutions to work this year. We did most of our work by e-mail and phone calls with one meeting here at Convention.

I wish to thank my committee. Which consisted of Ernest White, Lee Geiger, Marta Kroger, Ken Donnell, Pete Witham, and Bob McFarland. Ernie could not attend the Convention this year, but had a lot of input on the resolutions.

Respectfully Submitted Rosemary Hanson, Chairman

## **Grange Law**

The Committee thanks you for allowing us to serve you again this year.

I had a little better luck than some chairs in having more people present at committee meetings. We had 6 resolutions this year: 1 favorable, 4 unfavorable and one tabled until 2009 due to being submitted too late.

Members of this Committee were

Robert Alvarez
Barbara Geiger
Howard Sihner
Larry Kroeger
Jack Surmani
Nancy Moramarco
Butte County
Sacramento County
Contra Costa County
Humboldt County
San Diego County

Morgana Bevans Maricopa County (Youth)

Respectfully Submitted Bruce Brunell, Chairman

# **Health Committee**

We worked on 6 resolutions. We received the resolutions via e-mail ahead of Convention, therefore we were able to have phone conversations on all of them.

As everyone knows, Jim McDaniel, the Chair of this Committee, went into the hospital and had double by-pass surgery, so he asked me if I would take over the task of "filling his shoes." Yeah, right!

We had seven members on our Committee, but only four at Convention and only three of us met. Delores Larrigan, Betty-Ann Brenger-Rehm and Julie Kroger met and studied the resolutions. Also on the Committee was Jim McDaniel, Leslie Parker, Domingo Lomboy and Wendy McFarland. These were not at Convention or could not participate in Committee.

Thanbk you for giving me the opertunity to learn another function of the California State Grange Convention

Respectfully Submitted Dolores Larrigan, Chairman

# **Labor & Judiciary**

Our Committee consisted of:

Liz Reynolds, Chair
Joan Poulas
Bodega Bay
Carrie Cooke
Sonoma County
Luther Wright
Meyers Flat

Rosemarie Hassel, who served on our Committee before, passed away this year. She is missed.

We had six resolutions. Much internet research and e-mail conversations were held prior to Convention. We then met and heard explanation and information from Grangers with interest in som of the resolutions.

Of the six, five were unfavorable from Committee and were rejected, one was recommended favorably as amended, but failed when a motion was made to reject it from the floor.

I truly appreciate the hard work and gracious attitude of the Committee...

Respectfully Submitted Liz Reynolds, Chairman

# **Public Policy Committee**

I want to thank my Committee members, Dennis Cokor and Yvette Adams, for their help and dedication.

Respectfully Submitted Sylvia Sloan. Chairman

# **Taxation Committee**

Members present were Cheri Bunker, Shirley Baker and Bill Thomas. We worked on six resolutions, of which one passed.

I want to thank the members of the Committee for helping me see another view to these issues. It has been a pleasure to be involved in this process.

Respectfully Submitted Cheri Bunker, Chairman

# **Transportation Committee**

The Transportation Committee did not receive any resolutions from the Delegate Body. The Committee wrote 3 resolutions.

I would like to thank Travis Kroger of Contra Costa County and Joan Townsend of Monterey County for serving on this Committee.

Respectfully Submitted Bill Allen, Chairman

# **Water Committee**

We received four resolutions this year: one was withdrawn by the maker, one was killed, two were recommended for adoption after being re-written and were adopted by the delegates.

Thanks to Committee members Jay Hartz, Ryan Schelgel, Craig Eckert, and Norman Carpadus for their workbefore and during the convention.

Respectfully Submitted David C Lewis, Chairman.

# **Convention Nurse**

Thank you, everyone, for staying healthy during this 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. There have been a few minor emergencies, without major incidents. We opened a blood pressure clinic this afternoon and found 5 of 6 pressures taken normal.

A little tidbit of information I recently learned was that eating sunflower seeds can help reduce pain.

Stay healthy until we meet again next year and bring a friend with you.

Respectfully Submitted
Bettyann Biringer-Rehm
Convention Emergency Personell

# Resolution of Appreciation

**WHEREAS**, the officers, members, delegates and guests of the California State Grange have met here in Sacramento, the capitol of this great state, for the purpose of establishing policy for our honorable organization, and conducting the very necessary business at our 136th Annual Membership Meeting, and

**WHEREAS**, without the support, dedication, care concern and generosity of so many people, it would be impossible to successfully operate this historic event, year after year, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the California State Grange officers, members and delegates, express with great enthusiasm, their heartfelt thanks to those that helped make this a memorable event.

**TO**: Amy Self, Kalie Benson, Summer Maddox, and all those that efficiently and cheerfully manned the registration office. You are always there to help and offer support.

**TO**: Katie Squire, Betty Eyler, Linda McKracken, Sandy & Bob Dyer, Lois Trumbull, Marie Koskela, Leona Reif, Dorothy Brunell, Pat & David Wilson, for making sure all the Expo items were checked in and placed properly.

**TO:** Chief State Deputy Jack Eyler, and all the State Deputies for keeping the crowds at bay, and the meeting safe from interlopers. Not to mention the great job they did at maintaining the gravity of the chairs.

**TO:** All those directors, officers, and members that graciously gave of their time and of themselves to put on the workshops. The information you supply us with is invaluable. TO: Worthy State Chaplain Ron Trombley, State Ceres Nancy Alvarez, State Pomona Marta Kroeger, State Flora Morgana Bevins, and Barbara Geiger, for your moving memorial service for our departed friends.

**TO**: The worthy State Musician, Lindy Wright and the Grange But True Band ... Y'all Rock & Roll!!

**TO**: Our honored guests that just blew in from Kansas, Roger and Melanie Bostwick, just remember, this once, pay no attention to the man behind the podium, and there's no place like home, there's no place like home, but California is a great second. Welcome to the family!

**TO:** Bob McFarland your Prowess for turning a phrase is superb. You make us shine in the media, and the pictures are pretty good too!

**TO:** Jim & Margaret Clute, from the great state of Oregon, for the past 12 years, you have attended our function and faithfully supported us.

