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*140<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange  
Orangevale Grange Hall, Orangevale, CA*

140<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
SESSION  
CALIFORNIA STATE  
GRANGE

*THEME:*

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## OFFICERS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>
Master	Ed Kowski, San Diego County	Ed Kowski San Diego County
Overseer	Michael Warner, protem, San Diego County	Michael Warner San Diego County
Lecturer	Barbara Geiger, protem Monterey County	Barbara Geiger Monterey County
Steward	Randy Turnquist, protem Monterey County	Randy Turnquist Monterey County
Assistant Steward	Brandon Nebitt, protem Kern County	Joseph Stefenoni Sonoma County
Lady Assistant Steward	Suzi Laskowski, protem Kern County	Suzi Laskowski Kern County
Chaplain	Bill Compton San Luis Obispo County	Bill Compton San Luis Obispo County
Treasurer	Harold "Bud" Hill, protem Stanislaus County	Harold "Bud" Hill Stanislaus County
Secretary	Lillian Booth Butte County	Lillian Booth Butte County
Gatekeeper	Lee Geiger, protem	Brandon Nebitt Kern County
Ceres	Lucette Moramarco, protem San Diego County	LoRee Lampke Butte County
Pomona	Colleen Esola, protem Sacramento County	Nola Martini Santa Clara County
Flora	Etta Smith, Monterey County	Jayme West San Diego County
Executive Committee	Bob Clouse Sacramento County	Bob Clouse Sacramento County
Executive Committee	Johnny Squire Fresno County	Johnny Squire Fresno County
Executive Committee	Inger Bevans Monterey County	Inger Bevans Monterey County
Musician	Martha Stefenoni, protem Sonoma County	Martha Stefenoni Sonoma County

# CONVENTION SCHEDULE

## 140th Annual Session of the California State Grange Orangevale Grange Hall, Orangevale, CA

### Friday, June 26, 2015

8:30 AM  
Continental Breakfast – Ticket Required

9:00-11:30 AM  
Registration of Delegates and Visitors

9:00-10:30 AM  
Expo Entries Received

9:30-10:30 AM Workshop:  
The Resolution Process  
Bill Booth, Past Master, California State Grange

10:40-11:30 AM Workshops:  
#1: Corporate Status & Secretary's Workshop  
Lillian Booth & Inger Bevans  
#2: The Grange Today—Questions & Answers  
Ed Kowski, Bob Clouse & Johnny Squire

11:30 AM  
Welcome Luncheon - Ticket Required\*  
Registration Closed

1:00 PM  
Opening of the 140th Annual Session in the Sixth Degree  
Roll Call of Officers  
Lower to Fourth Degree  
Credentials Committee Report  
Adopt Convention Rules  
Approval of Convention Schedule

2:00 PM  
State Master's Annual Address  
Approval of Executive Committee Minutes  
Treasurer's Report  
Nomination & Election of Officers  
Resolutions / Reports

5:00 PM CLOSING OF THE GRANGE

6:00 PM WELCOME DINNER - Ticket Required\*

7:00 PM  
Lecturer's Welcome – Talent & Contests  
Barbara Geiger, California State Grange Lecturer,

7:30 PM Special Entertainment

### Saturday, June 27, 2015

8:30 AM Registration Opens

8:30 AM Continental Breakfast - Ticket Required\*

8:30-9:15 AM  
Youth & Junior Grange Activities Workshop  
Lillian Booth, National Junior Grange Development Director

8:30-9:30 AM  
Grange Master's Workshop  
Grange Masters please participate.  
All members welcome.

Ed Kowski, Bill Booth, Bob Clouse

9:45-10:30AM  
Grange Ritual Workshop  
Bill Booth & Bob Clouse, Past Masters, California State Grange

10:45 AM  
Opening of the Session in the Fourth Degree  
Roll Call of Officers  
Reading of Journal of Yesterday  
Invitations for the 2016 Convention Site  
Resolutions / Reports

12:00 PM  
Lunch - Ticket Required\*

1:00 PM  
RECONVENE SESSION  
Michael Martin,  
National Grange Membership Director.

1:45 PM  
Adoption of the 2015-2015 Annual Budget  
Resolutions / Reports

5:00 PM  
Recess

5:15 PM  
State Officers Set up for Degree Night

6:30 PM  
Dinner - Ticket Required\*

7:30 PM  
Degree Night Conferral  
Exemplification of the Fifth Degree  
(5th Degree Word or Ticket required).  
Under the direction of Lillian Booth  
Exemplification of the Sixth Degree  
(6th Degree Word or Ticket required).  
Under the direction of Bob Clouse  
Degree Feast  
Entertainment / Dancing

### Sunday, June 28, 2015

8:30 AM  
Continental Breakfast - Ticket Required\*  
Expo Entries Released

9:00 AM  
Opening of Session in the Sixth Degree  
Roll Call of Officers  
Lower to Fourth Degree  
Reading of Journal of Yesterday  
Memorial Service under the direction of  
Bill Compton, California State Grange Chaplain,  
Protem  
Installation of Officers  
Resolution of Appreciation

11:30 AM  
**CLOSING OF THE 140<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE**

**STANDING RULES OF THE CONVENTION**  
**California State Grange**  
***Session Rules 2015***

The Standing Rules will apply only to the 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Meeting of the California State Grange, Orangevale, California, 2015.

**REGISTRATION FEE WAIVER:**

The Registration Fee shall be waived for Junior Grangers, those under the age of 5 years of age and those invited guests.

**BADGES:**

No one will be admitted to the meeting without a badge which signifies their registration fee has been paid (except as noted above), and that the member is a member of a Grange in Good Standing.

**DELEGATE REGISTRATION:**

Closing date and time for "Delegate Registration" shall be at 12:00 PM, Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 June 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. Late resolutions shall only be processed if the Committee votes to accept them. Late resolutions, if accepted shall lose their identity.

**Committee Presentation:**

In presenting the resolution on the Session floor, the Committee spokesman will only read the "Resolved" portion of the resolution, and then state the Committee's action. If the Committee's 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.

**Resolution Introduction:**

A vote shall not be taken on a new resolution unless it has been in the delegates' hands at least two (2) hours. A new resolution is one that has not been previously presented, as a paper copy, to the delegates.

**By-Law Resolutions:**

Resolutions shall not be combined in Committee  
Per Article XXI, only properly submitted resolutions to amend By-Laws can be acted upon.

**FLOOR DEBATE:**

Shall be limited to two (2) minutes per delegate on any given question. Only the maker of a motion may speak twice.

**OFFICER & DIRECTOR REPORTS:**

Any written reports from Officers and Directors shall be submitted to the Secretary's Station prior to the close of the session for inclusion in the Journal of Proceedings.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to approve the minutes of the final day of session.

**NEXT ANNUAL SESSION MEETING SITE VOTING:**

The place of meeting will be determined by a majority vote of the Delegate body at least one or two years in advance. The vote will be taken from the floor.



## DELEGATES TO THE ANNUAL SESSION

### *Pomona Granges Represented:*

#### **Kings Pomona Grange #28**

Master	Leroy Squire
Selected	Ann Larson

#### **Monterey Pomona Grange #17**

Master	Patricia Duarte
Selected	Barbara Geiger

#### **Santa Clara Pomona Grange #4**

Selected	Houghton "Tom"
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Sawyer

### *Subordinate/Community Granges Represented:*

#### **Aptos Grange #800**

Master	Randy Turnquist
Spouse	Robin Turnquist

#### **Bellevue Grange #374**

Alternate	Joseph Stefenoni
Selected	Martha Stefenoni

#### **Central Union Grange #559**

Master	Katie Squire
Spouse	Johnny Squire

#### **Corral De Tierra Grange #474**

Alternate	Inger Bevans
Alternate	Elsie Rodrigues

#### **Cupertino Grange #739**

Master	Patricia Schunneman
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#### **DeSabra Grange #762**

Selected	William Booth
Alternate	Amanda Booth

#### **Empire Grange #521**

Master	Carolyn Hill
Spouse	Harold "Bud" Hill

#### **Grover City Grange #746**

Master	Bill Compton
Spouse	Joan Compton

#### **Morgan Hill Grange #408**

Master	Nola Martini
Selected	Vicki Bridges

#### **Orangevale Grange #354**

Alternate	Shirley Baker
Alternate	Dale Baker

#### **Prunedale Grange #388**

Master	Ed Mitchell
Selected	Etta Smith

#### **Rainbow Valley Grange #689**

Alternate	Lucette Moramarco
Alternate	Suzette Moramarco

#### **Ramona Grange #632**

Master	John Wolfe
Selected	Barbara McGrosso

#### **Rincon Valley Grange #710**

Selected	Carrie Behler
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#### **Rio Linda Grange #403**

Master	Laury Porter
Spouse	Frances An

#### **Rosedale Grange #565**

Master	Suzi Laskowski
Selected	Darlene Wingfield

#### **Whitesboro Grange #766**

Alternate	Robert Canclini
Alternate	Marialice Canclini

#### **Wyandotte Grange #495**

Alternate	Michael Lampke
Alternate	LoRee Lampke

## **RESOLUTION COMMITTEES**

### **Agriculture / Water / Conservation**

Johnny Squire, Chairman, Fresno County  
Paul Hyland, Kern County  
Marialice Canclini, Mendocino County  
Bob Clouse, Sacramento County  
Bob Canclini, Mendocino County

### **Citizenship**

Ann Larson, Chairman, Fresno County  
Amanda Thomas, Butte County  
Dale Baker, Sacramento County  
Barbara McGrosso, San Diego County  
Darlene Wingfield, Kern County  
Rosemary Hansen, Shasta County

### **Education / Labor & Judiciary / Taxation**

Tom Sawyer, Chairman, Santa Clara County  
Vicki Bridges, Santa Clara County  
Nola Martini, Santa Clara County  
Martha Stefenoni, Sonoma County  
Randy Turnquist, Monterey County  
Barbara McGrosso, San Diego County  
Darlene Wingfield, Kern County  
Rosemary Hansen, Butte County

### **Grange Law / Grange Growth & Development / Foreign Affairs / Transportation**

Bill Booth, Chairman, Butte County  
Carrie Behler, Sonoma County  
Pat Schunneman, Santa Clara County  
Joseph Stefenoni, Sonoma County

## **MINUTES OF THE 140<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SESSION**

Day 1 - Friday June 26, 2016

### **California State Grange 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Session**

The California State Grange met in the Orangevale Grange Hall on Friday, June 26, 2015, for the 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Session. The day started with workshops. Resolution processing was presented by Bill Booth, Past Master, California State Grange. The Secretary's workshop encompassed corporate and Grange business practices, presented by Inger Bevans, California State Grange Executive Committee member and Lillian Booth, State Secretary. A question and answer session on the current status of the Grange was presented by California State Grange Master, Ed Komski, Past Master & Executive Board member, Bob Clouse, and Executive Board member, Johnny Squire.

Lunch was served by members of DeSabra Grange.

The 140<sup>th</sup> Session opened in the Sixth Degree at 1:00 pm with the State Officers, elected and protem, marching in led by Assistant Stewards Brandon Nebitt and Suzi Laskowski. Worthy Master, Ed Komski, presided.

Opening Song was America the Beautiful led by Barbara Geiger, California State Grange Lecturer, protem.

The Flag was presented by Etta Smith, Worthy Flora, protem, escorted by the Assistant Stewards.

Roll call of officers found all officers, elected and protem, present. Honored guest, Ed Luttrell, Worthy National Master, was recognized as attending this annual session.

The Grange was lowered to the Fourth Degree and all members in good standing were invited into the Session.

Lee Geiger, Aptos Grange, asked for a moment of person privilege. Brother Lee expressed his appreciation for the work Brother Ed Komski and Brother Ed Luttrell have entered into, and accomplished, on behalf of the members of the Granges in California. Brother Lee then presented a two wooden gavels, hand crafted by him, one each to Brother Komski & Brother Luttrell.

#### **Credentials Report**

Given by Lillian Booth, State Secretary

There are 18 Granges and three Pomona Granges represented. Secretary called the roll of Granges and Delegates. There are a total of 37 voting delegates. There is a quorum with 62% of the eligible Granges in attendance at this Session.

#### **Approving the Session Rules**

It was moved by Martha Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange, to approve the Session rules as presented. Seconded. Motion carried.

### **Session Etiquette**

Brother Komski asked Brother Joseph Stefenoni to remind the members in attendance about some Session etiquette. When the Bible is open, members do not walk through the area between the Graces' station and the Altar. If you do – then usual the fine is candy for the Graces.

Please silence the cell phones. If a cell phone goes off, the Steward & Gatekeeper will determine an appropriate charity and collect a monetary donation. If the Executive Committee members' phones go off – it is an automatic \$5.00 fine.

### **Session Schedule**

It was moved by Dale Baker, Orangevale Grange, to approve the Session schedule as presented. Seconded. Discussion. Motion carried.

### **Master's Annual Address:**

Brother Komski gave his Annual Master's Address.

It was moved by Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange, to accept the Master's report in its entirety and print it in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion seconded. Carried.

### **Approval of the Board of Directors/Executive Committee Minutes.**

It was moved by Trish Duarte, Monterey County Pomona Grange, to accept the Executive Committee minutes, as presented in the binder. Motion Seconded. Discussion. Katie Squire, Central Union Grange, requested a delay in the vote for 30 minutes to allow delegates the opportunity to continue to read the information. It was moved by Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange, to postpone approval definitely for 30 minutes. Seconded by Katie Squire, Central Union Grange. Motion carried. Time certain set at 2:45 pm.

Session was recessed for 15 minutes

### **National Grange Traveling Truck**

The National Grange Traveling Truck was given to California at the National Grange Session in Ohio November 2014. The Truck has a flat tire so it's in Barstow now – the only place to get a tire to fix it. The truck will be traveling to Western Idaho for the Western Regional Conference in August.

During the break a comment was made regarding the word "approval" of the Executive Committee minutes when acceptance is more correct. Sister Duarte moved to amend her original motion to use the words "accept the minutes and approve the actions of the Executive Committee". Motion seconded. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report –**

Brother Bud Hill, California State Grange Treasurer, protem, was asked to give the Treasurer's report. Brother Komski said Bud was only asked to take the office about 45 days ago, and was only given the information about four days ago.

Brother Hill stated the Treasurer's report will encompass the period of 1/1/2014 – 12/31/2014  
Total Income for the period                      \$266,788.80

Total Expenditures for the period (\$91,512.27)  
Net Income 12/31/2014 \$175,276.53.

Brother Bud commented it is his hope and belief from this day forward, there will be a resurgence of the Grange in California. There have been many trials and tribulations. The End is in sight.

It was moved by Bill Booth, DeSabra Grange, to accept the Treasurer's report and print it in the Journal of Proceedings. Seconded by Barbara Geiger. Discussion. Motion carried.

Brother Komski took a moment to recognize the Honorable Brother Bill Booth and the Honorable Brother Bob Clouse, both Past Masters of the California State Grange. He also recognized Joseph Stefenoni, son of the last Past State Grange Master, Tom Stefenoni.

### **Elections**

Election committee was named by Brother Komski. Members are Joan Compton, Tom Sawyer, and Carolyn Hill.

Election of Officers will proceed with 37 voting delegates.

### **Overseer:**

Nominations for Overseer  
Mike Warner, Rainbow Valley Grange, San Diego County

37 ballots cast

Mike Warner 37 votes.  
Declared elected Overseer of the California State Granges.

### **Accept Executive Committee Minutes**

Time certain declared for the amended motion which reads – Move to accept the minutes and approve the actions of the Executive Committee. Voting ensued. Motion carried.

### **Lecturer:**

Nominations for Lecturer  
Barbara Geiger, Aptos Grange, Monterey County

37 votes cast

Barbara Geiger – 37 votes  
Declared elected Lecturer of the California State Grange

It was moved by Darlene Wingfield to continue nominations and elections while balloting is occurring. Seconded by Lee Geiger. Motion carried.

### **Steward:**

Nominations for Steward  
Randy Turnquist, Aptos Grange, Monterey County

37 ballots cast  
Randy Turnquist – 37 votes  
Randy Turnquist, declared elected Steward of the California State Grange.

