



CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE 2018 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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2018 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

The Journal of Proceedings
Contains the official records of the actions and meetings of
The California State Grange.

This Journal covers the period of June 26, 2017 through September 25, 2018

2017 – 2018 OFFICERS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

<i>OFFICER</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>County</i>
MASTER	Ed Kowski	San Diego County	Ed Kowski	San Diego County
OVERSEER	Josh Harper	Sacramento County	Kent Westwood	Mendocino County
LECTURER	Katie Squire	Kings County	Katie Squire	Kings County
STEWARD	Randy Turnquist	Santa Cruz County	Vince Scholten	Sonoma County
ASSISTANT STEWARD	Brandon Nebitt	Kern County	Brandon Nebitt	Kern County
LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD	Suzi Laskowski	Kern County	Suzi Laskowski	Kern County
CHAPLAIN	Barbara Geiger	Monterey County	Barbara Geiger	Santa Cruz County
TREASURER	Gary Abreim	Sonoma County	Christina Webster	Sonoma County
SECRETARY	Lillian Booth	Butte County	Lillian Booth	Butte County
GATEKEEPER	Vince Scholten	Sonoma County	Jini Reynolds	Mendocino County
CERES	Ruthie King	Mendocino County	Ellie Bruce	Mendocino County
POMONA	Nola Martini	Santa Clara County	Lauren Linkemyer	Santa Clara County
FLORA	Jayne West	San Diego County	Emily Turnquist	Santa Cruz County
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1 YEAR	Inger Bevans	Monterey County	Bob Clouse	Sacramento County
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2 YEAR	Bob Clouse	Sacramento County	Erica Kroesen	Mendocino County
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 3 YEAR	Erica Kroesen	Mendocino County	Martha Stefenoni	Sonoma County
MUSICIAN	Martha Stefenoni	Sonoma County	Wendy DeWitt	Mendocino County

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

143rd Annual Session of the California State Grange Redwood Empire Fairgrounds, Ukiah, CA



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

9:00 AM to 6:30 PM

- Registration Open
- Registration will be closed for Lunch • and the Talent Show

9:00 am – 5:00 PM

- Expo Open to Receive Entries

10:00 AM

***** State Officer Practice *****

Director: Martha Stefenoni

11:00 AM Welcome

Ed Kowski, Master,
California State Grange

11:15 AM Workshops

- Resolution Processing
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Secretary's Information
- Community Service
- Grange Expo

12PM-1PM Lunch – On your own.

1:00 PM

- Resolution Committees Meet

3:30 PM Talent Contest

Expo Director: Katie Squire

5:00 PM Expo Entries Close

5:00 PM 5TH Degree Team Practice

Annie Waters, Director

6:00 PM Dinner

** Ticket Required **

Prepared and served by Little Lake Grange. Ticket Required

6:30 PM Registration Closes

7:00 PM

Opening of the 143rd Annual Session of the California State Grange in the Sixth Degree.

** Sixth Degree Members **

- Admit 4th Degree members who hold a ticket for the 5th & 6th Degrees.
- Receiving Honored Guests
- Roll Call of Officers
- Preliminary Credential Report
- Presentation of the 5th Degree
- Annie Waters, Director
- Presentation of the 6th Degree
- Martha Stefenoni, Director
- Closing of the Grange
- Celebration Feast of Flora

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

8:00 AM Registration Opens

8:00 AM to 9:00AM

- Resolution Committees Meet

9:00 AM Memorial Service

Barbara Geiger, State Chaplain

10:00 AM

DELEGATE Registration Closed.

All other members may still register to attend the Session.

10:00 AM

Opening of the 143rd Annual Session in the Sixth Degree.

- Lower to the 4th Degree and admit 4th Degree members
- Receiving Honored Guests
- Roll Call of Officers
- Reading of the Minutes of the previous day
- Final Credential Report
- Communications
- Adopt Convention Rules
- Approval of Convention Schedule
- Director Reports

11:00 AM State Master's Annual Address

Ed Kowski, Master, California State Grange

12:00-1:00PM Recess

** Ticket required for lunch **

12:00PM

- Deadline for acceptance of late resolutions (See Convention Rules)

1:00 PM Reconvene Session

- Officer Compensation Resolutions
- Audit & Budget Committee Report
- Discussion of Budget
- Adoption of Budget
- Nomination of Officers
- Appoint Election Committee
- Resolution Committee Reports

3:00 PM Break

3:30 PM Reconvene Session Keynote Speaker

Roger Bostwick

Kansas State Grange Master.

4:30 PM Approve Board Meeting Minutes

- State Secretary's Report
- State Treasurer's Report
- Resolution Committee Reports

5:30 PM Dinner Break

** Ticket Required for Dinner **

7:00 PM Reconvene Session

- Resolution Committee Reports
- Directors Reports

9:00 PM

- Closing of the Second day of Session in the 4th Degree

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

8:00 AM Registration Open

9:00 AM Opening of the California State Grange in the 4th Degree

- Introduction of Honored Guests
- Roll Call of Officers

- Reading and approval of the Minutes of the previous day
- Election Committee Report
- Announcement of Run-off Elections (if any)

10:15AM Break

**10:30 AM Reconvene
Special Guest Speaker:**
Jon Frandell, Merrill Lynch

- Resolution Committee Reports

12:15 PM Lunch
** Ticket Required **

**1:30 PM Reconvene Session
Legal Update:**
Attorney Jeff Skinner
Schiff Hardin Law Firm
Attorney Mark Serlin
Serlin & Whiteford
Law Firm

3:30 PM Break

3:45 PM Reconvene Session

- Ukiah Autumn Leaves Report – Bob Canclini, Board of Directors
- Vacaville Autumn Leaves Report Rosemary Hansen, Director
- Resolution Committee Reports

5:30 PM Dinner

- ** Ticket required

7:00 PM Reconvene Session

- Honor Military Veterans – Katie Squire, State Lecturer
- Resolution Committee Reports

8:30 PM

Closing of the Third day of the Session in the 4th Degree.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 25, 2018

8:30 AM Opening of the final day of the State Session in the 4th Degree

- Roll Call of Officers
- Approve the Minutes of the previous day.
- Resolution Committee Reports

**9:00 AM
Expo Entries Released**

11:30 AM Installation of Officers

- Completion of any remaining business

Resolution of Appreciation

1:00 PM

**CLOSING OF THE 143rd ANNUAL
SESSION OF THE CALIFORNIA
STATE GRANGE**

‘TIL WE MEET AGAIN”IN 2019

STANDING RULES OF THE CONVENTION

California State Grange Standing Rules 2018 143rd Annual Session

The Standing Rules will apply only to the 143rd Annual Membership Meeting of the California State Grange, Redwood Empire Fairgrounds, Ukiah, California, September 22-25, 2018.

REGISTRATION FEE WAIVER: The Registration Fee shall be waived for Junior Grangers, those under the age of 5 years of age and 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 Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 9:00 am. Any Delegate requesting to register after that date and time, shall only be seated with the approval of the State Master.

RESOLUTIONS:

Deadline: The last deadline for the acceptance of late resolutions shall be Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 12:00 PM. Late resolutions shall only be processed if the Resolution Committee votes to accept them. Late resolutions, if accepted, shall lose the identity of the Grange submitting the resolution and will be identified as a Committee Resolution.

Committee Presentation: In presenting the resolutions on the Session floor, the Committee spokesman will present any amendments by the Committee; read only the "Resolved" portion of the resolution; and then state the Committee's action. If the Committee 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 from the floor, which are excessively long (i.e. more than 20 words), shall be presented in writing to the Secretary's Station in order to properly enter the amendment into the minutes.

Resolution Introduction: A new resolution shall not be brought to the floor for a vote unless it has been in the hands of the Delegates for at least four (4) hours. A new resolution is one that has not been included in the initial Resolution packet. (California State Grange Bylaws Article XIV, Section 2. 14.2.1)

Resolutions to Amend the By-Laws: Shall not be combined in Committee. Per Article XXI, only properly submitted resolutions can be acted upon. All others will be declared out of order.

MOTIONS FROM THE FLOOR: All motions from the floor, which are excessively long (i.e. more than 20 words), shall be presented in writing to the Secretary's Station so as to be properly entered into the minutes.

FLOOR DEBATE: Shall be limited to two (2) minutes per delegate on any given question. 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. Location(s) will be included on the ballot for Election of Officers.

DELEGATES TO THE 142ND ANNUAL SESSION

Pomona Granges Represented

Kern County Pomona Grange No. 26	Hyland, Paul Wingfield, Darlene	Spouse Master
Kings County Pomona Grange No. 28	Larson, Ann Squire, Leroy	Selected Master
Mendocino County Pomona Grange No. 10	Westwood, Kent Dodge, Kimbal	Selected Selected
Monterey County Pomona Grange No. 17	Casterson, Emily	Selected
Santa Clara County Pomona Grange No. 4	Schunneman, Patricia	Master
Sonoma County Pomona Grange No. 1	Martha Stefenoni	Selected

Subordinate/Community Granges Represented

Anderson Grange No. 418	Hansen, Rosemary Haley, Marie	Master Selected
Anderson Valley Grange No. 669	Norfleet, David	Master
Aptos Grange No. 800	Turnquist, Randy Turnquist, Robin	Master Spouse
Aromas Grange No. 361	Palmer, Jim Palmer, Jacqueline	Selected Selected
Bellevue Grange No. 374	Stefenoni, Joseph	Selected
Bennett Valley Grange No. 16	Scholten, Vince Abreim, Gary	Selected Selected
Central Union Grange No. 559	Squire, Katie Hood, Steven	Master Selected
Dows Prairie Grange No. 505	Rhodes, Julie Rhodes, Joseph	Master Spouse
Fort Bragg Grange No. 672	Freitas-Peeler, Marilla Marler, Randall	Selected Master

Grover City Grange No. 746	Carroll, Betty Rulison, Craig	Selected Selected
Jacinto Grange No. 431	Reed, Rebecca	Selected
Laytonville Grange No. 726	Evans, Jane Stevenson, Atta	Selected Selected
Little Lake Grange No. 670	Kroesen, Erica Gleisner, Earlene	Master Alternate #1
Loma Rica Grange No. 802	Pierson, Jerry	Selected
Marshall Grange No. 451	Chernoff, Gerald "Buzz"	Selected
Mattole Grange No. 569	Taylor, Ellen Evenson, Michael	Selected Selected
North Fork Grange No. 763	Shaw, William "Will" Mc Intosh, Duncan	Selected Selected
Orangevale Grange No. 354	Webster, Christina Fletcher, Naomi	Master Selected
Prunedale Grange No. 388	Bevans, Ingermarie E Geiger, Barbara	Selected Master
Rainbow Valley Grange No. 689	Komski, Cynthia Komski, Ed	Selected Selected
Redwood Valley Grange No. 382	Box, Jeff Kelley, Clint	Master Alternate #1
Rincon Valley Grange No. 710	Jordan, Janis	Master
Rio Linda Grange No. 403	Sales, Marian MacCracken, Linda	Selected Master
Rosedale Grange No. 565	Laskowski, Suzi Wingfield	Selected
Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange No. 503	Linkemyer, Lauren Ellis, Mack	Master Alternate #1

Sebastopol Grange No. 306	Collet, Jeanna Jaffe, Lawrence	Master Selected
Whitesboro Grange No. 766	Canclini, Robert Canclini, Marialice F	Master Spouse
Windsor Grange No. 410	Flores, Rosaura Betschart, Charley	Selected Selected
Wyandotte Grange No. 495	Booth, Lillian Booth, William R	Selected Selected

RESOLUTION COMMITTEES

AGRICULTURE & WATER

- Vince Scholten, Chairman Sonoma County
- Ruthie King Mendocino County
- Michael Evenson Mendocino County
- Lauren Linkemyer Santa Cruz County
- Duncan McIntosh Trinity County
- Jim Palmer Monterey County

AUDIT & BUDGET

- Gary Abreim. Chairman Sonoma County
- Cynthia Kowski San Diego County
- Bob Clouse Sacramento County
- Robert Canclini Mendocino County
- Christina Webster Sacramento County
- Janis Jordan Sonoma County

CITIZENSHIP & TAXATION

- Rosemary Hansen, Chairman Shasta County
- Jerry Pierson Yuba County
- David Norfleet Mendocino County
- Patty Schunneman Santa Clara County
- Jackie Palmer Monterey County
- Randall Marler Mendocino County

CONSERVATION

- Bettyann Biringer-Rehm, Chairman Humboldt County
- Randy Turnquist Santa Clara County
- Craig Rulison San Luis Obispo County
- Edwina Hood Kings County
- Leroy Squire Kings County
- Marie Haley Shasta County

EDUCATION & HEALTH

- Marilla Freitas-Peeler, Chairman Mendocino County
- Ann Larson Kings County
- Buzz Chernoff El Dorado County
- Jenna Collett Sonoma County
- Julie Rhodes Humboldt County

GRANGE LAW & GRANGE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Will Shaw, Chairman Trinity County
- Joseph Stefenoni Sonoma County
- Steven Hood Kings County
- Emily Turnquist Santa Clara County
- Bill Booth Butte County
- Jini Reynolds Mendocino County

LABOR, JUDICIARY & TRANSPORTATION

- Jeff Box, Chairman Mendocino County
- Mack Ellis Santa Cruz County
- Charlie Betschart Sonoma County
- Erica Kroesen Mendocino County
- Rebecca Reed Glenn County
- Joseph Rhodes Humboldt County

MINUTES OF THE 142ND ANNUAL SESSION

DAY 1

**CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE
143RD ANNUAL SESSION
SEPTEMBER 22, 2018
REDWOOD EMPIRE FAIRGROUNDS, UKIAH, CA**

The first day of the 143rd Annual Session of the California State Grange began with registration of members and Delegates.

California State Grange Master, Ed Kowski, welcomed the Delegates, members and visitors to the State Grange Session. He introduced Martha Stefenoni, Convention Chairman, and told everyone she was to "go-to" person for the convention facilities. He asked the members to evaluate the Session as it may be considered to continue using the facilities, schedule, and location. This will help the Board consider various locations throughout the State.

During the State Officer practice, Master Ed asked Sister Naomi Fletcher, past Master of the California State Grange about the Grange cloth now in use. This cloth was not available to us until it was located in April during the return of the building. Naomi said it was hand hooked by the four generations of the Moberg-Fletcher families and most of the work was done by her mother. Sister Naomi was thanked for the families' contribution to the State Grange.

Master Ed discussed the importance of the resolution process and how each member can be involved in participating, listening, or being a resource for a committee. He reviewed rules for the Committees stating the Chairman was the lead for that committee. If you are not appointed to the committee, you are able to observe, but not interject unless invited by the Chairman.

Katie Squire, Grange Expo Director, was introduced. She gave a brief story about how she was invited into the Grange. She was asked to compete in the sewing contest one year, and she won. She was presented with her prize and a Grange application because they told her she had to join the Grange to compete again the next year. Katie said the Grange Expo had 100 entries last year and has over 200 entries this year. The program is continuing to grow. Sister Katie was asked about adding some categories for homemade cheeses and sausages. She also explained the Talent Competition and how that works through the Expo. There is something for everyone, and everyone is invited to participate.

Lillian Booth, State Grange Secretary, was introduced. She said being a Grange Secretary is not "the most arduous of all" as in the older version of the Installation, but it is the most fun. She gets to talk with many members around the State and learn from them. She discussed the privacy of the Grange membership data. She stated the State Grange is maintaining a "Master file" of Grange information including Articles of Incorporation, Corporate information, and copies of necessary documents. Many Grange's have Secretaries who

moved and took information with them, or, in past years, the houses or Grange Halls have burned. Having back-up data is very important in today's day and age of technology. The Secretaries are the Grange Story tellers and keep the records that others will look at in 50 years.

Suzi Laskowski, State Grange Lady Assistant Steward, announced that the State Grange Assistant Steward, Brandon Nebitt and his wife Shannon Willett had a beautiful baby boy today. Master Ed commented we need to make sure they name the baby Granger.

After lunch, the delegates and members broke into Resolution Committees and worked on resolutions. There was laughter, discussion, and networking going on at every table.

Katie Squire, State Grange Lecturer, presented the Grange Talent Show in the later afternoon. Vocal: Jaffe & Collett, and Charlie Vaughan. Variety was Alice Raines and Earline Gleisner. First place went to Charlie Vaughan in Vocal and Earline Gleisner in Variety. Best of Show was awarded to Charlie Vaughan, Redwood Valley Grange for his original song performance of "It's What you Say". Charlie will be representing the State Grange at the National Session in Stowe, Vermont in November.

While waiting for the judge's decision, a special reprisal of an act from "a while ago" was led by Buzz Chernoff in a rousing rendition of "Home Grown Tomatoes". Everyone got in the act, including Master Ed on his accordion.

Dinner for the evening was prepared and served by Little Lake Grange members. Thank you.

The 143rd Annual Session of the California State Grange officially opened in the Sixth Degree at 7:00 pm with Master Ed Kowski, presiding. The State Grange Officers marched in led by the Assistant Stewards, Joseph Stefenoni and Suzi Laskowski. The Flag was presented by Emily Casterson, State Flora protom, with the aid of the Assistant Stewards.

The Fourth Degree members were admitted who held tickets for the 5th and 6th Degrees.

Guests were introduced: Roger Bostwick, Priest Archon of the Assembly of Demeter, and Kansas State Grange Master, and Melanie Bostwick, First Lady of the Kansas State Grange; Naomi Fletcher, Past Master of the California State Grange; Bob Clouse, Past Master of the California State Grange; Martha Stefenoni, Past First Lady of the California State Grange; Bill Booth, Past State Master of the California State Grange and Sister Lillian; Cynthia Kowski the First Lady of the State Grange; Riley Reynolds, National Junior Grange Ambassador and his mom, Tina Reynolds; Suzy Ramm, Editor of the Oregon State Grange News, and Jessie Jo Guttridge, Outstanding Young Patron of the Oregon State Grange. Ed extended thanks for everyone attending our State Session.

Roll call of officers found all officers present except: Overseer, Josh Harper, Bob Clouse protem; Assistant Steward, Brandon Nebitt, Joseph Stefenoni, protem; Pomona, Nola Martini, Lauren Linkemyer, protem; Flora, Jayme West, Emily Casterson, protem; Executive Committee 2 year, was filled by Christina Webster.

Preliminary Credential report was given by the State Secretary, a quorum was called for the Convention.

Master Ed turned the meeting over to Annie Waters and members of Mendocino County Pomona Grange for the Degree of Pomona. Participants will be listed in the Journal of Proceedings.

Master Ed Kowski presided over the Degree of Flora, presented by the State Grange Officers. 25 candidates received the degree tonight.

At the end of the Degree, Master Ed introduced the marching candidate, Reg Corella, from San Luis Obispo Grange. Ed commented on the struggles of San Luis Obispo Grange and how Reg has taken the lead in the struggle to reclaim the property there. To commemorate the return of San Luis Obispo Grange and Reg's participation, Master Ed presented Reg with a Grange Flag to fly in San Luis Obispo as soon as they can. Reg commented to the members assembled how humbled he is to be part of this organization. He left us with the words "Love concurs all."

Sister Melanie Bostwick asked for a moment of personal privilege. She asked about the large gavel sitting on the Master's Station. Since she and Sister Cynthia know how hard it is to be the wife of the State Master, Sister Melanie asked if the gavel helped in keeping everything straightened out and if she could borrow it for their State Session in Kansas to keep everyone in line, especially Brother Roger. Cynthia said they can work something out.

There being no further business, the first day of the 143rd Annual Session was closed in the Fourth Degree. Master Kowski rapped the Very Large gavel at 9:40 pm to close the meeting.

Members celebrated with the Feast of Flora prepared and served by the Little Lake Grange.

Fraternally submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange

DAY 2

**CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE
143RD ANNUAL SESSION
SEPTEMBER 23, 2018
REDWOOD EMPIRE FAIRGROUNDS, UKIAH, CA**

The second day of the 143rd Annual Session began with a Grange Breakfast at Little Lake Grange Hall. Many members of the Grange had a delicious breakfast at Little Lake Grange with fresh organic eggs.

The Memorial Service was presented by Barbara Geiger, California State Grange Chaplain. She honored our brothers and sisters who have passed on with the "Butterfly Benediction". It was a beautiful and touching ceremony. Full details will be printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

The second day of the 143rd Annual Session of the California State Grange was opened in the Sixth Degree by the Officers of the California State Grange. Master Ed Komski presiding. The flag was presented by Worthy Flora, Emily Casterson with the aid of the Assistant Stewards, Joseph Stefenoni and Suzi Laskowski

Honored Guests were introduced:

Roger & Melanie Bostwick, National Grange Representatives, and Kansas State Master and First Lady; Naomi Fletcher, Bob Clouse and Bill Booth, Past Masters of the California State Grange; and Martha Stefenoni and Lillian Booth, past First Ladies of the California State Grange. Master Ed also introduce Cynthia Komski, First Lady of the California State Grange and thanked her for all of her help and being his rock.

Riley Reynolds, National Junior Grange Ambassador was also introduced. If you have Junior Grange questions, Riley is the one to talk to. Master Ed also thanked all of the visitors from Oregon State Grange.

Roll Call of Officers found all officers present. Master Ed took a moment to announce that Lauren Linkemyer and Emily Casterson both acquired husbands since last years' convention. He congratulated both of them on tying the knot.

Minutes of the first day of the Annual Session were read by State Secretary Lillian Booth. Darlene Wingfield moved to approve the minutes as read. Seconded. Motion carried. Minutes adopted.

The Final Credential report was given by the State Secretary. There are 6 Pomona Granges and 29 Subordinate Granges. There is a quorum. There are 61 voting delegates. It was moved by Joseph Stefenoni to accept the Final Credential report. Seconded by Leroy Squire. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report adopted.

Communications:

A letter was read from Josh Harper, Overseer, expressing regret for missing the session this year due to work.

Convention Rules:

It was moved by Steven Hood to adopt the convention rules. Seconded by Joseph Stefenoni. Discussion. It was moved by Martha Stefenoni to amend the Convention rules to strike the last statement regarding how to choose the next annual session. Seconded by Cynthia Komski. Vote taken. Motion carried. Amendment adopted. Rules as amended on the floor. No discussion. Vote taken. Rules approved as amended.

Convention Schedule:

The convention schedule was amended to add

- (1) Monday 10:30 AM, Speaker - John Frandell, from Merrill Lynch
- (2) Monday 11 AM Speaker - Mark Serlin of Serlin & Whiteford
- (3) Monday 11:30AM Speaker - Skip Jirrell "Map your Neighborhood."
- (4) Monday 12:00 – 12:15PM – Pat Scully from Grange Insurance Association

It was moved by Steven Hood to adopt the Convention schedule as amended by the Worthy Master. Seconded by Marilla Peeler. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Schedule adopted.

Director Reports – Bill Booth, Communications Director.

Master Komski introduced Bill and thanked him for his work on the Grange website. Bill said he was going to give the Cliff Notes and present the full text for the Journal of Proceedings.

Challenges facing the Grange are the ability to communicate and costly to print and mail publications. We currently have email for 53% of our membership. Recent studies show 90% of the population have an email address. We need to improve our ability to obtain member email addresses to use for Grange communications.

Grange Website is always undergoing continuous improvement. Cascading style sheets are used to give a consistent look and feel to the website. Cognito Forms are used, and more forms will be added to the website. Let Bill know what your Grange needs.

There is a need to communicate with our newest members. Application fees can be used to develop and send a "Welcome Packet" to the new Grange members, explaining what the Grange is and how it will be a long-term benefit to them.

Bill took a moment for a personal Public Service Announcement – Get medical exams when you need them – do not delay. If you think you don't feel well talk to your doctor. Take care of things when they are small, so they don't turn into big things later.

Brother Ed remarked that Bill has a passion for doing this. When Bill asks for tools for the website, he gets them. We provide the most current tools to let Bill

make things happen. Brother Ed complimented Bill and said that the California State Grange website is second to none and is one of the best out there.

Michael Evenson requested personal privilege. This year Mattole Grange lost their long-time Secretary, Ken Young. He thanked the Booth family for the help in keeping things going for them until they replace the Secretary.

Community Service Director Report:

Martha Stefenoni was introduced as the Community Service Director.

Has seen lots of Facebooking about what the Granges are doing. That information goes to Grange-land and non-Grange-land and across the country. There are many Granges who are contacting each other on the web to share information.

Community Service form – there is a financial award from the National Grange of \$250 to the State Grange when 25% of our Granges file a community service report. There is also a Community Service Book which can be entered.

Martha recognized the Distinguished Granges; Central Union Grange and Rincon Valley Grange. They didn't think they could receive the award, but they tried any way and received it.

Martha reminded everyone that she has a candy reward for turning in the Community Service Forms

Grange Expo Director

Katie Squire was introduced as the Grange Expo Director

Brother Ed said that Katie fields lots of questions, including "Can I display my tractor in the hall?" He remarked that any of the directors also include the family and their involvement. He thanked Katie as well as Johnny and Leroy for all their support of Katie.

Kate began by introducing her new best friend Rosaura Flores from Windsor Grange. Rosaura stepped up and became the Expo Spreadsheet guru and helped extensively with the Expo this week.

The Expo is the members' showcase. All Katie and her team do is make sure everything gets displayed. Each person doing a little bit, it makes the job easier.

Katie thanked the Grange for letting her be the Director because it is her passion.

Master Ed introduced Leroy Squire as the John Trimble Legislative Experience representative at the National Grange Session at Stowe Vermont. He went through an extensive application process. Leroy will be working as a legislative intern with Burton Eller, National Legislative Director.

Kent Westwood, Laytonville Grange, took a moment of personal privilege. He introduced Jane Evans, who asked their Grange if they could start a seed bank. She started it and they partnered with Garden Club. There is now an organic seed library – all due to Jane.

Youth Fair Program Director's Report

Tacy Currey could not be here this week. Ed commented he has personally seen what the value of the Youth Fair Program does for the Grange. He asked Lillian

Booth, National Grange Youth Fair Program Coordinator to report on the status of California.

Sister Lillian advised the Grange Youth Fair program is not just growing, it is exploding in California. There are many reasons. The first it is a good program and families are looking for a safe place to be involved with their children. The next is the family atmosphere and the multi-generational organization families can belong to. Granges in California have doubled their memberships because of the Grange Youth Fair Program. She encouraged the members present to throw the door open and bid them welcome.

Master Komski remarked the Grange Masters need to be ready when the Fair Program comes knocking on your door. Because it will happen, and very soon.

Master's Annual Address

Bob Clouse was called up to take the Master's Position. Bob stated it has been very rewarding working with your Master for the last four years. We were in a position we never thought we would be in. It is a pleasure to serve as the Overseer for this convention.

Brother Bob asked the Assistant Stewards to present Ed Komski, Master, to the Master's station.

Brother Ed Komski, Master of the California State Grange presented his Annual Master's address. The full text will be printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

It was moved by Naomi Fletcher to approve the report and print in the Journal of Proceedings. Seconded. Discussion regarding one amendment to the address regarding a comment. Master Komski apologized for the comment and stated the address would be printed without that comment. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report accepted with one amendment and will be printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

Rebecca Reed, Jacinto Grange. Commented that last year at this time, they invited Ed to speak at the Grange and found they were locked out, needing to meet in the yard of the Grange Hall. From last year within the next six months the members were back in the Hall. The Grange has moved ahead in the community. The Jacinto Grange wants to thank all of you.

Bob Clouse returned the sash to Master Ed.

It was moved by Katie Squire to accept the preliminary reports of the Communications, Grange Expo, Community Service, and Youth Fair Directors and print the full text in the Journal of Proceedings. Seconded by Martha Stefenoni. Vote taken. Motion carried. Reports adopted.

Master Komski declared a recess for lunch. The Bible was closed on the Altar.

At 1:15 pm, the Grange was declared open.

It was announced there were rewritten resolutions and two new resolutions 2018-025 and 2018-026 for distribution at 1:15 pm.

Audit & Budget Committee

Gary Abreim, Chairman, reporting.

Resolution 2018-003 – Compensation of State Master.

Committee report is favorable. Steven Hood moved to adopt report of committee. Erica Kroesen seconded the motion. Discussion. Question posed by Buzz Chernoff on how the amount was derived of \$200 per month for home use of office. Answered by Gary Abreim the amount was in place in 2014 and is a carry over. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Unanimously. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2018-004 – Compensation of State Secretary.

Committee report is favorable. It was moved by Vince Scholten to amend the resolution by raising the salary to \$30,000 per year. Seconded by Suzi Laskowski. Discussion. Vote taken. Amendment adopted.

Resolution as amended on the floor. Discussion. It was moved by Martha Stefenoni to refer resolution back to committee to review the amendment. Seconded by Erica Kroesen. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution sent back to committee. This will put off the final Audit & Budget report.

Budget Report:

Given by Gary Abreim, Chairman.

It was moved by Steven Hood to adopt the budget report. Seconded. Discussion. Comments included a reminder that this is a plan and that there is a Board to adjust as necessary to move ahead.

It was moved to table adoption of the budget until action is taken on resolution 2018-004. Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution is tabled.

A break was called by the Worthy Master. Raffle prizes were drawn during the break.

After the break the Audit & Budget Committee resumed
Resolution 2018-004 –

Recommendation is unfavorable. It was moved by Joseph Stefenoni to accept the committee recommendation as unfavorable. Seconded. Reason requested. Chairman responded they looked at the past workload and current work load which was reviewed at the Board meeting last month. Felt the reasoning was justified as far as increasing the Secretary's salary from \$18,000 to \$24,000. The committee felt the \$6,000 increase was adequate. Vote taken. Division of the house called by the Master. Standing Count: Yes: 26 / No: 20. Motion carried. Committee recommendation adopted. Resolution Rejected.

It was moved by Naomi Fletcher to reinstate the original amount of \$24,000 and adopt the resolution. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as originally presented adopted.

BUDGET:

Reviewed with the new numbers.

Taken from the table. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Budget adopted.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS:

Master Komski appointed the Election Committee: Rosemary Hansen, Chairman; Rebecca Reed, Secretary. Members: Steven Hood; Robin Turnquist, and Will Shaw

Master Komski surrendered his sash. Bob Clouse presiding.

Nominations for Master:

Ed Komski	San Diego County
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Nominations for Overseer

Steven Hood	Fresno County	
Kent Westwood	Mendocino County	
Bob Clouse	Sacramento County	(declined)

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Martha Stefenoni	Sonoma County	
Inger Bevans	Monterey County	(declined)
Michael Evenson	Humboldt County	

Lecturer:

Katie Squire	Kings County	
Earline Gleisner	Mendocino County	(declined)

Steward:

Randy Turnquist	Santa Cruz County	(declined)
Brandon Nebitt	Kern County	
Vince Scholten	Sonoma County	

Assistant Steward

Brandon Nebitt	Kern County	
Leroy Squire	Kings County	
Will Shaw	Trinity County	
Joseph Stefenoni	Sonoma County	(declined)

Lady Assistant Steward

Suzi Laskowski	Kern County	
Betty Ann Biringier-Rehm	Humboldt County	
Ellie Bruce	Mendocino County	

Chaplain:

Barbara Geiger	Monterey County	
Reg Corella	San Luis Obispo County	(declined)
Jini Reynolds	Mendocino County	

Treasurer:

Gary Abreim	Sonoma County	(declined)
LoRee Lampke	Butte County	(declined)
Christina Webster	Sacramento County	

Secretary:

Lillian Booth	Butte County
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Gatekeeper:

BettyAnn Biringher-Rehm	Humboldt County	
Jeff Box	Mendocino County	(decline)
Jini Reynolds	Mendocino County	
Randy Marler	Mendocino County	

Ceres:

Ruthie King	Mendocino County	(decline)
Ellie Bruce	Mendocino County	

Pomona:

Lauren Linkemyer	Santa Cruz County
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Flora:

Emily Casterson	Santa Cruz County
Marilla Freitas-Peeler	Mendocino County
Jeanna Collet	Sonoma County

Musician:

Lawrence Jaffe	Sonoma County	(declined)
Buzz Chernoff	El Dorado County	(declined)
Charlie Vaughan	Mendocino County	(declined)
Wendy DeWitt	Mendocino County	
Martha Stefenoni	Sonoma County	(declined)

Election Committee:

Steven Hood withdrew. Linda Macklem will serve. Earline Gleisner will serve. Will Shaw is also replaced.

Resolution Committee Reports:

Conservation Committee

Betty Ann Biringher Rehm reporting

2018-006 – UPDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

Committee report is Favorable as amended.

Amendments reviewed. It was moved by Kent Westwood to accept the committee report as favorable as amended. Seconded. Discussion.

It was moved by Katie Squire to recommit. Seconded. Vote taken.

Motion carried. Resolution sent back to committee.

2018-005 DRIVERS' EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

Committee report is favorable as amended

Amendments reviewed. It was moved by Steven Hood to accept the Committee report and adopt the resolution. Seconded. Discussion.

It was moved by to recommit to clarify the Youth are not running the committee, but the adults. Seconded. Discussion: Vote taken. Division of the house was called. Assistants counted the votes. Aye: 18 Nay: 24. Motion to recommit lost. Resolution is on the floor.

It was moved to amend to strike lines 27, 28 and replace it with "the California State Grange policy supports". Seconded. Discussion.

It was moved by to recommit by Christina Webster. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution sent back to committee.

National Grange Guest:

Roger Bostwick, Priest Archon (Vice-President) of the Assembly of Demeter of the National Grange and Kansas State Grange Master was introduced as the Keynote Speaker for the Session.

