

**BY-LAWS
Of The
COLORADO STATE GRANGE**

Article I – Vacancies

Section 1. In case of a vacancy in office in a Pomona or Subordinate Grange from any cause whatsoever, such vacancy may be filled by special election for the unexpired term at the next regular meeting of the Grange, or it may be filled by appointment from the Master for the unexpired term, as each Grange may determine and provide in its By-Laws.

Section 2. In case of vacancy caused by death, removal or resignation of any officer of the Colorado State Grange, the Executive Committee shall fill vacancies when the committee feels that the office should be filled before the next meeting of the Colorado State Grange. The only exception is the office of Master which will be filled according to Article VI Section 5 of the Colorado State Grange Constitution.

Article II – Committees

Section 1. All Committees, unless otherwise ordered, shall consist of three or more members and be appointed by the Master and Overseer of the Grange.

Section 2. There shall be at each Annual Convention of the Colorado State Grange a Committee of Budget and Finance whose membership shall include one delegate from each Pomona represented. The purpose of the Budget and Finance Committee shall be to review the financial position and spending of the Colorado State Grange.

Section 3. At each Annual Convention of the Colorado State Grange, the following committees for the session shall be appointed; Credentials; Agriculture; Cooperatives and Water Resources; Good of the Order; Ecology; Health, Education and Welfare; Legislative; Highways and Transportation; Junior Grange; Women’s Activities; Youth. These committees may be combined at the discretion of the Master. All resolutions must be referred to the appropriate committee.

Section 4. Appointed department directors shall tender their resignation to the State Master on an election year within thirty days following the election year convention. Deputies’ tenure will automatically expire at the same time as regularly elected officers.

**Article III – Fees and Dues
(State, Subordinate and Associate Memberships)**

Section 1. The minimum application fee for membership in the Colorado State Grange shall be five dollars (\$5.00) of which two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) shall be paid to the National Grange. The minimum application fee for an initiated member in a Subordinate Grange in Colorado shall be three dollars (\$3.00) except that no application fee shall be charged for an

Associate Member becoming an initiated Subordinate Grange Member. Junior Grange Members graduating into a Subordinate Grange may be exempted from the application fee by a majority vote of the Subordinate Grange. The delegate body of the Colorado State Grange will establish that part of the annual dues paid by members of junior, Subordinate, and Pomona Granges which shall be paid as dues to the State Grange. The application fee for all Associate Members shall be five dollars (\$5.00). The minimum annual membership dues for Associate Member in a Subordinate Grange of the State shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00). The annual dues for a State Associate Member shall be a minimum of thirty dollars (\$30.00). The minimum annual membership dues for a Subordinate Supporting Business Associate Member shall be twenty-five (\$25.00). The minimum annual membership dues for a Colorado State Grange Business Associate Member shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00). E-Members – The Annual dues for E-Membership will be as established by National Grange.

Section 2. Each Subordinate Grange shall be required to report promptly each quarter through its Secretary to the Secretary of the Colorado State Grange, the number of regular members initiated, reinstated, and received by card during the preceding quarter and also the number of members who have demitted or dropped from the roll, or who have died or been expelled during the preceding quarter. The Secretary shall also report the number of associate members who have been added or dropped from the roll for this same period. The Secretary shall accompany each report with a remittance of one –fourth of the annual membership dues as set by the Colorado State Grange for each initiated member and for each associate member at the beginning of each quarter for which the report is made.

Section 3. Non-payment of dues for one quarter shall be deemed just cause for striking a member's name from the roll of a Subordinate Grange. The Secretary shall drop such member from the roll only after a vote of the Grange and notification to the member. The dues of a member dropped shall cease from the beginning of the quarter following such action. A member who has been dropped may be reinstated at any regular meeting of the Grange upon a majority vote of the members present and upon payment of a penalty of one year's dues and the payment of the current year's dues.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Subordinate Grange, in notifying members of delinquency in dues.

Section 5. The Colorado State Grange Executive Committee shall annually establish a State Grange Convention Fee charged to all Subordinate Granges. Any Subordinate Grange that does not remit the fee by Convention time will no have delegate voting rights that year. Any Grange that does not pay the fee by the date of State Convention will have the assessed against the Grange on the next quarterly membership dues report.

Section 6. The Colorado State Grange is authorized to collect individual membership dues.

Section 7. The Colorado State Grange will honor the family membership plan as set forth by the National Grange. In a family where two (2) members pay dues, any additional dependents

of the family as defined in the National Grange By-Laws will not be required to pay dues until such time that they no longer qualify as a dependent.