Recognition awards for years of continuous service were presented to the following Granges:

Orangevale Grange	105 years of service,
Whitesboro Grange	
DeSabra Grange	
Bellevue Grange	
Morgan Hill Grange	90 years
Aptos Grange #800	55 Years
Central Union Grange	
Rainbow Valley Grange	75 years

### **Assistant Steward**

Nominations for Steward:  
Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange, Sonoma County  
Brandon Nebitt, Rosedale Grange, Kern County

36 ballots cast

Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange	19
Brandon Nebitt, Rosedale Grange	17

Joseph Stefenoni declared elected as Assistant Steward of the California State Grange

A Comment was made from those present that some members have not received their 50-year recognition or pins

Rosemary Hansen  
Darlene Wingfield  
Ann Larson  
Leroy Larson

The State Grange Secretary will follow-up and obtain those awards for the deserving members.

### **Lady Assistant Steward**

Nominations for Lady Assistant Steward  
Suzi Laskowski, Rosedale Grange, Kern County

37 ballots cast	
Suzi Laskowski	36
Jamie West, Ramona Grange -	1

Suzi Laskowski declared elected Lady Assistant Steward of the California State Grange

### **Treasurer**

Treasurer will have responsibility to ensure the California State Grange stays in compliance and transparent. This is not just a name, but a function. Will also need to recognize and understand the finance reports, investment strategy.

Nominations for Treasurer

Harold "Bud" Hill, Empire Grange, Modesto County

36 ballots cast

Bud Hill, Empire Grange           36

Bud Hill declared elected Treasurer of the California State Grange

### **Chaplain**

Nominations for Chaplain

Bill Compton, Grover City Grange, San Luis Obispo County

35 ballots cast

Bill Compton                           35

Bill Compton declared elected Chaplain of the California State Grange.

### **National Master**

Worthy Master of the National Grange, Ed Luttrell, was asked to address the Delegates  
Brother Ed said he has so much joy in the heart to be standing in front of the California State Grange body. He had a very unpleasant duty in 2012 & carried it out in 2013.

He thanked Brother Bob Clouse, Past Master of the California State Grange, for his time, effort, and assistance in the National Grange when acting as the National Grange Deputy in California. Brother Ed also thanked Bud & Carolyn Hill for their representation of California at National, and their work to help produce the 7<sup>th</sup> Degree.

Brother Ed also thanked Ed & Cynthia Komski for their representation for California at the National Session. They spoke to the issues, exhibited passion, made their vote count, and became a part of the National Grange body.

Brother J. W. A. Wright, first Master of the California State Grange – wrote the Declaration of Purposes, which remains a founding document, having been unchanged for 100 years. For only the third time it was recently changed to add language reflecting "in the internet".

Brother Ed asked us to take from our history – the members who inspired all the Grangers across the country, take those lessons and make them part of daily life. Be proud of what the Grange stands for. Live the values taught in the ritualism. Always remember we are family.

Currently, we are in a battle for the heart and soul of this organization. We will be found with a heart that is solid and firm and will continue in the future. We need everyone to be part of the Grange to rebuild.

The highest office and highest honor is the title of Brother or Sister in the Grange. This is the true and highest title we can bestow on anyone in the organization. No matter what is

written in history – we are truly family. If we believe that and act like there is no doubt of the success of the Grange in California and in the United States, then we will be successful.

As the National Grange Master, Brother Ed thanked everyone there for what we have done and for what we will do in the next year for the organization.

### **Gatekeeper – 36 votes cast**

Nominations for Gatekeeper

Lee Geiger, Aptos Grange, Monterey County

Dale Baker, Orangevale Grange, Sacramento County

Brandon Nebitt, Rosedale Grange, Kern County

36 ballots cast

Lee Geiger 11

Dale Baker 3

Brandon Nebitt 22

Brandon Nebitt declared elected as the Gatekeeper of the California State Grange.

### **Musician - 36 votes cast**

Nominations for Musician

Martha Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange, Sonoma County

36 ballots cast

Martha Stefenoni 36

Martha Stefenoni declared elected as the Musician of the California State Grange

### **Ceres 34 ballots cast**

Nominations for Ceres

LoRee Lampke, Wyandotte Grange, Butte County

Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange, San Diego County

34 ballots cast

LoRee Lampke 20

Lucette Moramarco 12

Marie (no last name) 1

All Three 1

LoRee Lampke declared elected Ceres of the California State Grange

### **Autumn Leaves in Ukiah – 91-unit facility for Seniors**

Bob Canclini – Whitesboro Grange gave a report on the Autumn Leaves Retirement living facility in Ukiah.

Mendocino Grange members started it 35 years ago. In 2016 the mortgage for the building will be paid off. The Grange has a Director on the Board because it is HUD financed. For each resident, the utilities are paid, except telephone. The residents pay \$600/month to



live in the facility. There is a meeting room, kitchen, and an association of people who reside there.

Requested the Ukiah Autumn Leave Contact information be added to the The California Granger Newsletter.

### **Distinguished Grange information**

Bob Clouse advised he has applications for the Distinguished Grange Award. National Delegation needs to know that there are Granges in California who are participating in the program. The questions are easy. Bob expects to leave with many, many less applications than he brought.

Criteria for 2016 for the State Grange, we need to bring back more awards. Create enthusiasm in the National Grange from the State. Need to start paying our own debt as soon as we can. Take a Distinguished Subordinate Grange application with you.

Brother Komski advised that the State Grange will be helping more Granges to find resources they need to renovate their halls, and improve their images in the community. From building materials to restaurant supplies and equipment. Researching more partners to get more resources.

### **Closing**

The first day of the 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Session closed in the fourth degree at 5:22 p.m.

### **Evening Entertainment**

Special entertainment during the Lecturer's evening was Rusty Richards and his son, Jason Richards. A very special night that will be remembered for a very long time.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Booth,  
Secretary, California State Grange.

## Day 2 - Saturday, June 27, 2015

The Second day of the 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange began with committee meetings, a Junior/Youth Program workshop led by Lillian Booth, and a Master's Conference led by Worthy Master, Ed Komski.

The Session opened at 10:45 am in the Fourth Degree beginning with the entrance of the Officers of the California State Grange. Brother Ed Komski, presiding.

Roll Call of officers found all officers present, elected and protem.

The minutes from the first day were read to the members by State Secretary, Lillian Booth. It was moved by Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange, to accept the minutes as read and print in the Journal of Proceedings.

Resolutions 2015-008/Rewrite, 2015-010/Committee resolution; and 2015-011, which was erroneously left out of the original delegate packet, were passed out to the delegates at 10:55 a.m.

Brother Komski asked the State officers who were wearing a Washington State Grange sash to stand. He recognized Washington State Grange for their support by loaning the use of their sashes during the annual session. Brother Komski asked all State Officers who were wearing a Montana sash to stand. He recognized Montana State Grange for their support by loaning the use of their sashes for this session. The New Hampshire State Grange Master also sent his own sash to be used during the session. In addition, Brother Bill Compton was wearing a California sash that was originally used by the late Jack Eyler when he was the General Deputy State Master for the California State Grange. Brother Komski was wearing the sash last worn by Past California State Grange Master Tom Stefenoni, loaned to him by the Stefenoni family for this session.

Prior to the announcement to continue the election of officers, the Worthy Secretary advised the Delegates in attendance was now a total of 39. John Wolfe, Ramona Grange, and Leroy Squire, Kings County Pomona Grange, arrived and registered this morning.

### **Election of Officers**

#### **Pomona – 38 votes cast**

Nominations for the office of Pomona

Nola Martini, Morgan Hill Grange, Santa Clara County  
Colleen Esola, Orangevale Grange, Sacramento County  
Sandra Wingfield, Rosedale Grange, Kern County

38 ballots cast.

Nola Martini	21
Colleen Esola	7
Sandra Wingfield	10

Nola Martini declared elected as Pomona for the California State Grange.

Darlene Wingfield, Rosedale Grange, was called to the Master's station. She spoke to the delegates about her personal history of Grange activities and how her family has been involved. Her full remarks will be printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

Brother Komski asked all Veterans in the room to stand and be recognized. All veterans were given applause in appreciation for their years of service.

### **Election for the office of Flora**

Nominations for the Office of Flora

Etta Smith, Prunedale Grange, Monterey County  
Linda MacCracken, Rio Linda Grange, Sacramento County  
Jayme West, Ramona Grange, San Diego County  
Sandra Wingfield, Rosedale Grange, Kern County

Brother Komski thanked Dale and Shirley Baker, Orangevale Grange, for their time and efforts to make Orangevale a great place for the annual session.

Nominations were called for the 2016 Convention site. Nola Martini and Vicki Bridges from Morgan Hill Grange invited the California State Grange to Morgan Hill for the 2016 annual session.

38 votes were cast.

Morgan Hill Grange 36  
BLANK 1  
Aptos Grange 1

The California State Grange Board of Directors will start working with the members of Morgan Hill. First item is a need for one point of contact for the Grange. This will be Nola Martini.

After the lunch recess, nominations will be taken for the 2017 location for the convention, per the by-laws which says we may have invitations two years in advance.

Orders of the Day were called by Brother Bill Booth. Brother Komski asked that the balloting for Flora finish before implementing the orders of the day. This was agreed to by the delegates.

As balloting was finishing, Brother Komski introduced the California State Grange legal counsel, Jeff Skinner from Washington DC. Any member, in good standing, may ask questions of Jeff about the Grange. Jeff is a special guest and will be sitting in session with us.

Orders of the day were advised by Brother Komski. A recess was called for Lunch.

The session reconvened at 1:00 pm

Results from the Election of Flora was announced.

39 ballots cast.

Etta Smith	6
Linda MacCracken	7
Jayme West	18
Sandra Wingfield	8

No majority of votes was received for one candidate.

A run-off was declared for the office of Flora between Sandra Wingfield and Jayme West

37 ballots cast

Sandra Wingfield	13
Jayme West	24

Jayme West declared elected as Flora of the California State Grange.

### **Keynote speaker – Michael Martin**

Michael Martin, Membership Director for the National Grange was introduced to the delegates. Michael welcomed the members of the California State Grange back to the National Grange with a song. He presented information about membership, growth, and gave perspective on how large/small a State's membership can be.

Michael continued by stating membership growth is not the responsibility of the State Master. Because 0 people join the State Grange. You take the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree, but there are no members who join the State Grange. The totality of our entire Order rests with you and your brothers and sisters at home. It is not the sole responsibility of any Master to grow a Grange. Takes patience and persistence and some balance. Some are patient never get around to making the invitation. Some are too persistent to the point where they drive people away. Balance that and make sure people feel welcome and invited.

PA state Grange members did a survey and were asked – have you invited anyone to join your Grange in the last year, last two years, last five years. And then, if not, why not? Answers included "Because I am afraid they will say "no". Great disappointment is not issuing the invitation. "No" may mean not right now. No may mean "maybe, but I don't know much about to you join. Invite them to bring family and watch a movie. Maybe can become yes. Not making the invite does not allow anyone to make decisions. So ask, but stay in balance.

Sister Lillian Booth presented a gift of agricultural products grown and produced in Butte County to Brother Martin to remind him that in California, we are all just a bunch of mixed nuts.

### **2017 Location for California State Grange Convention**

Worthy Master asked for invitations to host the 2017 Location for the California State Grange Convention. No invitations were extended from the floor. The decision will be postponed and the State Grange Board of Directors will review. So much can happen between now and 2017. There may be a very different amount of people attending.

**Budget Report:**

Bud Hill, California State Grange Treasurer, gave the budget report. In summary:

Balance forward from 2014	\$ 175,296.53
Less Budget Proposed with deficit of	<\$ 92, 400.00>
Balance projected as of 12/31/2015	<u>\$ 82,896.53</u>

It was moved by Bud Hill, Empire Grange, to accept the budget as proposed. Seconded. Discussion. Questions were answered from the delegate body. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. Budget approved.

Sister Elsie Rodrigues, Prunedale Grange, requested personal privilege. She told us about how their Grange had a carrot farmer come and speak at their Grange. – They made him a carrot cake as a gift. Monterey County Sheriff’s Department parks in the Grange Hall parking lot, eating lunch, and writing reports -- Guarding our Grange. The Deputies came to talk to the Grange about the 55 Alive program – so they gave him a “Free parking” sign and a Tin lunch box filled with goodies. For our legal counsel, Jeff Skinner, they thought to give him a Dictionary – for new words he might need in Court. Instead, they decided they needed to help him for Court. They presented him with See’s Chocolate Truffles – Stay Hyped up and keep him sweet.

**Jeff Skinner of Schiff Hardin, LLP, Grange Legal Counsel**

Jeff Skinner spoke to the assembled members. He told the membership present that he has spent the better part of this last year getting to know what the Grange is. Seeing it in action is very valuable, and it is a pleasure to meet everyone, putting faces with the names and voices. He then updated the members on the current status of the litigation.

**Resolutions:**

Bill Booth, Chairman of the Grange Law Committee reported.

Resolution 2015-001 – Amend Sections of the National By-Laws

Committee report is favorable.

Motion by Pat Schunneman, Cupertino Grange, to accept the committee report.

Seconded. Aye: All, Nay: None 2/3 majority met for adoption. Motion Carried.

Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2015-003 – Amend By-Laws of the California State Grange

Committee report is favorable.

Motion by Pat Schunneman, Cupertino Grange, to adopt the committee’s report.

Seconded. Motion carried. Aye: All, Nay: None. 2/3 majority met for adoption.

Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2015-007-

Withdrawn by the submitting Grange

Resolution 2015-008 –

The original resolution in the packet has been rewritten in committee with a new 2015-008, passed out this morning. Mark it as rewritten.

Committee report is favorable as rewritten.

Jeff Skinner, legal counsel, was involved in the process. The committee made substantial changes to the resolution with the Attorney's advice.

John Wolfe – Ramona Grange – moved to accept the committee report. Seconded by Vicki Bridges, Morgan Hill Grange. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

It was moved by Joseph Stefenoni to have the presenters only read the resolved portion of the resolution. Seconded. Motion withdrawn because it is already in the standing rules.

Resolution 2015-010 – Balloting

Committee report is favorable.

Motion by Carolyn Hill, Empire Grange, to adopt the committee report. Seconded.

Discussion.

Amanda Thomas, DeSabra Grange, moved the previous question. Seconded. Motion carried.

Vote on the original motion taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

Brother Bill Booth completed the Grange Law resolutions. Because review of the Legislative Policy Handbook was extensive, the Grange Law Committee took the portions of Foreign Affairs and Transportation.

Brother Booth proposed amendments to the policy statement for the decision of the Delegates.

Brother John Squire, Central Union Grange, moved that the Legislative Policy Handbook be reviewed by the committees and completed before the next convention. Seconded. Discussion.

Amanda Thomas, DeSabra Grange, moved to amend by changing "before the next convention" to "within the next six months." Seconded. Discussion. Motion carried.

Motion now reads. "The Legislative Handbook be reviewed by the committees and completed within the next six months". Discussion continued.

During the discussion the Worthy Master suggested appointing a chairman and committee to compile the changes made by the individual committees.

Amanda Thomas withdrew her amendment to limit to six months. Amendment withdrawn. Discussion continued.

Amanda Thomas moved to amend the original motion by adding "the work to be completed by September 1<sup>st</sup>." Seconded.

Discussion continued.

Amanda Thomas withdrew her amendment.

John Squire withdrew his original motion. Motion withdrawn.

John Squire moved to refer the work of the committees on the Legislative Policy Handbook to a committee appointed by the Master. Draft document to be completed and to the State Master no later than September 1<sup>st</sup>. Seconded. Discussion. Motion carried.

Brother Komski appointed Brother Bill Booth as the Chairman of the committee.

Joseph Stefenoni called for the Orders of the Day. Grange recessed at 5:15 pm

Prior to the Exemplification of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> degrees, the Orangevale Grange members requested special privilege to obligate two new members into the Grange. Brother Jeff Skinner and Brother Donovan Hanks were obligated into 4<sup>th</sup> Degree membership by Michael Martin, National Grange Membership Director. The members attending welcomed the two new brothers into Grange.