Brother Roger thanked the California State Grange for the invitation to California. He began by telling us how he got into the Grange. It was a drug related. (Audible gasp from the membership). His Dad was a Grange Deputy for three counties and he and Roger's mom were gone two or three nights a week for Grange. So, he was drug along. He also got drug to church, drug to Grange meetings and occasionally drug to school. Roger is a third-generation Grange member with longevity in the Grange as part of his life.

When Brother Roger went into the Army, he let his membership lapse. He asked the Granges to continue to pay the dues of any active military member in their Grange so when they end their service, the Grange would be waiting for them.

Brother Roger got re-involved when he was asked to help at a Junior Grange camp and met a girl who kept his interest in the Grange. Married her too. He said behind every good man is a woman like Sister Melanie with a large mallet.

Brother Roger spoke of the importance of the Ritual and how it helps to understand the Grange. The stories are important and the lessons.

Brother Roger remembers installing a young man into office at a State Session. A few years later, that same young man installed Brother Roger as Master of the Kansas State Grange. At that same time, Brother Roger's daughters were being installed into State Offices. The young man looked at Brother Roger and asked, "Don't you want to install your daughters?" Bro. Roger commented he had never even thought of how special that might be until this young man asked him to take that privilege. The young man was our very own Joseph Stefenoni.

Brother Roger and Sister Melanie were thanked for attending and being with the California members this week.

Master Komski presented certificates for Grange Builder Awards. This is awarded to Granges who had a net gain in membership for the year 2017.

Awards – Grange Builder

Central Union Grange	net membership gain of 2
Orangevale Grange	net membership gain of 2
Aptos Grange	net membership gain of 2
Anderson Valley Grange	net membership gain of 3
Windsor Grange	net membership gain of 3
Ft Bragg Grange	net membership gain of 3

Years of Service Awards were presented to:

Rincon Valley Grange – 75 years of service
Cupertino Grange – 70 years of service
Little Lake Grange – 80 years of service

Election polls were declared open.
Grange at recess for voting at 5:06 pm
Reconvene at 7:15 pm
Meeting reconvened at 7:24 pm.

Election Results.

Rosemary Hansen reporting

Ed Komski	55 votes
Blank	1

Bob Clouse declared Ed Komski elected to the Office of Master.

Overseer 55 ballots cast

Kent Westwood	34
Steven Hood	20
Blank	1
Joseph Stefenoni	1

Kent Westwood declared elected.

Exec 3 year

Martha Stefenoni	42
Michael Evenson	14

Martha Stefenoni declared elected

Lecturer

Katie Squire	54
Blank	2

Kate Squire declared elected

Steward

Brandon Nebitt	19
Vince Scholten	37

Vince Scholten declared elected.

Assistant Steward

Brandon Nebitt	19
Leroy Squire	25
Will Shaw	11
Blank	1

No election. Runoff ballot will be prepared for Brandon Nebitt and Leroy Squire

Lady Assistant Steward

Suzi Laskowski	44
Bettyann Biringher-Rehm	4
Ellie Bruce	7
Blank	1

Suzi Laskowski declared elected.

Chaplain

Barbara Geiger	39
Jini Reynolds	16
Blank	1

Barbara Geiger declared elected

Treasurer

Christina Webster	54
Blank	2

Christina Webster declared elected

Secretary

Lillian Booth	55
Blank	1

Lillian Booth Declared elected

Gatekeeper

Bettyann Biringher-Rehm	16
Jini Reynolds	22
Randy Marler	17
Vince Scholten	1

Run declared off between Jini Reynolds and Randy Marler

Ceres

Ellie Bruce	54
Blank	1
Suzi Laskowski	1

Ellie Bruce declared elected.

Pomona

Lauren Linkemyer	55
Blank	1

Lauren Linkemyer declared elected.

Flora

Emily Casterson	27
Marilla Freitas-Peeler	14
Jeanna Collett	14
Blank	1

Runoff declared with Emily Casterson, Marilla Freitas Peeler & Jeanna Collett

Musician

Wendy DeWitt	55
Blank	1

Wendy DeWitt declared elected.

It was moved by Martha Stefenoni to accept the Treasurers report and print in the Journal of Proceedings. Seconded. No Discussion. Motion carried. Report adopted.

Board of Directors Minutes for Approval

It was moved by Joseph Stefenoni to approve the minutes as presented to the Delegates in the binders. Seconded. No Discussion. Motion carried.

Resolution Committee Reports

Grange Law / Grange Law

Will Shaw reporting

2018-001 and 2018-002 tabled until tomorrow for the legal counsel to be present.

2018-008 – HONORING RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY IN THE GRANGE

Committee report is favorable. It was moved by Steven Hood to accept the report of the committee and adopt the resolution. Seconded. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

2018-010 – COMMITTEE OF PEACEFUL UNDERSTANDING

Committee report is unfavorable. It was moved by Steven Hood to accept the report of the committee and reject the resolution. Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report accepted. Resolution rejected.

2018-013R – GRANGE FOUNDATION – MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Committee report is Favorable as rewritten. It was moved by Steven Hood to accept the report of the committee and adopt the resolution. Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

2018-014R – NATIONAL GRANGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION

Committee report is favorable as rewritten. It was moved by Kent Westwood to accept the report of the committee and adopt the resolution. Seconded. Discussion.

It was moved by Joseph Stefenoni to amend the resolution, at line 29 to begin in 2020 and number the years of election through 2023. Seconded. Reasons were given as to why to extend the timeline. No further discussion on the amendment. Vote taken. Amendment carried.

Committee report as amended on the floor. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as amended adopted.

2018-15R – DEMITS – AMEND SECTION 6.9.4 OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE DIGEST

Committee report favorable as rewritten. It was moved by Joseph Stefenoni to accept the committee report. Seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

2018-016R – RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE NATIONAL GRANGE DIGEST REGARDING MEETINGS OF STATE GRANGE

Committee report is favorable as rewritten. It was moved by Steven Hood to accept the committee report. Seconded. Naomi Fletcher moved to strike the word "adjourned" in line 39. Seconded. The language of the section is verbatim from the current Digest of laws. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion to amend carried.

Resolution as amended on the floor. It was moved by Naomi Fletcher to approve the committee report as amended. Seconded. Discussion. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

Agriculture & Water Committee

Vince Scholten, Chairman, reporting

2018-020 – GLYPHOSATE BAN

Committee report is favorable. It was moved by Marilla Peeler to amend the resolved to add "California State" before Grange in both Resolves. Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Amendment carried.

Committee report as amended on the floor.

It was moved to add a new Resolved to state "Upon adoption the CSG shall take this resolution to the National Grange for adoption." Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Amendment adopted.

Resolution as amended on the floor for discussion. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

2018-022R – OBJECTION TO MERGER OF MONSANTO AND BAYER

Committee report is favorable as rewritten.

It was moved by Steven Hood to add a second resolved to send to the National Grange. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution amended.

Resolution as amended on the floor. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

2018-025 – BIOTECHNOLOGY STANDARDS

Committee report is favorable. Discussion regarding the acronym “LLP”. Master Ed tabled the resolution until the Committee can determine what LLP stands for.

2018-026 – AGRICULTURAL LABOR REFORM

Committee report is favorable. There was confusion regarding if the resolution was a rewrite or not. Master Ed declared it was tabled until reviewed by the Chairman and Secretary.

Labor & Judiciary Committee

Jeff Box, Chairman, reporting

2018-019 – MICROENTERPRISE KITCHENS

Committee report is unfavorable. Reason is this was just signed into law. Master Komski sent the resolution back to committee to do research on this law.

2018-024 – FIX CALIFORNIA’S ROAD AND HIGHWAYS.

Committee report is favorable. It was moved by Steven Hood to accept the report of the committee and adopt the resolution. Seconded. Discussion. Motion made to strike “aka SB1” from line 55. Seconded. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended on the floor. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as amended adopted.

2018-023 – RECLASSIFICATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS BY THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.

Committee report is favorable. Lillian Booth moved to accept the committee report. Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

Agriculture & Water Committee

2018-025 – BIOTECHNOLOGY STANDARDS

Committee report is favorable. It was moved by Martha Stefenoni accept the committee report and accept the resolution. Seconded. It was moved by to amend LLP to read “limited liability partnerships”. Another acronym definition was raised as a possibility. Master Ed sent it back to committee to clarify.

2018-026 – AGRICULTURAL LABOR REVORM

Committee report is favorable. It was moved to accept report of committee and adopt the resolution. Seconded. Discussion. Motion carried. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

2018-009R – CANNABIS NORMALIZATION

Committee report is favorable as rewritten.

The Orders of the Day were called which stops activity and automatically moves to the next order of business on the schedule, which is closing of the Grange.

There being no further business after the Orders of the Day were called, the second day of the 143rd Annual Session of the California State Grange was closed in regular form.

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange.

DAY 3

CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE 143RD ANNUAL SESSION SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 REDWOOD EMPIRE FAIRGROUNDS, UKIAH, CA

The third day of the 143rd Annual Session of the California State Grange opened in the Fourth Degree by the State Officers. Ed Kowski, State Master, presiding.

The Worthy Master asked if the election ballots were prepared. A change in Delegates was made with the State Master's permission. Jini Reynolds of Redwood Valley Grange will step out and Clint Kelly will step in. For Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange, Wendelyn Wells will step out and Mack Ellis will step in. Master Ed advised the Delegates that changing representation for a Grange could only be done with his approval and can only be done once for that Grange.

Roll Call of Officers found all officers present.

Minutes of the second day of the Annual Session were read by State Secretary Lillian Booth. Minor corrections were noted. It was moved by Steven Hood to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Minutes adopted.

Election polls were declared open for the run-off elections for Assistant Steward, Gatekeeper and Flora. Grange was put at recess for voting at 9:54 am. To reconvene at 10:15 am.

Meeting reconvened at 10:19 am.

Guest Speakers:

Mark Serlin – Serlin & Whiteford Law Firm

Mark Serlin was escorted to the Master's Station by the Assistant Stewards. He was introduced to the members present. Mark is one of the attorneys working for the Grange in the Sacramento area.

Mark introduced himself and provided his credentials. He received his undergraduate degree in economics at Berkeley, studied at Oxford University in Cambridge and received his law degree from law degree from Hastings College of Law in San Francisco.

While at Berkeley he worked with the author of "An American Exodus", Dr. Paul Schuster Taylor. This study is about the dust bowl and people migrating to California to get away from the conditions and the treatment they were subjected to. Dr Taylor also did other work about Farm policies and the Reclamation Act of 1902 and how Family Farming developed over the years.

Mr. Taylor taught him when something was described as "More efficient", the question needed to be asked "More efficient for whom?" He found the Grange asked that question a lot in the 1900's and it kept the Grange moving. Mark said he gathered considerable information about the Grange while working with Dr. Taylor

Mark said being an attorney is like needing a plumber. You don't usually know your plumber or your attorney by their first name. But when you need one, it's stinky, and a mess. Then you pay a reasonable bill and don't need them again for a while. He is working diligently to return the Grange to what it was prior to the troubles. He gave a general update on the cases he is working on for the Grange.

Mark closed by saying in the concept of time, agriculture and husbandry has been in effect for a short piece of time as we understand it. A limited population began as hunters and gatherers, and then somewhere agricultural lives began to emerge.

A number of people were affected in agriculture and the response to those actions was the Grange. The speed that industrial agriculture has moved is much faster than any animal can be changed. Humanity moved to a sedentary life from the hunter gatherer and then moving from "stoop" agriculture to "industrial" agriculture. The Grange was part of that lightning fast change.

Mark thanked everyone for listening today. He thanked Ed for the conversations and knowledge of the Grange.

Ed said Mark is a fisherman and loves to fish in Alaska. He presented Mark with a Grange apron to use when cooking his next catch. Mark was escorted from the Hall by the Assistants, with a stop in front of the Overseer's station to see Bob Clouse. Mark was presented with a Membership Application from Orangevale Grange.

Merrill Lynch

Jon Frandell from Merrill Lynch was escorted to the Master's station.

Jon is the Investment Banker for the Grange. He said that he and Ed try to play a golf game once in a while. And in Ed's case, it is TRY to play golf.

Jon said Ed came to a local Rotary meeting in Fallbrook and talked about the Grange, its history, what it is doing today, and how to be involved. John was most impressed with the Grange as the precursor to the Boys & Girls Club, the YMCA, the 4-H, FFA.

Jon discussed the Investment strategy of the California State Grange and the UPIA: Uniform Prudent Investor Act This is the law of the land to manage institutional funds for many, many years. It asks the question; how would a prudent person make investments. There are two rules (1) A diversified portfolio, and (2) Consideration of inflation.

Jon gave an overview of the prior investments and how the economy effects the investments. The then reviewed the specific investments which are being used for the California State Grange. In money management, you hire the firm and they hire the money manager to do the best job for you.

At the end of Jon's presentation, he asked for questions. Members asked about investments and socially responsible investing to align with resolutions the Grange has passed. John said there are ESG – Environmental Social Governance types of investments available.

Master Ed commented the micromanaging of investments and risk in specific investment markets are too high of a risk to those managing the fiduciary responsibilities of the Grange. We hire the money manager and they have funds they manage. Changing money managers is a big decision. John said he would take into account the remarks of the members today and would start thinking about it. Plan for the next generations.

Jon was presented with a Grange BBQ apron and told to enjoy them on his front porch. The members indicated they would like to have John back again next year. John was escorted from the Hall by the Assistant Stewards

Comments made regarding some of the companies in which we are invested. Many of the companies don't always hold the consumer in the thoughts and their philosophies. We hire a money manager – we cannot tell them how to invest those monies specifically. All we can do is change managers which is a big decision. John commented this is fluid and can follow some direction, but it is still a money manager.

Are we protected from volatility of the market? Answer: Don't change overall strategy because of a recession. Design with as much protection as possible and consider how do we plan for the next generations?

Jon was escorted from the Hall with a gift from the State Grange and an invitation to join the Rainbow Valley Grange.

Announcement:

Election Committee will have the polls open until 1:30 pm at which time the polls will close.

Skip Jirrell – Map Your Neighborhood

Skip was escorted to the Master's Station by the Assistant Stewards. Map your Neighborhood is designed for individuals to learn basic steps and supported by a DVD provided by the program. When talking with people about being better prepared, this provides tools to assist them. Disasters are unnecessarily high because people are not prepared as they could be. Talking about rural areas – very underserved by emergency services.

Because the Grange reaches out within the rural and general areas. Grange could take Map Your Neighborhood and is easily implemented. Simplified 9-step

program. Then walk or drive the area, looking for issues within the area. The program is designed to work in urban and rural areas.

This program allows the Granges to build comfort in their areas they are in. When in an emergency – if you prepare for things ahead of time you are able to shorten the time to response when the chaos hits.

Ed said there is an opportunity for those here to take this back to their Granges. There is contact information listed at the bottom of the handout. Skip is open to answer questions from everyone today.

3375 people – if only 5% of the California Granges reached out to 15 people each, this is the number of people we could reach.

Cost to granges – Videos are available for free online. DVDs are 5.00 each. Brochures are 00.35 per for a minimum of 250.

Riley Reynolds was escorted to the Master's Station by the Assistant Stewards. National Junior Grange Ambassador, from Oregon State. This year celebrates 130 years of Junior Grange

He called attention to the following programs of the Junior Grange:

- 1+ membership
- Passport Program – Replacing merit badge program
- Pen pal Program
- Ambassador Program
- Legislative Fly in Participation- increased need for junior participation

130 Fundraiser – pick a number between 1-130 to donate that amount.
Become a Junior again – to have adults participate in junior contests.

Riley was presented a gift and thanks from Master Ed – who also commented that in 30 years, Ed may be calling Riley, Master Reynolds.

Pat Scully was escorted to the Master's Station by the Assistant Stewards. Representation from GIA to the California State Grange.

GIA Is an A rated company and have to keep the reinsurance firms to back up the company.

Master Ed commented how GIA has affected the Grange in CA is traumatic. Halls being canceled by GIA and the market rate on insurance. Shame on us for not being prepared for the changes that came through.

Pat stated that line of business was not profitable. The Granges had a good thing going for a long time. It was a difficult decision a long time ago and affected many things.

GIA has been bleeding the worst in CA the last three years. That is now extending to all of the States. To evaluate risk, they look at GIS mapping, slopes and terrain. Zoom right into the individual property for the evaluation.

GIA is trying to expand farm policies. More latitude on the fire scores with farm owners. Needs to be a legitimate farming operation and not just a barn on property. GIA wants to be able to cover farms.

Pat was escorted from the hall with thanks.

Announcements made by Martha Stefenoni.

Recessed for lunch at 12:23pm

Meeting reconvened at 1:30 pm. The voting was closed at 1:33 pm

Master Kowski asked Inger Bevans to be recognized for her 18 years of service on the Executive Committee of the State Grange. She is stepping off the Board for some "Inger-Time" and her service is greatly appreciated.

Raffle prizes were drawn during the break.

Expo will be holding a silent auction on items from the Expo.

Ed did a quick survey of the delegates about the Map Your Neighbors program. There is sufficient interest in the program for the California State Grange to adopt. Skip was given a Grange application and made the offer of becoming the Director of the program for the State Grange when he joins Sebastopol Grange.

Reconvened at 1:58 pm

Election Report – Rosemary Hansen

55 ballots cast

Asst. Steward

Brandon Nebitt	34
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Leroy Squire	21
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Brandon Nebitt declared elected.

Gatekeeper

Jini Reynolds	32
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Randy Maler	23
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Jini Reynolds declared elected

Flora

Emily Casterson	21
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Marilla Peeler	21
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Jeanna Collett	12
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Run off declared for Emily Casterson and Marilla Freitas-Peeler

Legal Update – Jeff Skinner

Brother Jeff Skinner was escorted to the Master's Station by the Assistant Stewards. (Emphasis on Brother). He expressed his happiness at being with all of us again. Jeff provided a detailed update on the litigation with the Guild. He took questions and comments from the floor.

Resolution Committee Reports:

Grange Law / Grange Growth & Development Reporting
Will Shaw reporting

Resolution 2018-001 – RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR THE 1946 CORPORATION.

Committee report is favorable. It was moved by Steven Hood, Central Union Grange, to accept the report of the committee and adopt the resolution. Martha Stefenoni, Sonoma County Pomona Grange, Seconded. No Discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

2018-002 – RESOLUTION ADOPTING CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE AS THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE 1946 CORPORATION

Committee report is favorable. It was moved by Martha Stefenoni, Sonoma County Pomona Grange, to accept the report of the committee and adopt the resolutions. Steven Hood, Central Union Grange seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried, unanimously. Resolution adopted.

Conservation Committee Report
Bettyann Biringer-Rehm reporting

2018-006R UPDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM Committee report is favorable as rewritten. It was moved by Kent Westwood to adopt the committee report as favorable as rewritten. Seconded by Steven Hood. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

Agriculture Committee Report
Vince Scholten reporting

2018-025 BIOTECHNOLOGY STANDARDS

Committee report is favorable as amended. It was moved by Kent Westwood to accept the committee report and adopt the resolution. Seconded. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

2018-009R CANNIBIS NORMALIZATION

Committee report is favorable as rewritten. It was moved by Kent Westwood to accept the committee report and adopt the resolution. Seconded. Discussion.

It was moved by Erica Kroesen to amend the resolution by taking out lines 16 & 17 and Lines 34 & 35. Seconded.

It was moved by Kent Westwood to amend the amendment by keeping lines 16 & 17 and take out the USDA and insert California Department of Food & Agriculture. Seconded. Vote taken. Division of the House. Aye: 17 No: 17. Master Ed broke the tie and voted in favor of the amendment to the amendment.

Amendment as read on the floor. Vote taken. Motion to amend carried.

Resolution as amended is on the floor.

It was moved by Joseph Stefenoni, to amend the resolution at Line 22 by changing that line to read "and prepared by any California residents of legal age as part of" Seconded by Erica Kroesen. Discussion. Vote taken. Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended on the floor. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

Education & Health
Marilla Peeler reporting

2018-027 – RURAL HOSPITALS AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Committee report is favorable. Master Ed requested the committee take it back and rework the resolved with both California State Grange but also the National Grange. He then took it as an amendment.

It was moved to adopt the report of the committee as amended. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

2018-005R - DRIVERS EDUCATION.

Committee report is favorable as rewritten. It was moved by Erica Kroesen to accept the report of the committee and adopt the resolution. Seconded.

Joseph Stefenoni Moved to amend resolved on line 27, "Master appoint". Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution as amended on the floor. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as amended adopted.

2018-027 – RURAL HOSPITALS AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Committee report is favorable. It was moved to adopt the committee report. Seconded.

It was moved to amend by removing "The National Grange" in both Resolved and adding a new resolved matching the previous wording about sending to National Convention. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Amendment adopted.

Resolution as amended on the floor Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

Agriculture & Water Committee Report
Vince Scholten reporting
2018-007 – CLIMATE SMART FARMING

Favorable as amended.

Master Ed advised the committee they would have to hold the report until the funding source is verified.

Motion by Will Shaw to reconsider resolution 2018-025 having voted in the majority.

Seconded by Joseph Stefenoni. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution is on the floor with no recommendations from the committee.

Resolution 2018-025 is in front of you.

It was moved by Jane Evans, to send resolution back to the Ag committee and submit next year. Seconded. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution reconsidered and will be referred to next year's packet.

Election results:

Rosemary Hansen reporting

Flora

Emily Casterson 29

Marilla Peeler 26

Emily Casterson declared elected.

Motion by Joseph Stefenoni to destroy the ballots. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Citizenship & Taxation

Rosemary Hansen

2018-011 – PG&E

Committee report is unfavorable. It was moved by Joseph to accept the committee report. Seconded. Discussion. Reason: Not feasible to require or local utility to establish a database in the County.

It was moved by Lillian Booth to substitute the resolution for the committee report without recommendation. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried.

It was moved to adopt the resolution. Seconded. Discussion. Currently PG&E is the only company who has instituted the policy to shut off the power.

It was moved by Steven Hood to amend the resolution by line 15 to replace PG&E with "electric utility companies" in the resolution. Seconded by Martha. Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended on the floor. Discussion.

Moved by Steven Hood to amend line 19 with "special/medical needs".
Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried.
Resolution on the floor as amended. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried.
Resolution as amended adopted.

2018-021R - JORDAN COVE LNG FACILITY/PACIFIC CONNECTOR PIPELINE

Committee report is unfavorable as rewritten.

Motion by Kent Westwood to substitute the resolution for the Committee Report. Seconded. Vote taken. Division of the House called. Yes: 20 No: 14.

021R on the floor with no recommendation.

Motion by Steven Hood to accept the Resolution. Seconded.

It was moved to amend - Line 16 and 17 to read "The California State Grange opposes the use of eminent domain for construction of the Jordan Cove Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Facility /Pacific Connector Pipeline." Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted as amended.

2018-012 RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A NEW FAIR (FAIR ACCESS TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS) PLAN ASSOCIATION FOR HOMEOWNERS

Committee report is unfavorable. Reasons given: not feasible. Cannot dictate what coverages they provide or insist the insurer provide coverages.

It was moved by Joseph Stefenoni to accept the committee's report. Seconded. Motion carried. Resolution rejected.

Agriculture Committee

2018-007 CLIMATE SMART FARMING

Favorable. Moved by Steven. Seconded. Discussion.

Joseph moved to amend the resolved on line 35 by striking the words "shall actively". Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution as amended on the floor. Vote taken. Motion carried.
Resolution adopted as amended.

Jeff Box, Reporting

2018-017R – SMOGGED AUTO SALES, ACC BOARD

Committee report is favorable as rewritten. It was moved by Kent Westwood to adopt the Committee's report. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

2018-019 MICROENTERPRISE HOME KITCHEN OPERATIONS

Committee report is unfavorable. Reason: Discussion regarding the bill, which is law. Have confirmed it is law, signed on 9/18/18. Monterey County Pomona Grange withdrew the resolution from consideration.

Announcement – Wall hanging for Little Lake Grange silent auction will close soon.

Gary Abreim, Chairman of Audit & Budget, thanked his Committee and there are no changes to policy in the Journal of Proceedings. Katie Squire moved to accept the committee report. Seconded. Motion carried. Report adopted.

Committee: Bob Clouse, Cynthia Komski, Janis Jordan, Christina Webster, and Bob Canclini

Happy Birthday was sung by everyone in attendance to Kimber, granddaughter of Roger & Melanie Bostwick. She turned 5 years old today and is a new Junior Granger. Amanda Thomas helped facilitate the video call for Melanie & Roger for the Delegates to sing.

Melanie Bostwick thanked the California Grangers for the hospitality, and they are the most warm and welcoming Grange members. She complimented Ed on everything he's done. And for Cynthia as an incredible first lady. Counts all of us as her family from here on out. Took tour of the Solar Living Institute with Jini Reynolds today and did a great deal of networking.

Roger commented on the front porch syndrome. Now are all small front porches. Front porches used to be large and were the social gathering place. Grange needs to be the front porch for people.

Master Komski said he was remiss yesterday. He had complimented the lady State Officers on securing new husbands, but he forgot to announce Joseph Stefenoni got married recently (finally!!).

Ed Komski introduced the Keeper of the Stuff, Linda MacCracken and Marian Sales, Marian the Librarian. We tried to negotiate pay but they want to remain volunteers. They have currently volunteered 170 hours – EACH. They were presented a small gift of appreciation for the amazing work they have done for the Grange.

Jerry & Linda Macklem were escorted to the Master's Station. Jerry surprised Linda – he vacuumed. They come out once or twice a week, they are cleaning the building when they are there. Jerry found a flag stand and spent several hours cleaning up a beautiful silver and polished wood flag stand that was found in a storage area of the Grange Building. It has been holding the Grange Flag all week. They are having fun working at the office. They were presented with a gift of appreciation.

Bob Clouse was escorted to the Master's Station.

One of the first things we had to get rid of was the junk yard between the Headquarters and the GBO building. It took a 30-yard construction dumpster to dump fit all the junk. Bob Mr. "closer to 80 than 70" lifted all of that junk into the dumpster. When we got the location of the trailer, Bob was nearby and went to view it until the Receiver could get there. One of Bob's proudest moments.

Bob was proud of his pickup to tow the trailer to the Receiver's location. When opened they found 50 boxes of documents belonging to the Grange.

Expo Auction:

Special Auction of a special Grange farmer bear. This auction goes to the Expo and the Bear will be donated to our newest Grange Member Rowan "Granger" Nebitt, new son to the Assistant Steward, Brandon Nebitt. Sold for \$110 to Sister Naomi Fletcher.

Moment of personal privilege by Gary Abreim. Ed was an intense person. Gary asked how Ed liked to relax – if ever. Gary thought he would help out and he presented Ed with a well-aged Barbados Rum. Ed accepted with thanks.

Break for Dinner

Reconvened at 7:40 PM.

The Worthy Overseer, Bob Clouse read an email received from the New England Grange Building Exposition. Beth Merrill said a quilt was raffled off every year from the Exposition to a specific cause. This year the proceeds are to go to benefit victims of the California wildfires and asked the California State Grange to oversee the disbursement of \$1,981.66 (to date) to worthy recipients. The gift was accepted with thanks from the membership.

Veterans Program – under the Direction of Sister Katie Squire.

All veterans attending, were honored for their service. All branches of the military were represented. All wars and conflicts from Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War, to the present were represented. The men and women were thanked for their Service, including the families who supported them at home during their service.

Naomi Fletcher talked about the Quilts of Valor – The program started in 2003 and since then 197,044 Quilts of Valor (QOV) have been presented. National Grange would like to push this project forward and further with the help of the membership.

Peaceful Posse Quilters of Eugene presented a Quilt of Valor to Paul Hyland for his 10 years of service as an Army recruit. When quilts are presented, the person receiving it sees it first, and then the audience will see it. Michael Fletcher was presented his QOV in the middle of the biggest quilt show in the US. They took down a quilt from the display which had been quilted by another veteran in order to present him with it. During the National Grange Session this last year there was a QOV presentation. They were asked to commission a quilt for Corey Clouse, a long-time member, who became a Master Sergeant and did two tours in Afghanistan and one in Iraq. His job was fixing tanks and teaching his squad to fix tanks. When Corey retired from the service, he went back into mechanics where he now works for the road commission fixing the large equipment. His quilt top was made by Naomi Fletcher and quilted by Michael Fletcher. This will be given to Corey by his dad Bob Clouse.

Quilts can be commissioned for veterans. Go to the Quilts of Valor website. Toppers make the tops and Long-Armer do the actual quilting. Involve everyone.

Ukiah Autumn Leaves

Robert Canclini, Whitesboro Grange and Kent Westwood, Laytonville Grange reporting.

Saw the need to have a retirement community for Grange members. All of the members of the Board are Pomona Grange members from Mendocino County. Kent Westwood is the current President of the Board.

Feel strongly that it is important to be tied to the name of the Grange. When the mortgage is paid off, had some funds in the reserve account. When a building is 40 years old, things need to be maintained. Have Four employees: Administrator, Manager, Maintenance and Janitor.

Rent is tied to a tenant's income. 1/3 of their Social Security Income and HUD pays the rest. There is a waiting list. Vacancies don't stay vacant.

Took a loan against the reserves of \$750,000 and replaced windows in each apartment. Replaced each air conditioner in each building. Replaced the water system. Solarized the building for the complex itself for electricity in the common areas. In the first three weeks it was turned on, the City owed the complex \$1600. Is now redoing the driveway and parking area. Upgraded each electrical panel in every apartment. Putting in brand new main electrical panels.

Whitesboro declared October Firefighters Appreciation month. Last year it all went to the RV Grangers who lost their homes. This year it will be for 10/13 Spaghetti Dinner (Bob Canclini cooks!!!) and Breakfast. All gross proceeds will go to help the Grange families who lost their homes.

Vacaville Autumn Leaves –

Rosemary Hansen, Director

Retirement foundation also. Early 1980's the Granges in the area decided they liked Ukiah and they wanted to have a facility in their area for retired Grangers and others also. The State Grange was in favor but could not financially back the project. A faith-based foundation stepped in and said they would financially back the project. The facility is on Nut Tree Avenue in Vacaville. It's now in the middle of town. 86 units, most are 1 bedroom. Under Section 8 housing so most pay a small percentage of the rent. Board – 2 from Housing Foundation and 3 from Grange on the Board.

Years of Service Awards:

Aromas Grange, Jackie Palmer was escorted to the Master's Station. 105 years of Service.

Sebastopol Grange, Gary Abreim was escorted to the Master's Station, 120 years of Service.

Bennett Valley Grange – Vince Scholten escorted to the Master's Station. 145 years of Service to the order.

Grange Builder Certificate Awards

Little Lake Grange Net gain of 6
Aromas Grange Net gain of 9
(Shared Uber Ride following the Assistants)

Bodega Bay Net gain of 5
North Fork Grange Gain of 8
Whitesboro Grange Gain of 6
Redwood Valley Grange Net gain of 10
Anderson Grange Net gain of 10
Bachelor Valley Grange Net gain of 25
Santa Cruz Live Oak Net gain of 27
Wyandotte Grange Net gain of 84 members

It was moved by Christina to accept the reports of the representatives of Autumn Leaves and print in the Journal. Seconded. Motion carried. Reports adopted.

Joseph requested that the Secretary send a letter of thanks of appreciation under seal of the Grange thanking them for the recognition and their donation to fire victims.

Resolution 2018-018 has been withdrawn. Resolutions are completed.

Reminder given to all of the Chairmen except Audit & Budget and Grange Law, the Policies have to be reviewed and any amendments to the policy presented to the Delegates for approval.

Vince Scholten – Ag Chairman. Committee has reviewed the policies during the last two years. There are no further changes to be made. He thanked the Ag committee for their hard work this year. Wish to commend them. Vince Scholten, Ruthie King, Michael Evenson, Lauren Linkemyer, Duncan McIntosh, and Jim Palmer.

Master Ed declared their work completed and the Committee is relieved.

Bettyann Biringer-Rehm – Conservation Committee. Read her report, which will be printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Committee: Randy Turnquist, Edwina Woolard, Kent Westwood, Reg Corella, Jerry Macklem, and Leroy Squire. All have agreed to remain on the conservation committee to review policy and present any needed resolutions. Final thank you and report.

It was moved to accept the Ag committee report. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report adopted.

It was moved to accept Conservation committee report. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report adopted.

Jeff Box – Labor, Judiciary & Transportation committee reviewed the past policy and no changes are recommended. Thanked the committee.

It was moved to approve the report of the Labor, Judiciary & Transportation Committee. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion Carried. Report adopted.

Joseph Stefenoni reminded everyone that Installation of Officers has been moved on the agenda to 8:30 am. Everyone is encouraged to attend. This gives members the opportunity to learn the duties and responsibilities of each officer and symbols used in the Grange. Opening of the Grange will be after the Installation.

Auction for Expo: Netted \$1,622 for the Expo today. Joseph Stefenoni, Auctioneer Extraordinaire, did an amazing job. Hey Bidder, bidder...

There being no further business, Day 3 of the California State Grange 143rd Annual Session was closed in regular form in the Fourth Degree.

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange

Day 4

CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE 143RD ANNUAL SESSION SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 REDWOOD EMPIRE FAIRGROUNDS, UKIAH, CA

The final day of the 143rd Annual Session of the California State Grange was opened in the Fourth Degree by the Officers of the State Grange. The flag was presented by the Worthy Assistant Stewards, Suzi Laskowski and Brandon Nebitt, carried by Worthy Ceres, Ruthie King.

