



CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE Constitution

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Constitution of the California State Grange

Article I Organization

The California State Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry (hereinafter known as the State Grange) shall consist of the following four divisions:

- 1) Junior Granges (membership Granges) having charge of the Junior Degree
- 2) Subordinate Granges (membership Granges) having charge of the first Four Degrees as follows: First Degree: Laborer (man), Maid (woman) Second Degree: Cultivator (man), Shepherdess (woman) Third Degree: Harvester (man), Gleaner (woman). Fourth Degree: Husbandman (man), Matron (woman)
- 3) Pomona Granges (district membership Granges) have charge of the Fifth Degree (Pomona)
- 4) State Grange (Delegate body) having charge of the Sixth Degree (Flora).

Article II Regulation and Administration

The State Grange, as a chartered division of the National Grange, shall have the right and power, as the good of the Order requires, to adopt laws for the organization, administration and regulation of the affairs of the various divisions of the State Grange, including laws limiting, defining, and regulating the powers of the various Granges of the divisions of the State Grange, so long as they do not conflict with the laws of the National Grange.

Article III Membership

The qualifications for membership; procedure for attaining membership; membership dues; and the right to vote in each of the Granges of the divisions of the State Grange shall be provided for in the By-Laws of the State Grange. All candidates for membership and elected officers shall be required to agree at the time of election to membership, or installation in office, that at all times they will faithfully comply with the Constitution, By-Laws, and Codes of the Grange at all levels, as from time to time adopted.

Article IV
Application Fees and Membership Dues

Funds for the operation of each of the various Granges of the divisions of the State Grange shall be collected as application fees for memberships, membership dues and income from Grange sponsored activities.

The By-Laws of the State Grange shall provide for a minimum amount of such application fees and membership dues. The collection of such funds and the apportionment thereof shall be provided for in the By-Laws of the State Grange.

Article V
Officers

The designation, rank, election or appointment, authority and duty of officers in the various Granges of the division of the State Grange shall be provided for in the By-Laws of the State Grange and the By-Laws of the various divisions of the State Grange.

Article VI
***Sale, Encumbrance or Transfer of Real
And/or Personal Property***

When a Grange of any division of the State Grange shall sell, encumber or in any other way transfer real and/or personal property owned by such Grange, for any reason, they shall advise the State Grange and conform to the laws for such sale, encumbrances or transfers as specified in the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Grange.

Article VII
Activities, Earnings

The various Granges of the State Grange shall not conduct any activity not permitted to be carried on by an exempt organization described in Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as now in force or as hereinafter amended.

No part of any net earnings of the various Granges of the State Grange shall inure to the benefit of any officer, director or member of the Grange, except as reasonable compensation for services performed, or be appropriated for any services other than as set forth in the Laws of the Order.

Article VIII
Religious and Political party

Religious or political affiliations shall not be the subject of discussions in the work of the Order, and no religious or political tests for membership shall be applied.

Article IX
Judiciary

The State Grange shall use the procedures as provided for in the Digest of Laws of the National Grange for all trials of members of the Order charged with violation of this Constitution; By-Laws; the Manuals of the Degrees of the Order; or the laws of any division of the Order that may apply.

Article X
Requirements

Reports from Junior, Subordinate and Pomona Granges called for by the State or National Grange must be certified by the Master and Secretary, and under the seal of the Grange.

All correspondence from the State or National Grange shall be made known to the members of the Junior, Subordinate or Pomona Granges without unnecessary delay.

If any Brother or Sister of the Order is sick or in distress, it shall be the duty of the Patrons to visit them and see that they are well provided with all things needful as voted by the Grange.

Any members of the Order found guilty by Grange trial of wanton cruelty to animals shall be expelled from the Grange.

Article XI
Amendments

This Constitution may be amended, provided such amendments in proper form are submitted to the State Grange sixty (60) days prior to the annual session and that the State Grange will thirty (30) days prior to the annual session mail copies of all such proposed amendments to the Subordinate and Pomona Granges. That such amendments to be adopted by two-thirds vote of the Delegates present and voting only at any annual meeting of the State Grange. Said amendment shall be in full force, beginning with the first day of the calendar year following the annual session of the State Grange, unless ordered otherwise.