The Grange was called to order at 8:00 pm for the purpose of conferring the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Degrees.

The Fifth Degree was presented by the Youth and Young Adults of the California State Grange, including members who have been Directors, Leaders, and members of the California State Grange Youth activities in prior years.

Master	Bill Booth	Past Master California State Grange	
Overseer	Joseph Stefenoni	Bellevue Grange	Sonoma County
Lecturer	Amanda Thomas	DeSabra Grange	Butte County
Steward	John Wolfe	Ramona Grange	San Diego County
AS	Mike Warner	Rainbow Valley Grange	San Diego County
LAS	Carolyn Hill	Empire Grange	Stanislaus County
Gatekeeper	Michael Martin	National Grange Membership Director,	Pennsylvania
Chaplain	Christina Webster	Orangevale Grange	Sacramento County
Treasurer	Harold "Bud" Hill	Empire Grange	Stanislaus County
Secretary	Lillian Booth	DeSabra Grange	Butte County
Ceres	LoRee Lampke	Wyandotte Grange	Butte County
Pomona	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange	Kings County
Flora	Jayme West	Rainbow Valley Grange	San Diego County
EC	Mike Lampke	Wyandotte Grange	Butte County
EC	Bob Clouse	Past State Master, California State Grange	
EC	Jeff Skinner	Orangevale Grange	Sacramento County
Musician	Martha Stefenoni	Bellevue Grange	Sonoma County
Court Ladies	Leanna Larson	Central Union Grange	Kings County
	Ann Larson	Central Union Grange	Kings County

There were 11 candidates to take the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree. Names will be printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

The Sixth Degree officers took their places. The Sixth Degree was conferred on 14 candidates led by Worthy Master Bob Clouse, Past Master of the California State Grange, assisted by the officers of the California State Grange. Names of the candidates will be printed in the journal of proceedings.

The Grange was closed at 10:00 pm. The march to the Feast of Flora was started with the Worthy Master, Ed Kowski, escorting Worthy Flora, Etta Smith, the Assistant Stewards and the candidates. The evening ended with an ice cream social

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lillian Booth, Secretary  
California State Grange



## Day 3 - Sunday June 28, 2015

The third day of the 140<sup>th</sup> Session of the California State Grange Opened in the Sixth Degree. Worthy Master, Ed Komski presiding.

The opening song was led by Lecturer, Barbara Geiger, protem, "I'm Proud to be a Granger."

The Flag was presented by Worthy Ceres, protem, Lucette Moramarco, with the aid of the Assistant Stewards.

The minutes of the second day of the Session were read by Sister Lillian Booth. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Worthy Master, Ed Komski, introduce the West Family to the Delegates; Jonathan, Jayme, Khloe and Kaylee. This is Jonathan's first Annual Session with his family. He honorably served four tours of duty out of country and was recognized for his military service. Jonathan was not able to be present for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree obligation last night. Ramona Grange Master, John Wolfe, asked Jonathan to become a member of Ramona Grange. Jonathan accepted and was escorted to the Altar with his entire family. He received the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree obligation from Michael Martin, National Grange Membership Director, and was welcomed by all members in attendance.

The Grange Expo auctioned several items with Joseph Stefenoni acting as auctioneer.

It was announced that the Youth/Junior Fund raffle raised \$246

The Memorial Service was conducted by State Chaplain, protem, Bill Compton, with the assistance of Sister Joan Compton. The names of those honored will be published in the Journal of Proceedings.

Installation of Officers was conducted with Michael Martin, National Grange Membership Director acting as the Installing Officer. Other members of the Installing Team were:

Amanda Thomas & Christina Webster – Regalia & Emblem Bearers  
Emily Turnquist – Installing Marshall  
Inger Bevans – Installing Chaplain  
Ed Komski – Installing Master

Officers Installed were:

Overseer	Michael Warner	San Diego County
Lecturer	Barbara Geiger	Monterey County
Steward	Randy Turnquist	Monterey County
Assistant Steward	Joseph Stefenoni	Sonoma County
Lady Assistant Steward	Suzi Laskowski	Kern County
Chaplain	Bill Compton	San Luis Obispo County
Gatekeeper	Brandon Nebitt	Kern County
Ceres	LoRee Lampke	Butte County

Pomona	Nola Martini	Santa Clara County
Flora	Jayne West	San Diego County
Musician	Martha Stefenoni	Sonoma County

After Installation of Officers, Michael Martin, National Grange Membership Director had to leave to catch his plane home. He was thanked for his participation in the Annual Session and wished well on his way. Thank you was extended to Linda MacCracken, Rio Linda Grange, for acting as the National Guest Host and Transport Driver.

Grange Law Committee Chairman, Bill Booth, gave the final report. It was moved by Katie Squire to accept final report and print it in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion seconded and carried.

Education Committee Chairman, Tom Sawyer, gave a verbal report. No resolutions were received for this committee. Motion by Bud Hill, Empire Grange, to accept the committee report and print in the Journal of Proceedings. Motion seconded and carried.

Resolutions remained to act on without a committee recommendation.

#### Resolutions 2015-002 and 2015-011

Motion made to Combine Resolution 2015-002 and 2015-11, using -002. Motion made by Bill Booth, DeSabra Grange, to delete the last Resolved at Line 77. Strike Prunedale Grange and insert California State Grange and adopt the actionable resolution. Seconded by Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange. Discussion. Information provided from the writer of the resolution.

Motion to combine the resolutions was withdrawn by the maker. Motion to amend 2015-002 remains. Discussion. Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended read.

Motion by Martha Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange to accept resolution 2015-002 as amended. Seconded.

Motion by Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange, to add a third resolved which reads: Resolved: that the California State Grange opposes the use of hydraulic fracturing in Monterey County. Seconded. Discussion. Motion carried to amend the resolution.

Discussion continued on the amended resolution.

It was moved by Leroy Squire, Kings County, to refer the resolution to committee to investigate. Motion seconded. Discussion. Motion lost.

Motion to approve resolution as amended on the floor for voting. Motion carried. Resolution as amended adopted.

Resolution 2015-011. Motion made by Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange to reject Resolution 2015-11. Seconded by Leroy Squire. Discussion. Motion carried. Resolution rejected.

Resolution 2015-004 was presented on the floor with no recommendation. Motion to amend by Ed Watson, to add "that California State Grange urges if there is a police involved in a land use - neighbor issue or brought before supervisors the County." Seconded. Carried. Motion carried. Motion to accept resolution as amended. Seconded and carried. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2015-005 was presented on the floor without recommendation. Discussion. Motion made by Bill Booth, DeSabra Grange, to strike the last resolved. Seconded. Discussion. Motion carried. Resolution as amended on the floor.

Amanda Thomas, DeSabra Grange, moved to amend to strike domestic and insert "personal" , "and it be further" and accept the resolution with the amendment. Seconded. Discussion. Motion lost. Amendment lost.

Resolution as originally amended on the floor without recommendation. Katie Squire, Central Union Grange, moved that the resolution be recommitted for further study to be reported back to the session in 2016. Seconded. Carried. Resolution recommitted for consideration in 2016.

Resolution 2015-006 Withdrawn by the authoring Grange.

It was moved by Bill Booth, DeSabra Grange, that the Board of Directors be authorized to approve final minutes after the close of this session. Seconded. Carried.

Bill Booth, DeSabra Grange, moved that the Board of Directors be authorized to format a template of Bylaws for Subordinate Granges. Seconded. Discussion. Motion carried.

The Resolution of Appreciation was presented by Carrie Behler, Rincon Valley Grange. It was moved to accept the resolution and print in the Journal of Proceedings. Seconded. Motion carried.

Further items were auctioned for the Grange Expo.

Worthy Master, Ed Kowski, took a moment of personal privilege. He said that to be successful you must surround yourself with excellence. He expressed his appreciation for Bob Clouse and Bill Booth, both Past Masters of the California State Grange who have given so much of their expertise time to the Grange. Master Kowski also expressed his appreciation for the second most important woman in his life – the first most-important lady being his First Lady, Cynthia. The second is Lillian Booth, the State Grange Secretary. He directed the Assistant Stewards to present Sister Lillian to the Master's Station. Brother Ed presented Lillian with flowers and a gift from the Grangers for all of her work on the Session. He commented that if it were not for Sister Lillian and her family, this Session might never have happened. Sister Lillian commented that she hated to cry and they were all making her cry. She went on to say that it was gratifying and humbling to see everyone at this Session – one that many of us were afraid would never happen. It is because of the members' commitment to the Grange that made everything possible.

Expo Director, Katie Squire announced that the Expo auction netted \$620.00

Ramona Grange Master, John Wolfe, invited everyone to their Golden Sheaf celebration for Barbara McGrosso in October.

The 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange was closed in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. The members gathered in a circle around the Altar for the closing song "Bless This House" sung by Inger Bevans and Barbara Geiger, accompanied by Martha Stefenoni. After the closing song, Worthy Master Ed Komski declared the Session closed to again re-open in Morgan Hill Grange Hall in June of 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Booth, Secretary  
California State Grange.

## **STATE MASTER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS**

Welcome Brothers and Sisters,

When we met in February of 2014, we did not know if this session would happen and if so, would this be 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Session or the 140<sup>th</sup>? After much work the Reorganization of the California State Grange has become a reality. So with our charter in hand, Brothers and Sisters I welcome you to the 140<sup>th</sup> Session of the California State Grange.

### **Foundation**

We thank Brother Lee Geiger for the presentation of the new gavels. With these new gavels, we begin a new chapter in the story of the California State Grange. This new chapter also opens with new topics, issues that are neither legal nor of law. It's about foundation. Our Grange is in a state of repair. To succeed, we must rebuild upon a solid foundation. Our current foundation, while strong, still has been cracked. This foundation was cracked a long time ago when the black and white of the bylaws turned to grays. And the grays were abused. Masters of Granges attempted to sell Grange halls and assets. Some actually succeeded in doing so, taking property and assets that were not theirs to take. That exploitation damaged our foundation.

Fraternity means we are a family. Sometimes we want all the roast beef served at the family dinner, but we have to share. Families share! We Grangers are truly Brothers and Sisters. The work we do benefits our families and our communities, not individual enrichment. There is no room in our Grange for those who put personal gain over the needs of the Grange and the community it serves.

### **Respect the By-Laws**

Again, this is a fraternal organization. It comes with a birth certificate. We all take the obligation to membership freely and are issued our Fourth Degree Certificate. If you do not like who we are, what we are, and what we do, then please, join another organization. Not sure who we are? Read the By-laws. The options the Grange gives to the members are quite unique. We grow with the times and we take opportunities to change to improve ourselves and our communities. We encourage personal growth through education and practice. We respect the individual, but our goal is to grow the family, the Brothers and Sisters and the communities they serve.

To those who would say to the Grange Master, "You have so much power," I would say to them that Masters do not have power. As Master of the California State Grange, I am an elected leader whose duty it is to advance the will of the Grangers who elected me. The delegate body retains any power in the State Grange, and your membership retains the power in your local Grange. Therein lies the heart of the organization. If you feel there is an abuse of power, say so. Our By-laws give that option to any individual Granger, and they even give you the roadmap of how to exercise that power. Everyone should read the By-laws. All Grangers, even those with a sash, are held accountable.

As Grangers, we have the obligation to bring in new members to carry on our work. New blood means new opportunity. I am new blood. Many of you did not know who I was until you saw my name. Look at other opportunities for people to get involved with our organization. Seek

out the specialties of talented new members. Bring them in and tell them we need them. Let them know how valuable they would be to our work in the community. Build our organization. Build our family.

The Grange Master on any level has power to lead granted them by the power you the members give the office by your actions. In other words you are the final authority. Anything you don't want changed, keep it. Don't like it? Work to change it.

I expect to be held accountable by every member, and by the State Grange Board of Directors. We invite any member to contact the National Grange at any time to assure that accountability. You the members are ultimately to who I report and owe accountability. I am not your king, but the one you elected to lead the efforts in fulfilling your directives.

I will lead by abiding by the National Grange Digest and the California State Grange Bylaws. Those documents compile how all of this organization gets it together. I know more now than I ever knew before. The Constitution and By-laws is all one big happy family of information that we need to know. It's how we roll. But we cannot bend it, subjugate it or abuse it. What we can do – you, the membership – can work to change it if you don't like it

### **Future of the Grange**

The future of the Grange is in its membership. Like the fields and orchards and vineyards, members must be cultivated, nurtured and grown. Is yours a vital Grange? Or are you perceived in your community as an old, broken down organization? If so, then renovate your Grange. People hang out with winners. There is no professional football team in the second largest city in the United States. Why? Because they were losers and no one was going to the games. The San Diego Padres were almost moved because no one was going to their games. That tells us this: if it looks good, people are there. If they see a record of Wins: 1 - Losses: 40 – they don't go. The Grange has the same issue -- Branding and Imaging. Branding – take a look at who we are and how we are projected in our communities. Membership in the Grange starts at the curb. Signs, painting the building, making it comfortable for people to be there. I want to say -- Orangevale Grange members, thank you. The photos of the newly painted building, inside and out, made it very inviting to be here. And thank you so much for the air conditioning.

Orangevale is a gem of a Grange. You can see it and feel it – there is something special there. There is a Fireworks booth outside. You don't see that in Southern California – Fireworks start fires. But activity in your Grange starts with the curb. Perception is nine-tenths of the battle.

How am I perceived as a member of this Grange? Asking people to join is not hard. People should be assets to our group. Look at the value of people and say "You are quite the quilter. Would you like to help start a group? We can use you." You might find that person inspiring, recognize something special in them. They and their friends may be the catalyst you need to set a fire under your members to begin those renovations that will make your Grange vital to the community.

What does your Grange need? Maybe you determine you need experts in drought resistant plants. You contact someone in your area with that interest and say "Your expertise is what we

need. Would you do it? And will you help us put it to use?" We are welcoming. We give people a place and a voice in their community.

### **What does the State Grange do for me?**

Some say it is just a bunch of guys running around with an expense account. Or it's just a building on U Street. You are right to ask – what is the State Grange doing for you?

The State Grange is the Administration framework for your Grange. It represents each member, you. The State Grange looks at the business side of the Grange to help you in your communities. We will help develop the business plan and help you find talent and resources to accomplish what you want in your community. We are here to support your needs. Additionally, we serve as another link between your local community and the lawmakers in Washington, D.C. We take the policy you worked so dedicatedly on to National Grange, and argue on your behalf to other State Granges to adopt that policy and make it a National goal.

### **Success and Failure**

Both are okay. You learn from success but you learn more from failure. The most important thing is -- don't be afraid to try. We need to take lessons from other organizations. We have to be Disney x 2 -- Marketing and Advertising. For example, invest in a good sign. The return on that investment is invaluable. A good sign will last 8 to 10 years. It lets you talk to the community. If there is a problem, put the message out there. Use your signs to inform the community cost effectively. When we buy advertising, our cost per view may be hard to estimate. A good sign can give years of advertising for a known cost. A sign is an effective and efficient method of communication.

Granges are not successful when they are just hanging out and not telling the community what they are doing and who they are. If you are not communicating, you are not going to grow. If that is what your Grange is about, that's ok. You won't grow. You will disintegrate. Then you will have to figure out an exit strategy.

If you do have to exit, make it something you can be proud of. Grange halls were very popular in an era of time. There was a hall in New York in Borego Springs. It was an old hall in the middle of nowhere. If an exit strategy would have been creative and thought out, maybe the hall could have been used to house the newly organize Riverside Grange in the same area. Use asset for asset. Sell a hall. Then build hall. Live and operate efficiently.

### **Budget**

Dollars are very tight. Some Grange Insurance Association money is available to operate for another year. Right now – we are spending a significant amount on legal fees. This is an essential expense and key to our survival as a Grange. We are looking at this entire legal situation like a family member who is not well. We have devised a treatment plan and are spending accordingly to help make our family well again.

Legal costs for next year will significantly reduce. We are through the worst of the legal battle. Overall, we need to get our house in order financially. Every part of the State Grange operation needs to be examined and reviewed, including the Grange Headquarters. The entire operation there and the total expense. Currently, the State Grange is being run out of two homes. When you don't know differently, you don't know what you can do.