Installation of Officers

Roger Bostwick, National Grange Priest Archon, and Master of the Kansas State Grange installed the officers of the California State Grange as follows:

Master	Ed Kowski	San Diego County
Overseer	Kent Westwood	Mendocino County
Lecturer	Katie Squire	Kings County
Steward	Vince Scholten	Sonoma County
Assistant Steward	Brandon Nebitt	Kern County
Lady Assistant Steward	Suzi Laskowski	Kern County
Chaplain	Barbara Geiger	Santa Cruz County
Treasurer	Christina Webster	Sacramento County
Secretary	Lillian Booth	Butte County
Gatekeeper	Virginia "Jini" Reynolds	Mendocino County
Ceres	Ellie Bruce	Mendocino County
Pomona	Lauren Linkemyer	Santa Cruz County
Flora	Emily Casterson	Santa Cruz County
Executive Committee 3yr	Martha Stefenoni	Sonoma County

Installing Team Members:

Installing Officers	Roger Bostwick	Kansas State Grange
Installing Marshall:	Joseph Stefenoni	Sonoma County
Installing Chaplain	Linda Macklem	Sacramento County
Emblem Bearer	Bettyann Beringer-Rehm	Mendocino County
Regalia Bearer	Melanie Bostwick	Kansas State Grange

Farewell to our Guests:

With much love and appreciation, the members and Delegates bid a fond farewell to Roger & Melanie Bostwick on their return home to Kansas. They invited everyone to their State Session in the future and wished the California State Grange good luck in all of our endeavors.

Roll Call of Officers

Roll call of officers by Secretary Lillian Booth found all officers present.

Special recognition was given to the State Officers who served so well: Inger Bevans, Executive Committee; Gary Abreim, Treasurer; Vince Scholten, Gatekeeper (who moved to Steward); Ruthie King, Ceres; and Martha Stefenoni, Musician. All were thanked for their service.

Minutes of Day 3

Minutes of Day 3 of the State Session were read by Secretary, Lillian Booth.

Corrections were noted. It was moved by Steven Hood to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. Minutes adopted as corrected.

Committee Reports:

Education & Health – Marilla Freitas-Peeler reporting.

Final report given. The Education and Health committee reviewed the present legislative policy and propose no changes. Marilla thanked the Committee members: Ann Larson, Julie Rhodes, Buzz Chernoff and Marialice Canclini.

Citizenship & Taxation – Rosemary Hansen reporting.

Final report given. The Citizenship & Taxation Committee reviewed the present legislative policy and propose no changes. Rosemary thanked the members of the committee.

It was moved by Katie Squired to accept the final reports of the Education & Health Committee and the Citizenship & Taxation Committee. Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report adopted.

Katie Squire announced there are some Expo entries that need to be released to the responsible Granges.

Master Ed Kowski talked about the resolutions presented this year. There was more depth, insightfulness, and more change for improvement. In our future, the Grange needs to be SURE of who we are asking to partner with. Cannot partner with organizations when we do not know who they are and if they are aligned with the values and purposes of the Grange. If you want to change something, use the tools of the Grange.

Resolution of Appreciation

Master Ed asked Amanda Booth-Thomas to write the Resolution of Appreciation this year. Amanda asked Lauren Linkemyer to read the resolution.

It was moved by Darlene Wingfield to accept the Resolution of Appreciation. Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried unanimously. Resolution adopted.

The Orangewood Gavel

Master Ed Kowski asked Joseph Stefenoni to tell the story of the large Orangewood gavel used by the California State Grange Masters to open and close the Annual Sessions.

Joseph told the members and delegates the intricate and unique history both to the California State Grange and the National Grange.

In the 1860's, at the end of civil war, William Saunders was the Supervisor of the United States Propagating Gardens. Orange bud wood was imported from Brazil. Saunders sent cuttings to Florida, the Midwest and to the Tibbet family in Riverside California. After Mr. Tibbets passed away, the trees were taken, but some cuttings were saved. One of the trees was taken to the local Mission and planted by Teddy Roosevelt. That tree did not survive the transplant, but Grange members in the area saved the wood of the parent naval orange tree and fashioned it into the large gavel we use today. William Saunders went on to become the first Master of the National Grange. The gavel continues to be very special to our organization, our State and the Grange as a whole.

On April 4, 2018, this gavel was one of the properties the Grange was able to retrieve. It's worth to our organization? Priceless.

Presentations:

The Worthy Master requested the Assistant Stewards escort sisters Marta Stefenoni, Katie Squire & Lillian Booth to the Master station.

Brother Ed remarked that sister Lillian, while not originally intended to have much involvement in the planning stages of this Annual Session, things often change as things arise. Brother Ed said he does not have much involvement with the planning and characterized from a statement Sister Lillian made to him - "It's like planning a wedding -- You're the groom. We're the bride's parents. You just have to show up."

To Martha he offered sincere thanks for all that she did to pull together the event and to Sister Katie he states "I've said it once, I've said it twice, I'll say it again, when we called you, you came to the table". To each he gave a small token of appreciation and has asked each to step forward to perform these duties again for our next session.

Sister Katie Squire added that, due to the successful growth of the Expo, we are now ready to re-order reward pins.

Sister Martha extended her gratitude to the Granges in the area for all that they did to help us

Sister Lillian thanked everyone for participating. We keep breaking records with the auctions this year. But the raffle brought in \$810, another record.

Martha asked Ed and Cynthia to come forward. She Martha presented a "black bag" that looks suspiciously like a trash liner, sorry, it's not recyclable. She said "We are bringing back some old traditions. It has been a custom in the past that when we had Grange Women's Activities that the "needle fairies" get together and craft a gift of thanks to the Master for all they do." Martha announced that Past Oklahoma State Grange Master, Vonnice Merritt, made a gift of a lovely rainbow colored quilt for our Worthy Master Ed Kowski & his wife Cynthia.

Cynthia and Ed thanked the members for the lovely gift. Cynthia remarked the bright colors looked like Ed's first car.

Brother Ed remarked that he started a tradition of truly listening to the Installation Obligation because of his Mom. He and his brother had asked her to come and live with them (alternating with the seasons) and she declined the offer so as not to leave her church and senior center. He took that to heart and thought of those in the Grange who were much like his mom and he felt he had to "stand up and do something" to in order to maintain that matter of home and family that each of us find in the Grange. He said he listens to the obligation each time it's given with a fine ear and makes an internal promise that he will never work against that oath. "When you leave your footprints in the sand, you hope that it's leaving something good behind". He asked the members to call out to your friends and neighbors, invite them to join the order and plant the seeds to plant so we can reap a new harvest.

Brother Ed invited all members to visit the State Grange office.

Naomi Fletcher. Past Master of the California State Grange talked about the Sheep to Shear program. CA State Grange has gotten into the AHA program. The scarf that was carded, spun and woven by all of the different members at this Session will be auctioned off and proceeds will go to the Youth Fair Program. Joseph Stefenoni entertained us once again with his auctioneering skills. When the gavel fell, it was SOLD!! to Sister Darlene Wingfield for \$240.00. Sister Naomi was thanked for the donation and the pleasure of learning how to weave.

Keeper of the Stuff

Ed discussed the Keeper of the Stuff, the inventory, and many of the items found at the State Office when it was returned to us. Many items of regalia, sashes, staves, and many other items are available at the State Office. Just ask if you need something.

Logo Banners

One of the Logo Banners will be a Traveling Banner. The person who takes it needs to be responsible to get to the next Grange who needs it.

Special Requests

Master Ed asked for a special request for Jerry Macklem, Kent Westwood, Bill Booth, and Will Shaw. All have had medical struggles and he asked for everyone to please keep these people in your thoughts and prayers. Keep those who are healthy in your thoughts as well. That is what makes family.

Reg Corrella asked for prayers for Bill Compton at Grover Beach who has been struggling since he had a stroke in May. Bill Compton taught Reg the meaning of the orange tree.

Donation

Joseph Stefenoni said that he would like to donate two orange trees to be planted at the State Grange Headquarters Building. Vince Scholten will get the trees to plant at the Headquarters building.

Final Raffle prizes were drawn.

Challenge

Joseph Stefenoni, National Grange Membership Director, challenged all of the members to go to the State Headquarters and get new Regalia. Get the Grange Manual and learn a part. If your Grange wants to do more of the Ritual and you have worked on it, Joseph will fly out on a mutually acceptable date to install officers and teach the Ritual with a team to help him.

Closing of the Grange.

There being no further business to come before the State Session, Worthy Master Ed Kowski proceeded to close the Grange for the final day.

The members formed a circle in the middle of the floor and sang "God Be with You Til We Meet Again" as the closing song.

The final day of the 143rd Annual Session of the California State Grange was closed with one rap of the Orangewood Gavel.

Until we meet again at the 144th Annual Session.

Fraternal submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange.

COMMUNICATIONS

No Communications Received for this State Session.

STATE MASTER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

This is my fourth year giving a State Grange Master's address, and I still haven't perfected it. It is an honor to serve under a mentor like Bob Clouse. And the greatest honor is to stand in front of you today.

The Grange is in good shape. You are going to hear some things today that others do not know I am going to tell you. The legal cases have been trying on every single person in this room. I live it. You are on the front line. Your community is torn, and we do not take that lightly. We have tried different ideas to end this, and different programs. All of the programs are firmly tied to the By-Laws and the Constitution of the State and National Granges. We do not go outside those boundaries. Some have asked how we sued a Brother or Sister of the Grange – we did not. Any individuals sued disaffiliated and are not Grange members. Not one Brother or Sister has been sued in any legal action by the State Grange.

On that note, on October 12, 2018, there is a good chance this litigation is complete and over. We have had a plan for some time and National Grange found out about it when we pursued the Trademark II lawsuit. That suit gave an avenue to pursue the Lanham Act, and in turn pursuing the insurance companies. The insurance companies were paid with dollars stolen from our accounts. They supported McFarland in his litigation. The Insurance company is coming to us wanting to mediate.

The mediator has been scheduled and it will happen in Federal Court in Sacramento. I, Betsy Huber, Master of the National Grange, and our attorneys will be in the room. The California State Grange will not sit down and mediate in a room with Mark Ellis. He got away with contempt on Friday. Understand this - stealing is stealing. We will prove to anyone with the evidence we have on how that money was moved around. We have claims that will be addressed. There are policies in place with the date of initiation of claim. Each new policy is a new claim and each of those policies can net \$4-million. The years of the claims, plus the Grange Foundation, is global mediation. It can be \$13-million. The Court-appointed Receiver claims we are missing \$5-million. That, with the National Grange claims, puts things in a precarious position and well-over \$5-million. The Grange Foundation claim, alone, is \$1-million. We are talking. We are attempting to end this. No one wants this over more than we all do.

What is NOT on the table are the Subordinate Granges. If the Guild took or stole property, they will be pursued for those crimes. Redwood Valley Grange has been through several disputes. The most recent, this month, is the Guild members cut off power and water to the Grange Hall and actively interfered with

a grant the Grange had applied for. They learned from others have done and what the Guild THINKS they have a right to do. Redwood Valley Grange just hired their own attorney. We are supporting their efforts. The Fort Bragg Grange situation will be next. The Bennett Valley Grange case just finished the discovery process and we are proceeding with the Motion for Summary Judgement

As many Granges as want to return are welcome. If those controlling a Grange do not want to return, those individuals will be pursued on an individual basis on the problems we see occurring. Understand there is a parallelism in all of the cases. The National Grange and the California State Grange have Court rulings. Those rulings declare that we exist. We are the chartered organization.

We are proceeding legally and properly. You have a 1946 Corporation resolution in front of you this week. This resolution is written to rename the 1946 Corporation back to the original California State Grange. It will be decided by you, the Delegates to the 143rd Annual Session of the California State Grange.

Judge Shubb, of the Federal Court, ordered the Guild to hand back the corporation to the California State Grange. There will be propaganda sent out about this change, no matter when we do it. We have every right to take back the 1946 corporation. On approval of the resolution, we will be staying an extra day to process the name change in Sacramento. All of the information about the 1946 Corporation needs to stay in this room among these participants only – for now. We want to make this a surprise.

Many have seen the letter regarding interference by non-Grange members in your Grange business and with your properties. Redwood Valley Grange understands this situation very well. If non-Grange members attempt to interfere in your Grange property or business, contact me as soon as possible. We will help an assist you.

Brothers & Sisters, I promise you, every one of you, whether I am the State Master or not, I will support seeing the Court issues through to the end, no matter what.

Be proud of what we have accomplished. The foundation of the organization is as strong as we've ever been. This entire process has set the foundational elements of the Grange in solid law. When we started, some said "On, the By-Laws; oh, the National Grange. It's all in the 1870's. Those documents don't mean anything." The Courts have pointed to those documents many times – and they do mean something.

The next stage is here. The Grange is a machine. You cannot run an organization without money. There are lots of ways to get money. Cannibalizing and eating up our own funds to survive is not an effective way to run a machine. We need to manufacture a cash flow to work and sustain the organization. Some Masters say "Let's raise dues by another \$25.00" and it does not work. We need aggressive ways to raise money to provide benefits for you to sustain the membership.

One avenue is the lease on the 2101 Stockton Blvd building in Sacramento. We have successfully renegotiated the lease. There are structural issues with the building. In 2012 a report was generated which was not "accurate" stating there were no issues or had been mitigated. We are dealing with those issues now. We no longer have the expensive upkeep on the interior of the 2101 Stockton Blvd building. That is part of the lease and the tenant will bear those expenses.

Parking spaces. The Grange leases parking spaces on a month-to-month basis. This is now realizing approximately \$2,000 per month or \$24,000 per year. The old rent was only bringing in \$7,800 per year. And there is a waiting list of people who want to rent parking spaces.

You will be hearing from the Merrill Lynch money manager later this Session. The California State Grange restricted accounts and the owners of the Custodial Accounts are in funds managed by Merrill Lynch. When you find out you are getting \$2-million returned from the Court, it's like finding out your wife is having quadruplets. It is a surprise.

The State Grange invested \$1.6 million. There is currently an unrealized profit of \$81,000 in three months. The best we have ever realized is \$48,000 in one year. You have to know when to go into the markets and when to go out. There are plusses and minuses to investing. However, these investments have flexibility. The Grange is no longer invested in bonds for long periods of time. The current investments can be taken out any time and placed into Money Market funds if necessary

What we do with the rest of the U Street property in Sacramento is uncertain. When the property was returned to us, it was not maintained and had to be cleaned up. Local members helped by filling a 30-yard dumpster with trash items from between and out of the buildings. And there was more trash taken away. The buildings have been power-washed, the irrigation system repaired, and the landscaping restored.

We need to create a money-making machine to support the requirements of the membership. Or the members can decide to raise the membership dues.

Members have stated they want a Legislative Director. You cannot have a \$75,000 per year Legislative Director – you can't afford it. You cannot have a high-speed car; you have to keep the Ford F150 – because you can't afford it. We need new avenues of running the machine. And, there may be a bigger machine created by any future settlements.

Growing by inspiration is what we have done over the last four years. There is now the possibility of cash flow to grow the Grange. We will be as frugal as we have been. As you know, we started with 673 members at \$16 per member plus \$96,000 from Grange Insurance Association. This is what we have had to run your organization. That does not make us frivolous, that makes us very conservative. The second year, we had a negative. The third year, a negative. This year is a positive. The Treasurer will give a 2017 report, but we made it by the hair of our chinny-chin-chin. We never asked a Grange or a single member to pay a dime other than to pay their dues. If anyone heard us ask for more, raise your hand. No hands up. We are responsible with what we have. We calculate the risk. If you do a good job, you come out whole. In my previous life, I have had a business failure – but then, so did Walt Disney.

Last year's theme, "Moving Forward", was the first time we really felt the slogan drove the Grange. Moving Forward was the perfect slogan for last year. We took "What is the Grange?" and used the slogan as our tool to answer that question. There is a really good vibe in this room this year. If you noticed, we did not have a session to discuss healing like the last two years. We know those Grange members coming back may be hurting and we understand the hurt. We heal them with friendship, love, and an open welcome. We have moved forward.

This year's theme "Grange: Growing Through Inspiration" uses the ingredients that make a Grange. There are differences in the words between Moving Forward and Inspiration.

Inspiration is you. You are the tool to growth. Why are we here? I can't answer that for everyone in this room. I know you are here, and something drives you to be here. We don't need psychoanalysis to figure that out.

Sometimes you just need to hand someone a card when they say, "What's the Grange?" There are printed tools for you with the theme from this year. Write a card to someone. Drop them a postcard. What is on those items is why they need to be in the Grange.

ENTERTAIN:

Do we not entertain our members? Lawrence and Jeanna entertained us yesterday with their talent. It can be singing, dancing, poetry, music. It all entertains.

EVENTS

Our Granges constantly have events in their Grange Halls. We serve the community this way.

COMMUNITY:

There has been focus on emergency preparedness lately in serving the communities. Some Granges have not had that issue. Sometimes just providing a meeting venue helps the community.

LIVESTOCK PROGRAM:

The Grange Youth Fair Program provides livestock education to younger members. It provides them experience in agriculture that they can grow into.

FARM:

Not everyone is actively engaged in farming any more. But many of our members are involved in growing their own food and in teaching others. The School of Adaptive Agriculture is actively involved in farming.

TEAM:

Your Grange is a team. The Grange Board is a team. Members of your Grange have a camaraderie and common purposes.

PHOTOGRAPY:

Grange Expo is a very hot topic right now. There are all sorts of things to be entered into Expo. We no longer have to run to the trunk to get a camera. We all have them available now. Have some fun with making memories.

HEALTHY FOOD:

Sebastopol Grange is really involved in this. The Agriculture Chairman of this Convention is a grower. Healthy food is a hot topic right now.

ARTS & CRAFTS:

This is another avenue to the Grange Expo. Some Granges use this to get together for their common interests.

CULINARY:

Have you ever thought of the Grange Kitchen as a culinary place? We have Grangers who write great recipes. And we have chefs who are Grange members.

AGRICULTURE:

This is the root of our organization. There is hard work put into growing and making use of our food. The results of agriculture meet the requirements to survive in this life, and then be entertained by all of the other things we've been talking about. Remember temperance in work and play – that is the balance of life.

BUILD:

This can be so many things, from painting and fixing to building skills and your membership.

DANCES:

Mt. Hamilton Grange is known for their dancing and dance groups. This Grange just returned to good standing and we are very proud of the work they do in their community.

ARTS:

We have many artisans in the Grange. Share the knowledge with members. The results can be placed into the local fairs or the Grange Expo.

LEADERSHIP:

Exemplified by so many members. The National Grange Junior Ambassador from Oregon is a leader. Joseph Stefenoni is a great example of a leader. Leadership is the reverse of being a mentor.

FAMILY:

Biological families do not always understand about the Grange family. Grange is very unique with the family bond among all of us.

ACTIVITY:

We have so many activities in the Grange.

ADVOCACY:

Members want more of this. We need more resources to bring our policies to the legislature.

ORGANICS:

This is a big word. Think of the quality of our food and know what you are eating. It's making sure the same tomato I grow on my own is also safe. The bottom line is to know where the food is coming from.

COUNTY FAIRS:

This is self-explanatory. It is an important part of what we do and how we reach people in our communities.

FUN:

Gotta' have fun!! We work hard. We do the business of the committees. Maybe we argue about actions. We debate and agree to disagree where necessary. If we all think the same, then nobody is thinking. What we accomplish here is good and healthy. And we have fun doing it.

We use all of these things. And with all of these things that make us "Grange" we are still in the driver's seat in the litigation. There is nothing that doesn't keep us in the driver seat. I am asking again that the topic of mediation stays in this room. I debated whether to tell all of this in an open setting. In past years, I would never have done it. I am now asking you to do something and I trust you will do it.

To conclude, the finance machine is currently operating well. The investments and regular income are supporting all of these things we've talked about today. There is money to loan to Granges who need assistance. The restricted funds have been restored. The first things funded when the monies were returned was the shortfall in the Custodial Funds to the Granges. The California State Grange was responsible for that money. It bothers all of us that the trust every Grange gave to the administration failed them completely. It was important to restore that trust and get their funds returned. Whatever was left went to the general fund. We are still short \$1.1-million.

The health of the Grange has not been this strong in a very long time. It can be sensed and felt here. If there is anything you need to help you understand, please call. Pick up the phone at 10pm and I will talk with you.

Let me take a moment to tell you how much I appreciate my wife, Cynthia, your First Lady.

Fraternally,
Ed Komski, Master/President
California State Grange

STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Worthy Master, National Grange Representatives Roger & Melanie Bostwick,
Brothers and Sisters,

The membership of the California State Grange continues to grow. More Granges are returning to good standing as they understand the needs of the community and how the Grange organization can help them.

A problem still exists in the non-profit, tax-exempt status of Granges in California. Grange Secretaries are asked to review their filings and make sure they are current with the Internal Revenue Service and the California Secretary of State. Please contact the State Grange Secretary's Office if you need assistance.

It is my pleasure to serve as the Secretary of the California State Grange. It is a team effort and I could not do it without my husband, Bill, and daughters, Amanda Thomas, LoRee Lampke, and our sweet KayLynn. I also could not do it without the incredible assistance of Linda MacCracken, Marian Sales, Linda Macklem and Jerry Macklem.

And then there is the membership – all of you are my Brothers and Sisters. I care about each and every member. I'm delighted to be your Secretary.

Fraternally Submitted,

Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE SHEET

California State Grange 2017 Profit and Loss Comparison Budget to Actual & 2019 Profit and Loss Budget (Cash Basis)

	Year Ended 12-31-17				2019	
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Notes	Budget	Notes
INCOME						
Membership Dues	95,274	99,441	(4,167)	1	110,184	7
GIA Fees	104,842	96,249	8,593	2	100,000	2
Rental Income - Sacramento	-	-	-		177,775	8
Other Income	15,590	5,913	9,677	3	5,000	9
Total Income	215,706	201,603	14,104		392,959	
EXPENSES						
Dues to National Grange	46,863	47,231	(368)		40,584	7
Legal Fees	7,537	21,746	(14,209)	4	100,000	10
Audit	1,500	2,200	(700)		4,000	
Sacramento Property	-	-	-		56,031	15
Personnel Costs	61,785	60,384	1,401		108,040	11 & 12
Travel & Meetings	40,457	27,494	12,963	5	44,000	
State Session	16,055	9,142	6,913	6	12,000	
Operations	39,150	21,427	17,723	6	31,000	
Insurance	2,991	4,946	(1,955)		10,738	13
Grange Hall Maintenance	3,673	5,691	(2,018)		-	14
Wisteria Note Payment	-	-	-		19,560	16
Contract Services	6,330	4,123	2,207		23,000	17
Total Expenses	226,343	204,385	21,958		448,953	
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(10,637)	(2,782)	(7,854)		(55,994)	

Notes to 2017 Actual v Budget Comparison

- 1 2017 budget based on # of members as of 6-30-17.
- 2 GIA fees are set annually and paid quarterly. 2017 actual includes an additional \$5000 remitted by NG in 2017.
- 3 2017 included Fire Relief fund raising not budgeted.
- 4 Legal is paid from available cash flow. Approx \$300,000 will be paid in 2018 to Schiff Hardin. Receiver & Collection attorney costs estimated at \$200,000 in 2018.
- 5 Travel higher due to frequent court hearings & subordinate trips. Board travel was rotated and higher than anticipated. Meetings in 2019 will in Sacramento office.
- 6 State session higher due to fairgrounds rent & caterer. Actual includes \$11,000 for fire relief donations to recipients. Western Regional \$4,000 higher than budgeted. General office expense \$8,000 higher than budgeted

Notes to 2019 Budget

7. Membership Dues

2019 based on membership as of 9-9-18

No provision for additional increases for Granges getting back in good standing or the collection of past dues.

		CSG		NG	
Current Membership 9-9-18					
Fraternal	3,187	30	95,610	14	44,618
Gold Sheaf After 2001	156	14	2,184	14	2,184
Associate	37	30	1,110	14	518
Family	188	60	11,280	28	5,264
Family Members	748				
Junior	281				
Gold Sheaf Before 2001	45				
Total Members	<u>4,454</u>				
Annual Fee to NG					4,000
Annualized			<u>110,184</u>		56,584
Prepaid					<u>(16,000)</u>
					<u>40,584</u>

In 2018 CSG prepaid \$94,000 in dues for 2018 & a portion of 2019.

Approximately \$16,000 of the prepayment carries forward to 2019.

8 Sacramento Rental Income

	Month	Annual
UC Davis 1-1 to 9-30-19	12,610	113,490
UC Davis 10-1 to 12-31-19	12,988	38,965
GBO	150	1,800
Wisteria/CSG Office	-	-
Parking - 28 spaces @ \$70	1,960	<u>23,520</u>
		<u>177,775</u>

9 No provision for any collections of legal expenses, court awards, settlements or recoveries by collection attorney. No provision for gains or losses on Meryll Lynch accounts.

10 Legal principally for Mark Serlen

11 State Master, Secretary, bookkeeping/property management.

12 Includes health insurance for State Master.

13 Includes \$7,400 general liability and \$2,200 for auto.

14 Reimbursable from reverted funds.

15 Includes utilities, taxes, gardening, insurance and general maintenance

16 Payment on Wisteria Hall note \$1,630 per month (P&I). Interest 2%.

17 Outside services and contingency.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

JUNE 2017 THROUGH AUGUST 2018 California State Grange Board Meetings Minutes Approved by the Delegates

June 21, 2017 Sonoma County Fairgrounds

The meeting of the California State Grange Board of Directors was called to order at 5:35 pm on Wednesday June 21, 2017 at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. This meeting was held as per the By-Laws of the California State Grange.

Those present were: Ed Komski, State Master; Gary Abreim, State Treasurer; Inger Bevans, Executive Committee 2 Year; Bob Clouse, Executive Committee 3 Year, Jerry Allen, Executive Committee 1 year; Lillian Booth, State Secretary.

There being no business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was closed at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange

June 25, 2017 - Sonoma County Fairgrounds

As per the California State Grange By-Laws, the Board of Directors of the California State Grange met after the close of the Annual Session.

1. Roll Call of Officers:

Ed Komski, State Master; Lillian Booth, State Secretary; Gary Abreim, State Treasurer; Erica Kroesen, Executive Committee 3 years; Bob Clouse, Executive Committee 2 years; Inger Bevans, Executive Committee 1 year were present. Josh Harper, Overseer, absent.

Sister Erica was briefed by Brother Ed on open and closed sessions of the Board Meetings and the confidentiality portion of the current legal issues involving the California State Grange.

Master Komski also updated the Board on the current status of the legal cases pending. No action was taken during this discussion.

Convention Review:

The State Secretary will send out a survey to those attending the State Grange Session. This evaluation tool will be used to update and improve based on the members' feedback.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Bob Clouse moved to have the State Secretary complete the minutes of Day 4 of the Journal of Proceedings for approval at the September Board meeting. Seconded by Bevans. Vote taken. Aye: Clouse, Bevans, Booth, Kroesen, Komski and Abreim. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Board Meeting:

The next Board meeting will be September 15 and 16, 2017, at Little Lake Grange Hall in Willits, California. Dates will be posted on Facebook with more details as arrangements are finalized.

Meeting Closed at 2:30 pm

Fraternally submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange

September 16 & 17, 2017, Little Lake Grange Hall, Willits CA

The meeting of the California State Grange Board of Directors was held on September 16, 2017, at Little Lake Grange Hall, Willits. Meeting was called to order by Master/President Ed Komski at 9:00 am.

1. Roll Call of officers

Master/President, Ed Komski; Overseer, Josh Harper; Secretary, Lillian Booth; Executive Committee 3 years, Erica Kroesen; Executive Committee 2 years, Bob Clouse; Executive Committee 1 year, Inger Bevans; Treasurer, Gary Abreim. All officers present.

Guests joining at this time are Jeff Box, Redwood Valley Grange; Hank Strock, Ellie Bruce, and Lanny Cotler of Little Lake Grange; and Bill Booth & KayLynn Booth, Wyandotte Grange. Other visitors joined the meeting throughout the day.

2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

a. Board Meeting Minutes of 6/21/2017

Minutes of Board meeting on 6/21/2017 before the Annual Session were read. No changes were noted.

b. Day 4 of Journal of Proceedings 6/25/17

Minutes of Day 4 of the Journal of Proceedings of the 142nd Annual Session were read. No changes were noted.

c. Board Meeting Minutes of 6/25/2017

Minutes of Board meeting of 6/25/17 after close of the Annual Session were read. No changes were noted.

Approval of minutes was delayed until Sunday.

During Sunday's session, it was moved by Harper to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Abreim. Vote taken. Aye: Komski, Harper, Booth, Abreim, Kroesen, Clouse & Bevans. Nay: None.

3. Financial Reports - Gary Abreim, Treasurer

a. Financial Statements

Financial statements were reviewed. Convention and Western States revenues and expenditures were reviewed.

Balance sheet as of August 31, 2017 and Profit & Loss as of August 31, 2017 were presented.

Discussion was held on the financial reports.

Nevada Star Grange was discussed. They had been asking for monies from the custodial funds for a local scholarship they historically funded. It was recently determined they did not use the funds for the scholarships and did disburse the funds. The Grange is holding the funds in a certificate of deposit and their checking account.

Discussion ensued. If the Board is going to authorize withdrawals and payments to the Granges, there needs to be documentation of the expense verification the funds were used for the purpose requested. The Board is responsible to manage funds professionally and respectfully to the Granges who are doing something positive for the good of the Order.

Master Komski commented that business has changed with this Board. We are transparent. All the processes are being developed and refined. In previous years there were written requests from Granges for their custodial funds. In the more recent years, it changed.

As a historical note for the visitors, Master Komski commented that the California State Grange Charter was revoked on 4/6/2013. At that time, all Subordinate Granges reported directly to the National Grange because there was no State Grange. Members met on 2/15/2014 to request a new State Grange be formed and elected officers for a Board of Directors. Those members performed their due diligence and discovery regarding forming a new State Grange and formulating new By-Laws. In July of 2014 National Grange reinstated our State Grange Charter.

Returning to the discussion of finances, the California State Grange does currently have a separate fund for costs of Granges buildings we are currently caretaking. These costs include property taxes, utilities, and maintenance.

Master Komski advised he would propose using funds from Granges paying off their current loans to loan back out again. If these funds are loaned to a Grange, there needs to be a lien on the property. There are currently \$291,000 in outstanding loans due to the California State Grange, but those Granges are not paying the California State Grange on their indebtedness. One Grange, not

in good standing, advised they do not intend to do anything at all. There will have to be action taken to recover those loan funds.

It was moved by Komski that any funds that any funds coming in from the Grange Hall loan fund, and those funds be held in that same type of account for access for Granges to request loans from that account. Seconded by Booth.

Discussion:

Eastlake Grange – examples given by Bob Clouse of a Grange coming back into good standing, but there are outstanding bills due, and maintenance on the building needed.

Loan funds – none of the loan funds are coming to the State Grange – all are going to escrow.

Coyote Grange paid off their balance due in full and we advised they were not required to pay the interest for the last five years. It was noted that all the current outstanding loans due to the California State Grange were made after the revocation date of 4/5/13 are made to Granges who are not in good standing.

Komski withdrew his motion. Booth withdrew the second.

It was moved by Komski to establish a Grange Grant and Loan fund to be used for the Good of the Order. Seconded by Abreim. Vote taken. Aye: Komski, Harper, Booth, Abreim, Kroesen, Clouse & Bevans. Nay: None.

The required procedures for loans to be requested, disbursed, recouped is to be established by Gary Abreim.

b. Review and approve Tax Returns

This item will be reviewed during Sunday's meeting.

4. Communications received

Elk Creek Grange #441 -- Letter received from the Grange advising they have voluntarily suspending their charter. Master Komski had previously contacted the signer of the letter and was advised the membership of that Grange would not comply with anything of the Grange.

Received refund from State of California for Crescent Redwood overpayment.

Received notifications the Grange van is being driven without a toll pass. Unpaid toll fees are being added to the DMV registration fees. No utilities are being paid on the U Street office building. Collection accounts have been opened by Comcast and the various equipment leases. The Guild has not paid the property taxes for U Street for three years. It was noted the Guild was already paid to remit those expenses.

Bills from May 2017 were just recently submitted by the Guild for approval to pay from the escrow funds. An updated bill for property taxes on the U Street offices show there is approximately \$20,000 in property taxes are owed from 2014-2017.

5. Director Reports

- a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Inger Bevans
Jacinto Grange discussed. Need to make necessary filings for Napa Grange and East Lake Grange

Annie Waters, Little Lake Grange, joined the meeting at this time.

- b. Communications Director – Bill Booth
Bill has been trying to catch up on things. Website was updated yesterday. Newsletter has been postponed because of receiving no articles after requests were made to the Directors and Officers. An abbreviated version is generated from information sent in emails and is posted to the website.

Brother Ed thanked Bill for his work this last year. He felt there has been no reason to change the way we are doing business based on all the work Bill's been doing.

- c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire
No report.

- d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey
Tacy was unable to attending the meeting. Ed Komski & Lillian Booth Reporting.

Per Ed: Tacy had a small problem in her own Grange at their Fair. It is now handled. When a Director is appointed, they run the program as they see fit. It is not a democratic process unless she wants to make it part of the process.

Per Lillian: National Grange is adding a Youth Fair Program workshop to the schedule to be facilitated by Tacy and Lillian. The Fair Program Handbook is being reviewed and will have an approved revision at the National Grange Session

- e. Youth Director –Emily Turnquist
No report. Emily is getting married in approximately two weeks and we wish her and her new husband all happiness.

- f. Community Service – Martha Stefenoni
Martha advised 23 Subordinate, and 3 Pomona Granges completed Community Service reports at Convention. There is a \$250 grant if 25% of Granges are participating. Deadline was last week. Martha set up a Facebook Community Service page and is now posting. A lot of interest was expressed on one of the events.