Section 8. The Colorado State Grange authorizes the Golden Sheaf Class of Membership (50 years). Members who obtained Golden Sheaf Membership status prior to December 31, 2000, are relieved from payment of dues at all levels of Grange. Members who obtained Golden Sheaf Membership status after January 1, 2001 will pay one half the dues that other regular members pay to their Subordinate Grange. Those dues will then be forwarded to the State Grange to then be forwarded to the National Grange.

Section 9 The Colorado State Grange will honor Junior Grange Individual membership in a subordinate/Community Grange where no Junior Grange is established. Junior Grange minimum application fee shall be one dollar (\$1.00). Junior Grange membership shall terminate at the end of the Grange year in which the Junior member reaches age 14.

Article IV – Delinquent Granges

Section 1. The Secretary of the Colorado State Grange shall require that the quarterly dues of Subordinate Granges and the annual dues of Pomona Granges are promptly paid; and in case the dues of a Subordinate Grange are not paid for two (2) quarters the delinquent Grange shall be reported to the Master of the State Grange. On receiving such notice, it shall be the duty of the State Master to warn the delinquent Grange; and if such dues are not forwarded in a reasonable time, it shall be the duty of the Master of the Colorado State Grange to suspend the Charter of the delinquent Grange.

Section 2. In no case shall a Charter be held to be valid where the Grange is delinquent for more than twelve (12) months.

Section 3. Any Grange whose Charter has been suspended may appeal to the Master of the Colorado State Grange, asking for reinstatement, and the Master may have power to reorganize the Grange and to reinstate the Charter, subject to the provision of the laws and ruling of the National Grange.

Section 4. At the time of reorganization of a Grange, a former member of said Grange wishing to re-affiliate therewith may do so upon payment of his dues for the remainder of the year; and non-members may be admitted at the time of such reorganization upon payment of the regular application fee and membership dues.

Article V – Demits

Section 1. Any member in good standing on the books of a Subordinate Grange shall, upon application, be entitled to a demit card, and shall be granted such demit as a matter of right.

Section 2. Any member holding a demit may be admitted to membership in any Subordinate Grange to which he or she may apply. A demit shall remain in force for six (6) months from date of issue and shall show the date to which dues have been paid. The demit, accompanied by such fee as the Grange may require, shall be presented at a regular meeting, and at the next regular meeting a ballot shall be taken. A majority shall be necessary to elect to membership upon the presentation of a demit card.

Section 3. Members holding demit cards and failing to affiliate with some Subordinate Grange within the time limit set forth in Article V Section 2 of these By-Laws shall be known as former members.

Section 4. Suspended, dropped or unaffiliated members, or demitted members not legally in possession of the current annual word, cannot be admitted to a meeting of the Grange.

Section 5. Members that were dropped at their request while in good standing or from an expired demit may be reinstated at a regular meeting of the Grange upon a majority vote of the members present and payment of a reinstatement fee of \$1.00 plus their annual membership dues for the remaining current year.

Article VI – Offenses and Charges

Any defalcation of an officer or member of a Grange, or unworthy act of a Patron, shall be accounted as a misdemeanor, and any officer or member charged with a misdemeanor shall be liable to reprimand, suspension, or expulsion by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of that Grange, either State, Pomona, or Subordinate. However, no member shall be reprimanded suspended or expelled until the charges with specifications shall have been preferred in writing at a regular meeting of the Grange by a member in good standing and the accused shall have been notified and allowed full opportunity for defense.

Article VII – Deputies

There shall be appointed by the Master of the Colorado State Grange at least one Deputy in each Pomona area and Junior Grange Deputies and Deputies at Large as in the State Master's opinion are needed. Deputies' duties shall be to organize new Granges on application being made to the State Master by those desiring such an organization; to install officers of Granges upon request; and otherwise act for the welfare of the Order under the direction of the State Master. Deputies shall be vigilant that no disorder shall occur in the Granges under their jurisdiction. They shall promptly report any disorder to the State Master. The deputies shall receive such compensation as may be provided by the Executive Committee of the Colorado State Grange. The deputies shall visit and inspect each Grange under their jurisdiction at least once each year, and shall report to the Master of the Colorado State Grange before the end of the year, giving any information the State Master may require.

Article VIII – Membership Applicants

Section 1. Any person desiring membership in our order, interested in agriculture, and interested in the betterment of the human conditions in rural or urban America, may at the age of thirteen (13) years and six (6) months or older, apply to the Subordinate Grange of their choice. All applications must be accompanied by the application fee, unless exempted by Article III, Section 1 of the By-Laws.

Section 2. A Grange must ballot for candidates in accordance with provisions found in the Manual. In classes of two (2) or over, the first ballot may be cast for the whole group. If a favorable majority vote is not cast, each candidate must be balloted for separately.

