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OF THE

COLORADO STATE GRANGE



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In Memory 2020-2021

Pleasant Park #156
Harlan J. Helker

Golden Gate #451
Phoebe Reese
Natalie Mozer
George Booth

Garden Home #407
Doris Rennick

Marvel #479
Elmer Langford

Maple Grove #154
Laverne Jessop

Victory #452
William Murray

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**148TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
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**CONVENTION MINUTES
Thursday, September 23, 2021**

The Officers marched into the meeting room at 1:15 p.m. under the direction of Assistant Stewards Dean Hiner and Amy Peterson to open the 148th Annual Convention. Officers' attire this year had the women wearing white blouses with navy skirts or pants with burgundy rose corsages. The men were wearing white shirts with navy slacks, and boutonnieres.

State Master Cindy Greer opened the meeting in full form in the Sixth Degree.

The Grange was then lowered to the Fourth Degree and other members were invited into the meeting room.

National Lady Assistant Steward, Karen Overstreet, was recognized.

The Roll Call of Officers, and Directors was taken. Roger Ayers was protem for Larry Corman. Kathy Wardle was protem for Ceres as elected officers were unable to attend this year. Pianist was Ruth Wilson Francisco.

The agenda for convention was amended and adopted with minor changes.

The Overseer read the credential's report.

A video greeting from National Master. Betsy Huber was shown.

A communication from Marlys Halbeisen was in the packet.

State Master Cindy Greer gave her Annual Master's Address.

Treasurer read her report

Master Cindy talked about the Grange Museum, which has been transferred to the City of Aurora, so the Museum is open more often.

She told us that Jim Miller of the Leadership/Scholarship Foundation has moved to Georgetown, South Carolina.

Renee Caldwell, Secretary, gave her annual report.

Executive Committee Chairman, Tom Campion gave his report.

The agriculture committee presented the resolution AG 1, Initiative 16. Two minor changes were made and the resolution was adopted by a vote of delegates present.

National Lady Assistant Steward, Karen Overstreet spoke to us about herself and her life with the Grange. She shared information from the National Grange. As a former teacher she had us think about how we spend our time and what is important to us in our lives and if the two match up with each other.

Master Cindy talked about the upcoming National Convention, help is needed and the fun and camaraderie to be had at National Convention

The Grange closed for the day at 4:00 p.m. in preparation for the Memorial Service and Ice cream social and games.

The Family and Women's Activities Bake sale took place after the closing of the meeting.

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Thursday September 23, 2021

The Memorial Service lead by State Chaplain, Loeda Westphal was held Thursday evening. The pianist & vocalist was Ruth Wilson Francisco. The Charter was draped in memory of those who passed away.

Eulogy for the Laverne Jessop was read. Flowers were given for her. State Master Cindy Greer gave an opening introduction and State Secretary Renee Caldwell, read the names from the Book of Memories for those that had been remembered this year with memorial donations to the Scholarship Fund.

Eulogies were given for the following Grangers:

Laverne Jessop..... Maple Grove #154

Ice Cream social and Games
Thursday, September 23, 2021

Following the Memorial service homemade Vanilla and Peach ice cream made by Harry & Cindy Greer and toppings were served to the group. Everyone enjoyed the social time and a few played Farkel.

COLORADO STATE GRANGE ALUMNI BREAKFAST
Friday, September 24, 2021

The Colorado State Grange Alumni met for breakfast at the masonic Temple in Durango on September 24, 2021. Breakfast was provided by P.I.C.K. Marlys Halbeisen, President was absent due to being in Texas with her son who was in an accident. Secretary, Dominick Brenton could not attend. There were 18 in attendance. Lisa Mittan stepped in to take minutes since Dominick was not present.

Cindy Greer, acting president, explained that state officers re-elected, or elected to a new office at the end of their term are called "skunks," and that Amanda Brozanna Rios had given Claudia the skunk to Colorado.

Nominations were taken for a new President. Dominick was the only nominee and he was elected by a clear majority. For the vacant seat of Vice President. Idella Lewis was the only nominee, and she was elected by a clear majority. Lisa Mittan was the only nominee for Secretary (since that seat was left vacant by Dominick's election to President) and she was elected by a clear majority.

Cindy Greer presented information on "The History of Line Dancing." She then demonstrated "Amos Moses" and taught it to the group. There was discussion on dancing being good for health, both for a sharp mind and good balance.