For Board meetings, there is technology called "Go to Meeting". It allows everyone to see everyone else without having to travel up and down the State. It is very efficient. Reviewing how we do business may mean we do not need a facility. We have to review any long-term fix in light of the situation we have gone through the last three years.

Financially, we are responsible for all monies and assets we take in. If we cannot live with what we make, then we have to adjust. The State Grange has run for too long in the red, depending on the Grange members and special funds to balance budget items.

We currently do not know what is going on at the U Street property. We do not know what Granges are having problems with their halls or paying their property taxes. Just as you are concerned, so am I. But this too shall come to a close. What is left of our assets and what must be done after this legal battle, you will be kept informed.

### **Communication**

We have limited contacts to communicate with our members. Some members have blocked me at this point. They are hearing only one side of the story. If you do not get an e-mail, see Lillian. I just got an email that bounced back. They decided I'm junk – spam. Not the worst I've been called in all of this. But the bottom line is, how can you make an informed judgement call if you only have half the information needed to make that call? Please keep all lines of communication open.

### **The Future**

We have a future. There is significant work coming our way. There will be many complications. Some members who have not been paying dues will bunker down and stay in that position. We will deal with it, staying within the white lines. How will we deal with it? By using the California State Grange bylaws and the National Grange Digest. I follow the rules. There is no power other than what is in those two documents. There is a process, but we will come through this healthier, happier, and stronger.

Fraternally submitted,

Ed Kowski  
Master/President/CEO  
California State Grange

Motion by Joseph Stefenoni to accept the Report of the State Master in its entirety and print in the journal of proceedings. Seconded. Motion was carried unanimously.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Worthy Master, National Master, fellow Delegates and fellow Grangers,

This Treasurer's report will encompass the time period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

Total income from all sources including dues, donations and other programs totaled \$266,788.80.

Total expenditures from all operations was \$91,512.27

This left net income for 2014 of \$175,276.53.

It is my hope and belief that from this day forward here will be a new resurgence of the Grange in California. We have gone through many trials and tribulations, but the end is in sight.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harold "Bud" Hill  
Treasurer Pro-tem  
California State Grange

Financial Report  
Balance Sheet  
California State Grange Balance Sheet – As of May 31, 2015

### ASSETS

Checking/Savings	\$ 66,251	
Pre-Paid Legal Fees	\$ 20,000	
Total Assets		\$ 86,251

### LIABILITIES

Opening Balance Equity	\$ 20	
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 175,276	
Net Income	\$ (88,775)	
		\$ 86,521
Total Liabilities & Equity		\$ 86,521

Profit and Loss Report  
California State Grange Profit & Loss Report January through May 2015

**INCOME**

National Grange - GIA Funds	\$ 58,750
Membership Dues	\$ 11,665
Program Service Fees	\$ 348
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Total Income	<u>\$ 70,763</u>

**EXPENSE**

Accounting Fees	\$ (510)
Legal Fees	\$ (114,684)
Postage / Mailing	\$ (3,662)
Printing/ Copying	\$ (3,448)
Supplies	\$ (2,009)
Office Expense	\$ (556)
Telephone / Communications	\$ (147)
Worker's Compensation Ins	\$ (213)
Payroll Service Expense	\$ (436)
Payroll Taxes Expense	\$ (2,179)
Conference / Meeting	\$ (357)
Travel - Air Fare	\$ (3,820)
Travel - Transportation	\$ (1,384)
Travel - Meals	\$ (1,105)
Travel - Lodging	\$ (1,529)
Officers & Directors Salaries	\$ (23,500)
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Total Expenses	<u>\$ (159,539)</u>
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Net Profit / (Loss)	<u><u>\$ (88,776)</u></u>

Budget Report

**CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE BUDGET**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>PROJECTED 2014</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2014</b>	<b>BUDGET 2015</b>
<b>Balance from 2014</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 175,297</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>			
Contributions			
National Grange –			
GIA Funds	\$ 230,729	\$ 259,603	\$ 115,000
Membership Dues	\$ 9,000	\$ 7,035	\$ 24,000
Other Program Income	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 239,729</b>	<b>\$ 266,788</b>	<b>\$ 139,000</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
Dues to National Grange	\$ (2,700)	\$ (2,658)	\$ (5,700)
Tax & License Fees	\$ -	\$ (32)	\$ -
Donations and Gifts	\$ -	\$ (801)	\$ -
Professional Fees:			
Accounting Services	\$ -	\$ (1,613)	\$ (2,500)
Legal Fees	\$ (29,847)	\$ (36,901)	\$ (120,000)
Other	\$ -	\$ (9,400)	\$ (2,000)
Operations:			
Directly Related to Purpose	\$ (10,000)	\$ (4,350)	\$ (18,000)
Insurance and Worker's			
Compensation Insurance	\$ -	\$ (739)	\$ (1,200)
Compensation of Officers	\$ (22,900)	\$ (23,300)	\$ (56,400)
Payroll Expenses	\$ (2,000)	\$ (2,777)	\$ (6,000)
Travel & Meetings		\$ (8,941)	\$ (19,600)
Misc.	\$ (200)	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (67,647)</b>	<b>\$ (91,512)</b>	<b>\$ (231,400)</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 172,082</b>	<b>\$ 175,276</b>	<b>\$ 82,897</b>

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

No communications were received for this Annual Session.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES**

### **California State Grange Executive Committee Minutes July 2014 to April 2015 Presented for approval of the Delegates At the 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Session, June 26-28, 2015**

#### **The State Grange of California, Chartered Charter Presentation 07-12-2014**

On July 12, 2014, at 9:15 a.m., National Grange President, Ed Luttrell called the assembled members to order in the Orangevale Grange Hall in Orangevale, California.

Opening Prayer was given by Karen Heckman of DeSabra Grange.  
The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said by the assembled members.

#### **Opening Remarks:**

President Luttrell, thanked the elected Board members of The State Grange of California, Chartered, Brother Ed Komski, Master-elect; Sister Lillian Booth, Secretary-elect; Bob Clouse, Inger Bevans, and Johnny Squire, all Executive Committee members-elect; for all of their work and efforts to get the California Granges back to the point of re-issuing a Charter.

#### **Report of Granges in attendance:**

The Secretary-elect reported there were representatives from 10 of the 26 eligible Granges in attendance at the meeting. These are Bellevue, Central Union, Cupertino, DeSabra, Orangevale, Prunedale, Rainbow Valley, Rio Linda, Rosedale, and Wyandotte.

President Luttrell congratulated the members of California and advised that within the National Grange perspective, this is considered a medium-sized State Grange.

Brother Luttrell then answered questions from the members regarding status of Pomona Granges and the non-profit status of the State Grange of California, Chartered.

Letter was read to the assembly advising the National Grange that there were 27 Granges in California in good standing who desire to re-charter the State Grange in California, having elected a Board of Directors and establishing By-Laws in accordance with the requirements of the National Grange. Letter was accepted by President Luttrell.

#### **Installation of Officers:**

The Installing Team was:

Master: Ed Luttrell, National Grange President  
Marshall: William "Bill" Booth, Past Master, California State Grange  
Emblem Bearer: Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange  
Regalia Bearer: Katie Squire, Central Union Grange

The following officers were installed:

Master/President: Ed Komski, Rainbow Valley Grange  
Secretary: Lillian Booth, DeSabra Grange  
Executive Committee Members:  
Bob Clouse, Orangevale Grange, Past Master, California State Grange  
Johnny Squire, Central Union Grange  
Inger Bevans, Prunedale Grange

**Charter Presentation:**

At the end of the Installation, President Luttrell officially presented a charter to the Grange members in the State of California which, under the authority of the National Grange, authorizes this assembly to present the Degree of Flora and perform all actions of a State Grange. President Luttrell told the members the original charter date in California is 15 July 1873. This charter is marked as a duplicate charter.

The California Grange President, Ed Komski accepted the charter on behalf of the Grange members in California.

**Progress Report:**

President Komski described the activities performed by the Board on behalf of the member since the meeting in February 2014. He advised that the By-Laws are complete and will be provided to the members present. He also advised that an Errors and Omissions insurance policy for Officers and Directors has already been secured for the State Grange, Chartered. Cost is \$1,587 for a \$3-million policy. This is a defensive policy and action must be brought in order to defend.

He advised that the Board works as a team on behalf of the membership, pledging to support and protect the Grange organizations in California.

Brother Komski described the process to complete the By-Laws for California. The Board began with a clean slate and developed By-Laws to administer the needs of the membership in California. He thanked Brother Bill Booth who acted as a consultant with the Board during the development of the By-Laws.

Each Board member discussed the participation of the Board as a Team. Johnny Squire commented that the By-Laws are the rules of the road, and the group endeavored to make sure there were no misunderstandings. Bill Booth stated that this is the best document to guide the Grange in California toward the future. Inger Bevans told the group that the Board sought clarity, melding State Corporate Code with the By-Laws and sought counsel and advice from others. Lillian Booth said this was a framework to start rebuilding. Bob Clouse commented this document was also viewed as a means to prevent any repeat of adverse actions occurring in the past; starting brand new from scratch, using a "Get-r-done" attitude. Ed Komski concluded by stating the Granges need to communicate with the Board to discuss the By-Laws and we need mutual understanding.

**Communication:**

Brother Komski also advised that an e-mail list is being established in the membership database. There will be the ability to opt out of the published list for privacy. If there is no e-mail available, please provide a mailing address for future communications.

**Regional Meetings:**

As progress is made, Regional Meeting will be set up. This will be as many as is needed to communicate throughout the State. Master and Officers will be invited. Brother Komski asked for volunteers to act as ambassadors to help set up meetings in various areas. Suggestions were made to use the Pomona Grange areas to start the facilitation.

**Youth Fair:**

The Youth Fair Program will remain in effect for any Youth showing now. If the Fair Managers call to request verification, they will be advised if the sponsoring Grange is in good standing. If not, the Youth will not be able to show.

**Resources:**

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Presidents Luttrell and Komski assured the assembled members that National Grange is acting as equal partners with the Chartered State Grange. All resources available will be provided to assist the individual Granges.

**Good Standing Status:**

Brother Komski provided information regarding Granges in Good Standing and how Granges can return to good standing in California.

1. Granges paying their dues to the National Grange are in good standing.
2. Granges who are paying dues to the revoked organization and want to return to good standing may do so by providing documentation of dues paid to the former organization and paying the current quarter to the Chartered California Grange.
3. Granges who held their dues in trust until there was a Chartered Grange in California may remit all back dues to the Chartered California Grange and the National dues will be sent on.
4. All Granges who were paying dues to the former organization must stop and begin remitting to the Chartered California Grange.
5. Any Grange who pays to both the Chartered California Grange and the former organization must stop paying to the former organization. If this continues, the charter of that Community Grange will be in jeopardy.

**Forms and By-Laws:**

CD disks containing the By-Laws, quarterly report forms, and historical journal information were passed out to the members in attendance to use for the future. Any questions regarding quarterly reports and forms are to be directed to the Secretary, Lillian Booth.

**Closing Remarks**

Brother Ed Luttrell commented that all Special Deputy assignments in California expire as of today. Any resolutions for consideration at National Session in Ohio should be submitted to the Chartered California Grange Board in order to forward to National by early September.

Further questions were addressed regarding the window of opportunity for Granges to return to good standing. The Board considered this and as of this date, the planned date to complete the goal is 12/31/2014.

Regional Meeting volunteers are Pat Schunneman, Cupertino Grange; Linda MacCracken; Sacramento County; Bob Clouse, Butte County; and Ed Mitchell from Monterey County.

Orangevale Grange extended an invitation to host the Annual Session in June of 2015 at their facility.

Meeting was adjourned.

**California Stage Grange**  
**Minutes of Board Meeting -- July 12, 2014**  
**Orangevale Grange Hall**

The meeting was called to order at the conclusion of the Charter Presentation by President Ed Komski.

**Roll Call:**

Present were, Bob Clouse, Inger Bevans, Johnny Squire, Executive Committee members; Lillian Booth, Secretary; and Ed Komski, President.

**Minutes:**

No minutes were read due to this being the first meeting.

**New Business:**

Board Resolution BOD-2014-01 "Authorization for Checking Account" was presented for consideration. It was moved by Clouse to adopt this resolution. Seconded by Squire. AYE: Squire, Clouse, Bevans, Komski, and Booth. NAY: None. Motion carried. BOD-2014-01, adopted.

Board Resolution BOD-2014-02 "Checking Account Procedures" was presented for consideration. It was amended to increase the single authorized bank signature threshold from \$1,500 to \$3,000. It was moved by Komski to approve as amended. Seconded by Clouse. AYE: Squire Clouse, Bevans, Komski and Booth. NAY: None. Motion carried. BOD-2014-02, adopted as amended.

Board Resolution BOD-2014-03 "Set Compensation of Master/President/CEO of this Grange" was presented for consideration. It was moved by Squire to adopt the resolution setting compensation at \$36,000 per annum with a \$100 per month office allowance. Seconded by Clouse. AYE: Clouse, Bevans, Squire and Booth. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Komski. Motion carried. BOD-2014-03 adopted.

Board Resolution BOD-2014-04 "Setting Compensation for State Secretary" was presented for consideration. It was moved by Komski to adopt the resolution setting compensation at \$18,000 per annum with a \$100 per month office allowance. Seconded by Clouse. AYE: Clouse, Bevans, Squire and Komski. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Booth. Motion carried. BOD-2014-04 adopted.

Board Resolution BOD-2014-05 "Expenses of Officers and Directors" was presented for consideration. It was moved by Clouse to adopt the resolution and setting mileage compensation at \$0.30 per mile. Seconded by Komski. AYE: Bevans, Booth, Clouse, Komski and Squire. Motion carried. BOD-2014-05 adopted.

It was suggested to add reimbursed expenses to the Handbook to require submission within 30 days for reimbursement. After 30 days, the claim would be void.

**Regional Meetings:**

A schedule of regional meetings need to be set. Tentative date set for Wyandotte Grange on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Booth to follow-up with Wyandotte.

Other possible locations are Bakersfield, San Luis Obispo and Monterey.

Meeting was adjourned.

**California Stage Grange**  
**Minutes of Board Meeting**  
**Meeting of August 23, 2014 – Orangevale Grange Hall Annex**



Meeting of the Board of Directors of the California State Grange was called to order 08/23/14 at 10:25 a.m. by the Worthy Master, Ed Kowski. Master Kowski welcomed all members present and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **1. Roll Call of Officers**

Roll call of officers found the following Directors present:

Master: Ed Kowski  
Secretary/Treasurer: Lillian Booth  
Executive Committee: Johnny Squire, Bob Clouse, and Inger Bevans

Guests Present are: Jerry Macklem, Master, Orangevale Grange; Cindysue Jones, Overseer, Orangevale Grange; Katie Squire, Master, Central Union Grange; and Sharon Taylor, Rio Linda Grange.

### **2. Reading and Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the July 12, 2014 Charter Presentation were read. Motion by Clouse to adopt as read. Seconded by Squire. AYE: Clouse, Bevans, Squire, Kowski and Booth. NAY: None. Minutes are adopted as read.

Minutes of the July 12, 2014 Board meeting were read. Motion by Clouse to approve as read. Seconded by Squire. AYE: Clouse, Bevans, Squire, Kowski and Booth. NAY: None. Minutes are adopted as read.

### **3. Financial Report**

Financial report provided by Secretary/Treasurer Booth shows current cash balance of \$30,020.00. No expenses have been paid as of this date. Motion by Bevans to approve the financial report. Seconded by Clouse. AYE: Clouse, Bevans, Squire, Kowski, and Booth. NAY: None. Deposit report approved.

Report of the accounting of funds at National Grange for the chartered California State Grange. Quarterly Grange Insurance Association funds are currently \$28,875. Other funds anticipated are approximately \$73,000, which will be sent to the Board by National Grange in the near future.