Section 3. Persons meeting the membership qualifications of Section 1 may apply for Associate Membership. Associate members will be entitled to receive Grange information and communications and can receive services as determined by the Colorado State Grange. Associated members will not be allowed to attend closed meetings of the Grange, hold office, vote, or participate in Grange contests restricted to regular members.

Associate members may be enrolled by any regular member or agent of the Grange in which the associate member will be enrolled. The enrolling members will submit the name, application fee and membership dues of the associate member to the Secretary of the Grange.

A regular Grange member as of January 1, 1987, will not eligible to become an associate member as long as they live within the jurisdiction of that Subordinate Grange.

There will be four (4) types of Associate Members:

- A. Subordinate Associate Members – Each Subordinate Grange will make the determination if they wish to accept associate members who live within their jurisdiction. Members of a Subordinate Grange can, for just cause, cancel an associate membership by majority vote at any regular meeting.
- B. State Associate Members – The Colorado State Grange can enroll associate members from areas where there are no Granges and from the jurisdiction of Granges who do not desire to accept associate members. The Colorado State Grange Executive Committee, for just cause, can cancel an associate membership by majority vote at any regular meeting.
- C. Subordinate Supporting Business Associate Members – Subordinate Granges may accept businesses in their jurisdiction that desire to support the Grange as Subordinate Supporting Business Associate Members.
- D. Colorado State Grange Business Associate Members – The Colorado State Grange may accept businesses that desire to support the Grange as Colorado State Grange Business Associate Members.

Article IX – Jurisdiction

Section 1. A Subordinate Grange may change its place of meeting by affirmative vote of the majority of the members present at any regular meeting of that Grange; provided that the proposal shall have been submitted at a regular meeting of that Grange at least one (1) month preceding that at which the vote is to be taken.

Article X – Grange Property

Section 1. The Executive Committee of a Grange, and its successors in office, shall be the Board of Trustees of the property of that Grange.

Section 2. A majority of the Executive Committee of a Grange which has become inactive, acting as a Board of Trustees, may sell the hall or other property of the inactive Grange; and from the money arising therefrom shall pay all just debts of said Grange, and the necessary expenses of such sale, and shall pay the surplus, if any, to the treasury of the Colorado State Grange.

Section 3. In case of reorganization of an inactive Grange within seven (7) years from the time it became inactive, then the Colorado State Grange shall refund to the said reorganized Grange the monies it had received by the provision of Section 2 preceding. If the said Grange is not reorganized as above provided, then the said monies or other property shall revert to and be part of the general funds of the Colorado State Grange.

Section 4. Where no lawful trustees remain, it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee of the Colorado State Grange to secure the custody of the property of any inactive Grange by means as the laws of the State may afford, to be held and used under the provision of the preceding Section 3.

Section 5. No person who is a trustee shall be ejected while performing his duties, until such relief be given him as is demanded.

Article XI – Regalia

The officers and members of the Colorado State Grange shall wear the regalia of the Order during its sittings.

Article XII – Pomona Granges

Section 1. The area and the Subordinate Granges embraced within the jurisdiction of a Pomona Grange shall be fixed by the State Grange and the Pomona. The State Grange shall have power to readjust such jurisdiction from time to time as deemed necessary. The membership of a

Pomona Grange shall be composed of such Fourth Degree members as may be elected thereto in accordance with the regulations herein after provided.

Section 2. Any Fourth Degree member who brings evidence of his or her good standing in a Subordinate Grange may file a petition for membership, accompanied by the application fee, with a Pomona Grange. On receiving such petition, the Pomona Grange, being satisfied that the applicant is well versed in the principles of the four Subordinate degrees and a faithful worker therein, may elect such applicant to membership by a majority vote.

Section 3. Pomona Granges shall meet at least once in each quarter, and may hold intermediate meetings.

Section 4. Pomona Granges shall sit in the Fifth Degree, but may hold Fourth Degree Sessions, to which all Fourth Degree members may be admitted. If the Pomona Grange has lowered to the Fourth Degree, it must be raised to the Fifth Degree and closed in that Degree.

Section 5. The minimum application fee for membership in the Pomona Grange of the Colorado State Grange shall be one dollar (\$1.00) for each member.

Section 6. The minimum annual dues for members of Pomona Granges shall be one dollar (\$1.00).

Section 7. The officers of Pomona Granges shall be the same as, and shall be ranked as similar officers in the Subordinate Grange, with corresponding duties.

Section 8. The members of a Pomona Grange in good standing shall be entitled to a demit card as a matter of right, and shall be granted such demit upon application. Such demit shall entitle the member to affiliate with any Pomona Grange to which he/she may apply, under the rules of that Grange.