The group reminisced about past group events and hijinks, such as putting pepper in folks' coffee and spraying each 'skunk' with water as s/he entered the room.

The meeting was closed. Lisa Mittan, acting Secretary

CONVENTION MINUTES

Friday, September 24, 2021

The Grange was opened in the Fourth Degree at 8:45 a.m. by State Master Cindy Greer. The Roll Call of Officers was taken, with Kathy Wardle, Protem for Ceres and Roger Ayers protem for Larry Corman, Executive committee member.

The final Credentials report was given.

Election of Officers began. Master Cindy Greer asked the Executive Committee member, Tom Campion to officiate. Nominations were taken for the office of Master/President. Nominations were Cindy Greer and Gary Wardle. Ballots were passed out and the LAS and AS were placed to guide voters. As each Grange was called the Delegates took their votes to the Alter. After all ballots were collected the votes were read by the assistants and tallied by the Secretary. Gary Wardle had the majority vote and was elected Master/President.

Resolutions were read during the counting of ballots (results are printed in this Journal of Proceedings under Resolutions). The election committee consisted of Buddy Overstreet from Texas, Tom Campion and Emerlinda Cruz.

Lori Schuell, a commissioner on the Colorado congressional redistricting commission was introduced at 10:50 a.m. Lori shared information about the process the redistricting commission has been through, she received questions and garnered information from the group. The presentation was very informative. The redistricting commission is in its final steps of determining the maps for new districts.

A recess was declared for the Membership Lunch.

MEMBERSHIP LUNCH

Friday September 24, 2021

This year's Membership Lunch was catered by the Eastern Star ladies. The lunch consisted of tacos and all the fixings along with watermelon and beverages. Vivian Vos presented a short program on membership prepared by Dominic Breton, Membership Director who was unable to attend. Golden Gate Grange #451 had the largest net gain in membership. Mount Lookout Grange #339 came in second. Terri Costeldia was the high recruiter.

CONVENTION MINUTES

Friday, September 24, 2021

The meeting reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

Elections continued throughout the day with the following results:

Overseer/Vice President – Harry Greer

Executive Committee – 3-year term – Tom Campion

Lecturer – Vivian Vos

Steward – Roger Ayers

Assistant Steward – Christopher Cleary

Lady Assistant Steward – Amy Peterson

Chaplain – Loeda Westphal

Treasurer – Sheryl Ayers

Secretary – Cindy Greer
Gate Keeper – Barry Willits
Ceres – Dorothy Dannels
Pomona – J. Kelly
Flora – Yvonne Chapman

Committee Reports were continued. (Please refer to the “Reports of Resolutions Committees” section) continued.

Information from the National Grange President, Betsy Huber was distributed concerning the National Grange building in Washington, D.C. Members were to read the information and convey their thoughts to the Worthy Master/President.

Several centennial commemorative plates were auctioned off. The final bid was \$15.00 each.

The second day of session was closed to prepare for the Gala tonight at 6:00 p.m.

GRANGE GALA Friday September 24, 2021

Grangers were invited to decorate a “Mask” for the Mardi Gras themed Gala this year. Salad and Pizza were available for all to enjoy.

Winners of the Lecturer awards were recognized. Additionally, Community Service, Family Activities, Membership, Publicity, Mandy project, and Master Awards were presented that night. It was a fun evening.

Following the Gala P.I.C.K. held its annual meeting.

PAST MASTERS BREAKFAST Saturday, September 25, 2021

Fifteen were in attendance on September 24, 2021 at the Masonic Temple in Durango, CO. Breakfast of Scrambled eggs, sausage, Muffins, and fruit were served by PICK.

Past Master Tom Campion called the meeting to order. Nominations were taken for Secretary – Amy Peterson, Harry Greer, Sheryl Ayers, and Kathy Wardle were nominated. Buddy Overstreet chose a Numbers between one and forty and each nominee chose a number and Harry Greer was closest and elected secretary. Presiding Past Master is Loeda Westphal. Substitute Presiding Past Master is Dave McCord. Loeda Westphal prepared a quiz about the Past Masters Organization and it was shared with everyone in attendance.

The Past Master’s group has met for 85 years. It met for the first time January 19, 1937 in Denver. And many other interesting facts were shared.