Master Kowski asked Brother Clouse to explain the Grange Insurance Association (GIA) funds to the assembled members. Brother Clouse advised when GIA was considering removing the membership requirement for policy holders, they found the State of Washington would require the company to pay a "policy tax". The company chose instead to pay a membership fee to the National Grange for the policyholders in the states where GIA does business. In turn, the National Grange chose to remit a percentage of those funds to the Grange States, dividing the amount by the policy holders for each state. The contract is between GIA and the National Grange. GIA currently pays approximately \$600,000 to the National Grange and the monies are disbursed by National Grange to the individual GIA States on a quarterly basis.

#### Expenses.

Expenses for July and August are proposed for approval.

Bank - Opening Deposit	\$ 20.00
Board Stipend July & August	\$ 9,000.00
Legal	\$ 667.80
Office Stipend	\$ 400.00
Postage	\$ 26.72
Software	\$ 205.19

Travel - Lodging	\$ 389.76
Travel - Air Fare	\$ 1,408.10
Travel - Meals	\$ 67.15
Travel – Parking & Ground Transport	\$ 184.19
Travel - Mileage	\$ 372.30
Web-Site	\$ 394.99
Western States Registration Fee	\$ 60.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$13,196.20</u>

Motion by Clouse to pay the bills as presented. Seconded by Bevans. AYE: Clouse, Bevans, Squire, Komski and Booth. NAY: None. Motion carried.

#### **4. Communications**

Two rulings by the National Grange Master, Ed Luttrell, were read from July and August. The memo from August describes an exit strategy for Granges who do not wish to comply with the National Grange Digest and By-Laws, with consequences to the actions. Any grace period to comply will be final by 11/01/2015.

Question posed regarding if there is an official written form to request a return to good standing. There is not one at this time, but it is in development.

There was also clarification on situations where Subordinate/Community Granges are paying dues to both organizations. The term "Grange" and payments to the State Grange have been clarified by the National Grange Master.

#### **5. Reports**

A letter went out to the membership from the National Grange Master, Ed Luttrell, advising the official status and reorganization of the California State Grange, and recognizing the elected officers of the State Grange, and acceptance of the By-Laws.

The Trademark lawsuit continues. As of yesterday, the McFarland group filed their responses to the counter-claims, with their amended answers.

Regarding the membership lists currently in use the California State Grange, chartered, these fall into three categories:

- (1) Individual Members in good standing – list is private;
- (2) Publication list/Roster – list is Public and provides for communication within the organization;
- (3) Private list – is held between the Secretary and Master, which remains password protected. This list will be used for mass communication. Amended every time an e-mail is added or edited.

#### **6. Old Business**

##### **a. National Grange vs. the McFarland Group**

Memos received from National Grange Master with July ruling and August ruling regarding Granges in Good Standing. All communications from the Board are being reviewed before sending out.

Currently documents are being formulated for release to the general membership communicating the current status of The State Grange in California and the McFarland group. Further specific legal details will be discussed during the Closed Session.

Discussion on how the situation came to the point it is now between the National Grange and the McFarland group. The Founders of the Organization did not foresee a situation where anyone who violated the rules would have to be forced out of the organization. Grange Charges pending against specific members are in the public documents filed with the Courts and available from the Courts.

#### **b. Corporate and Non-Profit status of Community Granges**

Two e-mails have been received regarding the non-profit status of the Community Granges.

- (1) Craig Engle, Attorney with National Grange. We may fall under the blanket exemption – or file individually. It is our choice.
- (2) Ed Luttrell, National Grange President. The National Grange can provide blanket exemption per previous conversations. Already paid for the blanket exemption.

#### Non-Profit Status report by Inger Bevans:

The State Grange can file non-profit under two different codes, i.e. 501c (8) or 501c (10). Granges can only be included in a Group exemption by making a written request per IRS rules and regulations. The State Grange Secretary used to do all of the filings. No one has asked for information from the Subordinate/Community Granges since the 1980's. The Subordinate/Community Granges typically do not know how to maintain their filings as an individual entity.

In reviewing the current Grange lists, there are ten Granges with a Code 0, which is an independent exemption letter from the IRS. These Granges should not lose that. All contributions to Granges with 501c (8) or 501c (10) are tax deductible.

The California State Grange needs to communicate properly with the Subordinate/Community Granges for their non-profit status with the IRS and the State of California. Individual Granges which have been revoked by the IRS have to pay a \$100 fee and need to file 1024 Forms. No update to IRS Form 8718 since 1998.

Master Kowski appointed Sister Bevans as the responsible person to establish and continue to administer the non-profit status of the individual Subordinate/Community Granges within California. Sister Bevans will also provide continuing reports at the Board Meetings. This will become an agenda item.

#### **c. Plan of action to restore Granges to Good Standing**

This topic is addressed in the current letter from the National Grange Master. Per the By-Laws, if no dues are received from Subordinate/Community Granges for more than one quarter, the Grange is no longer in good standing.

Reviewed the five categories to be in good standing. There have been several Granges who paid the full amount of dues to the McFarland Group believing their dues were being paid on to the National Grange. We need further information on those Granges. .

Need to reach the Granges who have been holding their dues waiting for the establishment of the State Grange. Need to advise Subordinate/Community Granges of the final date of 11/1/2015 to bring Granges in compliance of Good Standing.

Brother Squire voiced concern that we need to communicate with all of the members of the Granges. Currently, letters have only been sent to the Masters and Secretaries of the Granges and no further communication with the other members.

Brother Kowski commented that all Granges have unique personalities. Need to use all methods available to get the message to the members. Need to use advertising and other public means to assist

to get the word out. Have also been using certified mail with signed receipt requested with some good effect.

Break was called at 12:10

CLOSED SESSION Convened at 12:25 to discuss personnel and legal issues.

CLOSED SESSION Ended at 12:52 hrs.

Lunch was brought in and the meeting continued during lunch.

#### **d. Membership Information from Community Granges**

Per discussion by the Board, Secretary Booth will contact the Granges who were not in attendance at the meetings in July to obtain membership information, contact information for officers and send updated forms. If people want to be members, it needs to be easy to do so.

Within two weeks of the close of the quarter, the Secretary is directed to send the Board a list of paid and delinquent Granges. Continuous updates will be sent to the Board as information is received.

#### **e. Schedule of Regional Meetings with Community Granges**

A schedule of Regional meetings will be set to provide essential information to Subordinate/Community Granges in those areas.

Agenda will include:

- Five points of membership categories per the National Grange Master's ruling
  - Sub-categories will be:
    - (1) Demits
    - (2) Status
    - (3) Information to gather and submit
- How to remain in compliance/good standing as a Grange and as a member
  - Sub-Categories:
    - (1) Dues
    - (2) Core Requirements
      - a. Charter status
      - b. Quorums for meetings at all levels
      - c. Purpose of the By-Laws
      - d. Copy of the By-Laws of National & State By-Laws.
      - e. Membership applications
      - f. Meetings
- Events of other Granges – communication and calendars
  - Sub-Categories
    - (1) State Grange Events
    - (2) Regional Events
    - (3) Subordinate Events
    - (4) Community Events
- Public Relations / Fraternal Operations
  - Sub-Categories
    - (1) Internal Structure
    - (2) Relationships
      - a. State and National Grange relationship
      - b. State and Subordinate/Community Granges

(3) Pending Litigation – current status

- Benefits of Membership
  - Sub-Categories:
    - (1) NEW CAMPAIGN - “Grange In The Kitchen”
      - a. Promote the historical relationship between Grange and Food – bring into the present
        - i. From Farm to Table concepts
      - b. Food Preparation
      - c. Promote Nutrition / Preparation / Preservation
      - d. Gardening
      - e. Partner with other groups
    - (2) Grange in the Kitchen Calendar
      - a. Coordinate with harvesting, herbs, etc.
      - b. Photography contest of food and vegetables
      - c. Food contests – all new.
- Non-Profit status of Subordinate/Community Granges
  - Sub-Categories:
    - (1) Current Status
    - (2) Retention
    - (3) Reporting to State Grange, State of California and IRS
- Grange Program Development - Update, Development, Changes, Informing, and Action.
  - Sub-Categories:
    - (1) Grange In the Kitchen
    - (2) Youth
    - (3) Juniors
    - (4) Ritual

## **7. New Business**

### **a. Preliminary Budget Discussion for 2014/2015**

A budget is needed – unknown what categories to spend at this point. Discussion tabled until further information is received.

### **b. Proposal for Bookkeeping Services from Powers Bookkeeping**

Powers Bookkeeping proposal reviewed. Becky Powers will set up the accounting structure and oversee the accounting process for the chartered California State Grange at a cost of \$65.00 per hour.

Motion made by Clouse to agree to contract with Powers Bookkeeping for services. Seconded by: Squire. AYE: Clouse, Bevans, Squire, and Booth. NAY: None. Abstain: Komski

### **c. Payroll/Payroll Tax Processing**

Powers Bookkeeping was consulted regarding the Board Stipend for the Master and Secretary as proposed at the last meeting. Per Powers Bookkeeping, the stipend needs to be processed as salary as per IRS rules and the nature of the work done. The Board discussed the payroll and payroll tax processing for two employees. Several options were reviewed and discussed comparing services and cost. Board delegated the final decision on a vendor to Komski and Booth. To be decided by Tuesday August 26, 2014. Board will be advised of the decision.

### **d. Procedure for Background checks for Junior/Youth Leaders**

Standardized background checks will be required for all Grange members working with Youth and Junior members. These checks will include a search of national and state databases for criminal activity

and driver's license information. Cost is a minimum of \$3.50 per person and will be required at the local level. A letter will be prepared for the Granges to advise the requirement for compliance of the membership. Background checks will need to be completed by January 1, 2015.

**e. Website**

- i. Administrative Procedures  
Website password is only given to members in good standing.  
This is a temporary website. It will be changed at a later date.
- ii. Launch Date
  1. Was launched 08/17/2014
- iii. Agendas, minutes and e-mail addresses for the Board will be on the website.

**f. Communication procedures**

Any letters to communicate on behalf of the chartered California State Grange will need to be reviewed before it is sent out. Submit anything for publication through Brother Komski.

**g. National Grange request for letters to National Association of Agriculture Educators (NAAE).**

Request from the National Membership Director, Michael Martin to contact members of the National Association of Agriculture Educators (NAAE). Names will be provided to the local Granges in good standing. Need to coordinate with the local Masters in their own community.

The letter will be amended before sending to the local Masters for publication.

- h. Amend Board Resolution BOD-2014-03 by deleting the words "annual stipend" and adding "yearly salary".**
- i. Amend Board Resolution BOD-2014-04 by deleting the words "annual stipend" and adding "yearly salary".**

Per the IRS rules, the annual stipend is to be considered as an annual salary and payroll taxes are to be paid accordingly. It was moved by Bevans to amend Board Resolutions BOD-2014-03 and BOD-2014-04 by deleting the words "annual stipend" and adding "yearly salary" to amend "stipend" to "yearly salary" as per advice of the bookkeeper. Seconded by Clouse. AYE: Clouse, Bevans, Squire, Komski and Booth. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**8. Other business for the Good of the Order.**

The members from Orangevale commented that children coming into the Grange truly enjoy the ritual and stories about the Grange. The current members have not used the ritual and do not know how to teach the children. Give the children a purpose to be in the Grange. Help them learn.

**9. Executive Session**

Closed executive session was held from 12:15pm to 12:25 pm to discuss legal and personnel issues. No action taken by the Board.

The next meeting will be an Executive Session by phone, as per the By-Laws, to discuss legal issues and updates. Date to be set within the next two weeks.

Having no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

**California Stage Grange**

**Minutes of Board Meeting**  
**December 20 & 21, 2014 -- Sacramento, CA**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the California State Grange was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 20, 2014, at the Marriott Hotel Conference Room in Rancho Cordova, California.

**Roll Call:**

Roll-call found the following members present: Ed Komski, President/CEO/Master; Lillian Booth, Secretary/Treasurer; Bob Clouse, Executive Committee Member; Inger Bevans, Executive Committee Member; and Johnny Squire, Executive Committee Member.

Guests present for the open session were: Katie Squire, Central Union Grange; Bill Booth, DeSabra Grange; Martha Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange; Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange; Shirley Baker, Orangevale Grange, and Etta Smith, Orangevale Grange.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Board Meeting of August 23, 2014, were read by Secretary, Lillian Booth. Corrections were made by Board Members. It was moved by Komski to table approval of the minutes to Sunday 12/21. Seconded by Clouse. AYE: Komski, Booth, Clouse, Bevans & Squire. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Closed Session was convened at 9:30 a.m., and guests were excused from the meeting. Closed Session completed at 11:15. Open Session resumed. Guests were admitted to the open meeting. No actions taken by the Board during the closed session.

**Financial Reports**

Financial reports were distributed to the Board Members for review.

**Communications**

No communication were received

**Committee and Director Reports**

Corporate & Non-Profit Status Committee - - Inger Bevans, Chairman

- Grange need to be aware of their corporate and non-profit status between Franchise Tax Board (FTB), Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Secretary of State (SOS). The California State Grange will support Subordinate/Community Granges to be whole with all areas of compliance, and are committed to assisting the membership by helping out the Community Granges.
- A number of Community/Subordinate Granges have not filed the FTB 199N. This can be filed on-line for Granges whose gross receipts are under \$50,000 annually. Every organization is required to file their own whether in a group exemption or not. 199N started in 2007. In 2010 revocations started. If not filed for three consecutive years, FTB will revoke the tax status. Numerous Granges have been revoked – will concentrate on four Granges who are paying dues to us.
- Rosedale Grange needs assistance, and are being helped. Their status was revoked by IRS & FTB and need to pay the full \$850.00 application fee for reinstatement.

It was moved by Bevans to loan Rosedale Grange the necessary fees to return to good standing in the IRS & FTB, with an agreement to repay that amount from trust funds when those funds are accessible. Seconded by Squire. AYE: Booth, Clouse, Komski, Bevans, and Squire. NAY: None.

- Once Granges are in good standing per the By-Laws, notification will be sent to Inger in order to check on the FTB and IRS status.

- Inger noted that Granges can only be revoked by the IRS in the last 90 days of the year. If a Grange has not been notified yet, then their status is good for 2015.
- With any applications, Granges will have to attach their articles of incorporation. These can be requested from the Secretary of State's Office.
- Lillian added that compliance dates have been added to the Grange membership database. A report will be generated each year to help those Granges who are renewing their status with FTB/IRS.
- Inger will mentor other members who are interested in how to review and assist Granges to remain in compliance.

Session was recessed for lunch  
Session reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

### **National Grange Session Report – Sandusky, Ohio, 2014**

State Master, Ed Kowski, reported on the National Grange Session held in Sandusky, Ohio. California was well represented by Ed & Cynthia Kowski, Bob Clouse, and Bill & Lillian Booth.

The California Litigation was discussed on the floor by the National Delegates. By a roll-call vote of the states, a final vote of 51 to 2 delegates approved continuing the current litigation to resolve the issues in California.

California hosted a small hospitality room where delegates and members were able to visit in a casual one-on-one setting. Written information was available for any who wished to review it, and California members were available to answer questions.

At the last banquet, Master Kowski won the auction for the National Junior Grange Department. The item is a one-of-a-kind engraved vase' designed for the 148<sup>th</sup> National Grange Annual Session. This vase' depicts the year the California State Grange returned to good standing in the National Grange and will be displayed by the California State Grange.

### **Membership Report**

Lillian Booth, Secretary reported. Membership reports were presented to the Board Members including total membership, membership by Grange, and Granges currently in good standing.

Bill Booth presented information on the design and implementation of the State Grange membership database. The database is able to generate internal demographic reports, geographic reports and length of service. Reports are also designed to understand which members are joining and, more importantly, which members are leaving and why. Members have been reassured that the membership list will not be sold.

The database will also generate the membership reports required by the National Grange. As additional reports are needed, they can be designed and made available to the Board.

### **Community Granges**

Bob Clouse will be the Chairman of Organizing and Reorganizing Granges. Bob will also coordinate the insurance services with the organizing Granges.

- Dixon Grange
  - Bob will be meeting with the members to proceed with the organization. There are potentially 80 charter members for this Grange.
- Vista Grange
  - Vista Grange has surrendered their charter and demitted their membership to another Grange. A letter was received requesting a representative to pick up their regalia. They will store it for one year. A letter will be drafted requesting all of the Grange records with the regalia, as per the By-Laws. Bob Clouse will contact Vista Grange representatives to arrange for transfer of the items.
- Capay and Maywood Granges



- o Bob has attempted to contact members to arrange to meet with them, and has been unsuccessful. He will continue to follow-up to attempt to set a meeting with them.