**TO:** Orangevale Grange for again hosting the Youth Breakfast & BBQ. And for your generous offer of your Grange for the next Annual Membership Meeting. Maybe 2010??

**TO:** The Youth- there is no truth to the rumor that youth is wasted on the young! In the Grange, it is indeed celebrated!

**TO:** The State of California Secretary of Resources, Mike Chrisman, for enlightening us on the diversities of California resources.

**TO:** Assembly Member Doug LaMalfa, our Legislator of the Year! If only there were more like you out there!

**TO:** Senator Jeff Dunham, or could it be Lt. Governor Dunham?? Not a bad choice!

**TO:** Jay Hartz, for all his work for all these years, a making sure there were enough copies of everything to go around!

**TO:** The ladies of the Grange Women's Activities - Marching for Dollars, baking the cookies, making the baskets, putting in over 35,000 volunteer hours! You ladies are awesome!

**TO**: The No Budget, No Pay initiative - GET - R - DONE

**TO:** Lola Adamczak, for all the lovely decorations in the meeting rooms & halls.

**TO**: Leslie Reynolds for so ably filling in for Brother Ted Grainger, who will be missed, during the Veterans Recognition Program. And to Marta Kroeger for signing along with the tear jerking song. There wasn't a dry eye in the house.

**TO:** All those that entertained and amused us during this event.

**TO**: The Rose Drill Team, you get better every time I see you.

**TO:** The newly elected Executive Committee Members, Congratulations & good luck. And to the new voting procedures, at least there were no hanging chads!

**TO:** All the members and delegates attending this event, you have shown true Grange Spirit.

**TO**: Linda Lewis, all you do is amazing! Your patience, persistence, and persuasiveness is admirable.

And last, but far from least

**TO:** Randy Lewis, your dedication to this organization, your care and concern for the members, your adaptability and your knowledge make you a leader upon which we can depend.

Respectfully submitted, Cheri Bunker President, Butte Pomona #16

# Section VII

Member Recognition

Fifth and Sixth Degree Candidates Grange Exposition Awards

# California State Grange

# 2008 Grange Annual Convention

# Sacramento

October 15-18, 2008

# List of Members for 5th and 6th Degrees

Name :	Grange:	5th Degree	6th Degree
Nicole Bouche	Orangevale Grange # 354	<b>~</b>	
Molly Burke	Marshall Grange # 451	<b>✓</b>	$\checkmark$
Elizabeth Charles	Orangevale Grange # 354	$\checkmark$	
Patricia Duarte	Springfield Grange # 523		$\checkmark$
Alyna Eaves	Orangevale Grange # 354	$\checkmark$	
Tara Eaves	Orangevale Grange # 354	V	
Colleen Esola	Orangevale Grange # 354	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Harold Esola	Orangevale Grange # 354	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Max Floresca	Mt. Hamilton Grange # 469	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Remy Floresca	Mt. Hamilton Grange # 469	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Carlene Hadden-Eaves	Orangevale Grange # 354	$\checkmark$	
Claire Kimball	Coyote Grange # 412	<b>✓</b>	$\checkmark$
Shirley Leatherwood	Manton Grange # 732	<b>✓</b>	$\checkmark$
Patricia Lindley	Rohner Grange # 509	<b>✓</b>	$\checkmark$
Ann O'Quinn	Marshall Grange # 451	<b>✓</b>	$\checkmark$
Ursula Partch	Little Lake Grange # 670	<b>✓</b>	$\checkmark$
Charlie Shewry	Humboldt-Del Norte Pomona Grange # 19	<b>✓</b>	$\checkmark$
Yvonne Spiers	Loma Rica Grange # 802	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Bill Taylor	Orangevale Grange # 354	<b>✓</b>	$\checkmark$
Renee Timmons	Manton Grange # 732	<b>✓</b>	$\checkmark$
Randy Turnquist	Aptos Grange # 800	<b>✓</b>	$\checkmark$
Robin Turnquist	Aptos Grange # 800	<b>✓</b>	$\checkmark$
Isabel Valtierra	Marshall Grange # 451	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>

Total # of 5th Degrees: 22

Total # of 6th Degrees: 18

# Grange Exposition Award Winners

# 2009 California Grange Exposition Results

Fine Arts - Junior (10 to 13 inclusive) - Water Colors

1st - Kiera Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

2nd - Shavonne Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

3rd - Kiera Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Fine Arts - Junior (10 to 13 inclusive) - Charcoal or Pencil Drawing

3rd - Katie Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Fine Arts - Junior (10 to 13 inclusive) - Calligraphic Pieces

2nd - Kiera Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Fine Arts - Junior (10 to 13 inclusive) - Crayon, Markers or any other

1st - Asbarah Banik, DeSabla Grange

2nd - Kiera Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

3rd - Kiera Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

**Fine Arts - Youth - Water Colors** 

1st - Madison Donahue, Rainbow Valley Grange

Fine Arts - Youth - Charcoal or Pencil Drawing

1st - Ayla Robinson, DeSabla Grange

2nd - Ayla Robinson, DeSabla Grange

**Fine Arts - Youth - Calligraphic Pieces** 

2nd - Madison Donahue, Rainbow Valley Grange

Fine Arts - Senior - Oils & Acrylics

1st - Marlene Hogaboom, Meadow Vista Grange

2nd - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

3rd - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

**Fine Arts - Senior - Water Colors** 

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

2nd - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

Fine Arts - Senior - Charcoal or Pencil Drawing

2nd - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

Fine Arts - Senior - Crayon, Markers or any other

1st - BettyAnn Biringer-Rehm, Dow's Prairie Grange

2nd - Sharon Taylor, Rio Linda Grange

3rd - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

Fine Arts - Senior - Printmaking, any kind

1st - Sharon Taylor, Rio Linda Grange

NG Creative Art Contest - Junior (6 and Under) - Book Illustration

2nd - Kendra Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

NG Creative Art Contest - Junior (9-11) - Book Illustration

2nd - Kiera Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

NG Creative Art Contest - Junior (12-14) - Book Illustration

1st - Asbarah Banik, DeSabla Grange

2nd - Shavonne Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Banners & Posters - Senior - Banner promoting Grange