Past Masters present were: Junior – 5. Youth – 5. Subordinate – 11, Pomona – 8, State - 2

Minutes of the last Past Masters meeting were read, and approved. Cindy Greer has taken the pictures of State Masters that were in frames and put them in a book.

Secretary, Harry Greer

CONVENTION MINUTES
Saturday, September 25, 2021

Saturday morning was opened in full form in the Junior Degree by the Junior Grange officers. As always it is great to see the Jr's, as they march in. They marched in to music from Madagascar "I like to Move it, Move it."

Master, Jacob Greer; Overseer, Emmett Greer; Lecturer, Millie Peine; Steward, Nathen Greer; A.S., Logan Shauniger; L.A.S., Brianna Greer; Chaplain, Lila Peine; Gate Keeper, Henry Greer; Secretary, Penny Peine Flora, Addie Peine.

Roll call of Junior Officer and State Officer was taken.

Honored Guests, Karen and Buddy Overstreet were presented and spoke to the group.

The Juniors then marched out to prepare for lunch and play games.

The Grange activities committee presented three resolutions thanking officers for their dedication and work.

The Grange was put at ease for the Installation of officers, which was conducted by Karen Overstreet with Buddy Overstreet acting as Marshall, Elizabeth Hiner as Chaplain and Kathy Wardle as Emblem and regalia bearer. The Grange took a recess until lunch.

JG LUNCHEON
Saturday, September 25, 2021

Junior Grange lunch was held with forty or more in attendance. A baked potato bar was prepared with cobbler and gluten free brownies for dessert as well as beverages. Jenna Greer presented awards to the junior Grangers who were present, everyone was invited to look at the Junior crafts and projects. Following sixth degree the Juniors and youth went to play mini golf at Serious Texas.

CONFERRING OF THE FIFTH DEGREE
Saturday, September 25, 2021

La Plata Pomona Grange #10 Master, Harry Greer conferred the fifth-degree short form fifth degree to eight candidates listed below. The Grange was put at recess.

CONFERRING OF THE SIXTH DEGREE
Saturday, September 25, 2021

The State Master called the meeting back to order and the Grange was raised to the sixth degree. The Officers of the Colorado State Grange conferred the Sixth Degree for eight candidates who each received a rose. Marvel Junior Grangers presented a rose drill which was a line dance to "Popcorn". Those participating in the Rose Drill were: Addy Peine, Lila Peine, Millie Peine, Penny Peine, Brianna Greer, Jacob Greer, Nathen Greer, Emmett Greer, Henry Greer, and Logan Shauniger.

The ladies in the court of Flora were: Flora; Dorothy Dannels, Pomona J. Kelly, Ceres,

Kathy Wardle. The Graces wore capes representing the color of their office.

The sixth-degree feast consisted of a table laden with apples, bananas, and oranges.

The Grange was lowered to the fourth degree and closed.

Candidates receiving the Sixth Degree were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grange</u>	<u>No.</u>
Marcia Phillips.....	Florissant.....	420
Ruth Wilson Francisco....	Lewis.....	406
Christopher Cleary....	Crescent.....	136
Barry Willits.....	Redlands Mesa.....	487
Jean Willits.....	Redlands Mesa.....	487
Sheri Figgs.....	Mt. Allison.....	308
William Greer (Billy)....	Marvel.....	479
Melissa Lively.....	Florida.....	306

ANNUAL BANQUET

Saturday, September 25, 2021

The Annual Banquet was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Masonic Temple, hosted by Executive Committee Chairman Tom Campion. State Chaplain, Loeda Westphal gave the invocation.

The banquet was enjoyed by approximately 40 Grangers and guests. Mt. Allison Grange prepared and served Roast beef, chicken Marsala, potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert and beverages.

National Lady Assistant Steward, Karen Overstreet shared a few thoughts and was presented with a gift. She turned around and presented Past State Master, Cindy Greer with a basket of treats from Texas.

Retiring officers: Renee Caldwell, Elizabeth Hiner, Dean Hiner and Marlys Halbeisen were recognized and will receive past officer pins for their years of service.

Quilts of Valor were presented to John and Debbie Lee from Marvel and Barry Willits from Red Lands Mesa Grange. Quilts of valor were provided by Karen Baxter, Florissant Quilt of Valor group and Cindy Greer.

The Outstanding Granger of the year award was presented to Elizabeth Hiner from Florida Grange.