- g. Grange Membership Report – Lillian
 - i. Current Membership
Current membership numbers were provided.
 - ii. Delinquencies
Granges who are delinquent receive an email and/or phone call to make sure reports or checks did not go astray in the mail. Many Secretaries have asked for a reminder to submit their reports. These are being sent.

iii. Under 20 Report

Need to review Granges who have under 20 members to see how to help them in their communities.

Brother Ed said that on average, California shows 45 members per Grange. This is the best average per Grange in the Nation, according to the National Grange.

h. Grange Property Report

i. Tulelake Grange (Siskiyou County)

Bob has been in contact with Tulelake Grange. Nothing major has changed. The city Council and Mayor of the town have been talking about reactivating the Grange. A lady has been attempting to reorganize it. A new company has moved into the town. The community wants to involve the Grange in the improvement of the town. They plan to have a Grange before the end of the year.

ii. Redwood Grange (Humboldt County)

Komski reporting –Redwood Grange presented to the Redcrest, CA, City Council that they were authorized to add a fire department on the property. Ed was sent documents to sign to allow building on the property. He refused to sign the documents to add the City to the property. Will see where that goes.

iii. Scott Valley Grange – Etna CA (Siskiyou County)

Native Daughters have reached out to put a monument on the building. The members may have walked away from that building.

iv. East Lake Grange (Lake County)

In the process of reorganizing. Bob Clouse is working with a group at the school. They are interested in electing and installing officers. Will be setting a meeting very soon to formally start the organization process.

v. Maywood Grange (Tehama County)

Report of people living in the building. It has been observed there is a 5th wheel trailer parked on the property with someone living in it.

vi. El Camino Grange (Tehama County)

Received the tax bill for El Camino Grange. Per Bob Clouse there are mold and foundation problems with the basement on verge of collapse. Lillian reporting – per a visit there in the last few months, it appears there are homeless people living in it. The roof tin is blowing off into the freeway.

vii. Los Molinos Grange (Tehama County)

Lillian reporting: There are vines growing up inside the walls of the building. Attempted contact on the property and received a telephone call from one member who wanted to meet. Will need to follow-up to see where the membership is.

viii. Millville Grange (Shasta County)

Grange sign is down.

ix. Napa Grange

Komski: This Grange purchased stock many years ago. We have reinstituted the Corporation. We receive a dividend payment. Per Martha: Bill & Bonnie Peppers ran fund-raising bus tours and they had over \$250,000 in invested funds. May be some other stocks out there. 2010, 2011, 2012 – the family contacted the Grange about some things they were finding when closing out the Peppers' estate.

x. Lucerne Valley Grange

Komski: Grange is in the High desert. Just received a tax bill

xi. Applegate Grange (Merced County)

On Hwy 140, outside of Modesto. May be approximately 10,000 square feet under roof and 2.5 acre lot. Need to check on liability protection.

xii. Fair Valley Grange

Komski: has been notified of a property in Los Angeles County. Vacant lot on a corner. Ed will do some investigating.

xiii. Elk Creek Grange #441 (Tehama County)

Has a building. Will keep it on the list.

xiv. Granges indicating interest in loans to repair halls

1. Laytonville Grange –

Hall is in very bad shape. Termite and foundation structures. Siding is filled with bees and covered in tar paper. Mill pond in the back which undermines the property. Members will work with us – have a lot of local participation in keeping the building put together. Need to proceed with any ideas with caution because of the condition of the building.

xv. Rincon Valley Grange

Building was built in 1948. Roof had given out on one side. Opted to repair the roof with \$30,000. Unknown what it actually cost for the repair.

xvi. Property Taxes Pending for Grange Halls

No additional comments.

Comments by guests:

Jeff Box added that Redwood Valley is trying to put a new roof on the building and is interested in loan funds.

Gary Abreim asked how a Grange gets on this list to be discussed. It was noted that the Grange is added to this list when it comes on the radar from tax bills, phone calls, emails or letters. Have to get these Granges on the list until the issue is resolved.

No halls have been sold that we know of.

Jacinto Grange – Members were locked out of their building at the meeting Ed attended. Sheriff was called out by the Guild. There were no problems with Law Enforcement. The members held the meeting with Ed in the parking lot. Jacinto

Grange Board met last night, and they will be coming back into good standing very soon.

6. Old Business

- a. Report on Granges
 - i. Coyote Grange – paid off their loan. Paid it in full
 - ii. Imperial Valley – new Grange but charter application is incomplete. Ed to follow up
 - iii. Bennett Valley Grange –

This Grange is currently in litigation with the Guild. State Grange filed a lawsuit, reply from the Ellis Law Group was filed. Bill & Patty Allen changed the SI 100 again for the Sonoma County Pomona Grange. Lawrence Jaffe is notifying the Credit Union to place a hold on the accounts there.

- iv. Other Granges
 - 1. Clinton Grange

Josh Harper to help mentor the new Grange members there. He will reach out to Dolores Larrigan to help with mentoring. Corporate documents have been sent to them to file.

2. Jacinto Grange –

Ed was invited by the Master of Jacinto Grange to hear the other side of the story. Ed is scheduled to go up there. Ed received a letter from the Grange Secretary stating the meeting was canceled. Ed contacted Mayford Evans and was told the meeting was not canceled.

Ed found out two people decided to vote and make their decision the position for 57 others and changed the name to Guild. Changed documents with the Secretary of State with fraudulent vote. Jacinto Grange had a meeting and elected officers. The Charter is not suspended or revoked.

3. Gold Trail Grange

Gold Trail Grange -- Hired attorney, Decker, to review the court cases and tell them what to do. Attorney advised them to not to touch the name, title, etc. He read the Court orders and advised them the only thing to do is to request the sale of the Hall. Ed said this is a vibrant hall and western town-type place.

They sent a letter to Ed asking for the State Grange to pay \$10,000 and they would give us the building. Offer was refused. Grange wanted the building to revert back to the community as a Community Center, but still be a Grange.

The Grange advised Ed they want to get into good standing, but have made no effort. Need to find out who is running the "Home on The Grange" café in the building.

4. Corral De Tierra –

State Grange received an email letter stating a branch fell at the Daycare at the Grange. Determined it was a Eucalyptus branch that fell on the property from an adjacent property. Ed Watson is the insurance broker. Ed will forward email to Ed Watson.

b. Recent Legal Decisions – general review – public information
In the last 45 days, the California State Grange Moved to have Ellis disqualified from Foundation case. Granted. He is disqualified.

Filed Subpoena for records from Banner Bank for Foundation. Guild moved to quash subpoena with a 9/20/17 hearing. On 9/5/17 – Ellis was disqualified from the lawsuit.

Superior Court Undertaking case, Ellis filed paperwork, even though he was disqualified in both courts.

Appeals Court. Mark Ellis responded to brief after he was disqualified. The Appeals Court said Guild missed deadlines for filings.

Marshall Grange – Guild filed documents on lawsuit. A hearing is set for October 13, 2017.

c. Grange Legislative Policy Handbook – Status.
Draft policy presented to the Board of Directors for review. To be discussed on Sunday

d. 2017 Journal of Proceeding – Status
Updated status. Resolutions section is complete. Other information is pending.

- e. 142nd Annual Session 2017
 - i. Financial Report of Convention
 - ii. Report / Review Survey - to be reviewed on Sunday

- f. Western States 2017 – Buena Park, CA
 - i. Report—By Lillian Booth.

Activity Director was LoRee Lampke with assistance from Josh Harper. Leadership activities were set up as small group, medium group and large group, allowing participants to actively participate as leaders in all levels. The activities were accompanied by detailed instructions and “thinking questions” they could take back to their Granges and States to use.

Lillian thanked Little Lake Grange leadership for sponsoring the youth members to attend. Little Lake Grange had the majority of the California Youth participating in that conference and should be proud to invest in their Youth.

- g. National Session 2017 – Spokane, Washington
 - i. Status Update
Some California State Grange members will be taking a train trip to come up to the Convention. Suggest being there Thurs/Fri/Sat and leaving Sunday.
 - ii. Volunteers needed:
 - 1. Hospitality
 - a. Tuesday – for the Hospitality suite. Will plan it for Monday to shop.
 - 2. Other
 - a. Host Banquet Food Stations.

Host banquet will feature food stations from the various regions of the country. This is by invitation only to officers and delegates. California is responsible for invitations

iii. Financial expenditures

The gift for Delegates this year is a Bag/backpack. Cost is \$1,600. \$580 balance owing. Requesting the Board to approve the expenditure for that balance. Need a keyboard shipped to the Session. Martha Stefenoni is the Musician for the Session. Josh is the Soloist for the 7th Degree.

Motion by Harper to pay \$580+ for the backpacks. Seconded by Kroesen.
Discussion: None. Vote taken. Aye: Komski, Harper, Booth, Abreim, Kroesen, Clouse & Bevans. Nay: None.

h. Pomona Granges

i. Zone review – This project is stalled for now.

ii. Corporation Status – discussed

Extensive discussion regarding Pomona Granges and zones or districts. The point is to get the Pomona Grange representation at State Session and help the local Granges. The message needs to be this: Pomona Granges need to be active or they are going to have to be dissolved. Further discussion tabled until the next meeting.

i. Background Checks

i. Publicize and implementation.

Martha and Lillian will get the procedure set up by September 30t, and report to the Board.

Recess called at 3pm – all visitors left the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION Called at 3:15 pm

CLOSED Session closed at 6:45 pm

No actions taken by the Board during the closed session.

Sunday Morning 9/17/17 at 9am

Meeting reconvened at 9AM on Sunday September 17, 2017 at the Willits Grange Hall. Ed Komski, Master, presiding. All officers are present. Guests were: Martha Stefenoni, Bill Booth, KayLynn Booth, and Hank Strock.

Sister Booth reported there were no action items taken by the Board during the Closed Session the evening before.

National quarterly report. National Grange has been holding approximately \$5,000 of dues for the California State Grange. This amount will be applied to the 2nd quarter dues.

7. New Business

- a. Expenditures for balance of 2017-2018
The June Convention had a projected loss of \$9,000.

National Convention. We are one of the host states. California is providing 10% of the support for this because of our proximity and current status. The Host Dinner is showing demonstrating a different way of doing business and is the first big event where that occurs. There has been some discussion with the hotel on the budget for the banquet. Cost is currently projected at \$55 per person for dinner, including tax and tip. Service fee is 30%. The issue is the amount of labor is greatly reduced since this is not a sit-down service.

It was moved by Booth to add up to \$1,500 to the budget for the Host Banquet. Clouse Seconded. Discussion: None. Vote taken. Aye: Komski, Harper, Booth, Abreim, Kroesen, Clouse & Bevans. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Kent Westwood and Annie Waters joined the meeting at this time.

Tech Soup – technology for non-profits. Can purchase technology and services. Go to Meeting is currently \$75/month vs \$184 per year through Tech Soup. They also have Dell computer work stations and discount Dell computers up to 38%. Offer Pitney Bowes machines at a discount.

- b. New Grange Foundation Resolution 2017-009
 - i. Preliminary By-Laws
 - ii. Preliminary Articles of Incorporation

Discussion: The 1992 Foundation started by Bill Booth and completed by Bob Clouse, during their terms as State Masters, was a very successful program until 2012. The current administrator of the foundation changed the by-laws regarding membership. It was a hostile takeover and not known by members of the board it was taken over by McFarland. Then it was transferred to the Heartland Foundation in 2016, and Leo Bergeron as the president of the Foundation.

Concern – Ed has seen the checks written from the Foundation. These do not indicate \$300,000 was paid out to Granges. There may be a legal exposure to the Foundation. Best hope is to get back \$250,000 as of April 5, 2013, which is currently missing. No bank records have been received yet.

Need to move ahead and establish the corporation now. Comments on the Articles and By-laws are due to Ed by September 27th. Need a legal review for the Foundation. There may be a potential trust issue on the process without closing loopholes.

- c. Legislative Advocacy

Ed started this program in July with Tacy Currey. There have been up to 15 people on the calls to work on the process and things are moving ahead. Inger recently participated on an open forum in her community. Her report was read on the last call.

- i. Legislative Tracking On-line Services – Bill Booth
- ii. Legislative Advocacy Program Report

Bill Booth was asked to start tracking bills that our Grange policy can support. Then getting where the bills are and when the votes are being taken.

Motion by Komski to allow \$100 for Legiscan annual subscription. Report at the next Board meeting how it is working and review. Seconded by Kroesen. Vote taken. Aye: Komski, Harper, Booth, Abreim, Kroesen, Clouse & Bevans. Nay: None. Motion carried.

- d. Appoint Committee per motion at State Session.
 - i. It was moved by Bill Booth, Wyandotte Grange, that the State Master will appoint a committee to review and formulate resolutions regarding oil pipelines and oil transport. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Ed will contact the newly appointed Chairman of the committee and form the committee

e. Purchase of desktop computer/monitor for State Secretary. Discussion revolved around the need to plan for revision of the business processes and any necessary transfers. Several options were discussed at length. It was determined to hold this item for further research into using cloud services and different types of technology.

Greg Simms and Jini Reynolds joined the meeting at this time.

f. Secretary / Treasurer Workshops – Lillian Booth
Lillian proposed several locations to hold Secretary/Treasurer workshops. These workshops would be hands-on help to promote understanding of the Grange Secretarial process.

- i. Proposed Locations
 1. Orangevale Grange – Butte, Yuba, Sacramento Counties
 2. Prunedale Grange – Monterey, Santa Clara & Santa Cruz Counties
 3. Little Lake Grange - North Coast - Sonoma, Mendocino, Lake & Humboldt Counties
 4. Visalia – Tulare, Fresno, Madera, and Kern
 5. Anderson Grange – Shasta, Tehama, Siskiyou Counties

Ed appointed Jini Reynolds and Lillian Booth to chair a committee to develop and choose one location to beta test the workshop.

g. Grange Mentor Workshops – Lillian Booth
Lillian proposed having Grange Mentor Workshops to help Granges understand the processes, ritual, how the Grange works, and how the Granges are the Grass-Roots of the organization.

Ed appointed Lillian and Jini Reynolds to work together on these workshops.

8. Other business for the Good of the Order.

a. Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings

Propose to go to Aromas Grange for the next meeting. Their Christmas Holiday Banquet is 12/8/17. Meeting will be 12/9 & 12/10, at the Aromas Grange Hall. 9am – 3pm. Open Session Closed Session 3pm – 5pm.

b. Other

Gregory Simms asked to address the Board.

Per Master Ed Komski to Brother Simms: When a person writes to a National Officer, Master Komski advises he expects the courtesy of a copy of the letter or email. Master Komski does not want to get a letter from the National Master about communication from a member. Greg apologized for not advising him of the conversation or email.

Per the National Grange, they have been supportive of the California State Grange as the primary contact for any reconciliation issues with Guild members. Greg wants to establish a committee to reach out to Guild members made up of 7 to 10 members of Guilds and Granges in good standing to work together to bring reconciliation.

Discussion about receptiveness, inclusion, and education of members. Once educated, the members can make their own decisions.

Ed Komski closed the discussion by stating that we became fractured because of a lack of integrity. The current State Grange membership understands this board plays by the rules. Members can change the rules using the system. He advised he appreciates everyone's passion.

Fraternal Concern:

North Fork Grange in Junction City are the center for rehabilitation for the fire victims in the community. They can use diapers, socks, blankets. This was the second large fire the area has had since 2008.

Information for the Board:

Since we established our banking accounts at Chase Bank, there have been some operational problems with the Bank for a few reasons. Ed has entered into discussions with Bank of America and has begun the preliminary paperwork to open an account. It was moved by Booth, seconded by Clouse to move ahead with Bank of America to establish bank accounts in preparation to move accounts, and establish the credit card. Vote taken. Aye: Komski, Harper, Booth, Abreim, Kroesen, Clouse & Bevans. Nay: None.

The State Grange will continue to use the Chase checking for current operations.

Wells Fargo Bank controls \$62,000 of Nevada Star money that was not transferred to the State Grange upon revocation. Two members advised about the funds, disclosed the location, and stated the funds were hoarded and not transferred upon revocation. Ed has taken strong moves against Wells Fargo Bank. The Grange was never incorporated in Nevada and that makes each person responsible for the liabilities of the Grange. Persons involved will be getting a notice of personal liability. The account is frozen at the bank.

Legislative Policy handbook presented for approval. It was moved by Clouse to approve the handbook and publish it. Seconded by Harper. The draft copy is adopted as the final copy. Vote taken. Aye: Komski, Harper, Booth, Abreim, Kroesen, Clouse & Bevans. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Financial report as presented. Approval vote taken: Aye: Komski, Harper, Booth, Abreim, Kroesen, Clouse & Bevans. Nay: None. Report approved.

It was moved by Booth to approve tax returns. Seconded by Komski. Vote taken: Aye: Komski, Harper, Booth, Abreim, Kroesen, Clouse & Bevans. Nay: None. Motion carried. Tax returns approved.

Convention Survey reviewed. Survey questions regarded location, cost, meals, schedule, and open comments. This information will be used to improve Convention sessions in the future.

Question posed regarding the on UC Davis Lease at 2101 Stockton Blvd. Ed advised the UC Davis lease was up last year in October. Lease was converted to month-to-month and is on hold for now.

2018 State Session. Martha Stefenoni, Convention Chairman
Martha advised she sent an Invitation to bid to fairground properties at Redwood Empire, Ukiah, CA; Monterey Fairgrounds, Watson, CA; and the Ag Museum in Woodland, CA. Fairgrounds do not usually book more than one year out. Martha is working on a three-year plan. As soon as we know the location, then will work with the local Grangers.

Discussion of flexibility of days. Suggestion made to open the Session with the Degree work as the special event on the first evening. Hotels – Accommodations were discussed.

Grange Education & Mentoring Committee appointed:
Lillian Booth
Jini Reynolds
Comment: Need to add the Convention Experience to the list of topics.

Convention Committee appointed by Master Ed:
Martha Stefenoni, Chairman
Jini Reynolds
Tacy Currey

It was moved by Komski to pay for Martha Stefenoni to attend the Board Meeting in Aromas Grange. Seconded by: Kroesen. Vote taken: Aye: Komski, Harper, Booth, Abreim, Kroesen, Clouse & Bevans. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Reminder to pick up the 2016 Journal of Proceedings for your Grange or County.

Meeting adjourned 2:15 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary California State Grange.

December 9 & 10, 2017, Aromas Grange Hall, Aromas, CA

Call to order

Meeting of the Board of Directors of the California State Grange was called to order at 9:20 am by Worthy Master, Ed Komski in the Aromas Grange Hall, Aromas, California. Brother Ed led the members in a salute to the Flag.

1. Roll Call of officers

Master/President, Ed Komski: Overseer, Josh Harper, by electronic device; Secretary, Lillian Booth; Treasurer, Gary Abreim; Executive Committee Member 3 years, Erica Kroesen; Executive Committee Member 2 years, Bob Clouse; Executive Committee Member 1 year, Inger Bevans. All officers present.

Visitors at today's meeting: Rich Saxe, Master of Aromas Grange, Barbara Geiger, State Grange Chaplain and Master of Prunedale Grange; Tereza Coraggio, Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange; Bill Booth, Communications Director and Past California State Grange Master, and Kaylynn Booth, member of Wyandotte Grange.

2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

- a. Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 9/15 & 9/16/2017 – Willits, CA

Minutes were read by Worthy Secretary, Lillian Booth. Board members provided corrections. Motion by Kroesen to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Clouse. Vote taken: Aye: Clouse, Kroesen, Bevans, Harper, Komski, Abreim & Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried. Minutes adopted as corrected.

3. Financial Reports - Gary Abreim, Treasurer

Financial reports through November 30, 2017 were presented and reviewed. There is currently \$142,000 in the First American Escrow accounts. This includes UC Davis rentals, local rentals, and loan payments received from Granges paying loans.

The State Grange is receiving bills for on-going property expenses for Grange properties. These bills are not being paid by the Guild. Guild has not paid the U Street share of the taxes. 1/3 of the taxes is paid through the UC Davis rental proceeds and 2/3 was to be paid by the Guild. The property taxes will be paid by using the funds currently in escrow. There are other unpaid utility bills. The management fee will be suspended to the Guild to reimburse the escrow fund for the unpaid property taxes and other expenses.

The current tax bill for the property in Sacramento is \$14,630. In addition, there is an unpaid \$3,000 sidewalk levy.

The Guild property management has the responsibility to collect bills for the building, forward those bills to Master Komski for payment. The authorized bills are then paid out of escrow.

The State Grange was recently notified by PG&E of stock previously owned by the Napa Grange. Charter was surrendered several years ago. The stock dividend is now payable to the California State Grange.

4. Communications received

a. Letter from CPA.

Letter received from the CPA firm advising the non-profit tax status and returns were accepted by the IRS and State. Franchise Tax Board fee of \$10 is owed and has been paid.

Ed advised there are many communications being received, and, in turn, it is getting it out to the members. National Grange has created Good Day Magazine. This is a high quality, very good magazine. Little Lake Grange is in the last issue for their Radio Station. National charges for subscriptions as an option for members. The Magazine is gaining some steam.

Ed & Cynthia received an invitation to attend the National Grange 150th Anniversary Gala in Washington DC.

Ed has been communicating with Joel Anderson, State Senator from San Diego. Senator Anderson has been assisting with the Secretary of State issues. Ed will be in the Senator's office next week.

Some negative communications are being received regarding legal matters.

5. Director Reports

a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Inger Bevans

Capay Grange non-profit status has been revoked. Granges who are revoked by the Franchise Tax Board are now a taxable entity and are required to file tax returns. There is no penalty for late filing, but if the reports are not filed for three years, the non-profit status is revoked. Inger will write up one-page instructions for the State form 199N for Grange to use to file their taxes.

b. Communications Director – Bill Booth

Newsletter discussed. Part of the discussion included the reason for the newsletter and the labor, expense, and time to put it together.

Website:

Brother Bill advised that several articles have been posted on the website and plans to have more on the web soon. This makes for timely news.

There are plans for a major update to the menu and structure of the website. Mission statement will be on the web in the next week. Reference to current events are posted on the Facebook page.

An 1888 Journal of Proceedings was donated to the State Grange by the Oregon State Grange. Brother Kowski read one resolved: page 91 of the 1888 California JOP.

"Resolved that we are in favor of all pure food products being plainly marked as such and that we demand full weights and measures."

The California State Grange has promoted this issue for 130 years. It is not a new issue for the State Grange.

There needs to be an evaluation of the information going out to the members and Granges, including how it is going out to them. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting. One area to discuss is the National Grange Good Day Magazine. The most recent issue has articles on California members in the Grange Legacy Family, and Quilts of Valor presentation to 10 National Grange Veterans.

c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire

Written report read by Secretary Lillian Booth. Discussion to include Grange Expo information in a periodic bulletin, possibly once a month promoting any subject in this Department.

d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey

Lillian Booth reported on the National Grange Youth Fair Workshop held at the National Session, facilitated by Lillian & Tacy. The new Grange Youth Fair Handbook was introduced at the National Session and is available on the National Grange website.

The Fair Program is gaining momentum in California. Wyandotte Grange, Butte County, just doubled their membership with families joining the Grange for the Youth Fair Program. Any Grange interested in the Fair Program should contact Lillian and/or Tacy.

e. Youth Director –Emily Turnquist

No report.

f. Community Service – Martha Stefenoni

Martha to attend meeting on Sunday.

g. Grange Membership Report – Lillian Booth

i. Membership / Granges

Membership numbers were presented and reviewed. At the National Grange Convention, the California State Grange received an award for membership increase of 3%.

ii. Membership Database demonstration

Demonstration will be delayed at this time.

h. Grange Property Report

i. Tulelake Grange (Siskiyou County)

Bob spoke to the lady at Tulelake. She still wants to work on reorganizing the Grange. The town is revitalizing with a new vegetable company moving in, which took over a large warehouse. The interested people may be able to obtain funds to repair the Grange Hall.

ii. Crescent Redwood Grange (Del Norte County)

There are questions on the title and will pursue that when appropriate. On hold for now.

iii. Scott Valley Grange – Etna CA (Siskiyou County)

There is interest to place an historical marker at the location. Have not heard anything further.

iv. Eastlake Grange (Lake County)

Is up and running. Installed officers. Have a \$2,000 water bill pending. Bob, Erica & Booths were there on 10/1/17 to install.

v. Maywood Grange (Tehama County)

People are living on the property in a trailer.

vi. El Camino Grange (Tehama County)

Needs to be reviewed for structural integrity.

vii. Los Molinos Grange (Tehama County)

Lillian to follow-up with Los Molinos Grange.

viii. Millville Grange (Shasta County)

Grange sign has been removed from the building.

ix. Napa Grange

No new information

x. Lucerne Valley Grange

Have tax bill

xi. Applegate Grange (Merced County)

Applegate Grange is a substantial Grange Hall in size. Cornerstone Lodge #111 has been meeting there. Have access and getting key tomorrow. Lillian, Martha, Bob to view the property tomorrow at 3pm. Assess for usage, roof, foundation, structure, utility. Size of lot and parking.

xii. Fair Valley Grange

Have tax bill.

xiii. Elk Creek Grange #441 (Tehama County)

Letter was sent by the Grange Master. Bob Clouse to follow-up.

xiv. Granges indicating interest in loans to repair halls

No new requests have been received.

xv. Anderson Grange (Shasta County)

Rosemary Hansen has asked for some help with the Grange. Bob Clouse will be meeting with them. Ed requested notification of the meeting date/time when it is set.

xvi. DeSabra Grange (Butte County)
Deed and tax bill have been changed by the Guild.

xvii. Property Taxes Pending for Grange Halls
When payments are made on tax bills, the State Grange needs to file for the California corporation and place a lien on the property.

(1) Crescent Redwood Grange –
It was moved by Clouse to pay the property taxes, file the SI-100 for the corporation, and do all necessary legal work for Crescent Redwood Grange. Seconded by Kroesen. Vote taken: Aye: Clouse, Kroesen, Bevans, Harper, Komski, Abreim & Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.

(2) Eastlake Grange
Taxes for 2017-2018 are due in the amount of \$291.46.
Motion by Kroesen to pay the taxes and ask the members to reimburse the State Grange. Seconded by Clouse. Aye: Clouse, Kroesen, Bevans, Harper, Komski, Abreim & Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried. We will advise the members of the tax payment. Bob stated the Grange is working on fund-raisers now.

(3) Healdsburg Grange
This is a Ballet Studio at Monte Vista Ave, Healdsburg, in Sonoma County. Taxes owing are \$426.64.
It was moved by Clouse to pay the property taxes, file the SI-100 for the corporation, and do all necessary legal work for Healdsburg Grange. Seconded by Bevans. Vote taken: Aye: Clouse, Kroesen, Bevans, Harper, Komski, Abreim & Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.

(4) Coalinga Grange
Taxes in the amount of \$261.23 are owing. There are also delinquent taxes. It was moved by Kroesen to pay the property taxes, find out if there are any delinquent taxes, file the SI-100 for the corporation, determine title, and do all necessary legal work for Coalinga Grange. Seconded by Clouse. Vote taken: Aye: Clouse, Kroesen, Bevans, Harper, Komski, Abreim & Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.

(5) Lucerne Valley Grange
This Grange is in good standing. Lillian to call to see if they have the tax bill.

(6) Unknown building in San Bernardino County –
Will need to do the research to determine what building and Grange the tax bill refers to. This bill is tabled for now.

6. Comment Request

Tereza Coraggio, Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange, addressed the Board of Directors.

Sister Tereza will provide the written comments to the State Secretary for disbursement and review to the Board. No comments by the Board members.

Communications by the California State Grange. – Ed Komski

Brother Ed addressed the Board and visitors.

He advised there are only two people have access to the email list, that is the State Master and the State Secretary.

Many Grange members do not understand how Grange policy is written. Grange policy on various levels are all from the grass roots. National Grange does not provide policy. The ingredients come from the Subordinate Granges. When we talk about policy, we need to do it with unity and respect. If you disagree with National Grange policy, you probably do not know who wrote the policy and why it was written. Policy came from the member, to a Subordinate Grange, to a Pomona Grange, to a State Grange, and then the delegates of the National Grange.

As an exercise, Brother Komski reviewed resolutions from 1973 to 2000 regarding tax policy passed by the California State Grange. That is the policy we, as Grange members, need to support. If a Grange, or a Grange member, does not agree with the current policy, then the members need to their research and use the system to change it.

Advocacy in the Grange does not mean lay down – it means stand up. Members wrote the policies, and anyone who disregards the policy that went through the system to get passed, that can be construed as disrespect for the members who put that forth. At the State Session, the members were invited to become advocates for the Grange. Get involved, talk about it, research it.

Comment by Rich Saxe – He suggested providing the community Grange members with education in the Grange process. Local Grangers need to know “what happens now” with Grange policy after it is passed at State Sessions.

Break for lunch 1:30 pm

Reconvene at 2:45 pm

7. Old Business

a. Report on Granges

Completed during property report.

b. Recent Legal Decisions – general review

What is discussed here is public information and may be discussed freely.

Received opinion from 3rd Circuit Appellate Court, affirming Judge Brown’s opinion again. So many questions are answered in that written opinion by the Appellate judges. Is a very powerful and useful document. The Guild could, and will probably, appeal the decision to the California Supreme Court. It is believed the appeal will be dismissed, but it will exhaust all the avenues for appeal on this case.

UC Davis rental Escrow account: Money will be taken from the escrow to pay the taxes on the U Street Property. The Guild no longer gets the fee for

managing because they already received it and did not pay the 2/3 of the taxes because the money was already spent elsewhere. First American Title & Escrow currently receives rentals from GBO, and parking space rent.

Building Maintenance: On a recent inspection of the U Street property, found a window broken in the GBO building, and remains unrepaired. It appears there are no tenants there. The property is messy and unkempt. There is damage to one corner of the building from a tree falling on it and it remains unrepaired.

Legal issues coming up. Grange filed a subpoena for Banner Bank documents. As Public information, it is believed the Foundation (now Heartland Foundation) laundered capital through it to the Ellis Law Group to pay the judgement for defying a lawful court order. The requested information revealed the judgment on the Trademark I case was paid from funds moved from Morgan Stanley to Banner Bank. With that movement of money, the sanction was paid, and the Guild paid \$139,000 to avoid the debtors' deposition.

c. Protocol

- i. Policy formation & usage – Discussed during Communications

d. 2017 Journal of Proceeding – Status – Lillian Booth

Journal is still in process. Draft goal to be finished by January 15th. Goal is to be completed by 2/1/17.

e. National Session 2017 – Spokane, Washington – Ed Kowski –

Report on National Session moved to Sunday morning.

f. National Grange 150th Anniversary Gala

Gala report. Ed and Cynthia were able to attend. This was the most well put together event in the Grange. The gala netted \$70,000 from the evening. Sen. Collins from Maine received an award from the National Grange. Rep Sanchez brought the Governor of Argentina and Economic Director as a guest for the evening. Ed and Cynthia were seated with them for the evening. Argentina is inviting the California State Grange to a meeting in Washington DC in March. They are looking for connections in same the type of agricultural areas. Smith Gambrell bought a table. California State Grange donated \$400 to National Grange, including buying National Master Betsy's Angel Food cake and then donated it to the Smith Gambrell firm to enjoy

The State Masters from Oregon, Maine, Michigan, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and California attended the gala.

As the National Grange guest for our State Session, Brother Ed is considering inviting Burton Eller, National Legislative Director again. He brings a lot to our State and many members were able to interact with him on a very real level with legislative advocacy information and concerns.

Brother Ed has applied and is provisionally accepted by Stanford University for a Non-Profit Leaders Symposium. This symposium includes leaders from all around the world.

- g. Pomona Granges
 - i. Zone review –
 - ii. Corporation Status

Any review or rezoning of Pomona Granges will be tabled for now. Bill Booth advised the Board that Butte County Granges are open to the idea for a zone-type of Pomona Grange structure.

- h. Background Checks
 - i. Implementation goal is for 1/1/2018.

The application will go through the CAStateGrange.org website to a link to the background company. Payments will be made directly to the company.

- i. New Grange Foundation – Resolution 2017-009
 - i. Status of filing and By-Law review

The Foundation is not finished yet, but it is in process.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Closed Session held at the Courtyard Marriott in Salinas at 9:00 pm. Discussion of legal and personnel issues. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 pm.

Sunday Morning 12/10/17

Meeting was called to order by Brother Ed Komski, Master, at 9:15 am

All officers are present.

No action items were taken during the closed session of the Board of Directors meeting.

7 Old Business

National Session 2017 – Spokane, Washington

- i. Report on Session
 - 1. Hospitality

Hospitality Room was led by Christina Webster. It was well-done and under budget. Thanks were extended to Rich Saxe, Jan Saxton, Tereza Coraggio, Bob Clouse, and Kent Westwood who were all helping in the room.

- 2. Host Banquet

The Host Banquet was chaired by Cynthia Komski. In keeping with the theme of "Border to Border, Coast to Coast" the banquet was served by food stations instead of a served meal. The food stations were designed with regional foods from around the US.

- 3. Attendees

Many Grangers from California attended the National Grange session and took part in all the activities. Katie Squire, State Grange Lecturer, assisted the

National Grange Lecturer with the Expo Room. Bob Clouse & Mitch Clouse received the National Grange Legacy recognition for their family. Sister Martha Stefenoni was the National Grange Session Musician, the 7th Degree Musician, and received the National Grange Legacy recognition with her son, Joseph Stefenoni. Joshua Harper served as the 7th Degree soloist and competed in the Evening of Excellence. Josh also helped as an ex-officio editor of the Patrons Chain put together by the Communication Fellows during the session. Tacy Currey served on the National Grange Communications Fellows team working all hours writing articles, doing interviews, and taking photographs. Bill & Lillian Booth helped during business of the National Session with the technology and display of the resolutions as the delegates were working all week. Brother Bill received his Quilt of Valor during the Session. Bud & Carolyn Hill completed their last year as the Directors of the 7th Degree at this National Session.

ii. Report on Resolutions submitted by California --
Agriculture: All but one Agriculture resolution was approved.
Education & Health: The Student Loans resolution was rejected because it was not written as well as it could be. Affordable hearing aids, adopted.