2nd - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

Banners & Posters - Senior - Poster promoting Grange

1st - Suzanne Mormarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

Banners & Posters - Senior - Poster, any other

2nd - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

Artisan Crafts - Junior, 10 to 13 inclusive - Hydrocal, (plaster) any item

1st - Chris Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

2nd - Kiera Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

3rd - Kevin Fontana, Rainbow Valley Junior Grange

Artisan Crafts - Junior, 10 to 13 inclusive - Pottery container throw/sculpt

3rd - Kiera Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Artisan Crafts - Junior, 10 to 13 inclusive - Pottery figure or animal

3rd - Kiera Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Artisan Crafts - Senior - Bisque ware, figure or animal

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

Artisan Crafts - Senior - Bisque ware, any other kind

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

Artisan Crafts - Senior - Tole Painting, any kind

2nd - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

3rd - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

**Arts BOS - Best of Show - Junior Best of Show** 

1st - Asbarah Banik, DeSabla Grange

**Arts BOS - Best of Show - Youth Best of Show** 

1st - Madison Donahue, Rainbow Valley Grange

Arts BOS - Best of Show - Senior Best of Show

1st - Marlene Hogaboom, Meadow Vista Grange

**Christmas Ornaments - Junior - Beaded** 

1st - Katie Heckman, DeSabla Grange

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3rd - Sea Jay Bates, Rainbow Valley Junior Grange

Christmas Ornaments - Junior - Crochet, knit or tatted

1st - Katie Heckman, DeSabla Grange

2nd - Katie Heckman, DeSabla Grange

**Christmas Ornaments - Junior - Wood** 

1st - Katie Heckman, DeSabla Grange

1st - Katie Heckman, DeSabla Grange

**Christmas Ornaments - Senior - Beaded** 

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

2nd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

**Christmas Ornaments - Senior - Counted Cross Stitch** 

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

1st - Jane Kachell, Berry Creek Grange

Christmas Ornaments - Senior - Crochet, knit or tatted

2nd - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

**Christmas Ornaments - Senior - Decorated Ball** 

1st - Suzanne Mormarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

2nd - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

**Christmas Ornaments - Senior - Fabric** 

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

**Christmas Ornaments - Senior - Metal** 

1st - Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

2nd - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

**Christmas Ornaments - Senior - Natural Materials** 

1st - Suzanne Mormarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

Christmas Ornaments - Senior - Plastic Canvas

1st - Suzanne Mormarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

**Christmas Ornaments - Senior - Wood** 

1st - Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

1st - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Suzanne Mormarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

**Christmas Ornaments - Senior - Any Other Kind** 

1st - Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

2nd - Suzanne Mormarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Sharon Taylor, Rio Linda Grange

General Crafts - Junior - Recyled craft item, metal

2nd - Kendra Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

General Crafts - Junior - Recyled craft item, wood

2nd - Katie Heckman, DeSabla Grange

2nd - Katie Heckman, DeSabla Grange

General Crafts - Junior - Jewelry -not metal or lapidary

1st - Kiera Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

**General Crafts - Junior - Any other Craft** 

1st - Shavonne Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

1st - Kiera Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

1st - Chris Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

**General Crafts - Junior - Decoupage** 

1st - Sea Jay Bates, Rainbow Valley Junior Grange

General Crafts - Youth - Recycled craft, plastic

2nd - Missy Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Grange

General Crafts - Youth - Any other Craft

1st - Sarah Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

1st - Jenna Lathrop, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

1st - Missy Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Grange

General Crafts - Senior - Recycled craft item, metal

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

2nd - Sharon Taylor, Rio Linda Grange

3rd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

General Crafts - Senior - Recycled craft item, paper

2nd - Sharon Taylor, Rio Linda Grange

3rd - Suzanne Mormarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

General Crafts - Senior - Recycled craft item, plastic

2nd - Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Sharon Taylor, Rio Linda Grange

General Crafts - Senior - Recycled craft item, wood

3rd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

General Crafts - Senior - Basket, Lined

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

2nd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

General Crafts - Senior - Jewelry -not metal or lapidary

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

1st - Sandi Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

1st - Sandi Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

1st - Stephanie Knigge, Ione Grange

2nd - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

General Crafts - Senior - Painted Rock or Natural Object

1st - Lola Adamczak, Berry Creek Grange

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

1st - BettyAnn Biringer-Rehm, Dow's Prairie Grange

2nd - Sharon Taylor, Rio Linda Grange

2nd - BettyAnn Biringer-Rehm, Dow's Prairie Grange

3rd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

**General Crafts - Senior - Any other Craft** 

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

1st - BettyAnn Biringer-Rehm, Dow's Prairie Grange

1st - BettyAnn Biringer-Rehm, Dow's Prairie Grange

2nd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

3rd - Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Suzanne Mormarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

General Crafts - Senior - Decoupage

1st - Barbara Chism

Trash to Treasures - Junior - Garden Item

2nd - Kevin Fontana, Rainbow Valley Junior Grange

Trash to Treasures - Senior - Household Item

1st - Lola Adamczak, Berry Creek Grange

2nd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Junior Theme Crafts - Junior, 7 & Under - Host State- Connecticut

2nd - Kendra Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Junior Theme Crafts - Junior, 7 & Under - Small World - Ireland

1st - Kendra Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Junior Theme Crafts - Junior, 8 to 10 - Host State- Connecticut

2nd - Shavonne Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

3rd - Kevin Fontana, Rainbow Valley Junior Grange

3rd - Chris Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Junior Theme Crafts - Junior, 8 to 10 - Small World - Ireland

3rd - Kiera Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Junior Theme Crafts - Junior, 11 to 13 inclusive - Host State- Connecticut

2nd - Kiera Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Junior Theme Crafts - Junior, 11 to 13 inclusive - Small World - Ireland

2nd - Shavonne Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Junior Theme Crafts - Youth - Host State- Connecticut

2nd - Sarah Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Missy Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Grange

Junior Theme Crafts - Senior - Small World - Ireland

2nd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

**Broom Buddy - Junior - Any type** 

1st - Kiera Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

2nd - Shavonne Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

3rd - Kendra Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

**Broom Buddy - Senior - Any type** 

1st - Sandi Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

3rd - Ileshia Knigge, Ione Grange

Crafts BOS - Best of Show - Senior Best of Show

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

Crafts BOS - Best of Show - Jr Theme Craft Best of Show

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1st - Kendra Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Creative Writing - Junior, 6 & under - Children's book - write yours

2nd - Kendra Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Creative Writing - Junior, 6 & under - Poetry

3rd - Kendra Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Creative Writing - Junior 9-11 years of age - I Read the Most Amazing Book..