At 7:15 p.m. the Colorado State Grange Raffle winners were drawn Muriel Frink of Enterprise Grange won the quilt; Audrey Maydew of Cherry Creek won the smart watch.

There were no talent entries this year. The banquet concluded and the executive committee adjourned to meet.

MASTER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS
Cindy Greer, Colorado State Grange Master

Brothers and Sisters of the Colorado State Grange, fellow Officers and Directors.

Welcome to New delegates! It is always exciting to see new faces at a state convention. We do miss those who could not make it for health reasons or other reasons. Please make sure you welcome the new delegates and get to know them.

For the most part we have survived and thrived throughout 2020 and 2021. I am very proud of the Granges who found ways to meet throughout this pandemic. Some conducted business via e-mail, some conducted business via ZOOM, some met outside as much as possible, some met in person with distance and yes, some did not even try to meet. Granges found ways to continue their community Service work, Congratulations on adapting in a very difficult situation. Well done Good and Faithful servants.

Colorado State Grange was recognized as a State Grange in Action because we had seven Granges who sent in Grange in Action reports to National that qualified for the award. Those Granges were: Animas Valley Grange #194, Florida Grange #306, Golden Gate Grange #451, Mt. Allison Grange #308, Sunflower Grange #162, Mount Lookout Grange #339, and Marvel Grange #479. Crescent Grange also sent in a report but was disqualified because they didn't follow the directions. The report is limited to ONLY one page. Arianna Watts from Sunflower Grange took third place in the junior division of the National Grange Quilt Block contest. The National Firefighter/EMS of the year Award was presented to Carrie Dunn Thompson, Sunflower Grange's nomination, and Marvel Junior Grange received first place in community service.

The National Grange convention was held over two days via ZOOM. One executive committee member was elected, memorial service was held, and many contests were held via zoom at different times. It was an experience we will never forget and really don't want to repeat. It was efficient and did take care of business, but so much more happens when people are face to face. National delegates utilized "Yes" and "No" paddles for voting. Committees each met prior to the convention via zoom to debate resolutions to present.

The Master/President's conference was held also Via ZOOM this year. Hopefully next year the conference will be held in South Carolina as previously scheduled.

The Grange Insurance Association annual meeting was held for the second year via a conference call. I did listen to the proceedings, learning a little more about the current insurance situation. Tom McKern who is currently the Board President and an excellent supporter of the Fraternal side of the Grange is in his last year as President. Next March he will step down. Grange Insurance Association continues to reduce the amount of money they have been sharing with the Fraternal Grange and we expect that sometime in the future that money will stop completely, which is going to affect our Colorado State Grange budget quite a bit. Anyone who has Grange Insurance and has had it for two years is eligible to serve on the Board of Directors for GIA. Paul Redner who was a fraternal member has been the representative for Colorado and Wyoming. He is also retiring, so if you're a GIA insurance member and have an interest in keeping the fraternal ties with GIA, you should seek a nomination to the Board of Directors. This is a paid position.

I signed and e-mailed support for the Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act letter.

The Executive Committee recognized the need Granges had during these difficult times when fund raisers were limited, but bills still needed to be paid. A Grant was offered to all Granges but, only one Grange took advantage of the program.

Much of our travel was limited to Granges within the southwest corner of the state. I tried to participate in the Grange meetings that were being held via ZOOM when it worked into my schedule.

After at least two years of work, extending deadlines and encouraging Granges to submit information for the 1974-2020 History book, was finally completed and the book is currently available for \$12.50 here at State Session and also on Amazon.com. I still haven't gotten the book in a digital format yet.

National 2021 – Elizabeth Hiner and I have participated in most of the committee meeting that have taken place on the third Tuesday of every month, to help with the planning of the session in Wichita. Elizabeth will be setting up a host store with items people at the convention might need or have forgotten to pack. Things like distilled water, tooth brushes, toothpaste, Tylenol, Band-Aids, etc. will be available. Ruth Wilson Francisco will be serving as the pianist for the seventh degree. Harry Greer will be participating as a state officer for the sixth degree presented on Saturday morning. Others are needed to help out as deputies, who guard the session doors; State officers for the 6th degree, Hospitality room helpers (Colorado's day is Wed); display room helpers, as well as many other opportunities. The registration fee includes admittance to the Peterson Brothers who will present a concert. We need you to commit to sign up, attend and help. The executive committee has set aside funds to help individuals with expenses and the Raffle funds raised will be used for this same purpose.