Review of the National Grange resolutions process was discussed. Brother Ed reviewed how members can attend committee meetings as subject matter experts and promote understanding of the issues.

The State Masters Meeting is set for Oregon in February.

Non-Profit symposium at Stanford University Graduate School. Topics will include: Learning how to deal with the fallout of the rift; Business Management of the non-profit; and Long-term relevance

Martha Stefenoni arrived at the meeting.

Martha Stefenoni presented a check for \$250.00 for the Community Service Reports submitted for the 25% plus Granges who participated in the National Grange Community Service projects. The \$250 will be used to start a fund and will add some Fire funds for the Granges who provided Community Service in times of disaster. Sister Martha commented the Granges used the disasters as a focus for their community service. They had a problem and stepped up to help solve it.

Discussion regarding yesterday's conversation of Grange advocacy and policy. There is complacency of the leadership at all levels in the Grange. We rely too much on "someone is going to do it". Grangers need to learn how to be champions of something they started. Need to own it and use it.

- j. Legislative Advocacy
 - i. Legislative Tracking On-line Services – Bill Booth
 - 1. Purchase and usage

The Legiscan, pro model, is being tested. Currently have a trial subscription with them until 12/20/17. Cost is \$100 per year. There is one user for now. Can track any legislation in the State and voting records.

Will beta test this software with the Education & Health bill and send results to Ed Kowski. As we use this, results will be sent to Ed.

Ed requested Bill to search for the Grange resolutions passed this year and send him the results. Ed will then send on to the Granges to track progress. Ed will be the backup for Bill on this project. Ed directed that we will only maintain and review what we are capable.

ii. Legislative Advocacy Program Report

Will report next meeting –

k. Workshops - Lillian Booth

- i. Secretary / Treasurer Workshops – Lillian Booth
- ii. Grange Mentor Workshops – Lillian Booth
- iii. Set date and location for first workshop(s)
- iv. Lecturer/Expo Director requested inclusion

Ed requested an agenda, timeline, and budget. Would prefer to keep it to one or two overnights as per travel distance and time allows. Would like to review on a go-to meeting as soon as possible.

l. 2018 Convention Location – Martha Stefenoni

- i. Update of possible locations

Monterey, Ukiah fairgrounds are not available. Martha will be meeting with Jini Reynolds and Tacy Currey to move ahead. Applegate is an unknown at this time. Martha also suggested the Nugget in Reno, NV, and advised National Grange would be in favor of California meeting outside the state if we so choose. Have other Grange Halls that may work but have not had chance to talk with them.

Ed requested when reviewing Applegate Grange Hall to check the Kitchen, restrooms, zoning, utility, foundation, check electrical, plumbing. Well tested and capacity. Any possible investments need to be in real improvements.

Discussion of a mobile traveling kitchen available for meals and possible disasters. No assignments made.

m. 2018 Budget – Gary Abreim

Budget was done for 2018. Gary has currently discussed with Ed to stay status quo until any changes are necessary. Lillian to work with Gary regarding contacting any delinquent Granges.

The State Grange is moving away from any dependency on future GIA funds.

- n. Property Taxes – Gary Abreim
 - i. U Street/Stockton Blvd Property
 - ii. Other Grange Properties

Already discussed on Saturday

8. New Business

- a. Meeting of California State Grange, Inc.

The meeting of the Board of Directors was recessed.

The meeting of the 2016 California State Grange corporation was called to order for its Annual meeting. Officers present are the President, Ed Komski; Vice-President, Josh Harper; CFO, Gary Abreim; Secretary Lillian Booth; Executive Members, Bob Clouse, Inger Bevans, and Erica Kroesen. The Secretary advised that the 2016 Corporation is holding the name of the Corp and there is no other business pending. Meeting adjourned.

Meeting of the Board of Directors was resumed.

- b. CA Fires Support Funds

- i. Project Report

Began October 1st and by October 12th had raised \$12,379 from donations made by Granges and Grange members throughout the State.

- ii. Disbursements

Funds have been disbursed to three members in Redwood Valley Grange (Mendocino County). Funds disbursed to 1 member at Wyandotte Grange (Butte County). California State Grange is supported and respected in Calif Department of Food and Ag – first response for a donation was received from the Director of CDFA. Fairground facilities were opened as shelters and staging areas in many of the affected areas. Total expenses were \$1,300. Currently have no other requests. Should Distribute \$250 to Sara Nielsen, Redwood Valley Grange, to replace hay lost to feed her horses this winter.

Of the remaining amount \$4,290 to disburse.

Proposed distribution of the balance of the funds.

Wyandotte Grange – facilities opened for first responders - \$500 to Wyandotte.

Bodega Bay Grange – facilities opened first responders - \$500

North Fork Grange – facilities opened first responders - \$1,000

Loma Rica Grange – Yuba County – Put aside for now. \$1,000. (Pending Verification of member losing their home.)

Bennett Valley Grange -- \$1,000 to sponsor a barbecue in the spring to recognize the first responders.

Community Service Fund - \$250 to promote Disaster Recovery. What we did, how we did it, interviews, what did you get out of it, etc.

9. Other business for the Good of the Order.

a. Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings

Invitation extended from Wyandotte Grange (Butte County) - March 24 & 25, 2017

There being no other business to come before the Board of Directors of the California State Grange, the meeting adjourned at 12:41pm.

Fraternally submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange.

March 24 & 25, 2018, Sacramento, CA (The Citizen Hotel)

At 9:00 am, the members gathered in the lobby of the Citizen Hotel in Sacramento, California.

Ed Kowski, Master/President/CEO; Josh Harper, Overseer; Lillian Booth, Secretary; Gary Abreim, Treasurer; Inger Bevans, Executive Committee 1 year; Bob Clouse, Executive Committee 2 years; and Erica Kroesen, Executive Committee 3 years were provided transportation to the 3830 U Street offices of the California State Grange Headquarters. Joining them were Martha Stefenoni, past California State Grange Overseer, wife of Past State Master Tom Stefenoni, and current Community Service Director; Katie Squire, California State Grange Lecturer, past State Grange Secretary, and the current Grange Expo Director; Leroy Squire, son of Katie and Johnny Squire, Past State Grange Executive Committeeman; Cynthia Kowski, First Lady of the California State Grange; and Bill Booth, Past Master of the California State Grange.

The invited members were joined at the Grange Headquarters property by the Court-appointed Receiver, Bob Greeley. Mr. Greeley provided a tour of the facility to view the contents of the building and make any notes which would be pertinent to his duties.

The members carefully observed the condition of the building and equipment currently there. They also took the opportunity to take a group photo inside and outside of the building. It was good to be home.

The members were transported back to The Citizen Hotel for the Board Meeting. At 11:15 am, the officers of the Board of Directors reconvened at the Legislative Room of the Citizen Hotel.

1. Roll Call of officers

All officers are present.

The Board discussed, at length, the Grange property as viewed and information provided by the Receiver. There is a system through which the property must go before it can be turned over to the State Grange. This will be done per the Court's orders and with the Receiver's oversight. It is anticipated there will be some objections from the Guild and more Court actions before everything is completed.

There was discussion regarding the current information pending with one of the State Grange attorneys. He is filing claims on behalf of the State Grange with the Internal Revenue Service, the US Postal Service, the California Attorney General, and local law enforcement agencies.

The State Grange filed a motion in the Federal case, to compel a response by the Guild on discovery items, which they had continually refused to respond. This was granted by the Judge, with monetary sanctions against the Guild.

Brother Komski emphasized with the Court cases pursued by the National and the State Granges, and the Judges' decisions, the Grange has put laws on the books for all fraternal organizations. What we have done is affecting how all organizations operate.

The Board recessed for lunch at 1:45 pm

Meeting reconvened at 2:45 pm.

2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. – Lillian Booth, Secretary

a. Board Meeting December 9 & 10, 2017, Aromas Grange Hall Minutes were read. Bob Clouse moved to adopt the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Kroesen. Vote taken. Aye: Clouse, Bevans, Booth, Abreim, Harper, Komski, and Kroesen. Nay: None. Motion carried.

3. Financial Reports - Gary Abreim, Treasurer

Payment authorizations were presented to the board for review. Ed discussed the recent change in cellphone carriers. There was difficulty with AT&T keeping the accounts correct. Ed changed the phones from AT&T to Verizon. Ed & Lillian both have business cell phones with the State Grange office phone numbers, 916-454-5805 and 916-454-5808 respectively.

4. Communications received

a. Letter from Grange Insurance Association - Donation.
Letter received from the Grange Insurance Association with a check for the \$1.00 per member donated for membership development. GIA requests being advised how the monies will be spent for the Grange members in California.

5. Director Reports

a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Inger Bevans
Deferred to Sunday morning

b. Communications Director – Bill Booth

i. Information/Communication with Granges (From 12/9/17 meeting)

1. Propose one-page newsletter periodically sent to the Granges

Report on Legislative Advocacy:

The Legiscan program is set up. A report was sent to the Board, but there was no response or feedback received. Project is pending based on needed feedback from the Board. Bro Bill stated his advice would be to find a member to take on the project of resolution tracking with legislation using the Legiscan program. He asked the Board to think about others to take on this project in the near future. The Board discussed possibilities of how to incorporate the legislative process once the U Street property is occupied.

Brother Bill reported the CAStateGrange.org website is continually updated with current news and information.

He stated he will start putting out a one-page newsletter to the Grange in order to get information at their meetings. This will be approximately 100 copies and will be titled "The Inside Track". Putting out updated information with the inside information on programs and projects of the Granges.

Property Management Discussion:

U Street property –

We will need to set up a property clean-up day. The outside of the property is not in good condition. Will need to obtain special dumpsters to take out the trash around the property.

The building itself needs a deep cleaning. It will be necessary to have the carpets cleaned, furniture polished and windows washed. Office machines are still in the production room and being inventoried by the Receiver. We do not know what will be left yet.

The GBO (Granger's Business Organization) Building has broken windows, is dirty and filled with trash. Repairs will need to be made to the dry-wall, painting, and removing the window stickers. Building needs to be thoroughly cleaned and made safe. Then decisions can be made as to use.

UC Davis Medical Center is scheduled for rental renewal in September. As part of the lease, they can call for a structural assessment and a retro-fit to the building. UC Davis has made a request and suggested their structural engineer for an assessment. We will be reviewing the lease and have the attorneys advise on this.

We will be extending the business relationship with the current cleaning company for UCDMC and extend it to the U Street building to clean 1 to 2 times per month. The Landscape company needs to be changed. The parking lot needs to be reviewed for any damage and/or needed maintenance.

Brother Ed advised keys will be made for a total of 6 keys for the building. Keys will be recorded with the State Grange Secretary. Security system will be redone in the very near future.

There is a tree on the neighbor's property at the end of the building which has caused damage. Bob Clouse will follow-up with the neighbor next door.

Vehicle: Discussion to dispose of the van and any other vehicles. Discussion of possibility of leasing a vehicle for the State Grange in the future. The Grange also owns a box trailer/utility.

It was moved by Clouse to sell the white Toyota Sienna, presently in the name of the California State Grange. Seconded by Bevans. Vote taken. Aye: Clouse, Booth, Bevans, Komski, Kroesen, Harper & Abreim. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Clouse to offer the Van on-line to any Granger for best offer. Seconded by Kroesen. Vote taken: Aye: Clouse, Booth, Bevans, Komski, Kroesen, Harper & Abreim. Nay: None. Motion carried.

c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire

Kate gave her report.

Because of the location of our State Session in Ukiah this year, the Grange Expo book will be themed "Seabiscuit" with a special horse category

There is a need to do outreach into the communities where we have active Granges. Also a need for Junior Projects. There are many categories for the Juniors to enter in the Expo.

The proposed Secretary, Expo, Community Service and Mentoring workshop were discussed. Katie, Lillian & Martha will set up the workshops, and budget. Ed requested a report and budget by April 15th.

There will be a conference during June or July to hold the Public Speaking / Sign-A-Song contests for anyone who going to compete in the Western States Conference in Washington in August.

It was suggested to have the Public Speaking and Sign A Song contests at a Grange Family Camp. Katie suggested the church camp below Sonora Pass. We can come in on Wednesday and be out by Saturday morning. Owned by Coalinga Parks & Rec Dept. Ed also suggested the YMCA Camp on the beach in San Diego.

Katie advised there will be a Quilts of Valor in the Expo Display around the building for the State Grange Session in Ukiah. This will also provide more exposure for Expo at the Session.

Katie thanked everyone for helping her get to the National Grange session. She had to have School Board approval to be released from work in order to go.

Bob Clouse talked about the Quilt of Valor that's been designed for his son, Corey, who has been in the Marine Corps for 25 years and a past State Grange Officer for California. National Grange is now a Quilt of Valor organization and can build our own quilts.

Ed asked Katie to send him information for a blast for the Quilt of Valor Program. It was discussed how to proceed for a quilt to possibly be presented at the State Grange Session.

Katie made a request to nominate the first Master of the California State Grange, James A.W. Wright, for the National Grange Hall of Fame. Katie will proceed with that project.

In November, Katie sent invitations sent out for Central Union Grange's 150th Anniversary. Encouraged all Granges to celebrate the 150th that day. In order to qualify for Distinguished Grange status, there needs to be a State Officer attending a Grange meeting. State Officers are not responding to requests or email. Ed requests to call him if no response. Have to improve communication.

Katie attended the Fresno Grange Credit Union Meeting. Katie advised the Grangers at the meeting to be a Grange in good standing. They should contact the State Grange for assistance.

d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey

Lillian Booth reporting. National Grange is applying to be a presenter of the Youth Quality Assurance program, which is an ethics and standards program required for exhibitors and project leaders. This will be utilized by all States in the Fair Program. Getting requests from different areas asking about the Youth Fair Program.

e. Youth Director –Emily Turnquist

No report.

f. Community Service / Convention Report– Martha Stefenoni

Martha attended the National Disaster Summit in Texas. Took the Moving Forward bag and talked with people from Texas and Oklahoma. Had all heard about the Grange – and the newest cause of expanding broadband in rural America. 25% of California is still on dial-up. More areas in the Nation have the same problem.

Martha took the Emergency Management track at the Summit. Communities having a hard time for FEMA disaster funds – don't have the FEMA Disaster preparedness plans in effect. Many things can be done by community volunteers. Inventory for medical, clinics, gas stations who have generators to run their pumps is needed. In talking with the Presenter the Grange may be able to do the inventory in the communities. Presenter wants to meet with Maryland and Delaware Grange leaders and see how they could help her. Pete Pompper has the Community Service Forms (National) but we don't have them yet.

In recent conversations with Anderson Grange and Calaveras Grange and San Andreas both talked about the need for a Community Service event, but they don't know how to do that. Martha will try to create a Community Service program – bring people into the Grange Hall talk about what the Grange can do and help them with programs.

Helping Granges refurbish their halls from within the membership. Martha will check out liability and structure of how to use Grangers to help Grangers.

Convention Update:

The Proposed Schedule was sent out in January to the Board. Proposing to start on Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon will be the talent show. Saturday Evening is the formal opening and the 5th & 6th Degrees. Sunday morning will be the Memorial Service. Open the business meeting on Sunday afternoon. They will schedule in a full election. Dates are Sept 22 through Sept 25.

Hotels: Price range from \$75 to \$125/night. Has a camping area at the Fairgrounds, but it is currently FEMA campgrounds. There is also camping around the area.

Needs:

Have to bring own sound system. There are no doors between the Session and kitchen areas. Little Lake Grange has made a tentative offer to cook one dinner. Martha has talked to Community Junior College culinary program. No prices have been discussed with any group yet. Meals will be: Sunday: Lunch/Dinner, Monday: Lunch/Dinner. Nothing on Tuesday.

On Saturday night – For the Degree participants, we will bring in sandwiches, etc. Everyone else can go out

Ruthie King, California State Grange Ceres, has offered to do the decorating of the Session and spearheading the 5th Degree Team in Mendocino County. State Officers should know their parts so a practice should be minimum.

Break Times – ask Mendocino and Sonoma County provide snack trays, coffee, water, etc. Trade off being responsible for the days. This will be put it out as an open invitation. If the Grange or Grange members want to bring something let Martha know.

Proposal to increase the Convention Program size and sell some advertising spaces. Martha will pursue quotes for printing.

Convention Deputies will be needed to move around the back of the hall to maintain quiet during business sessions. The Fair will bring in picnic tables for us. There are shaded areas for the tables outside. There is also an outdoor stage next to that.

CLOSED SESSION was called at 5:50 pm. Visitors were excused, with thanks for attending and participating.

Discussion of pending legal issues.

Actions taken during the closed session.

It was moved by Abreim to authorize Master Ed Kowski to establish all necessary accounts with the Merrill Lynch company for the California State Grange. Seconded by Clouse. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Abreim, Bevans, Booth, Clouse, Harper, Kowski and Kroesen. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Abreim to authorize Master Ed Kowski to establish any necessary accounts and administer all current accounts with Morgan Stanley for the California State Grange. Seconded by Clouse. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Abreim, Bevans, Booth, Clouse, Harper, Kowski and Kroesen. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Abreim to authorize Master Ed Kowski to make necessary transactions between Morgan Stanley, Bank of America and Merrill Lynch.

Seconded by Clouse. Vote taken. Aye: Abreim, Bevans, Booth, Clouse, Harper, Komski and Kroesen. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Closed Session Ended 7:00 pm

Sunday Morning Session Opened 0900 hrs. 03/25/18

Meeting called to order by Master Komski at 0900 hrs. All officers present.

Report of actions taken during closed session.

Communications:

Brother Ed read messages received after announcement made of the return of the building and property to the California State Grange.

c. Non Profit Report – Inger Bevans

Elk Creek Grange – is working on their information for them now.

Jacinto Grange. Inger is helping them with their documentation. They are 60 days from revocation by the IRS. Ed requested documentation Inger has. Lillian to handle the change from the name currently in place back to Jacinto Grange.

Fairfax Grange: Inger is helping them again. There is confusion among their membership. The Granges needs an audit and help with the structure in their Grange.

Individual non-profit exemption fees are now set by the Internal Revenue Service at \$600. Non-profit exemptions are at \$2,000 for a group.

g. Grange Membership Report – Lillian Booth

i. Membership / Granges

Secretary Booth passed around the current list of Granges and their membership. There are Granges who appear to need assistance with building membership in their communities. Bob Clouse and Josh Harper will reach out to these areas.

ii. Statistics

Lillian also passed around some of the current statistical reports available through the membership database. After review, Ed requested Gary to work with Bill & Lillian Booth to determine how to use these reports and develop others for use by the State and local Granges.

h. Grange Property Report

i. Tulelake Grange (Siskiyou County)

No response since last meeting.

ii. Crescent Redwood Grange (Del Norte County)

Wrote an Amicus brief and represented by council in Receivership

iii. Scott Valley Grange – Etna CA (Siskiyou County)

No new information

iv. Eastlake Grange (Lake County)

Erica drove by the building. There are more broken windows. Bob will be checking on what they are doing up there next week. He has sent emails to them and received no response.

v. Maywood Grange (Tehama County)

No new information

vi. El Camino Grange (Tehama County)

No new information

vii. Los Molinos Grange (Tehama County)

No new information

viii. Millville Grange (Shasta County)

No new information

ix. Napa Grange (Napa County)

Upon closure of the Napa Grange, there were some various assets. Shares of PG&E stock have been located and are now in the name of the California State Grange. There may be other investments which need to be located.

x. Lucerne Valley Grange –

Need to contact them regarding their tax bill and their status.

xi. Applegate Grange (Merced County)

Bob Clouse, Martha Stefenoni, Bill & Lillian Booth saw the building after the December meeting. The building is in need of a great deal of repair. The neighbor behind the property uses the driveway to access the back gate, so there is a proscriptive easement issue there. Property around the Grange hall has been subdivided.

xii. Fair Valley Grange

Fair Valley Grange may be a vacant lot in the Los Angeles area with nothing around it. Have to make a trip there to determine what needs to be done.

xiii. Elk Creek Grange #441 (Glenn County)

Bob Clouse visited the area recently. Ed Kowski received a copy of a letter from National Master Huber to Ed Anderson at that Grange Hall. Ed Anderson had written to the National Master. Bob was advised the Chairman of a steering committee in Elk Creek met with their group Wednesday night. Bob obtained a copy of the deed from the County offices and provided a copy of the grant deed the State Grange Secretary for the Elk Creek Grange files.

Bob has had multiple phone conversations with the Elk Creek Steering committee regarding the Grange. He advised them to contact Lillian & Inger for the different specialties. There is a newer roof on the building. Some old water damage to the ceiling tiles. We don't know the status of the insurance.

Discussed planning a getting-to-know you breakfast for the community. Bob will contact them and see what he can plan.

xiv. Granges indicating interest in loans to repair halls
No new requests have been received.

xv. Property Taxes Pending for Grange Halls
Applegate Grange \$1,000. Will pay the taxes on this property.
Capay Grange – Tehama County
El Camino Grange – Tehama County.

Gary Abreim and Lillian Booth to review any additional tax bills by April 6th.

6. Comment Request

a. None received

7. Old Business

a. Report on Granges

Anderson Grange – Rosemary Hansen contacted Bob Clouse and asked for help. Bob to set meeting with Rosemary and will notify Ed & Lillian

Little Lake Grange is looking at the ADA compliance changes to building. Will notify the State Grange when that review is completed.

b. Recent Legal Decisions – general review. Completed Saturday.

c. 2017 Journal of Proceeding – Status – Lillian Booth, Secretary
Items necessary to finish the Journal are: The Master's Address; Expo Results from Katie; new Resolution Committees from Ed; Grange Recognition and Awards lists; and finish formatting before proofreading and printing.

d. Background Checks – Lillian Booth, Secretary

i. Implementation.

Finished final training on Friday morning for the Portal. Need to build the Cognito Form on the CAStateGrange.org website for members to request access to the portal. As soon as that is done, we will beta test with Lillian, Bob & Erica. Plan to have it done in the next two weeks.

e. New Grange Foundation – Resolution 2017-009

Status of filing and By-Law review – waiting for info on original Foundation

f. Workshops - Lillian Booth

Secretary / Treasurer Workshops –Lillian provided a proposed budget and working outline of the Secretary/Treasurer Workshop and the Grange Mentor Work Shops to the Board for review.

The first workshop can be held any time. The dates and times were discussed. The workshops may possibly be held at the Headquarters building as part of a Welcome Home party. After discussion, the date was tabled for now until more is known about the final return of the property from the Receiver.

- g. 2018 Budget – Gary Abreim – None report at this time.
- h. Property Taxes – included in the Grange property discussion

8. New Business

- a. Membership Database

End User License Agreement (EULA) between Bill Booth and California State Grange for the membership database. Ed will have a legal review completed.

- b. 2018 Convention Location – Martha Stefenoni - Completed on Saturday
 - i. Redwood Empire Fairground, Ukiah, CA, September 22-25, 2018
 - ii. Registration Fee – will be placed on next agenda.

- c. Board Resolution for salaries & benefits for 2018 Officers & Directors –

Placed on the agenda for the Board to start talking about this.

- d. Expo Contests State level – Public Speaking, Sign-A-Song - Katie discussed on Saturday

9. Other business for the Good of the Order.

- a. Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings

Sunday April 22, 0900-1700 hrs. at the State Grange Headquarters. Will have lunch catered.

- b. Other

- i. American Income Life – Larry Lozano – Bob Clouse

Mr. Lozano called Bob to see if a certain person was a Grange member for the accidental death insurance. Unfortunately, the person was not a member of the Grange. Could not be found in our records. The American Income Life contract is with the Calif. State Grange, not through the Guild.

- ii. American River Grange.

Ed is having a meeting at American River Grange this afternoon at 2pm to discuss their status. Any of the officers attending today are welcome to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange.

April 22, 2018 California State Grange Headquarters Building, Sacramento

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 0907 hrs. by President Ed Komski at 3830 U Street, Sacramento, CA

1. Roll Call of officers

Ed Komski, Master/President/CEO; Josh Harper, Overseer; Lillian Booth, Secretary; Inger Bevans, Executive Committee Member 1 year; Bob Clouse, Executive Committee Member 2 years; Erica Kroesen, Executive Committee Member 3 years. Present. Gary Abreim, Treasurer, Absent due to illness. Visitors: Bill Booth.

Closed Session was called at 9:10 am for legal and personnel discussion. Bill Booth was excused from the meeting

Closed Session completed at 11:15 am.

Open Session reconvened.

Linda MacCracken, Bill Booth, and Martha Stefenoni joined the meeting at this time.

During the closed session, it was moved to by Josh Harper that the California State Grange will pre-pay \$94,000 in National Grange dues. Seconded by Lillian Booth. Vote taken. Aye: Booth, Bevans, Clouse, Kroesen, Komski, and Harper. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The group went on an inspection tour of the offices, library, and storage rooms of the 3830 U Street and the GBO buildings. Master Ed, with members from Orangevale Grange, Dixon Grange and others have been cleaning up the detritus left by the former tenants in the theater as well as outdated equipment and damaged furniture.

Meeting resumed at 12:05 pm

2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. – Lillian Booth, Secretary

- a. Board Meeting March 24 & 25, The Citizen Hotel, Sacramento, CA

It was moved by Bob Clouse to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Harper. No discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Booth, Bevans, Clouse, Kroesen, Komski, and Harper. Nay: None. Motion carried.

3. Financial Reports - Gary Abreim, Treasurer

Due to Gary's absence, financial reports will be tabled to the next meeting.

4. Communications received

No communications received.

5. Director Reports

- a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Inger Bevans

No report at this time.

- b. Communications Director – Bill Booth

- i. Information/Communication with Granges (From 12/9/17 meeting)

Propose one-page newsletter periodically sent to the Granges. Brother booth advised a one-page newsletter titled "The Inside Track" will be developed and sent out to the Grange Secretaries. Brother Booth will be asking for articles from various officers and directors in the near future.

- c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire

Ed advised that in going through the offices, he was able to find the Grange Expo computer and software Katie used previously.

- d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey

No Report.

- e. Youth Director –Emily Turnquist

No report.

- f. Community Service – Martha Stefenoni

Martha reported she is working to have a qualifying number of Granges submit reports to National Grange again this year. She will have an article in The Inside Track for Brother Booth. Granges do not realize how much community service they are doing, without even calling it "Community Service". There is a need to capture those activities and the hours spent.

- g. Grange Membership Report – Lillian Booth

- i. Membership / Granges
ii. Statistics

Report was read by the State Secretary.

- h. Grange Property Report

- i. American River Grange (Sacramento County)

In the process of a full audit. The Overseer, Jeff Goldman, is now the Master. Bill Thomas is currently disaffiliated and is not a legal Master. American River Grange is working on gathering information. At the meeting in March, they advised they want to be open and transparent and return to good standing. There is currently no file in the headquarters building for this Grange.

- ii. Applegate Grange (Merced County)

This property is a depreciating asset. The Lodge is keeping it up and running the best they can. The Rent is equivalent to the property taxes.

iii. Capay Grange (Tehama County)

No report at this time.

iv. Crescent Redwood Grange (Del Norte County)

Bob Clouse received an e-mail last week from David Kinder. He is inquiring about the Hall and is willing to exchange work on the hall for using it. It is currently supposed to be leased out to various 12-step and self-help meetings. Bob is planning a trip up there to meet with them and see what the issues are.

v. East Lake Grange (Lake County)

Bob will contact the members at the Grange. Has not had any luck reaching anyone by phone. He is planning a trip there as well.

vi. El Camino Grange (Tehama County)

This building needs to be torn down. It is a liability issue with the current level of disrepair and the collapsing basement. The property also sits next to the canal which has no fences.

vii. Elk Creek Grange #441 (Glenn County)

Bob is working with the community group. He is planning to go to their meeting on 4/29 to reactivate the charter. There is currently insurance liability and contents. No insurance on the building.

viii. Fair Valley Grange (Los Angeles County)

Building is being used as storage units by an electric company. It is still a Grange Hall. Need to track down the company and who is receiving the rent payments. State Grange is receiving the tax bill.

ix. Los Molinos Grange (Tehama County)

Bob will review this Grange when in the area for El Camino Grange.

x. Lucerne Valley Grange

They are in good standing. Need to switch the tax bill to their address.

xi. Maywood Grange (Tehama County)

People are living on the property. May be able to turn that one over to the Receiver. There was a previous motion by the Guild to sell the property. Need to check with Tehama County to see if title was transferred.

xii. Millville Grange (Shasta County)

No report. Currently in use by another organization. There is a Guild sign on the hall.

xiii. Napa Grange

Bob is going to pull the file to check on the status.

xiv. Scott Valley Grange – Etna CA (Siskiyou County)

Bob will be taking a road trip up there to see the hall and meet with people in the community.

xv. Tulelake Grange (Siskiyou County)

Thank you but no thank you to letter sent to Lydia Bell in response to her request to donate the Hall. Bob was previously told the community wanted to spend improvement funds on clean up. When he was last there, they all entered the building to see what needed to be done. Building sits in town.

Ed requested Bob ask the key be returned to us. It probably needs someone to mow and clean up again. There are some Grange memorabilia inside which could be donated the local historical society.

xvi. Granges indicating interest in loans to repair halls
1. Westside Grange – Tehama County pending

xvii. Hangtown Grange:

The members contacted Bob Clouse, who spoke with the Master. The Secretary said she had been paying dues to the State Grange. Bob will be going to a meeting on the – 2nd Sunday at 3pm.

xviii. Property Taxes Pending for Grange Halls

Discussed during each item above.

6. Comment Request

- a. None received

7. Old Business

- a. Report on Granges

Included in the above list of Granges

- b. Recent Legal Decisions – general review

In general, the Receiver was assigned. The U Street triangle property was returned to the control of the California State Grange just this last Friday. We have received two vehicles and the Morgan Stanley funds. There is no money in the Wells Fargo account, and it is closed. Six Grange Halls on the list were returned and now have the Receiver Order.

The State Grange is receiving the rental income from the GBO Building and parking spaces. UC Davis wants to extend their lease for 2-3 years. Ed will be contacting them to negotiate. The rent monies held in escrow at First American Title will be returned.

Last Friday the Motion for Summary Judgment was heard on two items – Property & Defamation suit against Ed & Lillian. This was a big win and the judge was very clear on his decision. Defamation suit was denied, and the property is being returned.

Discovery in the Federal case is still going on. This centers on trespass and conversion of property. All the depositions are complete in Trademark II. California State Grange has to provide our bank statements and will be confidential for the attorney's eyes only.

Motion 60b – is an action to set aside the satisfaction of a judgement. McFarland paid the sanctions and attorney's award from Morgan Stanley investment account and use of the Foundation funds. The judge ordered the funds have to be returned to the court receiver. The Judgement is wide open again and there is a \$9,000 sanctions against the Guild.

A new motion was just filed for an Order to Show Cause for contempt of Court against Mark Ellis, Bob McFarland and Guild. This will be heard on June 7th.

c. 2017 Journal of Proceeding – Status

Same as last month. Still pending. Planning to have draft for proofreading by the next meeting.

d. Background Checks

i. Implementation Report.

Same as last month. Implementation pending.

e. Workshops - Lillian Booth]

i. Set dates and locations

Martha & Lillian have set Saturday June 23rd at 9:30am for the Community Service, Secretary, Expo and Mentoring Workshops. We will work with Katie to set schedule. With time constraints to arrange any other conferences, we are recommending having the Public Speaking/ Sign A Song contests that same day. Budget was presented at the last meeting.

f. Grange Insurance Association Membership Donation – Ed Komski

i. From 03/25/18 Meeting –

This donation will be used for travel for membership development.

g. Membership Database

i. End User License Agreement (EULA) – Ed Komski

Same as last month. Ed to have the attorney's review the agreement.

h. 2018 Convention Location – Martha Stefenoni

i. Redwood Empire Fairground, Ukiah, CA, September 22-25, 2018

ii. Registration Fee

Martha is getting bids from different groups. Little Lake Grange has been working on a bid for dinner one night. May invite another Grange to cater salad bar for one lunch.

Will get with Lillian on dates and times for workshops.

Need theme for the Convention – to get marketed.

Registration fee: Need to set the fee. Ed asked Martha & Lillian to get together to determine what the registration fees should be.

- i. Board Resolution for salaries & benefits for 2018 Officers & Directors

This will be discussed at the next meeting during closed session. Resolutions will be drafted by the Board for approval by the Delegates at the Ukiah Session.

- j. Expo Contests State level – Public Speaking, Sign-A-Song
 - i. Prior to Western States in August 2018, Washington State
 - ii. Grange Camp Option

- k. Property Management Update

Alarm company has been fired. A new quote is coming in. Building will be alarmed, with closed circuit television and monitored. Access will be limited. Will need high-speed internet. There will be no hard line phone service in the building.

Landscape – Will have a new firm taking on the management and design of the property. Will be approximately \$520/month. The landscaper is an arborist. Need to raise the quality of the appearance of the property. Need to assess the irrigation needs – many pipes and sprinklers are broken around the property.

Cleaning – Has a bid for cleaning the building. \$250 to one-time deep clean the building. \$300 to have windows washed. Ed contacted UC Davis who advised they like their service.

Parking Spaces - The asphalt and striping are so decayed; it is barely readable. Will be obtaining a quote for resurface and striping.