3rd - Kiera Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Creative Writing - Junior 9-11 years of age - Children's Book - Write Yours

2nd - Julia Bowen, Independent Jr. Grange

Creative Writing - Junior 9-11 years of age - Poetry

4th - Kiera Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Creative Writing - Junior 12-14 - The Grange Has Taught Me...

2nd - Asbarah Banik, DeSabla Grange

Creative Writing - Junior 12-14 - I Read the Most Amazing Book..

2nd - Asbarah Banik, DeSabla Grange

**Creative Writing - Junior 12-14 - Poetry** 

1st - Asbarah Banik, DeSabla Grange

2nd - Asbarah Banik, DeSabla Grange

3rd - Sea Jay Bates, Rainbow Valley Junior Grange

3rd - Avla Robinson, DeSabla Grange

Creative Writing - Youth - I Was Inspired When...

1st - Marta Kroger, Danville Grange

**Creative Writing - Senior - Poetry** 

2nd - Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

Arrangements and Centerpieces - Junior - Dining Table (Max. 6"x12")

3rd - Katie Heckman, DeSabla Grange

3rd - Katie Heckman, DeSabla Grange

**Arrangements and Centerpieces - Junior - Baskets** 

2nd - Katie Heckman, DeSabla Grange

**Arrangements and Centerpieces - Junior - Holiday** 

3rd - Katie Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Arrangements and Centerpieces - Senior - Dining Table (max. 6"x12")

1st - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

**Arrangements and Centerpieces - Senior - Baskets** 

1st - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

**Arrangements and Centerpieces - Senior - Holiday** 

1st - Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Sandi Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

Arrangements and Centerpieces - Senior - Any Other Kind

1st - Sharon Taylor, Rio Linda Grange

2nd - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

Hanging Arrangements - Junior - Decorative Hat

3rd - Katie Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Hanging Arrangements - Senior - Wreath, Purchased foundation

1st - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

Hanging Arrangements - Senior - Wreath, Holiday

1st - Liz Reynolds, Thermalito Grange

2nd - Suzanne Mormarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Sandi Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Sandi Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Hanging Arrangements - Senior - Decorative Hat

1st - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

Hanging Arrangements - Senior - Any other decorative wallpiece

1st - Sharon Taylor, Rio Linda Grange

2nd - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

**Potted Plants - Junior - Foliage Plants** 

3rd - Katie Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Potted Plants - Senior - Bonsai

2nd - Sharon Taylor, Rio Linda Grange

Potted Plants - Senior - Cactus & Succulents

2nd - Sharon Taylor, Rio Linda Grange

**Potted Plants - Senior - Foliage Plants** 

2nd - Sharon Taylor, Rio Linda Grange

3rd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Potted Plants - Senior - Herb

2nd - Sharon Taylor, Rio Linda Grange

Potted Plants - Senior - Any other Kind

1st - Sharon Taylor, Rio Linda Grange

Floriculture BOS - Best of Show - Senior Best of Show

1st - Sharon Taylor, Rio Linda Grange

Grange On Display - Grange Feature Display - Subordinate Panel Display

1st - Cheri Bunker, Thermalito Grange

Grange Youth Fair Awards - Junior (5 to 13) - Large Animal Livestock Award

1st - Victoria Davis, Orangevale

2nd - Madison Anderson, Orangevale Grange

3rd - Chris Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Grange Youth Fair Awards - Junior (5 to 13) - Breeding Project Award

1st - Sea Jay Bates, Rainbow Valley Junior Grange

2nd - Victoria Davis, Orangevale

3rd - Chris Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Grange Youth Fair Awards - Junior (5 to 13) - Horticulture

1st - Sea Jay Bates, Rainbow Valley Junior Grange

2nd - Chris Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Grange Youth Fair Awards - Junior (5 to 13) - Home Arts & General Exhibits

1st - Sea Jay Bates, Rainbow Valley Junior Grange

2nd - Victoria Davis, Orangevale

3rd - Madison Anderson, Orangevale Grange

3rd - Chris Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Grange Youth Fair Awards - Junior (5 to 13) - Small Animals

1st - Sea Jay Bates, Rainbow Valley Junior Grange

Grange Youth Fair Awards - Senior (Youth 14-19) - Large Livestock

1st - Missy Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Jessica Gant, Orangevale

3rd - Jenna Lathrop, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

3rd - Hayley LaFrance, Ojai Valley Grange

Grange Youth Fair Awards - Senior (Youth 14-19) - Equestrian Project

1st - Missy Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Grange

Grange Youth Fair Awards - Senior (Youth 14-19) - Breeding Project

1st - Missy Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Jessica Gant, Orangevale

3rd - Jenna Lathrop, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Grange Youth Fair Awards - Senior (Youth 14-19) - Home Arts & General Exhibits

1st - Missy Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Grange

GYF Best All Around Exhibitor - Junior (5 to 13 years) - Best All Around Junior

1st - Sea Jay Bates, Rainbow Valley Junior Grange

2nd - Victoria Davis, Orangevale

3rd - Madison Anderson, Orangevale Grange

3rd - Chris Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

GYF Best All Around Exhibitor - Senior (Youth ages 14-19) - Best All Around Senior

1st - Missy Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Jessica Gant, Orangevale

**Collections - Senior - Any Other Kind** 

Sponsored by Rainbow Valley Grange

1st - Nancy Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Sandi Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Susan Megeath, Orangevale Grange

Scrapbook - Junior - Special Event Scrapbook

1st - Kiera Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

2nd - Kendra Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Scrapbook - Youth - Personal History Scrapbook