Agriculture: The Ag community was upset by the Governors announcement of a meatless day in March. Fortunately, the beef industry saw a big jump in sales due to this announcement. Initiative 16 or the PAUSE ACT created a lot of concern among livestock producers, consumers and pet owners. This act would have destroyed the 4-H and FFA livestock programs. Fortunately, the courts declared the act to be focused on too many topics to be included on the 2022 ballot. The Ag community is still very concerned that this act will return in one form or another, so keep your eyes and ears open. Some county fairs have seen an increase in support of the kids' raising livestock through increased sale prices. The National Grange communications director composed a letter which I signed as an op-ed. This letter was published in one publication that I am aware of and the Colorado State Grange received \$500.00 for that op-ed.

Cattle and Calves is Colorado's number one agricultural commodity with 2.8 million head of cattle in the state. 66% of the state's \$6.3 billion in agricultural cash receipts is attributed to livestock. One of Colorado's top agricultural commodities is hogs, with nearly 700,000 pigs in the state valued at \$175 million.

Kate Greenburg, Colorado Ag Commissioner states: "Colorado's diverse agricultural and food industry contributes significantly to the state's economy generating economic activity in the range of \$40 billion annually including purchases of crop inputs, feed, livestock and equipment; rents paid and expenses for labor and custom hire; cash receipts from sales of crops and livestock; and value-added thru processing. Colorado agriculture supports more than 170,000 jobs and is home to some of the nation's leading processed foods companies. Colorado ranks first in the country for the production of proso millet and in the top ten in approximately

20 other commodities including cattle and calves, winter wheat, market sheep and lambs, wool production, alfalfa, potatoes, onions, apples, peaches, grapes and melons.

Three of every four Colorado residents believe agriculture is important to the quality of life in the state. One out of three rank agriculture as the most important economic sector in Colorado, followed by tourism and high tech.”

Thank you to Dave McCord for keeping us up to date with Agriculture. Harry and I, Dave and Kay McCord attended the Ag commissioners “Graze” held at the Colorado State Fair. This was a different format than we have experienced before. Centennial Farms were recognized from 2020 since there was not a traditional fair last year, and 2021 Farms were also recognized. Colorado State Grange did set up a display table in the Ag pavilion along with several other Ag organizations. The display focused on educating people about Food Waste and the new cancer awareness program and had milk carton banks available for children to take home (provided by La Plata Pomona Grange.)

COMMUNITY SERVICE – Colorado Granges have continued to do many community service projects and adjusting to the current conditions with drive through Halloween parties, to signing 40,000 Christmas Cards, a project headed by Marlys Halbeisen from Maple Grove Grange. It seems that with Grangers where there’s a will there’s a way.

GRANGES: Three Granges in our state have over 50 member, nineteen Granges have 20 to 50 members, ten Granges have 13-20 member, nine Granges are reporting less than thirteen members. Granges have reported that they have 31 junior members, which does not include Lambert Junior Grange. Florida Grange re-organized their Junior Grange and they have been meeting over the summer working on crafts and activities. Unfortunately, two Grange (Rocky Mountain Hi #494 and Breen #318) surrendered their charters and it looks like Liberty Hall #459 will be doing the same if the remaining members agree.

Unclaimed Property – The Colorado Department of Revenue has a massive list of unclaimed properties in the form of cash. For the last three years I have been filing paperwork trying to claim funds that closed Granges have listed. Some active Granges also have funds listed and I have encouraged them to apply for those funds. Some found that the process led them to places that were wanting them to subscribe to something.

Trying to explain the fraternal aspect of our organization to the secular world has definitely been challenging. This last time they wanted me to explain what “order” referred to, whether it referred to the State Grange or the National Grange. “Order” refers to all Granges. I am hopeful that I have provided the appropriate paperwork and offered a decent explanation to them in order to retrieve some of the funds. It’s always a good idea to keep checking this site as the most recent search found a Colorado State Grange Youth Fund CD that had matured and none of the current officers knew it even existed. So, I’ve started the process again to see about retrieving those funds. I hope that this one will be easier since it is in the Colorado State Grange name.