GBO Building:

An 8' window is severely cracked. Will need to replace it. There is a post in the middle of it. It is not two four foot panels.

Painting is badly needed. Have two options. Matt and another person from Dixon Grange said they can paint. Josh and his family have shown interest to paint.

After discussion of the immediate needs of the building, long and short term, it was moved by Harper to authorize Ed Komski to make necessary financial decisions to improve the property at the headquarters. Seconded by Kroesen. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Bevens, Booth, Clouse, Harper, Komski, and Kroesen. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. New Business

- a. Office Equipment
 - i. On Hand
 - ii. Needs

The equipment in the production room has Buckmaster stickers on them. Will review to see what is usable. There are sorters/collators, Color Gestetner, and other miscellaneous equipment.

Computers: Some have had the hard drive information taken off. Others had the hard driver overwritten with an older hard drive data.

It was moved by Erica Kroesen to allow up to \$1400 each for Lillian & Ed to responsibly buy computers they need for the California State Grange. Seconded by: Harper. Discussion. Space & Hard drive capacity is the most important. Motion to amend to remove "\$1400" and add "fiscally responsible amount". Seconded. Vote taken: Aye: Harper, Clouse, Kroesen, and Bevans. Komski & Booth abstain. Amendment carried. Motion now reads: to allow Ed and Lillian a fiscally responsible amount to purchase computers they need for the California State Grange. Vote taken. Aye: Harper, Clouse, Kroesen, and Bevans. Komski & Booth abstain. Motion carried.

b. Resolution deadlines for State Session

Resolutions for any By-Law change for funds have to be received by July 22, 2018 and will be mailed to the Granges by August 22, 2018.

c. Registration Fees for State Session

During lunch, Martha & Lillian discussed the costs of Convention and recommend a registration fee of \$70.00 per person. Discussion by the Board. It was moved by Booth to set the Convention registration fee at \$70.00 per person. Seconded by Harper. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Bevans, Booth, Clouse, Kroesen, Harper, and Komski. Nay: None.

d. Welcome Home Celebration – State Headquarters.

Re-dedication ceremony for the State Headquarters. In conjunction with the workshops for Community Service, Expo, Grange Secretaries, and Mentoring, there will be a re-dedication ceremony and celebration. Date: June 23, 2018. Time and program to be set and published.

9. Other business for the good of the order

a. Dates & Locations for future Board Meeting

Sunday, June 24, 2018 will be the next meeting.

b. Other

Prunedale Grange made request for \$10,000 from their Custodial Funds for necessary fire-prevention landscaping and parking lot repair. Estimates are not available yet. This is an amended request from the original made in December 2016 in Sebastopol, which was approved at that time, once funds were recovered.

Ed advised Prunedale Grange is required to submit three bids for the parking lot. Once the bids are reviewed, Ed will contact the Board for approval.

Meeting closed at 4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange

June 24, 2018 - California State Grange Headquarters Building, Sacramento

The Board of Directors Meeting of the California State Grange was called to order at 9am by Master, Ed Komski, in the Conference Room of the State Grange Headquarters building in Sacramento, CA. Closed session was called in the State Master's office. Closed session ended at 10AM. No actions were taken by the Board during the closed session.

Open session was called at 10am in the main conference room.

1. Roll Call of officers

Roll call of officers found Master, Ed Komski; Overseer, Josh Harper; Secretary, Lillian Booth; Executive Committee 2 year, Bob Clouse; and Executive Committee 3 year, Erica Kroesen, are present. Gary Abreim and Inger Bevans are unable to attend and are excused for this meeting.

Visitors present are Johnny Squire, Past State Grange Executive Committeeman; Katie Squire, Expo Director & State Lecturer; Martha Stefenoni, Community Service Director and Convention Chairman; Ann Larson, Past State Grange Flora; Linda MacCracken, Keeper of the Stuff (Official Title); Joe Stefenoni, soon-to-be-wedded groom; Bill Booth, Communications Director; KayLynn Booth, Princess; Dwight Winegar, Humboldt County; and Cynthia Komski, First Lady. Everyone got a title today.

2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. – Lillian Booth, Secretary

a. Board Meeting April 24, 2018

Minutes of the Board meeting of April 24, 2018 were read. Corrections were noted. Bob Clouse moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Harper. Vote taken. Aye: Clouse, Harper, Komski, Kroesen, and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.

b. Special Meeting May 27, 2018

Special closed meeting was held May 27, 2018. Minutes of the business conducted during that meeting were read. Motion by Clouse to approve as read. Seconded by Harper. Vote taken. Aye: Clouse, Harper, Komski, Kroesen, and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.

c. Special Meeting June 12, 2018

Special vote taken for purchase of vehicle. Minutes of special vote read. Motion by Harper to approve as read. Seconded by Kroesen. Vote taken. Aye: Clouse, Harper, Komski, Kroesen, and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.

3. Financial Reports - Gary Abreim, Treasurer

Financial reports will be postponed until the next meeting. Per Master Ed, the rent for UC Davis tenants is coming in regularly. The parking lot rent is now updated and realizes approximately \$2,000-\$2,500 per month. Several spaces

were not being paid for, which has been corrected. UC Davis is now utilizing just those spaces allotted to them, and not the additional they had acquired.

4. Communications received

a. Butternut Valley Grange (NY) Donation for CA Fire victims
The Butternut Valley Grange in the State of New York had a fundraiser to assist Grangers in the State of California. They sent a check in the amount of \$285.00. They ask that the recipient have a photo taken and share their story with the members of Butternut Valley Grange

Per Master Ed, these funds will be added to the last remaining funds held from the October fund-raiser and be disbursed as soon as possible.

5. Director Reports

a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Inger Bevans
Inger is absent. Lillian Booth reporting.

It was recently discovered that several Granges under the old IRS tax-exempt group had been released from the group without notice. They have been unable to file their 2017 taxes as required. Lillian completed the research and determined there were 17 Granges needing to be added to the current Tax-Exempt Group held by the State Grange. Letter has been submitted to the Internal Revenue Service. As soon as confirmation of addition to the group exemption is received, the Granges involved will be notified to file their taxes. Automatic extensions apply until October 2017.

b. Communications Director – Bill Booth
The recent Inside Track newsletter was sent out. The website continues to be updated with articles and news for the members. Convention information is currently on the website and will be updated as new information is provided.

c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire
Katie said that she heard the Expo laptop computer with software the State Grange purchased for the Expo on it. Linda (Keeper of the Stuff) went to get the laptop and gave it to Katie. Katie will review to see if the software is still usable and the laptop will need to be updated. Katie is currently using a spreadsheet program to print the labels for items.

Ed asked Bill to estimate how much it would cost to upgrade the computer towers in the office. Bill estimated approximately \$200 per tower. Ed gave Katie authorization to purchase a new battery for the laptop if she decides she wants to use it.

August 31st is the deadline for the Expo registration. There were many members at the re-Dedication Ceremony who are planning to go home and get projects ready for the Expo. There was quite a bit of enthusiasm shown for the program.

Ed also advised Katie & Martha that the State Grange will reimburse them for mileage and their accommodations for this meeting. He thanked them for all of their hard work.

d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey

Tacy is setting up for the Solano Fair and is not available today. The program is moving ahead, and Grange membership is growing.

e. Youth Director –Emily Turnquist Casterson

No report.

f. Community Service – Martha Stefenoni

Had a very good conference yesterday with the members who were here for the re-dedication. Martha will be getting the Community Service report form ready for this year. Granges do not realize how much Community Service they are doing already. The Community Service Report books need to be small this year with concise detail about the project and how it worked – it's not about the photos and how big you can make the book. National Community Service Director Pete Pompper has cautioned those submitting Community Service books; if the book is more than ½ thick, it probably won't be read because the submitter didn't follow directions.

g. Grange Membership Report – Lillian Booth

i. Membership / Granges

ii. Statistics

iii. 1st Quarter Report for National Grange

Lillian presented the membership report. The Grange is continuing to grow. There are some Granges who are delinquent in their dues and reports. Lillian will draft a letter for Master Ed to send to those Granges.

The membership database has been designed with letter to remind Granges who are delinquent for the quarter. Delinquent means the report and dues have not been paid within 30 days of the close of the quarter. The first letter will be sent 5 days after the delinquency date; the second will be sent 15 days after, and the third notice will be sent 25 days after.

Many Secretaries have requested a reminder about the reports. A courtesy email will be sent at the end of each quarter to remind the Grange Secretaries the reports are due.

h. Grange Property Report

i. Applegate Grange (Merced County)

Discussion of the condition of the property. There are other Granges nearby in the same area. Need to determine the assessed value of the property.

ii. Capay Grange (Tehama County)

Grange Hall is in the middle of the orchards at the end of a road. Cannot access the interior of the building to see what condition the hall is in. It has not been used for some time.

iii. Crescent Redwood Grange (Del Norte County)

Bob Clouse talked with David Kinder who is part of a non-profit group in the area. Because Crescent City has a prison there, David works with children of both law enforcement and prisoners who go to school in the community. He

would like to update the Grange and utilize it for the after-school program for his group.

Discussion regarding cost to repair the hall. Lake Earl Grange is only 15 minutes from Crescent Redwood Grange. David Kinder has offered \$24,000 for the property, as is. It was moved by Clouse to counter at \$29,000. Seconded by Booth. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Clouse, Harper, Komski, Kroesen, and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Bob will recontact Mr. Kinder and proceed.

iv. East Lake Grange (Lake County)

Letter received from the School Principal next to East Lake Grange claiming the building was a hazard. The letter included a request to discuss selling the property to the school district.

Discussion of East Lake Grange. The membership has not come together as much as the group wanted. The water is not on, and the propane tank needs to be relocated and re-installed. Determined the plumber that was asked to look at the hall offered to do the plumbing but asked if he was going to get paid this time. He apparently installed the hot water heater in the building and was never paid by the Guild. More discussion centered on how to help the members move ahead. Bob and Erica will both try to go there and help them out.

Further discussion determined that East Lake Grange at one time had a loan for \$50,000 from the State Grange. In going through the books it appears the loan was "written-off" while the books were in the hands of the Guild. Then a deposit of that amount of money was moved from the loan fund to the general fund and used by the Guild. Martha explained that East Lake Grange had a water leak claim which was submitted to Grange Insurance for payment. That is when the hot water heater was installed. Ed will look into this further.

v. El Camino Grange (Tehama County)

Because of the location and condition of the property, Bob is talking with the local fire department to see if this building is safe enough for the fire fighters to do a controlled burn on the building. If not, then a demolition contractor will be needed to take down the building and clear the lot. At that time, the lot can be sold. There are other Granges close by in Tehama County.

vi. Fair Valley Grange

Ed will visit this property as soon as he has some time.

vii. Los Molinos Grange (Tehama County)

Bob was not able to see this property when he was in Tehama County

viii. Maywood Grange (Tehama County)

Bob stopped to see the people staying on the property at Maywood Grange. They introduced themselves as the care takers of the property. There appears to be people living inside the Grange Hall as well as the people living outside in

the motor home. Bob did not stay long in the heat. (106 degrees in the shade.) This will require a follow-up visit.

ix. Millville Grange (Shasta County)
Nothing new to report.

x. Napa Grange
Will be removed from the next list. Liquidating the stocks from Napa Grange.

xi. Scott Valley Grange – Etna CA (Siskiyou County)
Bob went to visit this property. Hall is old. He talked to the Naylor's who are members in that Grange. Since his visit, received contact from a resident who asked how to re-organize that Grange.

xii. Tulelake Grange (Siskiyou County)
Revitalizing this Grange in the community does not look like a viable option. The expectation appears to be funding repairs by the State Grange and then gifting the property. This is not an option for the State Grange. Need to obtain an appraisal of the property and then move ahead.

xiii. Granges indicating interest in loans to repair halls
None received.

xiv. Property Taxes Pending for Grange Halls
Discussed during the Grange Hall Property report. Gary Abreim is accounting for all of the Grange property taxes paid by the State Grange.

6. Comment Request

a. None received

7. Old Business

a. Report on Moving Forward Day – June 23, 2018

i. Rededication of Grange Property

It was a very good day for a re-dedication ceremony. Workshops were conducted by Katie Squire, on Grange Expo; Martha Stefenoni, on Community Service; Lillian Booth for Grange Secretaries and Grange Mentoring. Because this was "A Taste Of..." several Granges have expressed interest in Lillian, Martha & Katie coming to their Grange for a day of training workshops. The workshops were well-received by those attending.

The Re-Dedication Ceremony was held in the main conference room. The room was full, and it felt good to be here all together. Duane Scott, National Grange Executive Committeeman, was the Dedicating Officer from National Grange. He spent most of his day visiting with as many of the Grange members as he could. He brought added value to the day by giving the members a good representation of the National Grange.

Thank you to all who participated in the Dedication Ceremony

Dedicating Master	Bob Clouse, Past Master, California State Grange
Dedicating Overseer	Bill Booth, Past Master, California State Grange
Dedicating Officer	Duane Scott, National Grange Executive Committee
Master	Ed Kowski, Master, California State Grange
Overseer	Josh Harper Orangevale Grange,
Lecturer	Katie Squire Central Union Grange
Steward	Randy Turnquist Aptos Grange
Assistant Steward	Joe Stefenoni Bellevue Grange
Lady Assistant Steward	Emily Casterson Aptos Grange
Chaplain	Barbara Geiger Aptos Grange
Ceres	Lillian Booth Wyandotte Grange
Flora	Christie Tatum Orangevale Grange
Pomona	Erica Kroesen Little Lake Grange
Musician	Martha Stefenoni Bennett Valley Grange
Flag/Bible Bearer	Ellie Bruce Little Lake Grange
Altar Bearer	Jeff Box Redwood Valley Grange

b. Report on Granges

i. American River Grange

Have received a portion of the documents requested to review before returning to good standing.

ii. Danville Grange

Their Grange corporation was converted to a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable corporation and their IRS exemption is a 501(c)(3). This has been discussed with the new Master. She was in attendance yesterday. They will be submitting documents as she finds them. She is undergoing several surgeries this summer so her time will be limited.

iii. Elk Creek Grange

Community stepped up and reactivated their charter with 51 new members. Bob obligated them on April 29th with Jeanne Clouse and Jerry & Linda Macklem traveling with him. Elk Creek has been in touch with Lillian and Inger regarding their tax exempt status. Lillian has had conference calls with the ladies who are performing the Secretarial duties. The Grange is anxious to move ahead and be part of their community

iv. Freshwater Grange

Reached out to Ed regarding the letter from the Receiver. They requested the calculation on the penalty for non-payment of the dues. That information was provided to them.

v. Gold Trail Grange

Has reached out to Ed regarding returning to good standing. Ed will be working with them.

vi. Hangtown Grange

Hangtown Grange reached out to Bob and they are proceeding to get into good standing.

vii. Mt. Hamilton Grange

Mt. Hamilton Grange reached out to Ed. He will be meeting with them very soon.

viii. Welcome Grange

Welcome Grange reached out to Ed; they are beginning the process to return to good standing.

Because of the Receiver Court Orders, all contact is initially completed by Ed. Once he has the initial conversation, he then advises Lillian who will take care of the rest of the process, including reviewing minutes, bank records, corporate status, by-laws, quarterly reports and membership lists.

c. Recent Legal Decisions – general review

Ed Komski reporting. There are depositions being held later this month and into July regarding the Foundation. The criminal contempt hearing is set for July 30th. There are still court cases moving through. Ed wanted to emphasize that the criminal aspect of these proceedings is very, very sad for the California State Grange.

As new information comes forward, that information is being passed to the Receiver. His next report is due to the Court before our next meeting. Still unable to locate certain personal property and the computer hard drives have not been returned.

d. 2017 Journal of Proceeding – Status

i. Draft for review by the Board

Lillian had hoped to have the draft completed for the Board. Anticipate having it completed by July 15th.

e. Background Checks

i. Implementation Report.

The background check process has been completed on the website and through Intellicorp. Lillian ran her own background and the process works. Ed directed Lillian to advise Tacy of the process and she will notify the Youth Fair Program Leaders. Also need a general announcement to the membership to make sure everyone is in compliance.

Cost to the members will be under \$18.00 unless there are additional court documents to check. The member will receive log-in and password through a website contact form. The member will utilize Intellicorp's portal to submit their private information for the background check. No personal identifying information, i.e. Driver's License or Social Security numbers, will be retained by the California State Grange. Intellicorp will securely maintain all of that information.

f. Workshops - Report from June 23.
Already covered. Granges are interested in setting future dates.

g. Membership Database

i. End User License Agreement (EULA) – Ed Komski
Ed had the Membership Database EULA reviewed by the attorney. There is one section regarding the database manager auditing the State Grange computer system. The attorney requests this paragraph be removed in order to maintain security of the general computer system. This is agreeable and a new EULA will be submitted with that change.

h. 2018 Convention Report – Martha Stefenoni

i. Redwood Empire Fairground, Ukiah, CA, September 22-25, 2018
Martha reported on the Convention preparations. Theme will be “Inspired Growth”. Ed has an idea for an interactive design of the logo for the State Session which will be done at the State Session.

Meals: Martha has discussed the meals. Little Lake Grange is catering the dinner on Saturday night. The Mendocino College Culinary Arts program is catering the Lunch & Dinner on Sunday & Monday. Menus have not been provided yet. Cost is \$15.00 per person per day for the College. Final price has not been received from Little Lake Grange. There will be time on the schedule on Sunday morning for anyone who wishes to drive to Little Lake Grange for their monthly Sunday breakfast. They will even open early for us.

Schedule has been drafted and was emailed to the Board members. Saturday will be the Expo opening, Talent Show in the afternoon, and Opening of the Session in the Sixth Degree and Fifth & Sixth Degrees. Sunday will be the Memorial Service and other opening business. Monday & Tuesday will be dedicated to business and election of officers with Installation on Tuesday morning. Planning to close by 1pm on Tuesday.

Ed asked Martha to contact the State Officers regarding practices and parts. Lillian will make sure all have their parts. Martha is to remind the officers of dress for the Convention – Opening and the Degrees will be suits & ties for the men, dresses for the ladies. The rest of the session will be business casual – for the men that means a collared shirt.

i. By-Law Resolution Deadlines for State Session
Must be RECEIVED by July 22, 2018 and then mailed out no later than August 22, 2018 to the Granges for review and consideration.

j. Property Management Update – this will be moved up into Directors reports for the next meeting.
Property has been updated, cleaned, washed, and the landscaping repaired and looking good. The Grange Square has trees planted which were donated by Jay & Peggy Hartz. We will have a plaque made commemorating their donation. They were so pleased to know we were back on the property and fixing it up.

The trees along the street were removed by the landscaping company because they were stunted and dying. These will be replaced with naval orange trees as soon as the City of Sacramento accepts the proposal.

Discussion regarding the white Dodge Caravan owned by the State Grange. It was moved by Clouse to donate the van to Dwight Winegar for the residual value of the asset. Seconded by Harper. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Booth, Harper, Clouse, Kroesen & Komski. Nay: None.

8. New Business

a. Work Flow Responsibilities and Distribution / Staffing / Support Master Ed reporting. With the return of the Grange property we have to review the way we do business. We have become self-sufficient working in other locations.

Staffing:

Marian Sales is the new Grange Librarian. She has been straightening and cleaning the library room with the Journals, books, papers of the State Grange. Many artifacts have been located and are now on display in the case in the entryway.

Linda MacCracken is the new "Keeper of the Stuff". Linda has been volunteering to do the inventory, cleaning out, straightening up and generally knowing where everything is. Linda has the experience, knowledge and time at this point. Linda will need help in the future with the items in the GBO building. An offer was made to Linda to compensate her for her time, she has refused any pay. That item will be left open for discussion at a later date.

Linda & Lillian will begin a discussion on how to electronically file the archive data in the Grange Building. We will invest in a scanner in the near future to optimally fulfill that goal. Linda will have care of the physical files and Lillian will have the electronic file cabinet attached to the Membership Database program.

For Bob Clouse – he will contact Lillian for anything he needs in order to meet with the Granges. Lillian will provide information to Bob before he visits a Grange or an area as far as corporate information and property information as available. If it is not electronically available yet, Linda will also assist. Any questions regarding the business operations of a Grange are to go through Lillian – the corporate status, officers, quarterly report filing, etc.

Granges asking to come back to good standing will first be referred Ed because of the Receiver's Court orders.

Bookkeeper: Gary Abreim has recommended a bookkeeper for the day-to-day operations of the Grange and this is a task he does not wish to undertake. Gary is a CPA and has set up the process for the accounting. Booth moved that the California State Grange hire Cynthia Komski as the bookkeeper of the State Grange reporting to and taking direction from Gary Abreim as her direct

supervisor. Seconded by Clouse. Discussion – Cynthia has the financial business background and is qualified to be the bookkeeper. Vote taken. Aye: Booth, Clouse, Harper, and Kroesen. Nay: None. Abstain: E. Komski. Motion carried.

9. Other business for the Good of the Order.

a. Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings

Next Board Meeting date will be Sunday August 12, 2018, at 9am at the State Grange headquarters.

b. Other

The California State Grange extends sympathy to Aromas Grange on the passing of Rich Saxe, Master, and to Morgan Hill Grange on the passing of Houghton "Tom" Sawyer, Past Master. Both members will be missed greatly. We also wish many years of happiness to Joseph Stefenoni on his pending wedding to Hannah Chiapetta next month.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange.

May 27, 2018, 12:00 pm – Virtual Meeting
Closed Session

Special closed session meeting was called to order by President, Ed Komski, at noon on Sunday 5/17/18. The meeting was held in a virtual environment using Go-To-Meeting.

1. Roll Call of officers

Ed Komski, Master/President/CEO; Josh Harper, Overseer; Lillian booth, Secretary; Inger Bevans, Executive Committee Member 1 year; Bob Clouse, Executive Committee Member, 2 years; Erica Kroesen, Executive Committee Member 3 years; Gary Abreim, Treasurer/CFO, all present. Also present is Jeff Skinner, Attorney for the California State Grange.

2. Business Conducted

It was moved by Josh Harper to approve the financial plan for reimbursement to Granges in good standing participating in the Custodial Accounts held by the California State Grange. Seconded by Lillian Booth. Vote taken. Aye: Bevans, Booth, Clouse, Harper, Kroesen, Abreim & Komski. Nay: None. Motion carried.

No further business was conducted. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Fraternally submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange

June 12, 2018 – Virtual Meeting

Per discussion by the Board of Directors, and with unanimous consent, Ed Komski was authorized to trade in the used State Grange van and purchase a new vehicle under name of the California State Grange.

Letter of authorization sent under seal of the State Grange Secretary on June 13, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange.

August 12, 2018 - California State Grange Headquarters Building, Sacramento

The Board of Directors Meeting of the California State Grange was called to order at 9:00 am by Master Ed Komski.

1. Roll Call of officers

Master, Ed Komski; Overseer, Josh Harper; Secretary, Lillian Booth; Treasurer, Gray Abreim; Executive Committee 3 yr., Erica Kroesen; Executive Committee 2 yr.; Inger Bevans, Executive Committee 1 yr. All officers present. Visitors: Bill Booth & Cynthia Komski.

Visitors were excused for the Closed Session called at 9:15 am.

Closed Session ended at 12:07 pm.

Break for lunch.

Meeting called back to order at 12:45 pm

Closed Session actions reported.

Closed Session discussed recent legal issues. No action taken.

Board discussion of salaries for elected officers:

Master Komski excused himself from the meeting. *It was moved by Gary Abreim to set the base salary for the office of Master at \$4,000 per month / \$48,000 per annum. Seconded by Inger Bevans. Vote taken. Aye: Clouse, Harper, Kroesen, Abreim, Bevans and Booth. Komski not present. Motion carried.*

Lillian Booth excused herself from the meeting. *It was moved by Bob Clouse to set the salary for the office of Secretary at \$2,000 per month / \$24,000 per annum. Seconded by Erica Kroesen. Vote taken. Aye: Clouse, Harper, Kroesen, Abreim, Bevans and Komski. Booth not present. Motion carried.*

Resolutions will be prepared to be submitted by the Board of Directors.
Resolutions are acted upon prior to nomination and election of officers.

The also Board re-affirmed the authorized signatures for all current Bank Accounts, including but not limited to, Merrill Lynch and Bank of America will be Ed Komski, Master/President/CEO; Lillian Booth, Secretary; and Gary Abreim, Treasurer/CFO.

2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. – Lillian Booth, Secretary

a. Board Meeting June 24, 2018, Headquarters, Sacramento, CA
Corrections noted by the Board. *Motion by Harper to approve as amended. Seconded by Kroesen. Vote taken. Aye: Clouse, Harper, Abreim, Kroesen, Bevans, Booth, Komski. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

3. Financial Reports - Gary Abreim, Treasurer

Financial reports presented. The State Grange is in transition with the accounts because of the return of the property and funds. Once the books are apportioned correctly, there will be a clear picture of operations in a continuous manner. We did receive all of the UC Davis rent, for 2101 Stockton Blvd, held by the First American Title Company. The Balance Sheet is incomplete and will reflect the funds and information as soon as it is completed. There is considerable information to still be sorted out and booked properly.

Wisteria Building Loan balance as of 04/05/2013 was \$253,368.04. The monthly principal and interest payment are \$1,630.45 paid by on a monthly basis by the State Grange to the Custodial Funds held by Granges currently in good standing. Interest payments were caught up from 4/5/13 to 06/30/2018 in the amount of \$4,438.00.

4. Communications received

Frederick County (Maryland) Pomona Grange sent a donation of \$679.00 for California Fire Victims. The State Secretary will send a thank you letter to the Grange.

2101 Stockton Blvd building -UC Davis tenant –

Received a letter from the local Fire Department with a notice to have an inspection completed of the dampers in the duct work. This is a requirement every 4 years for UC Davis rental properties. Bid to complete the work is approximately \$2500.

Chino Valley Fire Department –

Received notice of requirement for weed abatement on 8/25/18 for the Fair Valley Grange property. Non-compliance will incur a fee of \$350, and it will be cleared by the local abatement. Letter referred to Bob Clouse to look into.

Del Norte County Tax Collector –

Crescent Redwood Grange, Childs Ave, notice of delinquent taxes. This property is being sold and taxes will be paid out of escrow.

Glenn County Tax Collector –
Delinquent tax bill received for Capay Grange property. Referred to Gary Abreim for payment of the bill.

Tehama County Tax Collector –
Delinquent tax bill received for El Camino Grange property. Referred to Gary Abreim for payment of the bill.

5. Director Reports

a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Inger Bevans
Inger reporting. She was contacted Welcome Grange who was requesting assistance with information for the Internal Revenue Service status. The member was out of town and Inger will follow-up this next week.

Lillian received notification from the Internal Revenue Service that all Granges requested to be added to the CA State Grange Group has been granted. The list has to be reviewed and sent to the Internal Revenue Service with any changes by 9/30/2018. A copy was given to Inger for her files.

b. Communications Director – Bill Booth
Bill reported the website is up to date with the email blasts sent by the State Master and with Convention Information. The one-page newsletter The Inside Track goes to the Grange Secretaries or Masters when there is a mailing going out. Request to email a copy to the Board Members when it goes out in a mailing.

c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire
Katie unable to attend the meeting. Lillian attempted to contact Katie for a phone report. Not available.

d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey
No report.

e. Youth Director –Emily Turnquist Casterson
No report

f. Community Service – Martha Stefenoni
Martha unable to attend the meeting. Ed will attempt to contact for a phone report. Unable to contact. No report.

g. Grange Membership Report – Lillian Booth
i. Membership / Granges
Lillian reported there are close to 5,000 members in California now. Statistics were reviewed. The first quarter report to National Grange was completed and sent. The second quarter is due 8/31/2018.

h. Keeper of the Stuff (KOTS) Report – Linda MacCracken
Ed reported that Linda is doing a great job cataloging and identifying relevant information. It has been a great asset to the Grange to have Linda and Marian Sales working with us. Linda is taking no compensation for her work. The Board

agreed that Linda & Marian's lodging will be paid by the State Grange at the Session.

Linda reported that she and Marian have worked 111 hours each since June 23. Inventory has been completed on the 3830 U Street building, the attic upstairs, and the Conex storage box next to the building. An inventory binder will be kept in the Secretary's office. After Convention, Bob Clouse, Linda & Jerry Macklem will begin meeting on Tuesdays at 10am and start inventory on the regalia and other items received from closed Granges.

Library: Marian has reduced the number duplicate copies of publications, including the Journals of Proceedings. Ed is making them available to members for their private collections on a first-come-first-served basis. See Linda if you want them and they can be delivered at Convention. Bill Booth made a claim for the first look. Ed directed him to talk with Linda and take home any he desired.

Linda was thanked by the Board with a standing ovation for all of her work. Linda left the meeting to help Bill find the duplicate Journals he needed. While she was out of the room, it was moved by Kroesen to purchase a \$500.00 gift card for the Keeper of the Stuff. Seconded by Harper. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

i. Property Management Update – Sacramento Buildings Grounds –
Ed Kowski

Ed has hired a new handyman to help with repairs to the building and property. Linda is assisting with projects and also with coordinating repairs when Ed is not in Sacramento.

Keys: Ed has a full set of keys and he has issued the same to Linda. Bob has access to the key to the building only. Bob coordinates with Linda to open other areas.

The elevator at 2101 Stockton Blvd was red-tagged some time ago and was unusable for the tenants. It is now inspected and cleared for use.

GBO building was reviewed in consultation with a property management company. Management fees are too much for now. Signs will be put up for rental space. The handyman will be working on some repairs on the building to get it ready to rent as soon as possible.

Headquarters building:

The Secretary's office has been set up with a desk and the Grange files. Linda and Lillian will both work out of that office. There are plans to make the back office a small conference room for smaller groups. That will be reviewed again soon. The furniture in the Master's office will be reviewed.

The network hardware needs to be reviewed. Ed and Bill reviewed the possibility of using the existing network to set it up with virtual access to share files.

The Conex box will eventually go away. Plans are being made to secure the area and create an outdoor eating and meeting space.

Ed will be putting more safety lights on the property. There is a problem with transients and narcotics users leaving their trash and needles on the property. Lights are needed as a deterrence.

Rental of the parking spaces is going very well. All spaces are being paid for now. There is no free parking. The rates may be increasing at the first of the year. There is a current waiting list of people who want to rent parking spaces.

i. Rental Agreement with UC Davis Med Center

The lease has been negotiated with UC Davis Med Center. The current rent is \$11,010.00 per month. They are great tenants for the State Grange Property. Ed offered them 10 additional parking spaces for \$1,000 per month, they declined. A three-year lease has been negotiated at \$1.25 per square foot plus 3% per year for each year of the lease. This is now \$12,610, per month. UC Davis is also picking up the janitorial and cleaning expenses this time, which saves us \$1,100 per month. The net increase to the State Grange is approximately \$3,000. UCD also took over expenses for lights and fixtures. Lease is currently being reviewed by Jeff Skinner. Ed anticipates signing the lease this next week.

j. Grange Property Report

i. Applegate Grange (Merced County)

Because of the condition of the property and its proximity to other Grange Halls, the Board discussed the possible sale of the hall. Ed will write letter to the Lodge to ascertain their interest in purchasing the property. An appraisal will be necessary.

ii. Capay Grange (Tehama County)

Bob went to the property. The Board recommended checking to see if property can be sold. There are no members in the community. The Grange is in a very remote area with no direct roadways to get to the Hall. Over the years, several attempts have been made to re-organize this Grange without success.

iii. Crescent Redwood Grange (Del Norte County)

1. Offer received for purchase of property.

An offer was received to purchase the property. It was moved by Clouse to sell the hall at the offer of \$31,000. Seconded by Kroesen. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Escrow instructions will be drawn up at \$31,000.

iv. Eastlake Grange (Lake County)

Ed spoke with the Master last night. He has not been able to have meeting with the current members. People are not showing up and not responding. Lillian will send the contact list of members we met with in October to Andy. He will arrange a meeting with them, and he has sixteen more people who want to join. The Grange Master will choose a date for a meeting and Bob will attend.

v. El Camino Grange (Tehama County)

Bob has spoken with the Fire Department and they will see if the building is safe to do a practice burn. Contractors bids will be sought to demolish the building.

vi. Fair Valley Grange

This property needs to be sold. An appraisal will be necessary.

vii. Los Molinos Grange (Tehama County)

These members still meet in the hall and have a tenant-occupied trailer on the property. Ed will call the last Master, Betty Myers. Lillian to provide contact information for other members.

viii. Maywood Grange (Tehama County)

As Bob previously reported, there are people living at the property as "caretakers". They told Bob they "Gave up their charter" when the State Grange Charter was revoked. Because they are using it as a residence, they will need to vacate. Need to follow-up.

ix. Millville Grange (Shasta County)

No new information.

x. Scott Valley Grange – Etna CA (Siskiyou County)

No new information.

xi. Tulelake Grange (Siskiyou County)

Need to get an appraisal, find a local realtor, and put the building up for sale. Bob advised there is a need to get the historical effects out of the building and donate them to the local Historical society. He will try to get by there in the next few months.

xii. Coalinga Grange

Bob visited this Grange in July. The Grange exists only for a church. This is the fourth time this Grange has attempted to reorganize a Grange. Membership in 2014 was 13 when chartered. There are still 13 members. There were two years of delinquent property taxes. The Minister paid the taxes at the County of Fresno. Need to obtain a copy of paid receipt for our records.

People have been dumping used oil in the parking lot, and neighbors are dumping their garbage over the fence on to the Grange property. Can either sell it to the church or treat them as renters and retain the building. Building has a poor reputation in the city of Coalinga. The church has some very nice people there, but none of them are local.

