



The Patrons Chain

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Rotation – good for crops, good for Granges

By Betsy Huber National Grange President

I am always pleased to read the State Grange newsletters I receive from all of your states and I always learn something from them. You have some great committee chairs and department directors with fantastic ideas and interesting columns about their Grange experiences.

Today I received the Granite State Granger (NH) and found an idea that makes so much sense but that I had never thought of. Norman Brandt, NH Agriculture Chairman, wrote how important crop rotation is in farming. Different crops use different nutrients from the soil and put different benefits back into the ground where they grow.

In the same way, we need to rotate officers in our Granges. As crop rotation benefits the soil, so does officer rotation benefit our Community Grange (--Pomona, State, and National Grange too!) Norman says, "As people rotate through the seats in a Grange, the new people taking their office bring in new ideas and take the Grange in new directions." We plant crops in different fields and change our gardens around to help the plants do their best. It also prevents pests and diseases from taking hold.

I will take it one step further and say that our officers also need gardeners to help them produce the best yield. When a different person takes an office, another member who has formerly held that job should cultivate, fertilize, and water the new officer to help them grow to their full potential. We call this mentoring. If the term mentoring scares you, just think of it as gardening to help the new crop of officers do their best.

Good Day! provides detailed look at decision delegates will make about HQ

By Amanda Brozana Rios, Membership, Leadership Development and Communications Director

The National Grange's quarterly magazine, Good Day! has been arriving in subscribers' mailboxes throughout the past week.

The featured story focuses on the discussion before the delegates of the National Grange – should we take out millions of dollars in loans to complete necessary repairs and upgrades to the more than 60-year old headquarters building in Washington, D.C., or look to sell the property and move our headquarters to another location. Many of the factors going into the decision are provided and your opinion is sought – via your State Grange President. They will ultimately decide the fate of this landmark that has served us well but needs attention.

If you are not a subscriber, you are encouraged to order a paper copy of this issue through the Grange Supply Store for \$5 plus \$2 shipping or go online to issuu.com/grangeoodday and purchase a single issue copy for just \$5 or subscribe for a year for only \$16. We hope every member reads this important piece and the other great content in the magazine.

The issue is also packed with photos and coverage of the 2021 Grange Revival event in Sturgis, South Dakota, as well as a registration form for the 2023 event planned for the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Pork information and recipes abound in this edition and there are many other great features including a review of relevant legislative issues, book review and other details about the 155th Annual National Grange Convention coming up in just two short months. We hope to see everyone there.

There may be a few late deliveries, so please give a bit more time to receive your issue. If you do not, please contact me at communications@nationalgrange.org so I can review your subscription and notate areas in the country where there are USPS delivery issues with our mail house.

Grange Foundation seeking individuals interested in serving on board



The National Grange Foundation is seeking individuals interested in serving on the board. The board, which is composed of a few Grange members in good standing and members of the National Grange Executive Committee, helps to steer the efforts and activities of our affiliated 501(c)(3). The board is in the process of changing the bylaws to allow election of four at-large members by delegates to the National Grange this November.

Individuals interested should submit a letter of interest with information about your background or qualifications to Joan Smith, Board Chairwoman, and Betsy Huber, President, by October 15. Please email betsy@nationalgrange.org and ngfb@grange.org.



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Good Day! Magazine Summer 2021 Issue

The featured story in this 100-page edition looks at the current decision before the Delegates of the National Grange on the fate of the Washington, D.C. headquarters building. Pork is the featured food with recipes from three of the four main cuts and lots of tips to step up your cooking game. The 155th Annual Convention is previewed and extensive coverage is provided from Grange Revival 2021 in Sturgis, South Dakota.

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Earlier this summer, the National Grange sent every local Grange PRESIDENT a step-by-step guide to prepare individuals should they ever hear about themselves or a loved one: “You have cancer.” If you have not heard about this program or if you are a local Grange President and have not received it, please contact Burton Eller, by phone at (202) 628-3507 ext. 114 or email beller@nationalgrange.org.

Along with the thumb drive and paper templates, which prepare you for an excellent community presentation, a letter from National Grange President Betsy Huber and Community Service Director Pete Pompper was included. This letter contains a number in the red box in the lower right corner that was entered into a drawing. The following are the winning numbers, previously released in early August. Check to see if your number is among the local Grange winners listed below, and if so, please contact me, Burton Eller, at beller@nationalgrange.org or by phone at (202) 628-3507 ext. 114.

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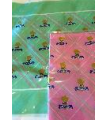
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