Grange Revival – Harry and I attended the Second National Grange Revival that was held in Sturgis, SD. The attendance doubled this year. It's a wonderful week of camping, glamping and socializing with Grangers from across the nation. This time there was so much one could go see that workshops were not planned. Evening meals were planned and prepared for all of us by some very dedicated Grangers. Other fun activities like corn hole tournaments, Ice cream making, and a quilt raffle were held. Two Quilts of Valor were presented to Grangers who were in attendance. The next Grange Revival will be held in upper Michigan. Reservations are currently being taken. Rumor has it that in four years a site in Colorado may be chosen, so if you know of a location that has cabins, glamping, trailer spaces and tent spaces that might work as a possible site please let me know or contact the National Lecturer with the information.

Serving as the Master of the Colorado State Grange has been challenging, trying and rewarding and I have enjoyed my time of service. This is not a position that is easy by any means and it really takes dedication from my husband and my Family, too. The team of officer I have served with has been a pleasure. Special thanks to the executive committee for their hours of dedication and service to this organization. Special Thanks to Sheryl Ayers, Treasurer for being willing to try to do some of the things that National has asked us to do. Some of those things she spent hours on only to find out that there was a cost to us and that we really didn't want to go that route. Special thanks to Renee Caldwell, Secretary for her commitment and service. She has been helpful and efficient at her job. To all the officers and Directors who said "yes" and did their job to the best of their abilities and time, Thank you. We are a team and it takes a team to succeed. We may not have achieved all of our Goals, but that doesn't mean we did not succeed. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Colorado State Grange in this capacity. I look forward to doing what I can for the Grange at all levels.

Report of the Treasurer

Sheryl Ayers
2021

It has been a pleasure and a challenge learning the ins and outs of the treasurer position/job. Several people have invested time and energy helping (Larry Corman, Renee Caldwell, Cindy Greer especially), and the Executive Committee has been very patient as I struggle to convey to them Colorado State Grange's financial status and details.

Our investment with Lincoln Investment allows us to meet the deficit in our operating fund occasionally. We began 2021 with \$504,551.34 in Lincoln. With \$8261.39 in dividends and \$2801.78 in fees through June 30, 2021, we realized \$5459.61 total income on invested funds. With cash transfers to the operating fund, we showed \$529,367.12 at the end of June. Since then, the Executive Committee has voted to transfer another \$10,000 to the operating fund.

Automating payroll and a couple other recurring bills through QuickBooks has made the bill paying considerably easier. The bank we're now using, Community Banks of Colorado, works very well with us, and the CSG secretary is able to make deposits regularly and use a debit card for occasional transactions.

Thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility of being your treasurer, and rest assured your Master and Executive Committee are on top of our financial activity and situation.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

By Renee Caldwell
2021

It is good to see you all here this year.

Membership numbers for the State Grange this year are from the most current count ending August 2021. We have 40 Subordinate Granges with a total of 1101-initiated members, 15 family groups, and 33 associate members for a total membership of 1181. There are 3 active Pomona Granges and 2 active Junior Granges.

The three largest Granges, using the August 2021 figures, were Golden Gate with 180 members, Pikes Peak with 58 members and Redlands Mesa with 52 members.

The past 6 years, working with the Executive Committee has been fun and interesting. This last year Tom Champion has been the Chairman of the Executive Committee with Overseer Gary Wardle, John Cruz, and re-elected Larry Corman and Treasurer Sheryl Ayers. We have worked hard to continue to organize, understand our finances, and streamline our processes. It has been a pleasure to work with all of you.

This in my last year as Secretary. Thanks to all of you for voting me in for the last 6 years. It has been nice working with all of you.

Many thanks to the staff at Southeast Denver Graphics and Publication Printers who handle our Granger Newspaper needs and to Master, Cindy Greer who helps to edit and proof read all the articles.

Annual Agriculture Report David H. McCord, Agriculture Director

Activities for the past 12 months:

Attend Colorado Ag Council monthly meetings (Zoom) during the legislative session and a summer or fall planning meeting.

Monitor bills identified by the Ag Council shown to have an agriculture interest, same for citizen initiatives, especially the PAUSE bill that would destroy our state's animal agriculture. I follow introduction of wolves to western Colorado as approved by voters two years ago.