1st - Hayley LaFrance, Ojai Valley Grange

Scrapbook - Youth - Special Event Scrapbook

1st - Andrew Donahue, Rainbow Valley Grange

Scrapbook - Senior - Personal History Scrapbook

1st - Ileshia Knigge, Ione Grange

Scrapbook - Senior - Special Event Scrapbook

1st - Liz Reynolds, Thermalito Grange

2nd - Ingrid Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Stephanie Knigge, Ione Grange

3rd - Liz Reynolds, Thermalito Grange

Scrapbook - Senior - Scrapbook Page

1st - Liz Reynolds, Thermalito Grange

**Quick Bread - Junior - Fruit** 

1st - Shavonne Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Quick Bread - Senior - Fruit

1st - Barbara Chism

**Quick Bread - Senior - Vegetable** 

1st - Barbara Chism

**Cookie - Junior - Any other kind (specify)** 

1st - Kiera Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Cookie - Youth - Filled

1st - Madison Donahue, Rainbow Valley Grange

**Cookie - Youth - Any other kind (specify)** 

1st - Madison Donahue, Rainbow Valley Grange

Cookie - Senior - Brownies

1st - Jean Knigge, Ione Grange

Cookie - Senior - Chocolate Chip, drop

1st - Betty Crile, Humboldt Grange

2nd - Barbara Chism

Cookie - Senior - Drop, any other kind

1st - Jean Knigge, Ione Grange

**Cookie - Senior - Oatmeal** 

1st - Betty Crile, Humboldt Grange

Cookie - Senior - Peanut Butter

1st - Jean Knigge, Ione Grange

Cookie - Senior - Refrigerator - Sliced

1st - Jean Knigge, Ione Grange

**Cookie - Senior - Any other kind (specify)** 

1st - Betty Crile, Humboldt Grange

Cookie - Senior - Low Cal/Low Carb/Special Diet

1st - Ileshia Knigge, Ione Grange

Confections - Senior - Brittle - any kind

3rd - Jean Knigge, Ione Grange

**Confections - Senior - Divinity** 

2nd - Ileshia Knigge, Ione Grange

Confections - Senior - Confection - Any Other Kind

1st - Stephanie Knigge, Ione Grange

Confections - Senior - Low Cal/Low Carb/Special Diet

2nd - Jean Knigge, Ione Grange

**Snacks - Senior - Any Kind** 

2nd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Confections/Snacks BOS - Best of Show - Senior Best of Show

1st - Stephanie Knigge, Ione Grange

Canning - Jam - Senior - Apricot/Apricot Pineapple

2nd - H.F. Tom Sawyer, Coyote Grange

Canning - Jam - Senior - Blackberry/Boysenberry

1st - Lola Adamczak, Berry Creek Grange

2nd - Jane Kachell, Berry Creek Grange

Canning - Jam - Senior - Plum

2nd - Lola Adamczak, Berry Creek Grange

Canning - Jam - Senior - Any Other Kind

2nd - Jan Strecker, Fort Bragg Grange

3rd - H.F. Tom Sawyer, Coyote Grange

Canning - Jam - Senior - Low Cal/Low Carb/Special Diet

3rd - Lola Adamczak, Berry Creek Grange

Canning - Jelly - Senior - Any Other Kind

3rd - Betty Crile, Humboldt Grange

Needlearts - Handwork - Senior - Doily or Table Topper Thread

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

2nd - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

3rd - Linda MacCracken, Rio Vista Grange

Needlearts - Handwork - Senior - Any Other, specify Thread

1st - Lola Adamczak, Berry Creek Grange

2nd - Shelley LaFrance, Ojai Valley

Needlearts - Handwork - Senior - Afghan Yarn

1st - Shelley LaFrance, Ojai Valley

2nd - Carol Johnson

Needlearts - Handwork - Senior - Baby Blanket Varn

1st - Shelley LaFrance, Ojai Valley

2nd - Cee Cauckwell, Fort Bragg Grange

3rd - Shelley LaFrance, Ojai Valley

3rd - Dorothy Long, Loma Rica Grange

Needlearts - Handwork - Senior - Baby set Yarn

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

2nd - Shelley LaFrance, Ojai Valley

Needlearts - Handwork - Senior - Cap, Hat or Scarf Varn

1st - Lola Adamczak, Berry Creek Grange

1st - Sandi Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Rebecca Graham

3rd - Shelley LaFrance, Ojai Valley

3rd - Suzanne Mormarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

Needlearts - Handwork - Senior - Sweater, adult or child Yarn

1st - Susan Megeath, Orangevale Grange

Needlearts - Handwork - Senior - Any Other Specify

1st - Rebecca Graham

2nd - Shelley LaFrance, Ojai Valley

3rd - Barbara Chism

Needlearts - Handwork - Senior - Counted Cross Stitch

Needlework

1st - Jane Kachell, Berry Creek Grange

Needlearts - Handwork - Senior - Any Other, Specify

Needlework

1st - Jan Strecker, Fort Bragg Grange

Quilts & Comforters - Senior - Wallhanging or throw, hand

**Sponsored by Rosedale Grange** 

1st - Auda Hill, Berry Creek Grange

Sewing - Household Creations - Junior - Handbag or Tote Bag

1st - Sea Jay Bates, Rainbow Valley Junior Grange

Sewing - Household Creations - Junior - Any Other item, specify

1st - Sea Jay Bates, Rainbow Valley Junior Grange

Sewing - Household Creations - Youth - Handbag or Tote Bag

1st - Jenna Lathrop, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Sewing - Household Creations - Senior - Handbag or Tote Bag

1st - Sandi Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

Sewing - Household Creations - Senior - Any Other item, specify

1st - Sandi Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

1st - Ruth Polman

3rd - Sandi Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

**Stuffed Toy - Senior - Animal** 

1st - Shelley LaFrance, Ojai Valley

Wearable Art - Junior - Any other, Specify

1st - Sea Jay Bates, Rainbow Valley Junior Grange

Wearable Art - Senior - Embroidered

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

Wearable Art - Senior - Painted

1st - Sandi Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

1st - Sandi Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Lola Adamczak, Berry Creek Grange

3rd - Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Suzanne Mormarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