The Church said they would write a check to bring themselves current with their dues. Master Ed directed Bob to ask them to pay their outstanding invoice of \$2,536.00 for dues. They would need to continue to pay dues, increase local membership, and become an active Grange in order to remain a chartered Grange.

xiii. Granges indicating interest in loans to repair halls

No new requests have been received. Ed announced that we do not know what amount is available yet, but there are some funds in the Grange Hall Loan fund. Let the Granges know that in the event there are Granges who want funds, they can ask.

A process for loans and an application packet needs to be drafted or re-vamped if there is one in the archives. Lillian to follow-up on the application.

xiv. Healdsburg Grange

Insurance policy for this Grange was received by the California State Grange.

xv. Long Valley Grange

There was a question regarding Long Valley Grange and if the hall was still owned by the Grange or if it was titled to a local community group and when. Will need to check the title.

xvi. Property Taxes Pending for Grange Halls

Already covered by in property discussion.

6. Comment Request

a. None received

7. Old Business

a. Report on Granges

i. American River Grange

In process of getting into good standing. There are still gaps in the information received.

ii. Danville Grange

In process. Have not heard from them recently.

iii. Elk Creek Grange

Has been re-activated and will be taken off this list at the next meeting.

iv. Freshwater Grange

Has shown some interest, but nothing more at this time.

v. Gold Trail Grange

Is actively in the process of returning. Will review when the dues are paid.

vi. Hangtown Grange

Has submitted items requested and dues. Is in good standing and will be taken off the list for the next meeting.

vii. Mt. Hamilton Grange

Actively working toward good standing. Has submitted a portion of their information at the end of July. Still waiting for additional items.

viii. Welcome Grange

Is working toward returning to good standing.

ix. Buckeye Grange

A member reached out to Lillian and was referred to Ed. Ed has been unable to reach them by phone.

b. Recent Legal Decisions

A general review of the recent decisions was given. The newest is the Motion for Summary Judgment on the Trademark II case. This is a very important decision in favor of the California state Grange.

There are more cases and depositions coming in the near future. Ed will be busy in Court for most of the month of September.

c. 2017 Journal of Proceeding – Status

i. Draft for review by the Board

A printed draft was presented by the Secretary. An email will be sent to the Board members for review for errors or changes. This will be printed and available at the State Grange Session in September.

d. Membership Database

i. Amended End User License Agreement (EULA) – Ed Kowski

Has been signed and executed with AMS – Affinity Media Services, owned by Bill Booth.

e. 2018 Convention Report – Martha Stefenoni

i. Redwood Empire Fairground, Ukiah, CA, September 22-25, 2018

ii. Theme: “Inspired Grange Growth”

Martha sent an email with the Convention updates to the Board. She is working with Redwood Valley Grange, Little Lake Grange, and the fairgrounds.

f. Resolutions to set compensation for Officers - 2018

Discussed during closed session and reported above. The resolutions will be written and sent to Ed for review prior to inclusion in the Resolution pack.

g. Prunedale Grange – Custodial Fund Request

Inger removed herself from the meeting prior to discussion regarding Fund Request for Prunedale Grange.

Ed received letter from Master, Barbara Geiger, in June for withdrawal of \$10,000. The Grange submitted a new letter dated August 9th, signed by Barbara Geiger, with the Grange minutes to approve the withdrawal. The request is now for \$20,000 to repair the parking lot and an amount to add to the Grange reserve funds.

Three bids to repair the parking lot were received and reviewed by the Board. The past interest from the Custodial Funds is available for disbursement to the Grange. After discussion of the bids by the Board, it was moved by Kowski to disburse \$18,000 from Prunedale Grange Custodial Funds for the repairs and the interest due their Grange. Seconded by Abreim. Vote taken. Aye: Kowski, Abreim, Booth, Clouse, Harper & Kroesen. Nay: None. Bevans not in attendance. Motion carried.

The request for reserves will not be granted but will release the interest due in the amount of \$5,361.40 to the Grange.

Two checks will be drawn for Prunedale Grange: (1) \$18,000 as principal reduction in their Custodial Fund and (2) \$5,361.40 as interest owed to the Grange.

Inger returned to the meeting.

8. New Business

c. Board resolution to cash out stocks held by closed Granges
Review of the information now available show there are stocks belonging to Granges which were closed over seven years or more.

Napa Grange had PG&E Stock, currently worth around \$15,000, along with other smaller stocks.

Farmersville Grange have dividends owed in the amount of \$215.00 -

Ameriprise has \$55.14. Bob Clouse will take care of these.

It was moved by Harper to authorize Master Komski to dissolve the PG&E stock and any other invested funds for Napa Grange, the Fresno Grangers Fresno Credit Union, and Ameriprise. Seconded by Kroesen. No discussion. Vote taken: Aye: Komski, Abreim, Harper, Bevans, Clouse, Booth and Kroesen. Motion carried.

d. California Unclaimed property

Ed was notified recently of Grange property on the California State unclaimed property list. Cynthia and Lillian will work on the paperwork to close out these items.

9. Other business for the Good of the Order.

a. Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings

Next meeting will be Friday September 21, 2018 in the evening, tentatively set at 7:00 pm, at a location to be named later near the fairgrounds.

b. Other

A Community Grange sent a translation of the Junior Grange application in to Spanish to meet the needs of their community. The application needs to be reviewed for accuracy. Discussion centered around adding the Subordinate Grange application and possibly the Fourth Degree Manual also being translated. A bi-lingual member will be contacted to see if they can assist with this project.

Closed Session

At 4:15 pm the Board called a closed session for information received from the Attorney. All visitors were excused.

It was moved by Bob Clouse to pay \$75,000 as a portion of the legal bill due Schiff Hardin, Attorneys at Law. Seconded by Harper. Vote taken. Aye: Booth, Clouse, Komski, Bevans, Kroesen, Harper & Abreim. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Gary Abreim was asked to leave the room.

It was moved by Kroesen to pay Gary Abreim \$5,000 for work necessary to develop the budget for Convention as well as prepare all accounts for entry and submission to the auditor for the audit and tax preparation. Seconded by Harper. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Komski, Booth, Clouse, Bevans, Kroesen, and Harper. Nay: None. Abreim not present.

Gary returned to the meeting.

Discussion regarding how financial payments are processed and how business has changed since the reorganization. It was moved by Lillian to negate the prior Board resolutions regarding the process for financial payments. The new process will be the Bookkeeper prepares the authorization for payments and submits to the Treasurer for approval. Once approved by the Treasurer, the disbursements will be made. The Financial statements and list of checks for expenses will be approved by the Board at each Board meeting. Seconded by Harper. Vote taken. Aye: Booth, Komski, Harper, Clouse, Kroesen, Bevans and Abreim. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Ed Komski left the meeting.

With the expansion of financial responsibilities for the running of the State Grange, Gary proposed hiring Cynthia Komski as the bookkeeper. Cynthia has been currently performing as the bookkeeper by doing the property management, and the check paying functions during the property transition. Cynthia has been paid at a rate of \$30.00 per hour, as a contractor during the transition. Discussion by the Board regarding hiring Cynthia as the bookkeeper. Gary Abreim will be the direct supervisor of Cynthia's work and performance. *It was moved by Abreim to hire Cynthia Komski as the State Grange bookkeeper at \$30.00 per hour as an employee effective September 1, 2018. Seconded by Bob Clouse. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Abreim, Booth, Clouse, Bevans, Kroesen and Harper. Nay: None. Motion carried. Komski not in attendance.*

Ed returned to the meeting.

There being no further business at this time. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Fraternally submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange.

August 19, 2018, Virtual Meeting

Virtual meeting was called to order on August 19, 2018, at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Ed Kowski, Master; Bob Clouse, Executive Committee 2 year; Inger Bevans, Executive Committee 1 year; and Lillian Booth, Secretary were present. A quorum was called.

On the advice of legal counsel, an emergency special Board meeting was called regarding the recent court decision by the Federal Judge. Two resolutions are required to be sent to the Delegates regarding the 1946 Corporation. Discussion by the Board.

It was moved by Clouse to approve the two resolutions and mail them to the Granges by Monday 9/22/18 in order to meet the 30-day notification deadline. Seconded by Bevans. Vote taken. Aye: Clouse, Kowski, Booth & Bevans. Nay: None. Motion carried. The State Secretary will send the Official Notice to the Subordinate and Pomona Granges in good standing.

No other business was put before the Board for action.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Fraternally Submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange

143RD ANNUAL SESSION RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

2018-001 RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR THE 1946 CORPORATION

WHEREAS: Following the revocation of the California State Grange's Charter in 2013, the California Guild wrongfully retained control of the California State Grange's non-profit corporation formed in 1946 (the "1946 Corporation");

WHEREAS: The California Guild filed a "Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation" with the California Secretary of State on June 1, 2016, that purported to change the name of the 1946 Corporation to "California Guild" and amend other provisions in an attempt to remove all references to the Grange;

WHEREAS: The Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation filed on June 1, 2016, was not approved by the duly authorized board of directors of the California State Grange, nor was it approved by the members of the California State Grange;

WHEREAS: Recent court decisions have made clear that the 1946 Corporation belongs to the California State Grange; and

WHEREAS: The members of the California State Grange are the members of the 1946 Corporation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation for the 1946 Corporation attached hereto is approved by vote of the Delegates of the California State Grange; and

RESOLVED: That the Master and Secretary of the California State Grange shall sign the Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation for the 1946 Corporation attached hereto and cause the same to be filed promptly with the California Secretary of State.

2018-002 RESOLUTION ADOPTING CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE AS THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE 1946 CORPORATION

WHEREAS: Following the revocation of the California State Grange's Charter in 2013, the California Guild wrongfully retained control of the California State Grange's non-profit corporation formed in 1946 (the "1946 Corporation");

WHEREAS: The California Guild filed a "Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation" with the California Secretary of State on June 1, 2016, that purported to change the name of the 1946 Corporation to "California Guild" and amend other provisions in an attempt to remove all references to the Grange;

WHEREAS: The Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation filed on June 1, 2016, was not approved by the duly authorized board of directors of the California State Grange, nor was it approved by the members of the California State Grange;

WHEREAS: Recent court decisions have made clear that the 1946 Corporation belongs to the California State Grange; and

WHEREAS: The members of the California State Grange are the members of the 1946 Corporation; and

WHEREAS: The Delegates of the California State Grange have voted to amend the articles of incorporation of the 1946 Corporation to provide that the Constitution and By-Laws of the California State Grange shall be the Constitution and By-Laws of the 1946 Corporation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Constitution and By-Laws of the California State Grange currently in effect, and as amended from time to time pursuant to the rules of the Order, shall be the Constitution and By-Laws of the 1946 Corporation.

2018-003 STATE GRANGE OFFICER COMPENSATION - MASTER

WHEREAS: Article XI, Section 11.2.1 c), of the By-Laws of the California State Grange states

c) The Board shall be responsible for presenting a resolution setting the compensation of all officers of this Grange. This resolution must be acted upon by the Delegates, prior to the election of the officers.

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: The compensation for the office of Master/President/CEO of the California State Grange for 2018-2020 will be:

Salary of \$48,000 per annum plus \$200 per month for use of home office.

2018-004 STATE GRANGE OFFICER COMPENSATION – SECRETARY

WHEREAS: Article XI, Section 11.2.1 c), of the By-Laws of the California State Grange states

d) The Board shall be responsible for presenting a resolution setting the compensation of all officers of this Grange. This resolution must be acted upon by the Delegates, prior to the election of the officers.

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: The compensation of the office of Secretary for the California State Grange for 2018-2020 will be:

Salary of \$24,000 per annum plus \$200 per month for use of home office.

2018-005 DRIVER'S EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

WHEREAS: Many rural youth need the independence of being able to drive to an afterschool job, and

WHEREAS: In the long-run, better trained youth equal safer drivers, and

WHEREAS: The average cost of a private driver's education course in California (at April 2018) is between \$300.00 and \$600.00 and can be preventative to many young people in rural areas, and

WHEREAS: The Department of Motor Vehicles of the State of California have very convoluted requirements that a youth must pay for and take an on-line test (which is not available at any DMV office, but must be paid for through a third-party), take the certificate and showing 3 forms of ID at a DMV office can finally be issued a driver's permit, and then to be able to get a full driver's license the youth must:

- be at least 15 ½ years old
- finish 25 hours of classroom lessons and
- complete 6 hours of behind-the-wheel driving
- and then pass the test at DMV

creating an unscalable mountain of processes for a youth and his/her parents (most of which used to be taken care of at and by the school districts), therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange support legislation to bring free driver's education back into public schools. Possibilities include, working with the CA DMV to streamline the requirements of attaining a driver's permit, working with Insurance Companies to find economically viable possibilities, finding help through our Congressmen to redirect gas taxes or other funds, contacting the Commissioners of the California State Lottery Funds for assistance, and other methods.

2018-006R UPDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS: The Department of Energy funds the Weatherization Program whereby low income families may receive free assistance through local Community Action Agencies and other community based organizations to weatherize homes, and

WHEREAS: One main requirement of the Weatherization Program is that the measures installed must have a savings to investment ratio (SIR) of 1 or greater over a period of 10 (ten) years, and

WHEREAS: The current requirement for re-weatherizing a home is that the home could not have received federal weatherization assistance since September 30, 1994, and

WHEREAS: Many measures installed by weatherization contractors only have a lifespan of 10 years or less years in regions with extreme weather situations, therefore be it

RESOLVED: The California State Grange request the United States Congress review the Code of Federal Regulations and update the statute that governs the Department of Energy's 10 CFR 440.18(f)(2)(iii) which currently reads "That dwelling units partially weatherized under this part or under other Federal programs during the period September 30, 1975 through September 30, 1994..." be changed to read "That dwelling units partially weatherized under this part or under other Federal programs from a date 10 years prior to date of client application..." and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon adoption by the California State Grange, the California State Grange shall submit this resolution to the National Grange for adoption.

2018-007 CALIFORNIA CLIMATE SMART FARMING

WHEREAS: The Grange prides itself as the oldest agricultural organization in America, speaking out for and supporting family farms across California and the nation, and

WHEREAS: Our world, our farms and our food system are all threatened by the varied consequences of climate change and evermore erratic weather patterns, and

WHEREAS: Sustainable, organic and “climate smart” agricultural systems—from reduced tillage to cover crops to rotational grazing—have proven more resilient in the face of these changes and can even provide net-positive climate benefits, whether conserving water or sequestering carbon in the soil, and

WHEREAS: The state of California has begun investing cap-and-trade revenue in voluntary actions on farms and ranches to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to sequester carbon, protect farmlands at risk of sprawl development, conserve water and build healthy soils through programs such as the “Healthy Soils Initiative”, “The State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP)”, “The Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program” (SALCP), and

WHEREAS: These and similar programs are continually threatened by state legislative re-budgeting; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange officially endorse the allocation of state cap-and-trade funds towards “climate smart farming” programs including but not limited to “The Healthy Soils Initiative”, “The State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP)” and “The Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program” (SALCP). The California State Grange shall actively lobby to maintain and even increase funding for such programs, including funding for technical assistance to small family farms so that these resources are equitably distributed amongst the agricultural community

2018-009 HONORING RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY IN THE GRANGE

WHEREAS: The Grange has strived since its inception to be a faith based organization that is nonsectarian and non-denominational, open to all and welcoming those of good moral character regardless of religious belief.

WHEREAS: Paragraph 1.12.1 of the Digest of Laws reads: Denominational religious or partisan political matters shall not be the subject of discussions in the work of the Order, and no religious or political tests for membership shall be applied.

WHEREAS: Respect and appreciation for various faiths and cultures demonstrates our broader humanity and helps foster growth of the Grange.

WHEREAS: The Grange meeting requirement that the Bible be placed on the altar implies for some or gives the appearance that the Grange excludes other faiths.

RESOLVED: That paragraph 11.8.3 of the Digest of Laws be modified from "All Granges shall have the Bible open on the altar and the flag of the United States of America properly displayed in the Grange meeting room" to "All Granges shall have the Bible open on the altar as well as other books of faith if a Grange so chooses. The flag of the United States of America shall be properly displayed in the Grange meeting room".

2018-009R CANNABIS NORMALIZATION

WHEREAS: In California, for over 20 years, an unacknowledged economic driver has been cannabis cultivation estimated at well over \$1 billion/year, and

WHEREAS: The positive research on multiple medical uses of this beneficial natural herbal plant is growing monthly and continues to show yet more effectiveness in healing, replacing opioids, reducing pain & PTSD, cancer proliferation and other known conditions, and

WHEREAS: The National Grange now supports research into the risks and benefits of medical marijuana (as of November 2017), therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) classify Cannabis as an agricultural crop, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange (CSG) supports the normalization of cannabis as a beneficial and effective herbal remedy and supports the right for it to be grown, transported and prepared by any ~~and all residents of~~ California residents of legal age as a part of each person's medical rights , and to be treated the same as other safe herbs for reasons of health, economics, community resilience and emergency preparedness, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the CSG supports the education of our communities in the science and recommended safe use of cannabis, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the CSG especially support the evidence-informed education of the youth in our communities.

2018-011 PG&E POWER CUTOFFS

- WHEREAS PG&E has established precautionary measures to help reduce the risk of wildfires, which include the cutoff of power to transmission lines in high wind event; And
- WHEREAS PG&E has established a notification system where they will attempt to notify customers of pending power cut off; and
- WHEREAS There are customers with medical conditions that require electrical services, where power cutoffs could place the life of the customer in jeopardy; therefore be it
- RESOLVED The California State Grange will seek legislation to compel electric utility companies to coordinate with County and Local Emergency Offices to establish a database of citizens residing in an affected jurisdictions whose health could be in jeopardy in the event of a power cutoff, and those citizens with special/medical needs shall be notified by electric utility company of the pending electrical cut off.

2018-013R GRANGE FOUNDATION – MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

WHEREAS: Court records have showed that old Grange Foundation has been gutted of funds that were placed there to fund scholarships; therefore be it

RESOLVED That after the formation of the new Grange Foundation is completed, a Memorial Scholarship Fund shall be established; and be it further

RESOLVED: This Memorial Scholarship Fund shall be restricted to fund scholarships for Grange Members, children, or grandchildren of Grange Members who are attending as a full-time student at an accredited institution. And be it further;

RESOLVED: That a permanent record of the contribution to the Memorial Scholarship Fund shall be kept as part of the records of the Grange Foundation.

2018-014R NATIONAL GRANGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION

WHEREAS: The National Grange Executive Committee represents all Grange members in all States and

WHEREAS: Regions have been established by the National Grange in order to provide better support, cohesive efforts in regional areas, and a deeper understanding of regional needs; and

WHEREAS: There are five regions assigned by the National Grange; therefore be it

RESOLVED That Section 4.10.1 (C) (2) of the National Grange By-Laws shall be rewritten to read as follows;

4.10.1 (C) Executive Committee

(2) National Grange:

(a) The Executive Committee of the National Grange shall consist of the following members: The Master and Overseer of the National Grange and the five elected members of the Executive Committee.

(b) The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected for a term of three years with no more than one member elected from each of the five regions as follows:

WESTERN	GREAT PLAINS	GREAT LAKES	EASTERN	NORTHEAST
Alaska	Colorado	Minnesota	Pennsylvania	Maine
Washington	Texas	Michigan	Maryland	Vermont
Oregon	Oklahoma	Wisconsin	Delaware	New Hampshire
California	Kansas	Ohio	Virginia	Massachusetts
Montana	Nebraska	Illinois	North Carolina	Connecticut
Idaho	Iowa	Indiana	South Carolina	Rhode Island
			Florida	New York
			Tennessee	
			West Virginia	

(c) Commencing with the 2020 election, the members shall be elected as follows:

1 member for one year (term ending in 2021)

2 members for two years (term ending in 2022)

2 members for three years (term ending in 2023)

(d) The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected as follows: one member in one year and two members in each of the following two years, and so on.
and be it further;

RESOLVED The National Grange shall act upon this resolution prior to the nomination and election of officers.

2018-015R DEMITS – AMEND SECTION 6.9.4 OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE DIGEST

WHEREAS: The National Grange Digest of Laws, Section 6.9.2 states:
"A member is entitled at any time to a demit as a matter of right, if in good standing, and clear on the books." And;

WHEREAS: The National Grange Digest of Laws Section 6.9.4 states:
"While action on a demit shall be taken only at a regular meeting of a Subordinate Grange, a demit may be given at any regular meeting as it is not necessary that the application therefore lie over." And;

WHEREAS: There is a conceptual conflict between 6.9.2 which say a "member is entitled at any time", and 6.9.4 which states that "a demit may be given at any regular meeting"; therefore be it

RESOLVED that Section 6.9.4 be rewritten to read;
6.9.4 It is not necessary for a vote of the Grange to issue a demit, if the member requesting a demit is in good standing and clear on the books. Upon the request of a member, the Secretary shall issue the demit and the Master countersigns. If the member is not in good standing or clear on the books, any action to issue the demit shall be taken when the member has been restored to good standing. Action to accept a demit is provided in Section 6.9.6 below.

**2018-016R RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE NATIONAL GRANGE
DIGEST REGARDING MEETINGS OF STATE GRANGES**

WHEREAS: Since the Grange was first organized, the methods of travel and of communications have changed in way unforeseen by the original members of the Order, and

WHEREAS: The legislative processes in most States have changed from short sessions of several weeks to nearly year-round sessions, and

WHEREAS: In order to respond to the time sensitive advocacy issues that face our State Granges, they need to have the ability to provide for additional meetings to adopt their policies, therefore be it

RESOLVED That Section 4.9.4 of the National Grange Digest be rewritten to read as follows;

4.9.4 State Granges –

(A) Meetings –

(1) Annual Meeting - Shall meet annually at such time and place as each State Grange shall determine.

(2) Special Meetings - May hold special meetings for conferring the Sixth Degree or for other purposes under such conditions as shall be prescribed by the State Grange.

(B) Notices and Quorum –

(1) Notice of time and place of any and all meetings shall be mailed to the Secretary of each Subordinate and Pomona Grange in the jurisdiction of said State Grange at the last recorded address of such Secretaries at least thirty days in advance of each meeting.

(2) Unless the By-Laws specifically provide otherwise, the Master and the Executive Committee of a State Grange shall have authority to determine the method of advising the Subordinate and Pomona Granges of the date and place of the ~~adjourned~~ meeting.

(C) Quorums and Delegates –

(1) The By-Laws of each State Grange shall provide for the number of Subordinate and Pomona Granges necessary for a quorum to conduct business.

(2) The State Grange may determine that a delegate to any meeting may represent more than one Subordinate or Pomona Grange and such Granges will be included in the determination of a quorum.

(3) If there be less than this number, the Master of the State Grange may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum is present. Such adjourned meeting shall not be considered a special meeting unless otherwise provided for in the By-Laws or Laws of State Granges.

**2018-017R SMOGGED AUTO SALES, ADVANCED CLEAN CARS
BOARD**

WHEREAS: This program is primarily to remove polluters from activity; and

WHEREAS: Polluters are still getting temporary permission to still stay in action from DMV; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange direct our state law makers to legislate criteria that prevents proven polluting autos to be registered in California after the second (2nd) ineffective repair.

2018-020 GLYPHOSATE BAN

WHEREAS: Glyphosate formulations such as Monsanto's Roundup have been proven with a preponderant amount of scientific evidence, as recently demonstrated in the courts, that Glyphosate is a dangerous substance that has created significant health issues.

WHEREAS: In August 2018, a California jury ruled in favor of Dwayne Johnson who claimed that Monsanto's Roundup that contains Glyphosate caused his Non-Hodgkin lymphoma. According to the ruling, Monsanto intentionally failed to warn consumers about the carcinogenicity of this weed killer and the dangers of Glyphosate resulting in an award of \$289 million which included \$250 million in punitive damages.

WHEREAS: the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), the cancer research arm of the World Health Organization (WHO) reclassified in 2015 Glyphosate as a probable human carcinogen.

WHEREAS: Following the IARC's determination that Glyphosate is probably carcinogenic, California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment announced it intended to list Glyphosate as a chemical known to cause cancer which requires consumer products with potential cancer-causing ingredients to bear warning labels.

WHEREAS: tests conducted by the U.S. National Toxicology Program found Glyphosate formulations can significantly kill human cells.

WHEREAS: Other Glyphosate studies have linked the chemical to ADHD, Alzheimer's Disease, Autism, Birth Defects, various forms of cancer, Celiac Disease, Colitis, Heart Disease, Inflammatory Bowel Syndrome, Kidney, Liver and Parkinson's Disease.

WHEREAS: Glyphosate is being found everywhere. Many farmers spray Glyphosate formulations directly on wheat, corn and soybean acreage pre harvest to reduce moisture, where previously it was primarily used as weed control.

Glyphosate is now found in every processed food tested, in air samples, rain samples, municipal water supplies, soil samples, vaccines, breast milk (83% in Brazil studies 1) and urine.

WHEREAS: Numerous cities, counties and countries worldwide have banned or limited the use of Glyphosate. Some of the countries & cities that have recently banned Glyphosate:

- **Canada** - Eight out of the 10 provinces in Canada have some form of restriction on the use of glyphosate
- **Belgium** - Banned the individual use of glyphosate
- **Denmark** - Implemented new rules banning the use of glyphosate on all post-emergent crops to avoid food residues
- **France** - To issue an outright ban on glyphosate within the next three years.
- **Netherlands:** Banned all non-commercial use of glyphosate.
- **Austin - Banned on all city owned property**
- **Portland - Banned on all city owned property**
- **Chicago** - Stopped spraying Glyphosate in public spaces
- **Santa Rosa - Banned on all city owned parks and property**
- **Dubuque, Iowa** - City instituted a ban on Glyphosate use in public parks
- **Minneapolis** - Eliminated all Glyphosate-based products in neighborhood parks.

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange support the banning of the use of Glyphosate products on the grounds of all public property including schools, parks, civic buildings, roadsides and highway areas.

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange support Integrated Weed Management (IWM) and other safe alternatives to glyphosate use. And be it further resolved,

RESOLVED: That upon adoption by the California State Grange, that the California State Grange will take this resolution to the National Grange for adoption.

**2018-021R JORDAN COVE LNG FACILITY / PACIFIC CONNECTOR
PIPELINE**

WHEREAS: The proposed Jordan Cove Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) pipeline would cross 400 rivers, streams and wetlands in Southern Oregon including the Klamath River which flows through Northern California, with a 100-foot wide cleared swath along its length, to pipe fracked natural gas from Utah and beyond to a terminal to be constructed in Coos Bay for export to foreign markets in order to profit a foreign corporation; and

WHEREAS: The Oregon State Grange approved Resolution #2 which resolved "The Oregon State Grange opposes the invocation of eminent domain for construction of the Jordan Cove LNG Facility/Pacific Connector Pipeline in Oregon; therefore be it

RESOLVED: The California State Grange opposes the use of eminent domain for construction of the Jordan Cove Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Facility/Pacific Connector Pipeline.

2018-022R OBJECTION TO MERGER OF MONSANTO AND BAYER

WHEREAS: Our Grange brothers and sisters have in previous decades mounted a resistance to the formation of cartels, lobbying against the monopolistic railroads and grain elevators which charged them exorbitant rates for transporting their products, and

WHEREAS: The State Granges were able to achieve the passage of regulatory legislation, even to the point of a U.S. Supreme Court victory in 1877, in the case of *Munn vs. Illinois*, where the states were granted the right to regulate private interests which affect the public interest, and

WHEREAS: In more recent years we have witnessed mega mergers which have diminished competition and therefore options for both farmers and consumers while promoting more chemical-based farming, and as a result harming livelihoods as well as our environment and our health, and

WHEREAS: The percent of our country's population employed in farming has shrunk to a mere 2% because of the increasing expenses involved in farming, thus depriving the vast majority of our citizens the enjoyment and fulfillment of agricultural life and the moral principles which a close relationship with the earth sustains and which our grange extols, and

WHEREAS: In 2018 82% of US farm household income was derived from second jobs and off-farm work, as remuneration from farming has shrunk, and

WHEREAS: Presently a merger between corporations Monsanto and Bayer has been provisionally approved, threatening to put a stranglehold on the price of seed and other commodities essential to the production of food for the nation and thus further putting farmers' livelihoods further at risk, and

WHEREAS: 93% of farmers across the country have objected to this merger, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: The California State Grange reaffirms its support for the community of farmers of our nation, and strongly

expresses its objections to the conditional approval of the Monsanto and Bayer merger announced by the U.S. Department of Justice.

RESOLVED: That upon adoption by the California State Grange, that the California State Grange will take this resolution to the National Grange for adoption.

**2018-023 RECLASSIFICATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY
TELECOMMUNICATORS BY THE OFFICE OF
MANAGEMENT & BUDGET**

WHEREAS: Public Safety Telecommunicators, namely 9-1-1 call-takers and Dispatchers, are currently classified by the Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as administrative and clerical assistants, and

WHEREAS: Public Safety Telecommunicators coach 9-1-1 callers through immediate first aid and life-saving techniques; coordinate police, fire and emergency medical personnel to keep the public safe; operate specialized technical computer systems for tracking first responders, locating 9-1-1 callers, and communicating in emergencies; and deal with life or death situations to preserve life and property, and

WHEREAS: Public Safety Telecommunicators are now statistically suffering the same long-term post-traumatic stress as first responders in the field, but are not eligible for additional services because of the current "clerical" classification, therefore be it

RESOLVED: The California State Grange support the legislative efforts of Public Safety Telecommunicators, namely 9-1-1 call-takers and Dispatchers, to be reclassified by the Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to the same protective first-responder occupation, as police officers and firefighters; and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon its passage, the California State Grange will submit this resolution to the National Grange to request supporting the legislative efforts of Publics Safety Telecommunicators, namely 9-1-1 call-takers and Dispatchers, to be reclassified by the Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to the same protective first responder occupation as police officers and firefighters.

2018-024 FIX CALIFORNIA'S ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

WHEREAS: California's public roads and highways are in sore shape. There are more than 1,600 bridges and overpasses that are structurally deficient and unsafe in the state. Eighty nine percent (89%) of California's counties have roads that are in 'poor' or 'at-risk' condition, and

WHEREAS: According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there were more than 3,600 fatalities on California roads in 2016. Improving road conditions and roadway safety features have been found to have a significant effect improving traffic safety, and

WHEREAS: The California Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (RRAA), also known as Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), was enacted into law on April 28, 2017. The RRAA increased transportation-related taxes and fees, including the gas excise tax, diesel excise tax, and diesel sales tax, along with creating a zero-emission vehicle fee to collect an annual amount from vehicles that do not use gas or diesel. The revenue from these taxes and fees are dedicated to transportation infrastructure. According to the state Senate Appropriations Committee, the RRAA is expected to generate an estimated \$5.2 billion per year or \$52.4 billion between 2017 and 2027, all of which will go to bridge and road safety, transportation, and public transit improvement projects, and

WHEREAS: California Proposition 6 is a measure that will be submitted to California voters as part of the November 2018 election. The ballot measure proposes to repeal the Road Repair and Accountability Act, which is also known as Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), and

WHEREAS: The Road Repair and Accountability Act has already been implemented, with the taxes and fees already being collected. This has allowed for the funding of thousands of projects currently underway throughout California to upgrade bridges and overpasses to meet earthquake safety standards and to improve the safety of our roads. According to the California State Transportation Agency, there are more than 6,500 local transportation

improvement projects underway in every California community. If Prop 6 passes, construction will come to a grinding halt in every city and county in the state, wasting money and making road conditions even worse. Therefore be it

RESOLVED: The California State Grange opposes California Proposition 6 on the November 2018 ballot, and be it further

RESOLVED: The California State Grange supports the continued implementation of the California Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (RRAA).

2018-026 AGRICULTURAL LABOR REFORM

WHEREAS: Farmers and ranchers need a reliable, skilled workforce. Farm work is challenging, often seasonal and transitory, and with fewer and fewer Americans growing up on the farm, it's increasingly difficult to find American workers attracted to these kinds of jobs. Farm labor can't all be replaced by machines either. There are certain farm jobs, like tending livestock and pruning or picking fresh produce, that require a human touch. Where American workers are unwilling or unavailable, workers from other countries have provided crucial support to American agriculture, and

WHEREAS: Congress needs to pass responsible immigration reform that addresses agriculture's current experienced workforce and creates a new flexible guest worker program. Instability in the agricultural workforce places domestic food production at risk--increasing immigration enforcement without also reforming our worker visa program could cost America \$60 billion in agricultural production, therefore be it

RESOLVED: The California State Grange and the National Grange supports legislative reform that provides access to a legal and stable agricultural workforce in the short- and long-term. Stability will be provided through:

- The creation of a new agricultural visa program that is responsive to market needs and available to both seasonal and year round farmers, administered by the USDA, and that provides flexibility for employers and workers by allowing contract and at-will employment options, and
- An adjustment of status for experienced, but currently unauthorized, agricultural workers. And be it further

RESOLVED: The California State Grange shall carry this resolution to the National Grange for consideration and adoption.