Newsletters I monitor:

“Weekly Scoop” Colorado Fruit and Vegetable Grower’s Association

Other organizations, emails, notices, meetings, E-newsletters:

Colorado Ag Water Alliance – periodic newsletters, meetings, and conferences on water

Colorado Bow Hunters*

Colorado Muzzleloaders Association*

Colorado Parks and Wildlife* – state agency,

Sportsmen’s Caucus* - meets during the legislative session

Colorado Department of Agriculture
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF)*
USDA newsletters, USFS FSA Newsletter
Emailed newsletters from elected state and national senators and representatives

National Grange:

The Patrons Chain Newsletter

*These organizations address conservation, fishing, hunting, and wildlife issues that may be important for agriculture.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES
2020-2021
Idella Lewis and Karen Baxter, CO Chairpersons

Idella Lewis and Karen Baxter share responsibilities of the Family Activities Department. Idella writes the news articles for *The Granger* and assists with entries at the State Grange Session. Karen enters the entries at the State Grange Session and provides assistance during the judging. Both hand out the awards during awards night at the State Grange Session.

The pattern for the National Quilt Block contest for 2020-2021 was nine patch-pattern. The National quilt block contest is open to both members and prospective members. There is no limit to the number of quilt blocks submitted but only one block per person should be selected to be judged. The quilt blocks are made into finished quilts and are sold at a later date to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit entity.

Even though there weren't entries in the Family Activities events last year because of the pandemic, Grange members still used their time and talents to make and collect baby quilts, hats, scarves, gloves and other items and donate them to those less fortunate in our communities, making life a bit brighter for those in need.

This next year, 2021-2022, Granges should continue to increase participation by promoting the events listed in the handbook which comes out in January. Encourage your Grange members to enter something. It is always interesting to see the many entries at the State Session. Remember to follow the rules that are listed!

. This year there were 76 total entries in the Baking and Needlework categories at the

Colorado State Grange Session in Durango.

Entries came in from seven Granges with the following Granges participating and the entries from each:

- Mt. Allison 23 entries
- Golden Gate 20 entries
- Marvel 13 entries
- Maple Grove 11 entries

- Enterprise 5 entries
- Fountain 2 entries
- Florissant 2 entries

The bake sale held after the judging brought in \$190. Everything sold for \$5 which was turned in to the Family Activities fund.

Following is a list of the winners;

BAKING

Class A Cakes

- 1st Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise
- 2nd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class B Altered Cake Mix

- 1st Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate
- 2nd Vickie Gallegos, Mt. Allison
- 3rd Idella Lewis, Maple Grove

Class C Yeast Bread

- 1st Beverly Weinert, Fountain
- 2nd Norene Hawthorne, Maple Grove
- 3rd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class I Other Candy

- 1st Cindy Greer, Marvel
- 2nd Norene Hawthorne, Maple Grove
- 3rd Idella Lewis, Maple Grove

Class E Bar Cookies

- 1st Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise
- 2nd Norene Hawthorne, Maple Grove
- 3rd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class 1 Canned Foods

- 1st Karen Baxter, Mt. Allison
- 2nd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate
- 3rd Trish Corman, Mt. Allison

Class 3 Juices

- 1st Tom Campion, Marvel
- 2nd Sheryl Ayers, Marvel
- 3rd Trish Corman, Mt. Allison

Class F Cookies

- 1st Cindy Greer, Marvel
- 2nd Norene Hawthorne, Maple Grove
- 3rd Norma Conley, Mt. Allison

Class G Quick Bread

- 1st Norene Hawthorne, Maple Grove
- 2nd Beverly Weinert, Fountain
- 3rd Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise

Class H Fudge

- 1st Shirley Engler & Trish Corman, Mt. Allison
- 2nd Norma Conley, Mt. Allison
- 3rd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class D Sweet Rolls

- 1st Norma Conley, Mt. Allison
- 2nd Cindy Greer, Marvel
- 3rd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class J Gluten free cookies

- 1st Cindy Greer, Marvel

Class 2 Jams & Jellies

- 1st Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate
- 2nd Vickie Gallegos, Mt. Allison

Class 4 Salsas, Tomatoes, Relishes

- 1st Trish Corman, Mt. Allison
- 2nd Vickie Gallegos, Mt. Allison

Class 5 Pickles

1st Ashley Lackey, Enterprise
 2nd Vickie Gallegos, Mt. Allison
 3rd Norma Conley, Mt.Allison

Class 6 Dried Foods

1st Vickie Gallegos, Mt. Allison
 2nd Idella Lewis, Maple Grove
 3rd Trish Corman, Mt. Allison