Section 9. The Secretary of each Pomona Grange in Colorado shall be required to report annually to the Secretary of the Colorado State Grange the number of members initiated, reinstated, and received by card in that Grange during the preceding year, and also the number of members who have demitted or dropped from the roll, or who have died or been expelled during the preceding year. The annual membership dues of the Pomona Grange should accompany the report in the amount of forty cents (.40) per member, to be remitted on or before June 30th.

Section 10. There shall be an annual State Grange Convention registration fee charged to all Pomona Granges as set by the State Grange Executive Committee. Any Pomona Grange that does not remit the fee by Convention time will not have delegate voting rights that year. Any Pomona that does not pay the fee by the date of the State Convention will have the fee assessed against the Pomona on the next annual membership dues report.

Article XIII – Junior Granges

Section 1. Junior Granges may be organized and conducted in Colorado, under the jurisdiction of the Colorado State Grange, and in accordance with the Constitution, rules and regulations of the National Grange.

Section 2. Each Junior Grange shall be within the jurisdiction of a Subordinate or Pomona Grange; and it shall be the duty of that Grange to provide a suitable meeting place and such equipment as may be necessary.

Section 3. Children over five years (5) and under fourteen (14) years, of parents eligible for membership in a Subordinate Grange, are eligible to join a Junior Grange.

Section 4. The minimum annual membership dues shall not be less than one dollar (\$1.00) for each active member.

Section 5. The officers of the Junior Grange shall be the same and have the same rank as officers in the Subordinate Grange, with similar duties and responsibilities, except the Executive Committee.

Section 6. The Secretary of each Junior Grange in Colorado shall be required to report annually to the Secretary of the Colorado State Grange the number of members initiated, reinstated or received by card in the Grange during the preceding year, and also the number of members who have been demitted or dropped from the rolls during the preceding year. The annual dues of Junior Granges to the Colorado State Grange shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per member.

Section 7 Junior Grange Affiliate Membership – A Junior Grange member may not be a member of more than one Junior Grange at the same time except that a Junior Grange member may be elected to membership in one additional Junior Grange as an affiliate member. A proposal for affiliate membership and election thereto shall be the same as provided in the National Grange Digest except election to membership shall be by majority vote by paper ballot. Such affiliate member shall pay the applicable membership dues and be entitled to hold office and vote in the additional Junior Grange, provided that the affiliate members are clearly designated as such in reports to the Secretaries of State Granges and the National Grange and further provided such affiliate members shall not hold the same office in two Junior Granges at the same time.

Article XIV – State Junior Grange (Honorary)

Section 1. Purpose shall be: (A) to encourage Junior Grange work, (B) to provide an opportunity for Junior Grangers from all Granges to work as a combined group, (C) to conduct meetings, including model meetings, (D) to exemplify the Junior Degree, especially for the State Grange Convention, (E) to obligate members and Honorary members, and (F) to conduct the installation of officers for Junior Granges.

Section 2. All Junior Grangers in Colorado are automatically members of this Honorary State Grange.

Section 3. Since this is an Honorary Junior Grange, the State Junior Grange Director will be responsible for the selection of officers and committees. These will normally serve one year and may be changed as the need arises.

Section 4. Meetings will be at a date, time and place as determined by the Director or as decided on at a State Junior Grange meeting. An Assistant Director will serve in the capacity of Leader at the meetings, or the Director will select someone to serve if he or she so desires. Suggested meetings are: Annual State Junior Grange Achievement Day, one in late winter or early spring, one in the summer, and others as the need rises.

Section 5. In order to encourage Junior Granges, the Colorado State Junior Grange may initiate members who will be considered honorary members at large until such time as they affiliate with an organized Junior Grange. Initiation fee of twenty-five cents (.25) minimum is to be paid at the time of initiation.

Section 6. The Honorary Junior Grange may initiate adult members who will be considered State Junior Grange Honorary members until they affiliate with an organized Junior Grange. Initiation fee of fifty cents (.50) is to be paid at the time of initiation.

Article XV – State Youth Grange (Honorary)

Section 1. Purpose shall be (A) to encourage youth work within the Grange, (B) to provide an opportunity for youth Grangers throughout the State to work as a combined group, and (C) to conduct meetings, including model meetings.

Section 2. All Youth Grangers in Colorado who are Fourth Degree members of a Subordinate Grange, in good standing, are automatically members; therefore, this Grange will be an honorary type.

Section 3. Selection of officers will be by appointment of the State Youth Director upon application to the director by those desiring to fill an office.

Section 4. Meetings will be at a date and time determined by the State Youth Director and Youth Committee, or as decided at a State Youth meeting. Suggested meetings are summer Youth Conference and State Grange Convention.

Article XVI – Amendments

These By-laws may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Colorado State Grange by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present, provided the amendment is proposed at one day's session and voted upon at another day's session.