## **Old Business**

### *Communication with Community Granges*

Communication is important directly to the members of the Granges. There are only e-mail addresses for approximately half of the current membership. After discussion by the Board, the Secretary will mail by USPS information to the members who do not have e-mail addresses in the database.

### *Regional Meetings with Community Granges*

Regional meetings are necessary to meet with the members who have questions and to discuss future programs for the Grange in California

Approximate schedule for Regional Meetings is proposed as follows:

February – Butte County / Wyandotte Grange

March – Coalinga area

April – Morgan Hill

May – An on-line virtual meeting for those unable to attend the other locations.

Regional Meetings should be held in conjunction with future Board Meetings.

\*\*\* Meeting was recessed at 5:45 pm. Will reconvene at 9:00 am tomorrow.

Meeting was reconvened on Sunday December 21, 2014 at 9:00 am with all officers present. Visitors included Bill Booth, Katie Squire and Etta Smith.

## **Old Business Continued**

### *Insurance*

Bob Clouse reported that Grange Insurance Assoc. is cancelling Grange Hall policies around the state. Maintenance and condition of the halls is the main reason for the cancellations. Granges who are renting space are asked to provide proof of insurance to the property owners. National Grange market was eliminated. There are alternate specialty markets available for the organizations. .  
Reviewed proposal Media coverage proposal. Quoted for \$2,766.00. Declined

## **New Business**

### *National Grange Dues Increase*

National Grange delegates approved a dues increase of \$2.00 per year per person. Granges in California did not have representative at the 2013 meeting for the first reading and vote of the resolution to increase the dues. Typically Granges have advance notice of a pending dues increase and can vote to adjust their dues amounts in advance.  
A letter will be sent by the Secretary to explain the new dues structure for March 2015.

### *Newsletter*

Master Komski appointed Bill Booth as the Communications Director  
Bill reported on the newsletter "The California Granger". It is planned to send this out once per month. Currently, we do not qualify for a USPS non-profit bulk business mail permit, as yet. First issue will go out before the end of January. Need articles and information from the officers/directors and Community Granges.

### *Website*

Chairman Bill Booth –

The website will now be under the direction of Communications Chairman, Bill Booth. Updated pages will be posted shortly. Lillian Booth will administer the Facebook page coordinating with the website.

#### *State Officers*

##### Overseer

The Board discussed the vacancy of Overseer. Master Komski will begin a dialog with a Granger to discuss responsibilities of the Overseer. Any appointment would be effective through the June 2015 election at the Annual Session. .

##### Chaplain

Three letters of interest were received from members for consideration for appointment to the office of State Chaplain. It was moved by Clouse to appoint Bill Compton, Grover Beach Grange, to fill the office of Chaplain, per By-Laws Section 7.7.2 until the June 2015 election. Seconded by Booth. AYE: Clouse, Bevans, Komski, Booth & Squire. NAY: None. Motion carried.

##### Lecturer

It was moved by Clouse to appoint Barbara Geiger, Prunedale Grange, to fill the office of Lecturer, per By-Laws Section 7.7.2 until the June 2015 election. Seconded by Bevans. AYE: Clouse, Bevans, Komski, Booth & Squire. NAY: None. Motion carried.

##### Pomona

It was moved by Booth to present an appointment to Colleen Esola, Orangevale Grange, to fill the office of Pomona, per By-Laws Section 7.7.2 until the June 2015 election, and upon acceptance, to appoint her to that office. Seconded by Clouse. AYE: Clouse, Bevans, Komski, Booth & Squire. NAY: None. Motion carried.

##### Flora:

It was moved by Bevans to appointment to Etta Smith, Prunedale Grange, to fill the office of Flora, per By-Laws Section 7.7.2 until the June 2015 election. Seconded by Clouse. AYE: Clouse, Bevans, Komski, Booth & Squire. NAY: None. Motion carried.

##### Lady Assistant Steward

It was moved by Booth to present an appointment to Suzi Laskowski, Rosedale Grange, to fill the office of Lady Assistant Steward, per By-Laws Section 7.7.2 until the June 2015 election, and upon acceptance, to appoint her to that office. Seconded by Clouse. AYE: Clouse, Bevans, Komski, Booth & Squire. NAY: None. Motion carried.

##### Assistant Steward

It was moved by Clouse to present an appointment to Brandon Nebitt, Rosedale Grange, to fill the office of Assistant Steward, per By-Laws Section 7.7.2 until the June 2015 election, and upon acceptance, to appoint him to that office. Seconded by Bevans. AYE: Clouse, Bevans, Komski, Booth & Squire. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Other offices remaining to be filled are:

Steward, Gatekeeper, Treasurer, Ceres, and Musician

## **Annual Convention**

### *Schedule*

A draft schedule of the 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Session was reviewed and discussed. It will be refined as plans progress. Dates and deadlines will be published in the Newsletter and on the website.

Flag Presentation – Katie Squire will request the Golden Empire Council to present the Boy Scout Flag Protocol for the Convention. Invitations will be sent to the County Supervisor, local dignitaries, and the Boy Scouts to participate in the Session.

### *Resolutions*

Any resolutions written since the 2011 convention, may be brought to the 140th California State Grange convention, by any Grange in good standing. These resolutions should receive the opportunity (1) to be heard in June at the session (2) to have a Lobbyist with permission to lobby on behalf of the State Grange, (3) supported by the delegates and (4) to be taken to National Session by California State Grange representatives.

### *Resolution Committees*

Committees for this session will be:

- Agriculture - Johnny Squire, Chairman
- Conservation -
- Audit & Budget – Inger Bevans, Chairman
- Citizenship --
- Education & Health --
- Grange Law – Bill Booth, Chairman
- Grange Growth & Development --
- Labor & Judiciary --

Chairman and committee members should be appointed as soon as possible. Must be members in good standing. Committee work will start in May with an expectation that resolutions will be heard the first day. The State Grange Policy Handbook from 2011 will be referred to the committee chairmen. Committees will review for policies to be used in 2015. Bill Booth will begin the work to format the Policy Handbook for the Chairmen.

### *Programs*

#### Contests

Speech and Sign-A-Song contest finals will be held at the Session. Winners are eligible to participate in the Regional and National Competitions.

#### Degrees

Fifth Degree will be under the direction of Lillian Booth.

Sixth Degree will be under the direction of Bob Clouse with assistance from Lillian & Bill Booth.

#### National Grange Representative

We will be inviting Michael Martin, National Grange Membership Director as the National Grange Representative.

#### Grange Expo 2015

The Grange Expo will return for 2015. Brother Komski appointed Katie Squire as the Director for the Expo. She will provide information for the website and will begin advertising the Expo.

Any project made since 2011 will be eligible for the 2015 Expo at the 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange.

## **State Grange Administration**

### *Non-Profit Status*

Requests have been submitted to the National Grange and Internal Revenue Service

### *Procedure for Surrendered Funds and Property*

A draft of the procedures to hold any surrendered funds and/or property will be designed strictly in accordance with the current State and National Grange By-Laws. Lillian will draft the document and send to Ed for review.

#### *Investment Banking*

Consideration of moving some funds from General Checking to investment banking. It was moved by Lillian for Ed Komski to establish an investment account and move up to \$100,000 in Grange funds to that account. Seconded by Bevans. Discussion. AYE: Clouse, Squire, Bevans, Komski, Booth. NAY: None. Motion carried.

#### **Approval of minutes**

The Board agreed by common consent to postpone approval of the minutes until reviewed by legal counsel. Minutes will be presented at the next meeting.

#### **Other business for the Good of the Order.**

##### *Distinguished Granges*

Bob Clouse reported on National Convention Distinguished Grange Awards. Bob made commitment for California to have Distinguished Granges at the National Session in Nebraska in 2015. Applications must be postmarked by August 14<sup>th</sup>. Information will be placed on the website.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:11.

### **California Stage Grange** **Minutes of Board Meeting** **Saturday, March 31, 2015 -- Orangevale Grange Hall, Orangevale, CA**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the California State Grange was called to order at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 31, 2015, at the Orangevale Grange Hall, Orangevale California by Master Ed Komski.

#### **Roll Call of Officers.**

President, Ed Komski; Secretary/Treasurer, Lillian Booth; Executive Committee Members Johnny Squire, Inger Bevans; and Bob Clouse. Were all present.

Closed session was called at 10:05 am for Board of Directors members only.

Open Session reconvened at 10:45 am. No action items taken during Closed Session.

#### **Reading and approval of minutes.**

Minutes of the August 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Motion by Clouse to approve minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bevans. AYE: Clouse, Komski, Squire, Bevans & Booth. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Minutes of the December 20 and 21, 2014 Board of Directors meeting were read. Motion by Squire to approve the minutes as corrected. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clouse. AYE: Clouse, Komski, Squire, Bevans & Booth. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Guests at the meeting were introduced:

Mt Vernon Grange, Carol Ormsby & Richmond Johnson, Orangevale Grange; Linda & Jerry Macklem, Greg & Cindy Sue Jones; Jeanne Clouse, College & Howard Esola, and Donovan Hanks; DeSabra Grange, Bill Booth; and Central Union Grange, Katie Squire.

**Financial Reports** were presented to the Board for Review.

**Communications:** No Communications were received.

### **Committee & Director Reports**

Corporate & Non-Profit Status Committee – Inger Bevans

- Inger reported she is working with Granges who are in need of assistance with non-profit status. These are being processed on a case-by-case basis
- No escalation for attorneys has been required.

Communications Director – Bill Booth

- Newsletter has been receiving positive feedback. Mailing permits and USPS requirements are being reviewed to use optimal mailings.
- Website was updated last week. There are currently 97 unique pages on the website now.
- A request was made for reimbursement of direct expenses to the Adobe Suite of \$25.00 per month as a pro-rata share of subscription-based programs. Request to purchase WuFoo.com for secure on-line forms. Cost is \$269 per year. Requests approved.
- Bill requested a subscription to Survey Monkey at \$300/year. This provides an unlimited amount of surveys for the year. Can be used to design surveys for the membership to determine membership needs and program development. Request approved.
- All costs and programs will be revisited at the end of the year.

Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire

- The Expo Book is ready as of today. Will do a cover letter for Ed to send a group email to the membership. At this point, all prize monies have been removed from the Expo Program.
- Requesting made to set up a t-shirt fundraiser to sell "Keep Calm – Let the Grange Do It" T-Shirts. The funds will be used to purchase ribbons and pins for the prize winners. Katie will investigate a Grange Expo Pin with ability to add 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc. to the pins.

Membership – Lillian Booth

- Dixon Grange was organized. Bob Clouse reported that Orangevale Grange invited Dixon to the last meeting. Orangevale will be mentoring the Dixon members, and have voted to purchase 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Manuals for each of the officers.
- Membership reports were presented to the Board for review.

Distinguished Grange Program – Bob Clouse

- The Distinguished Grange program criteria was in the newsletter. Deadline is 8/14/15.
- Encouraging Granges in California to participate. We are asking Granges to set a goal and know they are supported by the State Grange.

### **Old Business**

Officer Vacancies – Postponed until the 4/12/2015 meeting  
Convention

- Resolution Committee Chairmen Appointments
  1. Agriculture – Johnny Squire, Chairman
  2. Conservation –
  3. Citizenship –
  4. Education & Health –
  5. Grange Law – Bill Booth, Chairman
  6. Grange Growth & Development –

## 7. Labor & Judiciary –

- Convention contact – Orangevale Grange contact will be Cindy Sue Jones. All activities will be held at the Orangevale Grange Hall
- Convention Youth/Young Adult Activities Directors: Mike & LoRee Lampke, DeSabra Grange, will direct the activities for the Youth and Young Adults, ages 14-25, during the Annual Session.

### **New Business**

Due to the time certain of the Regional Meeting, the balance of new business was postponed until the 4/12/15 meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

### **California Stage Grange Minutes of Board Meeting Sunday, April 12, 2015 -- Morgan Hill Grange Hall**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the California State Grange was called to order at 10:00 am on Sunday, April 12, 2015, at the Morgan Hill Grange Hall, Morgan Hill, California, by Master Ed Komski.

### **Roll Call of Officers.**

President, Ed Komski; Secretary/Treasurer, Lillian Booth; Executive Committee Members Johnny Squire, Inger Bevans; and Bob Clouse. All officers present.

**Closed Session** was called at 10:05 a.m. for the Board of Directors. No action items taken during closed session.

Open Session was reconvened at 11:04 am

Members attending the meeting were: Barbara Geiger, California State Grange Lecturer, Prunedale & Aptos Grange; Katie Squire, Expo Director, Central Union Grange; Dale Baker, Orangevale Grange; Houghton "Tom" Sawyer, Morgan Hill Grange, Past CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE Executive Committee & past President of the Grange Foundation; Elsie Rodrigues Corral de Tierra Grange; Trish Duarte, Monterey Pomona Grange; Nola Martini, Morgan Hill Grange; and Patty Schunneman, Cupertino Grange.

### **Reading and approval of minutes.**

Minutes of the March 31, 2015, meeting were read. It was moved by Clouse to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Bevans. Aye: Komski, Clouse, Squire, Bevans and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.

### **Financial Reports**

Expense Authorizations were reviewed. Year-End financial reports were reviewed. No further action.

### **Communications**

Received a letter from the Grange Insurance Association with a \$1,000 check, recognizing the current membership...

Elk Grove Grange notified Brother Komski they have new officers and are working toward returning to good standing with the California State Grange.

National Grange sent communication announcing the National Grange Session locations as follows:

- 149<sup>th</sup> Session – Lincoln Nebraska
- 150<sup>th</sup> Session – Washington DC
- 151<sup>st</sup> Session – Washington State

### **Committee & Director Reports**

Corporate & Non-Profit Status Committee – Inger Bevans

Inger has not received word from any Granges who are currently having problems with their corporate status. Has been monitoring the status of Granges in good standing. Need to send a letter to all Granges who have been revoked or in need of updating their corporate status, no matter their standing.

Communications Director – Bill Booth

Bill reports he is still communicating. The next issue of The California Granger Newsletter is going into production very soon. In process of adding more links from the Newsletter and other publications to the current website.

Website – signed up for WuFoo forms. Using this, a member can request to be on a committee at State Session. Will be added to the website the Monday or Tuesday. Adding more links from the Newsletter and publications.

Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire

In process of adding information to the websites etc. This year the Expo contests will be concentrating the entries without as many separate classes. The Expo Book covers Art to Woodworking, and includes the National Grange Youth & National Junior Grange contests.

T-shirt fundraiser update – Have sold a total of 2 t-shirts. Need to get the information out. The deadline will be extended to allow others to participate. A minimum of 50 shirts is required.

Award pins will cost approximately \$1.00 each for 500 pins. Pin design can adapt to the Fair Program also.

It was moved by Clouse to purchase 50 shirts in appropriate sizes for the t-shirt fundraiser. Shirts to be sold at the Annual Session. Seconded by Booth. Discussion. AYE: Komski, Clouse, Booth, Bevans, Squire NAY: None. Motion carried.

Membership Report – Lillian Booth

Quarter just closed, will send updates to the Board as reports are received.

Distinguished Grange Program – Bob Clouse

Bob is challenging each of the Board Members to have their own Granges complete a Distinguished Grange Application.

### **Old Business**

Officer Vacancies – will be filled by the Board before the Annual Session.

Convention

Resolution Committees

Agriculture – Johnny Squire, Chairman

Conservation – Interested / Trish Duarte

Citizenship –

Education & Health – Tom Sawyer, Nola Martini are interested in serving

Grange Law – Bill Booth, Chairman; Barbara Geiger interested in serving

Grange Growth & Development – Patty Schunneman, Elsie Rodrigues interested in serving

Labor & Judiciary –

Convention update. There will be a meeting with Lillian and the Orangevale members at their hall in the very near future to discuss facilities and what is needed for the Annual Session. Convention contact; CindySue Jones. Facilities contact; Dale Baker.