Wearable Art - Senior - Quilted

3rd - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

Textiles BOS - Best of Show - Junior Best of Show

1st - Sea Jay Bates, Rainbow Valley Junior Grange

Textiles BOS - Best of Show - Youth Best of Show

1st - Jenna Lathrop, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

**Textiles BOS - Best of Show - Senior Best of Show** 

1st - Susan Megeath, Orangevale Grange

**Textiles BOS - Best of Show - Crochet** 

**Best Senior Crochet 24 inches maximum** 

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

Miscellaneous Projects - Junior - Soap - handmade

Sponsored by Rainbow Jr. Grange

2nd - Kiera Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Miscellaneous Projects - Junior - Lego Construction

Sponsored by Rainbow Jr. Grange

3rd - Chris Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Miscellaneous Projects - Junior - Any Other - please specify

Sponsored by Rainbow Jr. Grange

1st - Sea Jay Bates, Rainbow Valley Junior Grange

Field Crops & Garden Seed - Senior - Dried Flowers, bundles

2nd - Sharon Taylor, Rio Linda Grange

**Vegetables - Junior - Squash, winter (1)** 

1st - Sea Jay Bates, Rainbow Valley Junior Grange

**Vegetables - Senior - Squash, summer (3)** 

2nd - Sharon Taylor, Rio Linda Grange

Fruit - Senior - Citrus (5)

2nd - Sharon Taylor, Rio Linda Grange

Honey - Senior - Honey, extracted

1st - Sharon Taylor, Rio Linda Grange

Agriculture BOS - Best of Show - Junior Best of Show

1st - Sea Jay Bates, Rainbow Valley Junior Grange

Agricultural Fibers - Senior - Any Other Kind

2nd - Sharon Taylor, Rio Linda Grange

Photography - Junior, 9 & under - Animals and Other Creatures

1st - Alyna Eaves, Orangevale

Photography - Junior, 10 to 13 inclusive - Americana

1st - Shavonne Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Photography - Junior, 10 to 13 inclusive - Animals and Other Creatures

1st - Sea Jay Bates, Rainbow Valley Junior Grange

2nd - Katie Heckman, DeSabla Grange

3rd - Katie Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Photography - Junior, 10 to 13 inclusive - Seascape/Waterscape

1st - Shavonne Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Photography - Junior, 10 to 13 inclusive - Trees

1st - Sea Jay Bates, Rainbow Valley Junior Grange

Photography - Youth - Agriculture

1st - Missy Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Jeremy Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Photography - Youth - Americana

1st - Jeremy Heckman, DeSabla Grange

2nd - Marta Kroger, Danville Grange

3rd - Hayley LaFrance, Ojai Valley Grange

3rd - Hayley LaFrance, Ojai Valley Grange

3rd - Missy Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Grange

**Photography - Youth - Animals and Other Creatures** 

1st - Olivia Eaves, Orangevale

2nd - Marta Kroger, Danville Grange

3rd - Alicia Eaves, Orangevale

3rd - Alicia Eaves, Orangevale

3rd - Olivia Eaves, Orangevale

3rd - Carlene Hadden, Orangevale Grange

3rd - Jeremy Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Photography - Youth - Architecture

1st - Marta Kroger, Danville Grange

2nd - Jeremy Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Photography - Youth - Grange, Imagine the Possiblity

1st - Jeremy Heckman, DeSabla Grange

**Photography - Youth - Holiday Happenings** 

1st - Marta Kroger, Danville Grange

2nd - Jeremy Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Photography - Youth - Landscape

1st - Carlene Hadden, Orangevale Grange

2nd - Marta Kroger, Danville Grange

3rd - Andrew Donahue, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Jeremy Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Photography - Youth - Plant Life

1st - Missy Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Missy Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Jeremy Heckman, DeSabla Grange

**Photography - Youth - Portrait** 

1st - Jeremy Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Photography - Youth - Seascape/waterscape

1st - Marta Kroger, Danville Grange

2nd - Jeremy Heckman, DeSabla Grange

3rd - Marta Kroger, Danville Grange

**Photography - Youth - Trees** 

1st - Carlene Hadden, Orangevale Grange

2nd - Jeremy Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Photography - Senior - Agriculture

1st - Liz Reynolds, Thermalito Grange

2nd - Sandi Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Suzanne Mormarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

Photography - Senior - Americana

1st - Sandi Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Photography - Senior - Animals and Other Creatures

1st - Inger Bevans, Prunedale Grange

2nd - Suzanne Mormarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Theresa Palma, Loma Rica Grange Guest

Photography - Senior - Architecture

1st - Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Suzanne Mormarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Sandi Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

Photography - Senior - Grange, Imagine the Possiblity

1st - Suzanne Mormarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

Photography - Senior - Holiday Happenings

1st - Suzanne Mormarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

Photography - Senior - Landscape

1st - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

2nd - Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Ingrid Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Grange

Photography - Senior - Plant Life

1st - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

2nd - Suzanne Mormarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Photography - Senior - Portrait

1st - Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

3rd - Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Photography - Senior - Seascape/Waterscape

1st - Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Suzanne Mormarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Sandi Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Sandi Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

**Photography - Senior - Trees** 

1st - Suzanne Mormarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Ingrid Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange

Photography - Senior - Computer Manipulated

1st - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

2nd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

**Photo Story - Youth - Photo Story** 

1st - Matt Knigge, Ione Jr. Grange

**Photo Story - Senior - Photo Story** 

1st - Sandi Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Sandi Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

3rd - Kimberly Gardner, Millville Grange

3rd - Ingrid Dunckel, Rainbow Valley Grange

**Cellphone Photo Contest - Youth - Portrait** 

1st - Jeremy Heckman, DeSabla Grange

**Cellphone Photo Contest - Youth - Self-Portrait** 

2nd - Jeremy Heckman, DeSabla Grange

**Cellphone Photo Contest - Youth - Animals** 

1st - Jeremy Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Cellphone Photo Contest - Youth - Landscape/Seascape

1st - Jeremy Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Photography BOS - Best of Show - Youth Best of Show

1st - Olivia Eaves, Orangevale

Photography BOS - Best of Show - Senior Best of Show

1st - Inger Bevans, Prunedale Grange

Computer Design - Junior - Artwork

1st - Katie Heckman, DeSabla Grange

2nd - Katie Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Computer Design - Youth - Grange flyer or brochure