2018-027 RURAL HOSPITALS AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

WHEREAS: Rural hospitals are an integral part of the rural healthcare system. Because of their significant contributions to overall community well-being, they are a critical component of communities across rural America. Rural hospitals provide services across the continuum of care from primary care to long-term care. Many rural hospitals and healthcare facilities have been closing over the past several years, and

WHEREAS: Recent years have presented challenges for rural hospitals. Factors such as low reimbursement rates, increased regulation, reduced patient volumes, and uncompensated care have caused many rural hospitals to struggle financially. Since 2010, 83 rural hospitals have closed. 674 additional facilities are vulnerable and could close—this represents over 1/3 of rural hospitals in the U.S. The rate of closures is steadily increasing, and on this trajectory, 25% of all rural hospitals will close in less than 10 years if nothing is done to stop this trend. If 674 rural hospitals shut their doors, 11.7 million patients nationwide will lose access to their nearest hospital and its emergency room, 236,000 rural jobs will vanish, and \$277 billion in GDP will be lost over 10 years. Rural communities across the nation will erode – because when a rural hospital closes, the economy of a rural community collapses, and

WHEREAS: Healthcare spending in a community has a significant impact on the local economy. Rural hospitals impact communities through their capacity to attract new businesses and through wages generated by employment. Rural hospitals impact their local communities in the following ways:

- Quality rural health services, including emergency services,
- On average, the health sector constitutes 14% of total employment in rural communities, with rural hospitals typically being one of the largest employers in the area.
- On average, a Critical Access Hospital maintains a payroll of \$6.8 million, employing 141 people. Rural hospitals and healthcare facilities are a driving force for the economies of local communities, and

WHEREAS: Technological advancements are increasing access to, and quality of, healthcare services in rural communities. These include two prominent examples:

- Telehealth services – Telehealth services allow for the remote delivery of healthcare and information via telecommunications technology. Telehealth helps improve access, allow patients to stay in the community, and helps the hospitals meet their mission and stay competitive.
- Health Information Technology (HIT) – HIT is the use of computers to store, protect, retrieve and transfer healthcare information, enabling healthcare professionals to better provide care due to improved contextual awareness of the patient's health status. Technologies such as these have advanced communication between physicians and patients and offer innovative methods of overcoming challenges providing healthcare services to rural communities, and

WHEREAS: There are many alternative hospital models that have been proposed to serve rural communities which can help maintain emergency services in a rural community. These include Rural Freestanding Emergency Departments (RFEDs), Community Outpatient Hospital (COH), Rural Emergency Acute Care Hospital (REACH), and Rural Emergency Medical Center (REMC). Therefore be it

RESOLVED: The California State Grange support efforts to keep rural hospitals and healthcare facilities open. This would include advocating for programs and funding to help rural hospitals and healthcare facilities update to alternative hospital models, increase funding for and encourage the increased usage of technological advances in medicine in rural healthcare facilities, and to explore other ways of keeping healthcare facilities open in rural communities, and be it further

RESOLVED: The California State Grange ~~and the National Grange~~ support legislation, including the Rural Emergency Medical Center (REMC) Act, the Save Rural Hospitals Act, and the Rural Emergency Acute Care Hospital Act, which would

improve funding and change regulations to help keep rural hospitals and health care facilities open, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange upon adoption of this resolution will take it to the National Grange for adoption.

POLICY STATEMENTS

AUDIT & BUDGET COMMITTEE POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Audit and Budget Committee

- To review the annual income and expenses of your State Grange including the audit report of the State Grange's outside auditors
- To review the annual memorandum on internal controls and accounting procedures prepared by the organizations outside auditors
- To review the annual budget for the ensuing year
- To be responsible for ensuring that the board of directors and membership are provided with accurate and timely financial information that serves to protect the well-being of the State Grange and supports the board in fulfilling their fiduciary responsibility.

GRANGE GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT POLICY STATEMENT

The growth and development of our Granges should be the top priority for every member across our state. The nature of our state and communities is continually changing and our Community Granges need to recognize those changes to maintain their relevance to the communities they serve. Grange growth is built of the activities of local Granges. As members, we must remember to ask potential members to join our Grange. Growth does not happen spontaneously; it happens when members ask someone to join.

We acknowledge the greater role that technology plays in our society and encourage each Grange to find a way to incorporate modern technology into the life of their Grange. Social media is a valuable and cost-effective tool to share Grange activities with the world. We encourage each Grange to establish a virtual presence through a well-maintained website or Facebook page.

We maintain that the ritual is as relevant today as it was 150 years ago. Its teachings are a valuable part of the Grange experience for both new members and seasoned Grangers. We challenge each Community and Pomona Grange to explore the use of the ritual in their meetings and life of their Granges. We urge each Community Grange to give new members the Welcoming Ceremony or Obligation Ceremony when they join, if the degree work is not available. We remind all members of the obligation they took upon joining the Grange and urge that they make every effort to live out the obligation both in and out of the Grange. Our motto "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity" is still representative of our core principles as an organization.

We recognize the importance of Grange youth development programs such as the Junior Grange and Grange Youth Fair Program in developing the next generation of Grange leaders. Each Grange should find a way to incorporate young people into the fabric of their Grange and work with State Grange leaders to develop Grange Youth Fair programs when applicable.

The success of this organization is ours to create. The Grange in California has advocated for the improvement of our state for almost 150 years. Through action we continue that legacy and build the Grange into a perpetual organization that will continue into the future.

FIFTH DEGREE CANDIDATES

Carroll, Betty	Grover City Grange No. 746
Davis, Suzanne	Ono Grange No. 445
Flores, Rosaura	Windsor Grange No. 410
Gleisner, Earlene	Little Lake Grange No. 670
Harter, Alex	Little Lake Grange No. 670
Jaffe, Lawrence	Sebastopol Grange No. 306
Jordan, Janis	Rincon Valley Grange No. 710
Kelley, Clint	Redwood Valley Grange No. 382
Kelly, Marybeth	Redwood Valley Grange No. 382
Mc Intosh, Duncan	North Fork Grange No. 763
Palmer, Jacqueline	Aromas Grange No. 361
Palmer, Jim	Aromas Grange No. 361
Pearson, Karina	Ono Grange No. 445
Pierson, Jerry	Loma Rica Grange No. 802
Raines, Alice	Wyandotte Grange No. 495
Reynolds, Peter	Redwood Valley Grange No. 382
Rulison, Craig	Grover City Grange No. 746
Shaw, William "Will"	North Fork Grange No. 763
Vaughan, Charles	Redwood Valley Grange No. 382
Wells, Wendelyn	Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange No. 503
Reynolds, Virginia "Jini"	Redwood Valley Grange No. 382

SIXTH DEGREE CANDIDATES

Box, Jeff	Redwood Valley Grange No. 382
Carroll, Betty	Grover City Grange No. 746
Collet, Jeanna	Sebastopol Grange No. 306
Corella, Reginald	San Luis Obispo Grange No. 639
Davis, Suzanne	Ono Grange No. 445
Flores, Rosaura	Windsor Grange No. 410
Gleisner, Earlene	Little Lake Grange No. 670
Harter, Alex	Little Lake Grange No. 670
Jaffe, Lawrence	Sebastopol Grange No. 306
Jordan, Janis	Rincon Valley Grange No. 710
Kelley, Clint	Redwood Valley Grange No. 382
Kelly, Marybeth	Redwood Valley Grange No. 382
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Palmer, Jacqueline	Aromas Grange No. 361
Palmer, Jim	Aromas Grange No. 361
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RECOGNITION

Grange Builder Awards

Certificates given to Granges who had a net gain in Membership.

Membership Gain July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018	Net Gain
Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange No. 503	50
Rincon Valley Grange No. 710	45
Santa Clara Valley Grange No. 838	42
Rio Linda Grange No. 403	23
Alpine Grange No. 665	20
Simooore Grange No. 857	18
Redwood Valley Grange No. 382	17
Mad River Grange No. 590	11
Big Sur Grange No. 742	8
North Fork Grange No. 763	8
Dows Prairie Grange No. 505	6
Oakdale Grange No. 435	6
Laytonville Grange No. 726	5
Marshall Grange No. 451	5
Windsor Grange No. 410	5
Central Union Grange No. 559	4
Fairfax Grange No. 570	4
Orcutt-Sisquoc Community Grange No. 651	4
Golden Empire Grange No. 806	2
Prunedale Grange No. 388	2
Rainbow Valley Grange No. 689	2
Calaveras Grange No. 715	1
Clinton Grange No. 862	1
Corralitos Grange No. 487	1
Orland Grange No. 432	1

Continuous Membership Awards

Awards	Name	Grange
75 Years	Gillispie, Audrey	Escalon Grange No. 447
75 Years	Norman, Dorothy	Sierra Valley Grange No. 466
70 Years	Caswell, Helen	Wyandotte Grange No. 495
70 Years	Field, Betty	Wyandotte Grange No. 495
65 Years	Albaugh, Lavern	Anderson Grange No. 418
65 Years	Callesen, Shirley	Aromas Grange No. 361
65 Years	Callesen, Shirley	Prunedale Grange No. 388
65 Years	Evans, Vernon	Windsor Grange No. 410
65 Years	Mc Kee, Charlie	Anderson Grange No. 418
65 Years	Ray, Patricia	Ripon Grange No. 511
65 Years	Warner, William	Bear Creek Grange No. 530
60 Years	Ackeret, Roy	Orangevale Grange No. 354
60 Years	Bryant, William	Prunedale Grange No. 388
60 Years	Castro, Angela	Prunedale Grange No. 388
60 Years	Crowell, Patsy	Anderson Grange No. 418
60 Years	Henderson, Jack	Palermo Grange No. 493
60 Years	Hofer, Jan	Palermo Grange No. 493
60 Years	Myers, Betty Lee	Ceres Grange No. 520
60 Years	Perry, Judy	Wyandotte Grange No. 495
60 Years	Rovetti, Doreen	Cupertino Grange No. 739
60 Years	Snell, Jack	Rosedale Grange No. 565
60 Years	Vanoni, Edward	Geyserville Grange No. 312
60 Years	Vanoni, Johanna	Geyserville Grange No. 312
60 Years	Viau, Gerald	Prunedale Grange No. 388
55 Years	Dibble, Delores	Central Union Grange No. 559
55 Years	Duerson, Jane	Bennett Valley Grange No. 16
55 Years	Hoke, Adrienne	Wyandotte Grange No. 495
55 Years	Ibleto, Arthur	Bennett Valley Grange No. 16
55 Years	Ibleto, Victoria	Bennett Valley Grange No. 16
55 Years	Keyes, Robert	Ripon Grange No. 511
55 Years	Laumer, Gerald	Loma Rica Grange No. 802
55 Years	Little, Edward	Empire Grange No. 521
55 Years	Proft, David	Cupertino Grange No. 739
55 Years	Proft, Joanne	Cupertino Grange No. 739
55 Years	Rodrigues, Elsie	Prunedale Grange No. 388
55 Years	Rodrigues, Elsie	Corral De Tierra Grange No. 474
55 Years	Schunneman, Patricia	Cupertino Grange No. 739
55 Years	Smith, Nancy	Loma Rica Grange No. 802
55 Years	Wolaver, Dorothy	Escalon Grange No. 447
50 Years	Bevans, Ernest	Prunedale Grange No. 388
50 Years	Bevans, Ingermarie	Corral De Tierra Grange No. 474
50 Years	Bevans, Ingermarie	Prunedale Grange No. 388
50 Years	Campbell, Thomas	Ono Grange No. 445
50 Years	Carlile, John	Escalon Grange No. 447
50 Years	Carpenter, Stan	Bodega Bay Grange No. 777
50 Years	Dacus, Sandra	Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange No. 503
50 Years	Fletcher, Naomi	Orangevale Grange No. 354
50 Years	Guest, Merril (Gene)	Prunedale Grange No. 388
50 Years	Heckman, Karen	De Sabla Grange No. 762
50 Years	Kirchgestner, Vanetta	Loomis Grange No. 638
50 Years	Leonardo, Eva	Jacinto Grange No. 431
50 Years	Mac Gowan, Mary	Cupertino Grange No. 739
50 Years	Rantz, Laverne	Los Alamos Valley Grange No. 647
50 Years	Rosano, Arline	Hangtown Grange No. 464
50 Years	Rosano, Joseph	Hangtown Grange No. 464

50 Years	Taylor, Sue	Central Union Grange No. 559
50 Years	Van Teslaar, Linda	Rincon Valley Grange No. 710
50 Years	Veerkamp, Phillip	Hangtown Grange No. 464
45 Years	Angle, Randy	Empire Grange No. 521
45 Years	Booth, Lillian	Wyandotte Grange No. 495
45 Years	Booth, Lillian	De Sabla Grange No. 762
45 Years	Cummins Wylie, Opal	Loma Rica Grange No. 802
45 Years	Forbes, Maxine	Costa Mesa Grange No. 612
45 Years	Hallmark, Hazel	Palermo Grange No. 493
45 Years	Jauch, Duane	Shenandoah-Willow Springs Grange No. 491
45 Years	John, Steven	Escalon Grange No. 447
45 Years	Johnson, Debbie	Bear Creek Grange No. 530
45 Years	Johnson, Ronald	Bear Creek Grange No. 530
45 Years	Leach, Violet	Windsor Grange No. 410
45 Years	Means, Keith	Buena Vista Grange No. 564
45 Years	Rebich, John	Windsor Grange No. 410
45 Years	Reiswig, Robert	Wyandotte Grange No. 495
45 Years	Simmons, Kathy	Welcome Grange No. 791
45 Years	Visman, Mark	Hangtown Grange No. 464
45 Years	Walker, Berna	Anderson Valley Grange No. 669
45 Years	Williams, Linda	Cupertino Grange No. 739
45 Years	Worley, Diane	Ripon Grange No. 511
40 Years	Abbott, Ollie	Hangtown Grange No. 464
40 Years	Anderson, Ray	Mattole Grange No. 569
40 Years	Anderson, Vicki	Sierra Valley Grange No. 466
40 Years	Brace, Clara	Aptos Grange No. 800
40 Years	Camara, Claudia	Ripon Grange No. 511
40 Years	Duncil, Charles	Central Union Grange No. 559
40 Years	Dutschke, Ann	Ione Grange No. 681
40 Years	Dysart, Lee	Windsor Grange No. 410
40 Years	Dysart, Sally	Windsor Grange No. 410
40 Years	Estrada, Joan	Clovis Sanger Fowler Grange No. 842
40 Years	Gianandrea, Gib	Shenandoah-Willow Springs Grange No. 491
40 Years	Grow, Robert	Orangevale Grange No. 354
40 Years	Jarvis, David	Ono Grange No. 445
40 Years	Liebschutz, Lynn	Morgan Hill Grange No. 408
40 Years	Prine, Vivian	Windsor Grange No. 410
40 Years	Purvis, David	Wyandotte Grange No. 495
40 Years	Rea, Mark	Central Union Grange No. 559
40 Years	Rea, Seth	Central Union Grange No. 559
40 Years	Trower, Claire	Mattole Grange No. 569
40 Years	Vinson, Floyd	Empire Grange No. 521
40 Years	Webb, Louise	Winton Grange No. 531
40 Years	Wilkinson, Vera	Cloverdale Grange No. 456
35 Years	Crile, Betty	Humboldt Grange No. 501
35 Years	Flowers, Joan	Ripon Grange No. 511
35 Years	Hoy, Nancy Ann	Sierra Valley Grange No. 466
35 Years	Johnson, Lonnie	Palermo Grange No. 493
35 Years	Neira, Robert	Empire Grange No. 521
35 Years	Pasquetti, Johnnie	Sierra Valley Grange No. 466
35 Years	Squire, Katie	Central Union Grange No. 559
35 Years	Stefenoni, Martha	Bennett Valley Grange No. 16
35 Years	Vanderplaats, Glenn	Ripon Grange No. 511
30 Years	Bevans, Janice	Prunedale Grange No. 388
30 Years	Bonnici, Cherri	Bennett Valley Grange No. 16
30 Years	Butts, Hugh	Rio Linda Grange No. 403
30 Years	Cummings, Alice Mae	Anderson Grange No. 418
30 Years	DeMarchi, Tom	Little Lake Grange No. 670
30 Years	Dupray, Marilyn	Orangevale Grange No. 354

30 Years	Fossaceca, Michael	Grover City Grange No. 746
30 Years	Griffith, Mike	Humboldt Grange No. 501
30 Years	Holbrook, Carrie	Prunedale Grange No. 388
30 Years	Holbrook, Max	Prunedale Grange No. 388
30 Years	Raynor, Quentin	Empire Grange No. 521
30 Years	Smith, David	Prunedale Grange No. 388
30 Years	Smith, Karen	Prunedale Grange No. 388
30 Years	Vergos, Nikolas	Cupertino Grange No. 739
30 Years	White, Wayne	Sierra Valley Grange No. 466
30 Years	Wobig, Ernest	Palermo Grange No. 493
25 Years	Bohall, William	Ione Grange No. 681
25 Years	Briley, Paul	Fairfax Grange No. 570
25 Years	Busi, Colette	Ione Grange No. 681
25 Years	Chelberg, John	Hangtown Grange No. 464
25 Years	Cleary, Lucilia	Ione Grange No. 681
25 Years	Daniels, R Joseph	Empire Grange No. 521
25 Years	Falge, Mike	Bachelor Valley Grange No. 667
25 Years	Freiler, Robert	Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange No. 503
25 Years	Henderson, Suz	Palermo Grange No. 493
25 Years	Knigge, Jean	Ione Grange No. 681
25 Years	La Pant, Chris	Little Lake Grange No. 670
25 Years	La Pant, Rod	Little Lake Grange No. 670
25 Years	Lamb, Barbara	Anderson Valley Grange No. 669
25 Years	Laskowski, Gregory	Rosedale Grange No. 565
25 Years	Mason, Richard	Empire Grange No. 521
25 Years	Rakofsky, Karen	Whitesboro Grange No. 766
25 Years	Roberts, Robin	Empire Grange No. 521
25 Years	Ross, Elizabeth	Anderson Valley Grange No. 669
25 Years	Scheer, Mary	Wyandotte Grange No. 495
25 Years	Scheer, Stephen	Wyandotte Grange No. 495
25 Years	Thuringer, Linda	Fairfax Grange No. 570
25 Years	Topp, Vicki	Big Sur Grange No. 742
25 Years	Whaling, David	Ione Grange No. 681

Grange Anniversaries

Years of Service	Grange
145	Danville Grange No. 85
145	Bennett Valley Grange No. 16
145	Dixon Grange No. 19
120	Sebastopol Grange No. 306
105	Aromas Grange No. 361
90	Golden Empire Grange No. 806
90	Jacinto Grange No. 431
90	Orland Grange No. 432
90	Oakdale Grange No. 435
85	Ripon Grange No. 511
85	Marina Grange No. 518
85	Ceres Grange No. 520
85	Empire Grange No. 521
85	Springfield Grange No. 523
85	Merced Colony Grange No. 527
85	Bear Creek Grange No. 530
85	Winton Grange No. 531
80	Anderson Valley Grange No. 669
80	Bachelor Valley Grange No. 667
80	Alpine Grange No. 665
80	Little Lake Grange No. 670
75	Rincon Valley Grange No. 710
70	Cupertino Grange No. 739
70	Big Sur Grange No. 742

2018 GRANGE EXPO AWARDS

2018 California State Grange Expo Awards

Division 10 Art

Section C Senior

Class 1 Painting

- 1 Emily Randolph – Rio Linda Grange
- 2 Christina Webster – Orangevale Grange
- 3 Kaylen Booth -Wyandotte Grange

Class 3 Any Other

- 1 Katie Squire – Central Union Grange

Division 20 Artisan Crafts

Section C Senior

Class 3 Other

- 1 Judy Byers -Dow's Prairie Grange
- 2 Debra Crowe – Rio Linda Grange
- 3 Judy Byers – Dow's Prairie Grange
- HM Katie Squire – Central Union Grange

Division 30 Christmas Tree Ornaments

Section C Senior

Class 1 Fabric/Fiber/Yarn/Thread

- 2 Katie Squire – Central Union Grange

Division 33 General Crafts

Section C Senior

Class 1 Recycled Craft Item

- 1 Codey Larson – Central Union Grange

Class 4 Any Other Craft Item

- 1 Emily Randolph – Rio Linda Grange
- 2 Judy Byers – Dow's Prairie Grange
- 3 Katie Squire – Central Union Grange
- HM Eleanor Bruce – Little Lake Grange

Division 40 Creative Writing

Section C Senior

Class 2 Any Other Writing

- 1 Erica Kroesen – Little Lake Grange
- 2 Rebecca Reed – Jacinto Grange
- 3 Jessica Gifford – Rio Linda Grange

Division 50 Arrangements & Centerpieces

Section C Senior

Class 2 Baskets

- 1 Jini Reynolds – Redwood Valley Grange

Division 115 Folding Display

Section C Senior

Class 1 Folding Display

1 Little Lake Grange

Division 120 Collections

Section C Senior

Class 1 Any Kind

1 Charley Betschart – Windsor Grange

2 Marilla Peeler – Fort Bragg Grange

3 Ann Larson – Central Union Grange

Division 125 Scrapbooks

Section C Senior

Class 1 My Grange Year

2 Marybeth Kelly – Redwood Valley Grange

Division 150 Quick Bread

Section C Senior

Class 1 Loaf

1 Julie Rhodes – Dow's Prairie Grange **BEST OF****SHOW BAKING**

2 Ann Larson – Central Union Grange

Class 2 Muffins

1 Ann Larson – Central Union Grange

Division 152 Cookie

Section C Senior

Class 1 Bar

1 Ann Larson – Central Union Grange

2 Christina Webster – Orangevale Grange

Class 2 Drop

1 Ann Larson – Central Union Grange

2 Steven Hood – Central Union Grange

3 Helen Solgat – Redwood Valley Grange

HM Erica Kroesen – Little Lake Grange

Class 5 Brownies

1 Steven Hood – Central Union Grange

2 Helen Solgat – Redwood Valley Grange

Class 6 Any Other Kind

1 Katie Squire – Central Union Grange

Division 170 Snacks

Section C Senior

Class 1 Any Kind

1 Katie Squire – Central Union Grange

2 Helen Solgat – Redwood Valley Grange

Division 180 Fruit – Canning

Section C Senior

Class 1 Fruit – Whole or Pieces

- 1 Julie Rhodes – Dow's Prairie Grange

Class 2 Sauce

- 2 Emily Turnquist – Aptos Grange

Division 184 Pickled Foods

Section C Senior

Class 1 Cucumber

- 1 Emily Turnquist – Aptos Grange **BEST OF SHOW**

CANNING

- 2 Emily Turnquist – Aptos Grange

- 3 Lillian Booth – Wyandotte Grange

Class 2 Fruit or Vegetable

- 1 Susan Hanks – Rio Linda Grange

Class 5 Relish

- 1 Julie Rhodes – Dow's Prairie Grange

Division 185 Jam

Section C Senior

Class 1 Berry

- 1 Katie Squire – Central Union Grange
2 Julie Rhodes – Dow's Prairie Grange
3 Jane Kelley – Redwood Valley Grange

Class 2 Strawberry

- 1 Lillian Booth – Wyandotte Grange
2 Dennis Bailey – Fort Bragg Grange

Class 3 Mixed Fruit

- 1 Yvette Adams – Loma Rica Grange
2 Emily Turnquist – Aptos Grange
3 Emily Turnquist – Aptos Grange
HM Dennis Bailey – Fort Bragg Grange

Class 4 Any Other Kind

- 1 Emily Turnquist – Aptos Grange
2 Emily Turnquist – Aptos Grange
3 Yvette Adams – Loma Rica Grange
HM Susan Hanks – Rio Linda Grange

Division 186 Jelly

Section C Senior

Class 2 Grape

- 2 Erica Kroesen – Little Lake Grange

Class 5 Any Other Kind

- 3 Emily Turnquist – Aptos Grange
4 Jane Kelley – Redwood Valley Grange

Division 187 Other Soft Spreads

Section C Senior

Class 2 Fruit Butter

- 2 Susan Hanks – Rio Linda Grange

- Class 4 Any Other Kind
 - 1 Susan Hanks – Rio Linda Grange
 - 2 Kent Westwood – Laytonville Grange

Division 188 Canned & Bottled Liquids

Section C Senior

- Class 1 Juice or Beverage
 - 1 Joseph Rhodes – Dow's Prairie
- Class 3 Vinegar
 - 1 Kent Westwood – Laytonville Grange

Division 190 Dried Foods

Section C Senior

- Class 1 Fruit
 - 1 Katie Squire – Central Union Grange
- Class 2 Herbs
 - 1 Katie Squire – Central Union Grange
- Class 6 Any Other Kind
 - 1 Susan Hanks – Rio Linda Grange
 - 2 Kent Westwood – Laytonville Grange

Division 200 Gift Pack

Section B Youth

- Class 3 For the Home
 - 1 Shaylee Freitas – Fort Bragg Grange

Division 210 Textiles

Section C Senior

- Class 4 Any Other – Thread
 - 2 Linda MacCracken – Rio Linda Grange
 - Class 5 Afghan – Yarn
 - 1 Barbara Florian – Rio Linda Grange
 - 2 Leslie Parker – Orangevale Grange
 - 3 Katie Squire – Central Union Grange
 - HM Katie Squire – Central Union Grange
 - Class 7 Baby Set – yarn
 - 1 Rosemary Hansen – Anderson Grange
 - Class 8 Cap, Hat, or Scarf – Yarn
 - 1 Linda MacCracken – Rio Linda Grange
 - 2 Christina Webster – Orangevale Grange
 - 3 Leslie Parker – Orangevale Grange
 - HM Sue Taylor – Central Union Grange
 - Class 9 Sweater – yarn
 - 1 Genie Dietz – Redwood Valley Grange **BEST OF SHOW**
- TEXTILES**
- Class 10 Any Other Yarn
 - 1 Genie Dietz – Redwood Valley Grange
 - 2 Katie Squire – Central Union Grange
 - 3 Jeff Box – Redwood Valley Grange

- HM Rosemary Hansen – Anderson Grange
- HM Rosemary Hansen – Anderson Grange
- HM Katie Squire – Central Union Grange

Division 220 Quilts & Comforters

Section C Senior

Class 4 Quilt, machine quilted

- 1 Elizabeth Finn – Rincon Valley Grange
- 2 Barbara Florian – Rio Linda Grange
- 3 Elizabeth Finn – Rincon Valley Grange
- HM Genie Dietz – Redwood Valley Grange
- HM Genie Dietz – Redwood Valley Grange

Class 6 Wall hanging or Throw, Hand Quilted

- HM Elizabeth Finn – Rincon Valley Grange

Class 7 Any Other Quilted Item

- 1 Genie Dietz – Redwood Valley Grange
- 2 Nojia Jones – Fort Bragg Grange
- 3 Elizabeth Finn – Rincon Valley Grange
- HM Genie Dietz – Redwood Valley Grange

Division 225 National Quilt Block Contest

Section D Youth & Senior

Class 1 Block

- 1 Barbara Florian - Rio Linda Grange

Division 230 Weaving, Misc., or Mixed

Class 1 Weaving

- 2 Naomi Fletcher – Orangevale Grange

Class 4 Hand Spun Fibers

- 1 Jeff Box – Redwood Valley Grange
- 2 Christina Webster – Orangevale Grange

Division 240 Sewing

Section C Senior

Class 1 Blouse or Shirt

- 1 Katie Squire – Central Union Grange
- 2 Katie Squire – Central Union Grange **SEABISCUIT**

Class 6 Skirt

- 1 Katie Squire – Central Union Grange

Division 250 Sewing – Household Creations

Section C Senior

Class 3 Any Other Thing

- 2 Eleanor Bruce – Little Lake Grange

Division 260 Stuffed Toys

Section C Senior

Class 1 Animal

- 1 Naomi Fletcher – Orangevale Grange **SEABISCUIT**

Class 3 Any Other Kind

- 1 Christina Fletcher – Orangevale Grange

Division 270 Wearable Art

Section C Senior

Class 1 Fabric – pieced

HM Eleanor Bruce – Little Lake Grange

Class 7 Any Other, specify

1 Naomi Fletcher – Orangevale Grange

Division 300 Miscellaneous

Section C Senior

Class 1 Any Other, Specify

1 Robin Turnquist – Aptos Grange

2 Judy Byers – Dow Prairie Grange

3 Robin Turnquist – Aptos Grange

HM Robin Turnquist - Aptos Grange

Class 2 Handbag

1 Naomi Fletcher – Orangevale Grange

Division 310 Field Crops

Section C Senior

Class 1 Bulk Seed, any variety

1 Susan Hanks – Rio Linda Grange

Class 4 Any Other

1 Susan Hanks – Rio Linda Grange

2 Leroy Squire – Central Union Grange

3 Leroy Squire – Central Union Grange

Division 312 Vegetables – Plate Displays

Section C Senior

Class 3 Tomatoes

1 Steven Hood – Central Union Grange

2 Erica Kroesen – Little Lake Grange

3 Erica Kroesen – Little Lake Grange

Class 5 Any Other

1 Steven Hood – Central Union Grange

2 Kent Westwood – Laytonville Grange

3 Erica Kroesen – Little Lake Grange

HM Steven Hood – Central Union Grange

Division 316 Nuts – Plate Display

Section C Senior

Class 1 Any Variety

1 Ann Larson – Central Union Grange

2 Helen Solgat – Redwood Valley Grange

3 Ann Larson – Central Union Grange

Division 318 Honey

Section C Senior

Class 1 Any Kind

1 Ann Larson – Central Union Grange

1 Kent Westwood – Laytonville Grange

Division 319 Eggs

Section B Youth

Class 1 Any Kind

- 1 Rebekah Chamberlin – Central Union Grange
- 2 Shaylee Frietas – Fort Bragg Grange

Division 370 Photography

Section C Senior

Class 1 Landscape/Seascape

- 1 Steven Hood – Central Union Grange **BEST OF SHOW**
PHOTOGRAPHY
- 2 Susan Hanks – Rio Linda Grange
- 3 Katie Squire – Central Union Grange
- HM Steven Hood – Central Union Grange

Class 2 Portrait

- 1 Steven Hood – Central Union Grange
- 2 Steven Hood – Central Union Grange

Class 3 Macro (close-up detail)

- 1 Emily Randolph -Rio Linda Grange
- 2 Yvette Adams – Loma Rica Grange
- 3 Leroy Squire – Central Union Grange
- HM Yvette Adams – Loma Rica Grange
- HM Katie Squire – Central Union Grange

Class 4 Animals

- 1 Yvette Adams – Loma Rica Grange
- 2 Steven Hood – Central Union Grange
- 3 Steven Hood – Central Union Grange

Class 5 Family

- 1 Steven Hood – Central Union Grange

Class 6 Computer Manipulated Photograph

- 1 Leroy Squire – Central Union Grange
- 2 Susan Hanks – Rio Linda Grange
- 3 Leroy Squire – Central Union Grange

Class 7 Stand UP and Speak Out for Junior Grange

- HM Jill Koelling – Dow's Prairie Grange

Division 390 Ag Mechanic's & Industrial Arts

Section C Senior

Class 1 Large Project Album or display board

- 1 Charles Betschart -Little Lake Grange
- 2 Codey Larson – Central Union Grange **SEABISCUIT**
- 3 Codey Larson – Central Union Grange

Class 2 Small Project

- 1 Codey Larson – Central union Grange
- 2 Codey Larson – Central Union Grange

Division 400 Computers

Section C Senior

Class 1 Artwork

- 1 Eugene Fletcher – Orangevale Grange

Class 2 Flyer

- 1 Susan Hanks – Rio Linda Grange

Class 6 Any other graphic design or set of plans

- 1 Eugene Fletcher – Orangevale Grange

Division 430 Woodworking

Section C Senior

Class 1 Self-cut

- 1 Codey Larson – Central Union Grange

Division 340 TALENT SHOWCASE

Section D Open

Class 1 Variety

- 1 Earlene Gleisner – Little Lake Grange
2 Alice Raines – Wyandotte Grange

Class 3 Instrumental

- 1 Charlie Vaughn – Redwood Valley Grange **BEST OF**
SHOW TALENT
2 Jaffe & Collete – Sebastopol Grange

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Whereas: The success of the 143rd Annual Session of the California State Grange has been accomplished by the thoughtful efforts, enduring loyalty and endless determination of all the dedicated Patrons; and

Whereas: It is our sincerest 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 Ukiah, California, September 22-25, 2018, we extend our thanks and appreciation:

- To Worthy Master Ed Kowski, Sister Lillian Booth and the rest of the board for the countless hours that have you have given this year to ensure our continued success as a California State Grange.
- To the State Officers, ingoing and outgoing, for organizing and assisting with all of the preparations for session.
- To First Lady, Sister Cynthia Kowski, and the spouses, partners and families of our officers and members who are participating, assisting and supporting the California State Grange.
- To the Committee Chairpersons and the members who participated and volunteered to serve on a committee and put in the hard work this session.
- To Sister Annie Waters and the Fifth Degree team who did an outstanding exemplification
- To the State Officers for the Exemplification of the Sixth Degrees. Thank you for your dedication.
- To Sister Katie Squire and helpers for her tireless efforts in organizing the Grange Expo.
- To Brother Jeff Skinner for addressing the member and providing help and guidance throughout the year for the State and local granges.
- To Brother Roger and Sister Melanie Bostwick, National Grange Priest Archon of the Assembly of Demeter and Kansas State Grange Master, and a Super First Lady. Your friendship and love was felt by every member here.
- To Brother Joseph Stefenoni for keeping parliamentary procedure at the forefront and raising so much money as our Auctioneer. "Hey Bidder..".
- To all the Veterans in attendance for their service and dedication and to Katie Squire for a beautiful tribute.
- To the delegates for the hard work and passion that is put into our resolution process.
- To the newly elected State Officers for continuing with the California State Grange to Move Forward with Inspiration.
- To the granges, members and families who assisted with, and participated in the 143rd Annual Session of the California State Grange. Your charity, dedication and love is apparent the acts of service that you give one another.
- And a heartfelt thanks to all those who also assisted that we may have inadvertently neglected to mention; and be it further

Resolved: We accept with appreciation the endeavors of this entire delegate body during this 143rd Annual Session of the California State Grange

Respectfully Submitted

Amanda Booth Thomas Wyandotte Grange #495

STATE MASTER'S RULINGS

No rulings on By-Laws or other matters were requested during this year.