A phone meeting will be held by the Board on April 16 at 7pm to discuss the Convention, finalize the schedule and determine needs for programs at the Session.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30.

Luncheon served by Morgan Hill Grange.

Regional meeting held for the membership.

Submitted for Delegate Approval at the 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Session June 26-28, 2015



## **140<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SESSION RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

Resolution 2015-001

### **Submitted by Wyandotte Grange Amend Sections 4.17.1, 4.17.2 and 4.17.3 of the By-Laws of the National Grange**

WHEREAS: Proposals to adopt, amend or repeal the By-Laws of the National Grange now require two votes, at two consecutive annual sessions before they can be adopted; and

WHEREAS: The National Grange should be able to respond to urgent or time sensitive proposals, which may require immediate adoption; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Section 4.17.1, 4.17.2 and 4.17.3 of the By-Laws of the National Grange be amended to read as follows;

**4.17.1 By-Laws of the National Grange** - By-Laws of the National Grange may be adopted, amended, or repealed in whole or in part by a five-sixths vote of the delegates present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present. If the vote in favor of adoptions is less than five-sixths, but more than a majority, the proposal shall lie over until the next annual session, where it will require a two-thirds vote for adoption.

**4.17.2 Grange Laws (Code) of the Order** - Grange Laws of the Order relating to Chapter V, Code of the Junior Grange; Chapter VI, Code of the Subordinate Grange; Chapter VII, Code of the Pomona Grange; Chapter VIII, Code of the State Grange; Chapter IX, Code of the National Grange; Chapter X, Code of All Granges; Chapter XI, Code of Ritual, Degrees and Regalia; Chapter XII, Code of Judicial Law; and Chapter XIII, Code of Parliamentary Law, may be adopted, amended, or repealed in whole or in part by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present and voting at which a quorum is present in any annual meeting of the National Grange.

**4.17.3 Effective Date** – Unless provided otherwise, the adoption, amendment or repeal of the By-Laws, or Code (Chapters V – XIII) shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Resolution 2015-002  
**Submitted by Prunedale Grange #388**  
**Ban enhanced fracking and fracking waste disposal**  
**in the Salad Bowl of the World**

WHEREAS: America has experienced a boom in hydraulic fracking and acid injection fracking that permanently pollutes huge amounts of potable water with cancer causing chemicals that are disposed of by injecting the waste below or near local aquifers;

WHEREAS: Last summer, officials of the California Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) admitted that for years they violated federal law by inadvertently allowing oil companies to inject wastewater — from fracking and other oil production operations — into hundreds of disposal wells in “protected aquifers”;

WHEREAS: The federal Environmental Protection Agency has called the state's errors "shocking" and said California's oil field wastewater injection program does not comply with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

WHEREAS: In March 2015, as reported by the LA Times, California Senators held hearings regarding the failure to comply with federal law by California’s Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources and by the state Water Resources Control Board, characterizing longstanding agency management of injected fracking waste as corrupt and inept.

WHEREAS: The fracking industry is expanding across California’s agriculture areas including Fresno, Kern, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Benito counties and is lobbying for conduct unrestricted fracking in Monterey County;

WHEREAS: The Salinas Valley is the Salad Bowl of the World and a highly productive and profitable agriculture area in California that relies on a single precious source of water, the Salinas River, to remain productive;

WHEREAS: If the single source of water for the agriculture and vintner industries in the Salinas Valley was polluted by fracking operations or by fracking waste, that pollution could cause long-term devastating economic impact on the county, on the central coast, and on the California state economy;

WHEREAS: The Salinas Valley water basin has been over drafted for years, is not now sustainable, and must be returned to a sustainable condition as required by the 2015 California State Groundwater Sustainability Act;

WHEREAS: The United States Geological Survey has reported that “...injection of fracking wastewater into the subsurface can cause earthquakes that are large enough to be felt and may cause damage. ... Of the case histories, for which there is a scientific consensus that an injection operation induced earthquakes, the largest are magnitude 5. However, there is no conclusive example linking injection operations to triggering of major earthquakes, however we cannot eliminate this possibility.”

WHEREAS: On March 4, 2015 the Californian reported that the "*San Andreas Fault could deliver wallop in Salinas area*" because it is locking up in the Parkfield area of Monterey County by storing almost half an inch of stress per year, enough to cause a magnitude 6 earthquake, according to findings released in the scientific journal Geophysical Research Letters.

WHEREAS: Monterey County is the most seismically active oil region in America and has the San Andreas Fault running the north-south length of the county. Thus, the likelihood of underground fracking waste leaking into local water sources is more likely in this valley than anywhere else for two reasons. Toxic underground waste would be subject to naturally occurring earthquakes at a level not seen in other areas. Plus, injecting fracking waste at high pressure into the Salinas Valley water basin would increase underground pressure gradients that might increase the number or size of earthquakes in the county, hence: allowing industrial-level consumption of water by permitting new enhanced extraction fracking wells within the Salinas Valley water basin would be detrimental to returning the basin to a sustainable condition, would directly compete with existing agriculture/vintner water use, and would likely constrain agriculture operations in the valley. Additionally, allowing storage of millions of gallons of toxic fracking waste under or near water aquifers in the water basin would unnecessarily create a huge risk of pollution to the single source of water within the valley and create an unacceptable risk to the local, Central Coast, and California economies; therefore be it

RESOLVED The California State Grange has determined that enhanced extraction by hydraulic fracking or by acid injection is too dangerous to the local environment and local economy and therefore fracking operations cannot be permitted in Monterey County; and be it further

RESOLVED The California State Grange has determined that storage of enhanced fracking waste in injection wells is too dangerous a risk to the Salinas Valley water basin and cannot be permitted in Monterey County; and be it further

RESOLVED The California State Grange opposes the use of hydraulic fracking in Monterey County.

Resolution 2015-003  
**Submitted by The Board of Directors of the California State Grange  
Amend By-Laws of the California State Grange**

RESOLVED that the following sections of the By-Laws be amended to correct missing titles, misplaced words, and other minor corrections, to create uniformity of the By-Laws in appearance and format, as follows

- A. 5.3.1 – Insert the word “held” between “be” in the 2nd paragraph. To read “The annual meeting to be held in...”
- B. 5.3.3 (b) – Insert letter “a” after “Notice of”. To read “(b) Notice of a Special Meeting...”
- C. Section 6.1.2 – Strike word “the” in 5<sup>th</sup> line, before the word “this”. Also strike the word “the” in the 7<sup>th</sup> line, before the word “this”. Correcting grammar only.
- D. 6.3.3 (a) – Insert the word “ten” and add parenthesis around the number “(10)”. To read “... ten (10) calendar days...”.
- E. 6.3.3 (c) – Insert “(5)” after the word “five”. To read “... five (5) calendar days...”.
- F. 6.4.1 – Strike the word “the” in 3<sup>rd</sup> line before the word “this”. Correcting grammar only.
- G. 6.4.1 – Strike the words “described below”.
- H. 7.1.1 – Strike the word “the” before the word “this” in 1<sup>st</sup> line. Add the word “/CEO” after “President” and the word “/Vice President” after “Overseer” to be consistent in officer titles.
- I. 7.2.4 – Add “(5)” after the word “five” in the 3<sup>rd</sup> line.
- J. 7.3.6 – Strike the (s) after the word “Steward” in the first line and insert the words “./Lady Assistant Steward” after “Assistant Steward”.
- K. 9.1.1 – Insert the word “the” before the word “minimum” in the 2<sup>nd</sup> line.
- L. 9.1.1 (d) – Strike “the State” and replace with “this”.
- M. 9.1.1 (e) – Insert the word “is” before the word “ten” in the 1<sup>st</sup> line.
- N. 10.1.1 – Insert an “s” on the word “Grange” in the 2<sup>nd</sup> line.
- O. 11.3.1 – Strike “bylaws” and insert “By-Laws” (5 line from the bottom of the paragraph).
- P. 14.1.2 – Add an “s” to the end of the word “resolution” in 5<sup>th</sup> line to pluralize.
- Q. 14.2.1 – Insert “(4)” after the word “four” in the 2<sup>nd</sup> line.
- R. 15.2.1 – Insert “(45)” after the words “forty-five”.
- S. 16.1.1 – Insert title above 16.1.1 to read “Section 1. Alcoholic Beverages”.
- T. 20.1.1 – Capitalize “Order” in 2<sup>nd</sup> line.
- U. 20.1.2 – Capitalize the word “Delegates” in 2<sup>nd</sup> line.
- V. 22.1.1 – Strike “CEO / Master / President” and insert “Master / President / CEO”.
- W. 22.1.5 – Strike the second occurrence of the word “meeting” in 4<sup>th</sup> line.
- X. 22.1.6 – Capitalize the word “Delegate” in the last line.

And be it further

RESOLVED that the State Grange Secretary be authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the State Grange in publishing the By-Laws, as per the most current version of *Roberts Rules of Order §57. Amendments of By-Laws - Captions, Headings and Section Numbers*, [*Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, 11th ed. (Da Capo Press, 2011). pp. 598-599] so long as any corrections will not change the intent of any sections of the By-Laws.

Resolution 2015-004  
**Submitted by Rio Linda Grange #403**  
**Amicable Resolve**

WHEREAS Disputes between neighboring property owners should always be objective, and

WHEREAS Property owners may need to be made aware of laws and/or local ordinances effecting the use of one's own property and rights, to the act of due diligence, and

WHEREAS: Insurances issued to properties or title also can be affected by disputes between neighbors, therefore be it

RESOLVED The California State Grange urges if there is police involved in a land use – neighbor issue or brought before supervisors of the County, that the County provide arbitration/mediation programs between neighbors to separate complaints regarding property from all other frivolous claims and be it further

RESOLVED The California State Grange support legislation that requires land owners and all concerned parties in a dispute to go through arbitration before resorting to filing a legal action.

Resolution 2015-008 Rewrite  
**Submitted by Wyandotte Grange / Rewritten by Grange Law Committee**  
**RESTRICTING NAMED FORMER MEMBERS**  
**FROM REJOINING THE GRANGE**

WHEREAS: On September 17, 2012 the Charter of the California State Grange was suspended by the National Grange for violations of the Laws of the Order, and

WHEREAS: After having been given an opportunity to bring the California State Grange in compliance with the Laws of the Order, the Charter was revoked by the National Grange on April 5, 2013 because the leaders made no effort to be in compliance with Grange Law; and

WHEREAS: On November 8, 2013, at the National Grange Annual Session, representatives from the revoked California State Grange, presented a letter to the National Grange Executive Committee declaring that "we are no longer affiliated with the National Grange" and

WHEREAS: The National Grange, as per the Laws of the Order, did legally reorganize the California State Grange on July 12, 2014, thus restoring all of the rights and authority of a State Grange to the members of California Subordinate and Pomona Granges; and

WHEREAS: The California Court of Appeals has held that where membership in a voluntary association is conditioned on obedience to the rules of the highest level of the organization, a member's vote in favor of disaffiliation was tantamount to resignation from the local corporation. *Korean United Presbyterian Church v. Presbytery of the Pacific* (1991) 230 Cal.App.3d 480, 506 [281 Cal. Rptr. 396]. In particular, the court noted that when the leadership of the breakaway unit convinced a majority of members to vote to disaffiliate, "[a]t that moment, if not before, these members had renounced any further obligation to be subject to be subject to the doctrines or discipline of [the general church], and, in effect, renounced their membership in the ... nonprofit corporation, since its articles of incorporation required adherence to the doctrines and discipline of [the general church] as a condition of membership. Having abandoned their membership in the ... corporation, they lost all power and ability to determine its future status." and

WHEREAS: The Grange Law process for disciplinary action is not applicable to former members, allowing the only remaining option of adopting a resolution preventing or limiting former members from regaining rights and privileges of membership, and

RESOLVED That upon completion of the current litigation, if the below named individuals reapply for membership in the Grange, charges shall be filed against those individuals by the Board of Directors of the California State Grange for alleged violations of Grange law.

Robert McFarland,  
Jon Luvaas,

Kathy Bergeron,  
Damian Parr,

Leo Bergeron,  
Bill Thomas,

Takashi Yogi,

Lawrence Jaffe,

And be it further;

RESOLVED: That this resolution cannot be amended, or revoked for a period of five years from the date of adoption, and after that date, it may be amended or revoked only by a seven-eighths (7/8) vote of the Delegates at an Annual Session of the California State Grange.

Resolution 2015-010  
**Submitted by the Grange Law Committee**  
**Balloting**

RESOLVED: That for the purposes of Election of Officers (Section 7.1) that the California State Grange shall use the Australian ballot system, where all officers are nominated in sequence, and that a single ballot shall be prepared by the Election Committee, thereupon showing each officer position, with the names of members nominated and a blank line for write-ins. If an officer position does not have a majority of the votes cast, a run-off will be held between the top two, effective in 2016.



## **Resolution Committee Chairman Report**

### Grange Law & Grange Growth & Development

Worthy Master, National Guests, & Brothers & Sisters,

The combined Grange Law and Grange Growth & Development Committee was assigned 4 resolutions, plus the committee created one resolution; for a total of 5 resolutions. One resolution was withdrawn, four were adopted.

The committee was also assigned to review the Foreign Affairs and Transportation sections of the Policy Handbook. Per motion on the floor, these sections will be completed and submitted to the State Master.

The members of this committee were:

Bill Booth, Chairman, Butte County  
Carrie Behler, Sonoma County  
Pat Schunneman, Santa Clara County  
Joseph Stefenoni, Sonoma County

Sister Carrie Behler ably served as the Committee Secretary. We thank National Grange Master, Ed Luttrell, and California State Grange Attorney, Jeff Skinner, for their valuable input.

Fraternally submitted,

William R. "Bill" Booth,  
Committee Chairman  
Past Master of the California State Grange.