2nd - Matt Knigge, Ione Jr. Grange

Computer Design - Senior - Artwork

1st - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

2nd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Computer Design - Senior - Grange flyer or brochure

1st - Cheri Bunker, Thermalito Grange

2nd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

3rd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Computer Design - Senior - Grange Newsletter

2nd - Cheri Bunker, Thermalito Grange

**Computer Design - Senior - Grange Poster** 

1st - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

2nd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Computer Design - Senior - Grange letterhead

1st - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

2nd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Computer Design - Senior - Any Other Graphic Design

1st - Sandi Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

2nd - Sandi Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

Woodworking - Junior, 10 - 13 inclusive - Pre-cut, Painted

1st - Kiera Donahue, Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange

Woodworking - Junior, 10 - 13 inclusive - Self-cut, painted

1st - Sea Jay Bates, Rainbow Valley Junior Grange

Woodworking - Youth - Pre-cut, Painted

1st - Matt Knigge, Ione Jr. Grange

Woodworking - Senior - Pre-cut, Painted

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

2nd - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

3rd - Karen Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Woodworking - Senior - Hand carved/whittled, painted

1st - Sandi Fontana, Rainbow Valley Grange

Sweepstakes - Open - Junior Individual Sweepstakes

1st - Sea Jay Bates, Rainbow Valley Junior Grange

Sweepstakes - Open - Youth Individual Sweepstakes

1st - Jeremy Heckman, DeSabla Grange

Sweepstakes - Open - Senior Individual Sweepstakes

1st - BJ Fitzpatrick, Dow's Prairie Grange

Sweepstakes - Open - Junior Grange Sweepstakes

1st - Rainbow Valley Jr. Grange, Rainbow Valley Grange

Sweepstakes - Open - Subordinate Grange Sweepstakes

1st - Rainbow Valley Grange, Rainbow Valley Grange

# Section VIII

California Grange Foundation
Minutes

# California Grange Foundation October 11, 2007 Holiday Inn, Sacramento

The annual meeting of the California Grange Foundation was called to order by President Houghton Sawyer. Roll call of officers was conducted and all were found present.

The minutes of the previous year were presented. It was moved by Yvette Adams and seconded by Marian Nichols to adopt he minutes and actions o the California Grange Foundation for the previous year.

The financial report of the California Grange Foundation was presented by Inger Bevans.

President Sawyer recognized the recipients of 2007 Grange Foundation Scholarships.

President Sawyer spoke in regard to the legal review that had been conducted regarding the parameters to the foundation's status. At this point the Foundation is looking to expand the areas that they can work within the current parameters. This includes Grange Hall repairs, as long as it remains within the realm of education.

Karen Heckman was recognized and spoke about grant writing and how this can benefit the Foundation. It was moved by Karen Heckman and seconded by Randall Lewis that the Foundation be authorized to purchase books listing available grants, not to except \$500. Motion carried and so ordered.

It was moved by Martha Stefenoni and seconded by Pat Dahms that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried.

The meeting of the Grange Foundation closed at 9:54 AM.

# California Grange Foundation Minutes December 1, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 9:27 AM.

Attendance: Tom Sawyer, Randall Lewis, Bob Clouse, Bruce Brunell, Martha Stefenoni and Inger Bevans.

Minutes of the annual meeting were approved as corrected.

**Financial Report:** None available.

**Old Business** – Chairman Sawyer explained the purpose of the grant survey. We cannot seek grants without knowing what types we need. Karen Heckman knows where to look to find suitable grants. We need to determine the needs of our Grange.

Brochures were printed professionally. But have an incorrect address on the back cover. It already needs updating.

Randy Lewis explained the requirements to obtain free background checks through the Attorney General's office. We need to register with the Department of Justice. **Martha moved that the** 

California Grange Foundation requires background checks on any individuals working with Grange Youth and Junior Grangers. Randy Lewis is authorized to be the custodian of records. Motion seconded by Bruce Brunell. *Adopted*.

**Emergency Fund:** Discussion was held on the establishment of an emergency fund. It was agreed that it currently within our stated purposes to sue funds for this purpose. Other organizations currently provide these services. It was felt that assisting our local Granges in helping families after disasters in their own communities 9is the way to go.

Bob Clouse moved that we be authorized to establish an emergency fund in the foundation and establish a set of guidelines for its use. Seconded by Bruce Brunell. Votes: Ayes Unanimous. Randy suggested that a committee be formed to review a policy for the use of emergency funds.

**Grants for Hall Repairs**: Karen has received two requests. She is looking for the sources for these now.

Next meeting: Will coincide with the next Executive Committee Meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM.

#### **CALIFORNIA GRANGE FOUNDATION**

E-Mail Meeting February 8-14, 2008

Friday, February 8, 2008 – President Sawyer opened an e-mail meeting to consider approving the cost to send Kalie Benson to a seminar on "Developing Powerful Grant Proposals".

Thursday, February 14, 2008 – President Sawyer closed the vote to allow the expenditure of \$180 to fund the two-day seminar on Grant writing. The vote was unanimous with all seven board members voting.

## CALIFORNIA GRANGE FOUNDATION

Sacramento, CA March 1, 2008

The California Grange Foundation meeting was called to order at 10:20 AM by Bruce Brunell, Vice-Chairman.

Attendance: Bruce Brunell, Randall Lewis, Martha Stefenoni and Inger Bevans. Absent and excused: H. Tom Sawyer, Johnny Squire and Bob Clouse.

Minutes of the December 1, 2007 meeting were read and stood approved. Minutes of the E-mail meeting on February 8-14 were approved as summarized.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Inger outlined the fund balances according to records maintained and after review of the 2007 trial balance provided. There are sufficient funds for education and training.

Randy moved that we send Kalie Benson to two additional grant workshops on March 13th and March 25th. Motion seconded by Martha Stefenoni and *adopted unanimously*.

The following amounts were suggested and are available for scholarship awards in 2008: Sehlmeyer fund 4,000
Deaver fund 1,000
Dupray Memorial 2,000
Monterey/Santa Cruz Pomona 1,000
San Jose fund 1,000
Tait Memorial 1,000

Randy moved that we approve the above awards totaling \$10,000 for 2008. Seconded by Martha Stefenoni and *motion carried unanimously*.