## FIFTH DEGREE

### Fifth Degree Team

Master	William "Bill" Booth, Past Master, California State Grange
Overseer	Joseph Stefenoni, Sonoma County
Lecturer	Amanda Booth Thomas, Butte County
Steward	John Wolfe, San Diego County
Assistant Steward	Michael Warner, San Diego County
Lady Assistant Steward	Carolyn Hill, Stanislaus County
Gatekeeper	Michael Martin, Pennsylvania
Chaplain	Christina Fletcher Webster, Sacramento County
Treasurer	Harold "Bud" Hill, Stanislaus County
Secretary	Lillian Booth, Butte County
Ceres	LoRee Booth Lampke, Butte County
Pomona	Katie Squire, Fresno County
Flora	Jayme McGrosso West, San Diego County
Executive Committee	Michael Lampke, Butte County
Executive Committee	Bob Clouse, Sacramento County
Executive Committee	Jeff Skinner, Washington DC
Musician	Martha Stefenoni, Sonoma County
Court Ladies	Leanna Larson, Fresno County Ann Larson, Fresno County

### Fifth Degree Candidates

## SIXTH DEGREE

### Sixth Degree Team

Master	Robert "Bob" Clouse, Past Master, California State Grange
Overseer	Michael Warner, San Diego County
Lecturer	Barbara Geiger, Monterey County
Steward	Randy Turnquist, Monterey County
Assistant Steward	Michael Warner, San Diego County
Lady Assistant Steward	Carolyn Hill, Stanislaus County
Gatekeeper	Lee Geiger, Monterey County
Chaplain	Bill Compton, San Luis Obispo County
Treasurer	Harold "Bud" Hill, Stanislaus County
Secretary	Lillian Booth, Butte County
Ceres	Lucette Moramarco, San Diego County
Pomona	Colleen Esola, Sacramento County
Flora	Jayne West, San Diego County
Executive Committee	Ingermarie Bevans, Monterey County
Executive Committee	Bob Clouse, Sacramento County
Executive Committee	Johnny Squire, Fresno County
Musician	Martha Stefenoni, Sonoma County

### Sixth Degree Candidates

## **RECOGNITION**

Granges recognized for years of continuous service:

Members recognized for continuous years of membership

## 2015 GRANGE EXPO AWARDS

### ART & CRAFTS

#### *DIVISION 10 ART*

##### Section A2 – Junior age 8 to 10

###### *Class 1 – Painting*

###### 1st Award

Caleb Larson – Raven on Half Dome - Central Union Grange Guest

###### *Class 2 – Drawing*

###### 2nd Award

Caleb Larson – “Ty Cooney” – Central Union Grange Guest

###### 3rd Award

Leandra Larson – Mission San Luis – Central Union Grange #559

##### Section A3 – Junior age 11 to 14

###### *Class 1 – Painting*

###### Honorable Mention

Lauren Larson – untitled – Central Union Grange Guest

###### *Class 2 – Drawing*

###### 1st Award

Lauren Larson – untitled – Central Union Grange Guest

##### Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)

###### *Class 1 – Painting*

###### 1st Award

Ann Larson – California Poppy – Central Union Grange #559

###### *Class 2 – Drawing*

###### Honorable Mention

Michael Lampke – Pencil Drawing – DeSabra Grange #762

###### *Class 3 – Any other Media*

###### Honorable Mention

KayLynn Booth – Under the Sea – DeSabra Grange #762

## **DIVISION 20 ARTISAN CRAFTS**

Section A2 – Junior age 10 to 14 inclusive

*Class 1 – Ceramics*

HM Caleb Larson – “Hook in Worm” – Central Union Grange Guest

## **DIVISION 33 GENERAL CRAFTS**

Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)

*Class 4 – Any Other Kind*

1<sup>st</sup> Award

KayLynn Booth – Wind Chime – DeSabla Grange #762

2<sup>nd</sup> Award

KayLynn Booth – Necklace – DeSabla Grange #762

### **BEST of SHOW – ART & CRAFTS**

Junior: Caleb Larson - Raven on Half Dome – Central Union Grange Guest

Senior: Ann Larson – California Poppy – Central Union Grange #559

## **DIVISION 120 COLLECTIONS**

Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)

*Class 1 – Any Kind*

1<sup>st</sup> Award

Katie Squire – Jewels, Tools, & Records: 1873 – Central Union Grange #559

2<sup>nd</sup> Award

H.F. “Tom” Sawyer – 21 years of Convention Pins – Morgan Hill Grange #408

## **FOODS**

### **DIVISION 152 COOKIE**

Section A – Junior (ages 5-13 inclusive)

*Class 1 Bar Cookie*

1<sup>st</sup> Award

Leannra Larson – Lemon Bars – Central Union Grange #559

Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)

*Class 2 Drop Cookie*

1<sup>st</sup> Award

Ann Larson - Oatmeal Raisin – Central Union Grange #559

*Class 4 Rolled Cookie*

1st Award

Katie Squire – Sesame Shortbread – Central Union Grange #559

**Division 170 Snacks**

Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)

*Class 1 Any Kind*

1st Award

Dale Baker – Chocolate Covered Walnuts – Orangevale Grange # 354

**Division 185 Jam**

Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)

*Class 1 -- Berry Jam*

1st Award

H.F. "Tom" Sawyer – Low Sugar Rasp- berry Jam – Morgan Hill Grange #408

2nd Award

Katie Squire – Blackberry Jam – Central Union Grange #559

3rd Award

Katie Squire – Blueberry Jam – Central Union Grange #559

*Class 2 – Strawberry Jam*

Honorable Mention

H.F. "Tom" Sawyer – Low Sugar Strawberry Jam – Morgan Hill Grange #408

*Class 4 – Any Other Kind*

3rd Award

Ann Larson – Apricot Jam – Central Union Grange #559

Honorable Mention

LoRee Lampke – Peach Jam – Wyandotte Grange #495

**Division 186 Jelly**

Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)

*Class 1 – Berry Jelly*

1<sup>st</sup> Award

John Lose – Wild Mountain Elderberry Jelly – Central Union Grange Guest

**Division 187 Other Soft Spreads**

Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)

*Class 1 – Marmalade*

1st Award

H.F. "Tom" Sawyer – Orange Marmalade – Morgan Hill Grange #408

*Class 4 – Any Other Kind*

1<sup>st</sup> Award

Katie Squire – Strawberry Topping – Central Union Grange #559

**BEST of SHOW – FOODS**

Senior: H.F. "Tom" Sawyer – Low Sugar Raspberry Jam

**TEXTILES**

**Division 210 – Needlework**

Section B – Youth (age 14-20 inclusive)

*Class 8 – Cap, Hat, or Scarf – yarn*

1st Award

Cody Larson – knit cap – Central Union Grange #559

Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)

*Class 10 – Any other – Yarn*

1st Award

Karen Ruppe – Crochet Cow – Prunedale Grange #388

2nd Award

Lillian Booth – Crochet Hot Pads

*Class 12 – Counted Cross Stitch*

1st Award

Katie Squire – Eagle hand towel – Central Union Grange #559

**Division 220 – Quilts & Comforters**

Section A – Junior (ages 5 -13 inclusive)

*Class 4, Quilt, Machine Quilted*

1st Award

Sydney Weaver – Polka Dot quilt – Dixon Grange #19



**Division 225 – National Grange Quilt Block Contest**

Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)

*Class 1 – Block*

1st Award

Barbara Florian – Quilt Block – Rio Linda Grange #403

**Division 230 – Weaving, Miscellaneous, or Mixed techniques**

Section B – Youth (age 14 -20 inclusive)

*Class 4 – Any other Kind*

1st Award

Cody Larson – potholder- Central Union Grange #559

**Division 240 – Sewing – Clothing Construction**

Section A – Junior (ages 5 -13 inclusive)

*Class 5 -- Pants or Shorts*

1st Award

Sydney Weaver – Pajama pants – Dixon Grange #19

Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)

*Class 1 – Blouse or Shirt*

1st Award

Katie Squire – Number blouse – Central Union Grange #559

*Class 7 – Any other Garment*

1st Award

Katie Squire – Native American War Shirt – Central Union Grange #559

**Division 250 – Sewing – Household creations**

Section A – Junior (ages 5 -13 inclusive)

*Class 2, Accessories*

1<sup>st</sup> Award

Sydney Weaver – Denim Tote – Dixon Grange #19

*Class 4, Any other item*

1st Award

Sydney Weaver – Pillow case – Dixon Grange #19

Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)

*Class 4 – Any other item*

1st Award

Emily Turnquist – Pillowcase – Aptos Grange #800

2nd Award

Amy Turnquist – Pillowcase – Aptos Grange #800

3<sup>rd</sup> Award

Lucy Dutra – Pillowcase – Aptos Grange #800

Honorable Mention

Barbara Geiger – Pillowcase – Aptos Grange #800

Honorable Mention

Robin Turnquist – Pillowcase – Aptos Grange #800

**BEST of SHOW – TEXTILES**

Junior: Sydney Weaver – Polka Dot quilt – Dixon Grange #19

Youth: Codey Larson – Knit Cap – Central Union Grange #559

Senior: Barbara Florian – Quilt Block – Rio Linda Grange #403

**Division 300 MISCELLANEOUS**

Section A – Junior (ages 5 -13 inclusive)

*Class 1 Any Other - Specify*

1st Award

Lauren Larson – Para cord Bracelet – Central Union Grange Guest

2nd Award

Caleb Larson – Para cord Bracelet – Central Union Grange Guest

Section B – Youth (ages 14 -20 inclusive)

*Class 1 Any other - specify*

1st Award

Cody Larson – Para cord Bracelet – Central Union Grange #559

Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)

*Class 1 Any other - specify*

1st Award

Katie Squire – Fruit Headband – Central Union Grange #559

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

Section A2 – Junior 10 to 13 inclusive

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*Class 4 Animals*

1st Award

Caleb Larson – untitled – Central Union Grange Guest

Section C Senior (Adult 21+)

*Class 1 Landscape/Seascape*

1st Award

Katie Squire – Red Rock Canyon – Central Union Grange #559

2nd Award

Leroy Squire – Rim of the World – Central Union Grange #559

3rd Award

Katie Squire – Crater Lake – Central Union Grange #559

Honorable Mention

Leroy Squire – Eclipse Begins – Central Union Grange #559

*Class 2 Portrait*

1st Award

LoRee Lampke – Baby Portrait – Wyandotte Grange # 495

2nd Award

Katie Squire – Love from Jamboree – Central Union Grange #559

*Class 3 Macro (close-up detail)*

1st Award

Katie Squire – Red Columbine – Central Union Grange #559

2nd Award

Leroy Squire – Pollination Truce – Central Union Grange #559

*Class 4 Animals*

1st Award

Leroy Squire – Where Freedom Roosts – Central Union Grange #559

2nd Award

Katie Squire – My Hairy Friend – Central Union Grange #559

3rd Award

Katie Squire – Praying Mantis – Central Union Grange #559

**BEST of SHOW – PHOTOGRAPHY**

Junior: Caleb Larson - untitled – Central Union Grange Guest

Senior: Katie Squire – Red Rock Canyon – Central Union Grange

## **IN MEMORIAM**

Memorial Service of the California State Grange  
Under the direction of Bill Compton, Chaplain of the California State Grange

A Memorial Tribute

Spiritual Song: "How Great Thou Art"

Soloist: Barbara Geiger, Lecturer of the California State Grange

Credit to William Smart of Bachelor Valley Grange, as amended by Bill Compton and assisted by Joan Compton.

### *Roll Call of our Departed:*

Aptos Grange:

Tony Mello, Past Subordinate Grange Master  
Past California State Grange Deputy  
Josephine Bedard  
Jim Andreade

Paradise Grange:

Betty Barrett, Past Chaplain of the California State Grange  
Past Secretary of Butte Pomona Grange  
Past Secretary of Paradise Grange  
Spouse of Past California State Grange Deputy, Edwin Barrett

Edwin Barrett, Past Deputy of the California State Grange  
Past Master of Butte Pomona Grange  
Past Master of Paradise Grange  
Spouse of Past California State Grange Chaplain, Betty Barrett

Lake Francis Grange

Richard "Dick" Dahms, Past State Grange Deputy of the California State Grange  
Past Master of Lake Francis Grange  
Past Master of Yuba-Sutter Pomona Grange  
Spouse of Past California State Grange Chaplain, Pat Dahms

Wyandotte Grange

Jack Eyler, Past California State Grange Gatekeeper  
Past California State Grange Deputy  
Past Master of Wyandotte Grange  
Spouse of Past California State Grange Women's Activities Director, Betty Eyler

Closing Prayer:

Almighty Father, we thank Thee for the living memory of our brothers and sisters, who have left our sacred circle. May the peace which passes all understanding and the ministry of the eternal comforter and the blessing of the Great Master above, abide with us all now and forever more. Amen.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Special Presentation by Darlene Wingfield, Rosedale Grange #565

Hi,

For those who don't know me, my name is Darlene Heath Wingfield, and I have been a member of Rosedale Grange #565 for 68 years, joining when I was 14 and have been going to Grange for 80 years. I was born in 1933 and our Grange chartered in 1934 with my parents and Great Aunts and Uncles (4 of them) as Charter members.

I went to National Grange Session in Sacramento in 1948 and took the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Degree along with the rest of the teens of our Grange by bus from Bakersfield.

When I married at age 19, my children's Dad said he had to join the Grange so he could see me. Of course, all of my three girls and one son went to Grange with me and are still going. Also my Grandsons Brandon Nebitt and Eric Laskowski also Lauren Nebitt. Lauren and Brandon have served as State Officers.

I have held many offices in the Grange. In the Subordinate Grange, all offices except three (Lady Assistant Steward, Gatekeeper and Steward). I was the State Regional Youth Director. Bob Clouse was also one at that time. I have been County Deputy, Subordinate Master for many years, Pomona Master, Pomona Secretary, Regional Grange Women's Activities Director, Pomona GWA Chairman and Secretary. I have organized a Junior Grange in Kern County as a Leader. I have been the California State Grange Pomona, elected and filling in for absent officers for a total of 12 years.

I have attended many Grange Camps (taking my children and then my grandchildren), attended many Easter Conferences at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, Young Married Conferences, Regional Youth Conferences, Conferences at the State Grange office.

I have knitted hundreds of caps and made hundreds of quilts for Shriners Children's Hospital and now for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

I attended State Convention three or four times before 1974. That's when I became master at Rosedale and have attended every year since then making this my 40<sup>th</sup> Convention in a row.

The Grange has been my life and my family. I have seen them come and go. I'm sad that I have lost so many of my family through death and because of this breaking apart and I miss seeing them at Convention, but I enjoy adding new members to my family. All of you new members and the rest of you can be my children – I love all of you.

Darlene Wingfield,  
Rosedale Grange #565

## **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**

WHEREAS: The success of the 140th Annual Session of the California State Grange has been assured due to the efforts, loyalty and determination of all the dedicated patrons; and

WHEREAS: It is our sincere wish to voice our thanks and appreciation to all who have assisted in making this State session a success. Therefore be it

RESOLVED: On behalf of the delegates, officers and members of the California State Grange assembled at Orangevale Grange in California, June 26-28, 2015, we extend our thanks and appreciation:

- To Brother Ed Luttrell, Brother Ed Kowski, and Brother Bob Clouse who have worked diligently and spent timeless hours in the last few years to rebuild and renovate the California State Grange which has led us to this, the 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange.
- To State Master, Brother Ed Kowski, and the State officers for organizing and assisting with all the necessary preparations.

To First Lady, Sister Cynthia Kowski, and the spouses, partners and families of our State officers and members who are participating, assisting and supporting our Grange family during this renovation.

- To Committee Chairpersons Brother Bill Booth, Sister Ann Larson, Brother Tom Sawyer, Brother Johnny Squire and Sister Amanda Thomas and all the members who volunteered to serve on a committee and worked diligently during this session.
- To Orangevale Grange Hall for offering their grange hall and volunteering their time to prepare the hall for this large event.
- To Brother Jerry Macklem for installing air conditioning.
- To Brother Dale and Sister Shirley Baker for keeping on top of everything.
- To Orangevale, DeSabra, Dixon and Rio Linda Granges for preparing all the meals, snacks and drinks, as eating is a favorite pastime of Grange members.
- To the Montana, New Hampshire and Washington State Granges, for providing regalia thereby allowing our officers to be "sashed."
- To the Eyler and Stefenoni families for allowing us the honor of using Jack and Tom's sashes.

- To all the workshop presenters including Sister Inger Bevans, Sister Lillian Booth, Brother Bill Booth, Brother Bob Clouse, Brother Ed Komski, Brother Johnny Squire and any other who may also have participated as presenters.
- To Sister Lillian Booth and the Exemplification Teams, and Brother Bill Booth and Brother Bob Clouse for performing the Exemplification of the Fifth and Sixth Degrees.
- To Brother Bill Compton, for leading the Memorial Service.
- To Sister Katie Squire for bringing back and organizing the Grange Expo.
- To Attorney Jeff Skinner for addressing the members and providing a much anticipated and hopeful update.
- To Brother Tom Sawyer, Sister Joan Compton and Sister Carolyn Hill for serving as the Credentials Committee and for counting and re-counting the election votes, and re-votes, for our State officers.
- To Dr. Michael Martin, Membership/Leadership Development Director for the National Grange who provided an informative and entertaining presentation, including a musical interlude.
- To State Lecturer Sister Barbara Geiger for providing fun evening festivities.
- To Rusty and Jason Richards for providing an outstanding musical event.
- To Brother Joseph Stefenoni for keeping us legal and becoming our new auctioneer.
- To all the Veterans in attendance for their service.
- To Sister Nola Martini and the Morgan Hill Grange for volunteering to host the 2016 Convention; and to Orangevale Grange for not telling them what they're getting into.
- To Sister Martha Stefenoni for providing the music during Convention.
- To National Master Ed Luttrell for joining us and supporting the California State Grange as we rebuild.
- To all the newly elected State Officers for continuing with the California State Grange renovation.
- To Brother Michael Martin and the Installation Team for installing our new State officers before they could change their minds.
- To State Master Brother Ed Komski for giving us the opportunity to learn everyone's favorite color.

- To all the granges and members who assisted with and participated in the 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange.
- And a special heartfelt thanks to all those who also assisted that we may have inadvertently and unintentionally neglected to mention; and be it further

RESOLVED: We accept with appreciation the endeavors of this entire delegate body during this 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange.

Respectfully Submitted  
Carrie L. Behler  
Rincon Valley Grange #710