NEW BUSINESS: Martha moved to donate \$2000 from the Youth Fair fund and \$2267 from the Youth fund to the California State Grange Youth Activities fund. Motion seconded by Randy Lewis and was *adopted unanimously*.

Randy explained the need to seek a large grant to support an overall educational program. Discussion was held on the support provided to the Foundation by the CSG. There was no audit fee charged to the Foundation in 2007 as the CSG paid the full assessment. The Foundation needs to be able to afford additional staff to continue with outreach and new programs.

Randy moved that he be allowed to purchase a software program not exceeding \$500 to administer a donor program. Motion was seconded by Martha and adopted unanimously. Meeting closed at 11:33 AM. Next meeting scheduled for May 3, 2008.

#### CALIFORNIA GRANGE FOUNDATION

# Sacramento, CA May 4, 2008

The California Grange Foundation meeting was called to order at 11:37 AM by Tom Sawyer, Chairman. Others in attendance: Randall Lewis, Martha Stefenoni, Johnny Squire, Bob Clouse and Inger Bevans.

Minutes of the March 1, 2008 meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Chairman Sawyer read the Resolution adopted by the State Senate, SCR86 initiated by the Buena Vista Grange calling for Local History to be taught in our Schools. Bob McFarland wishes to provide publicity on our action and participation. There was discussion on how the local Granges will provide the information to their local schools.

Monterey Pomona will take the lead and report to other Pomonas with their efforts. Grants may be sought later to provide printing of booklets.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT: None

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Tom Sawyer reported that \$9,000 was awarded by the committee.

Selected were the following:
Jay Smith \$2,000 Sehlmeyer
Caitlin Nichols \$2,000 Sehlmeyer
Marta Kroger \$1,000 Deaver
Caitlin Steele \$1,000 Dupray
Jeremy Heckman \$1,000 Dupray
Nichole Leishman \$ 500 Monterey/Santa Cruz

Julianne Bettencourt \$ 500 Monterey/Santa Cruz Melissa Dunckel \$ 500 San Jose Billy Fernandez \$ 500 San Jose

Bob Clouse was on the selection committee and explained that there were numerous applications with incomplete information. The rules are included on our current website.

Recessed for lunch at 12:30 PM.

Reconvened at 1:22 PM.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**: Sawyer needs to know the status of the Grant catalogues purchased by Karen Heckman. Bob Clouse suggested that we let Karen know that we sent Kalie to a grant writing seminar and that she should be able to assist.

**Revised Brochures** – A draft will be prepared for submission at our next meeting. Bob Clouse suggested we have only three scholarship funds: The Sehlmeyer, the Deaver and a General Scholarship Fund.

Tom read a sample elevator speech for the Foundation. He recommended we all practice and know how to give one.

**Software for a Donor Program** – Randy and Kalie are still researching for a cost-effective program.

Adjourned at 1:50 PM. Next meeting scheduled for July 13, 2008.

# CALIFORNIA GRANGE FOUNDATION Sacramento, California July 13, 2008

Meeting called to order at 2:20 PM.

Attendance: Johnny Squire, Tom Sawyer, Bruce Brunnell, Randall Lewis Bob Clouse, Martha Seffenoni and Inger Bevans.

Minutes of the May 4th meeting stood approved as read.

Financial Report: None

Scholarships Awarded: Three thank you responses were received.

OLD BUSINESS: Grant Program Book: Motion by Lewis, second by Squire to have Tom Sawyer contact Karen Heckman regarding the book that was to be purchased. *Motion approved*.

Discussion on Brochures: Reduce the number of scholarship funds listed. Include a Memorial Scholarship fund for most others.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion on grant funds and how they should be dispersed. A letter from the Foundation shows the legitimacy of the deductibility. There is a need to solicit donations. We also need to develop elevator speeches about the Grange Foundation.

**NEW BOARD MEMBERS**: Do we need to amend bylaws to add new board members? Our current bylaws allow for more members. Need to send letters to individuals we want on the board. Randy Lewis made suggestions.

Meeting closed at 2:55 PM.

Next meeting same day as next Executive Committee meeting, September or October.

# CALIFORNIA GRANGE FOUNDATION Annual Meeting October 16, 2008

The annual meeting of the California Grange Foundation was held at the Holiday Inn in Sacramento, California during the annual session of the California State Grange. The meeting was called to order at 9:23 AM by President Tom Sawyer.

ROLL CALL of Officers and Directors: Present: Tom Sawyer, Randall Lewis, Martha Stefenoni, Bruce Brunell, Bob Clouse, Johnny Squire and Inger Bevans.

The minutes of the Foundation meetings from October 2007 through July 2008 were presented to the membership. Marian Nichols moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded and passed.

President Sawyer announced the scholarships awarded for 2008. The judges were Jay Hartz, Amy Self and Bob Clouse. A total of \$9,000 was awarded to the following: Jay Smith, Caitlin Nichols, Marta Kroger, Caitlin Steele, Jeremy Heckman, Nichole Leishman, Juliana Bettencourt, Melissa Dunckel and Billy Fernandez.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Inger Bevans reported the net assets of the Foundation as of December 31, 2007 were \$228,291 which includes the various scholarship funds. The audit report is available for review at the Directors' station.

OLD BUSINESS: The Grant Book previously authorized for purchase is not available. We sent Kalie Benson to a grant writing seminar. Sawyer reported on the Mt. Bolivar grant, with thanks to Jim McDaniel for his assistance. San Bernardo Grange received another grant from Chevron.

NEW BUSINESS: We need fund raising plans. Donations are being made for various disaster needs. Tom Sawyer reviewed our Statement of Purposes for the membership. He has a plan for upgrading Foundation activities. This will include providing funds beyond scholarships and increasing directors as the Bylaws allow for directors to be from seven to twenty-one.

There was a general discussion of our 501(c)(3) status for the deductibility of donations and grants.

The next meeting of the Board will be determined at the next meeting of the CSG executive committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 AM.

Submitted by: Inger Bevans, Secretary