NEEDLEWORK**Class A Afghans**

1st Pauline Ford, Florida
 2nd Cindy Greer, Marvel
 3rd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class H Table Runner

1st Merle Sachse
 2nd Cindy Greer, Marvel

Class B Sweater

1st Cindy Greer, Marvel

Class I Wall Hanging

1st Marcia Phillips, Florissant
 2nd Merle Sachse, Golden Gate

Class C Crochet, Miscellaneous

1st Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class J Adult Garment

1st Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class E Decorator Pillow

1st Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class N Quilt block

1st Bernie Hall, Marvel
 2nd Karen Baxter, Mt. Allison
 3rd Cindy Greer, Marvel

Class F Machine Quilted Quilt

1st Karen Baxter, Mt. Allison
 2nd Merle Sachse, Golden Gate

Class O Miscellaneous

1st Marcia Phillips, Florissant
 2nd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Mandy Project 2021 Report
Cindy Greer, Coordinator

The Colorado State Grange Mandy project was established in 1998 with a vision of reaching out to non-Grange families and Grange families who have children with a hearing loss. The Colorado State Grange established PICK (People Improving Communities and Kids) a 501c3 organization so that grants could be sought to help with the Mandy Project as well as other Grange departments. One Grange member left a sizeable donation to the project in their will.

The Mandy project through the Colorado State Grange and P.I.C.K. has helped 142 Children obtain services pertaining to their hearing loss. You should be proud of your contributions to this project. It's one way that we get the Grange name out to the public. Thank you for your continued support and promotion of this project.

In 2021 the Mandy Project helped Sydney Hahn (17) with \$1500.00 to help get a hearing aid. At age two Sydney had an ear infection every month. After a year of dealing with the ear infections it was recommended, she get tubes in her ears. At age 3 she had surgery to put tubes in both ears. At age 6 the tubes had not fallen out on their own, so it was recommended that they be surgically removed. The right ear hole did not want to close/heal on its own. Her next surgery was to take some tissue from behind her ear and try and close the hole. That was not successful. Then a tympanoplasty (*is a surgical technique to repair a defect in the tympanic membrane with the placement of a graft, either medial or lateral to the tympanic membrane annulus.*) was recommended to try and fill the hole as well as remove a cholesteatoma (*is an abnormal, noncancerous skin growth that can develop in the middle section of your ear, behind the eardrum. It may be a birth defect, but it's most commonly caused by repeated middle ear infections. A **cholesteatoma** often develops as a cyst, or sac, that sheds layers of old skin*) that had developed as well as try and repair the hole. Unfortunately, that did not work, and she continued to have the hole and the cholesteatoma came back. She had a total of three tympanoplasty surgeries before the surgery was finally successful. Due to the surgeries and caring she has experienced hearing loss in her right ear. It was determined that she might benefit from a hearing aid. She was fitted for a hearing aid through Children's Hospital and was given a loaner to try out. She was amazed at what she had been missing in conversations and the little noises in everyday life.

The family's' goals are for Sydney to feel normal and accepted by her peers. They want her to have all the tools necessary to thrive and grow in this world. She is a high achiever and seemed exhausted at the end of the day and they wondered if it was due to her struggling to hear everything in school, work, etc. In Junior High they noticed that she was struggling socially and now wonder if it was partly due to her hearing loss. As she starts to get ready for college, they want to set her up for success and don't want anything to hold her back from realizing her potential and accomplishing her dreams.

Sydney, her sister and parents live in Littleton, CO.

We received a note from Sally Williams and Siegfried Peter Duray-Bito thanking us again for the support they received from the Mandy project 20 years ago. They shared how the children were doing and the impact our help had on their family.

This year we have received four donations from Amazon Smile due to one person's using smile.amazon when ordering products. You can also help in this simple way by selecting People Improving Communities and Kids as the recipient of a % of your smile.amazon.com orders.

Hearing loss no matter what your age is not an easy thing to deal with. It's more difficult to learn something if you can't hear. We all use several ways to learn things, visual, touch, smell and hearing.

People Improving Communities and Kids (P.I.C.K.)

Cindy Greer, Secretary/Treasurer

The ongoing pandemic has certainly created many challenges for all organizations. Activities have been limited, meeting together has been limited, fund raising has been limited and we've all been affected in one way or another.

PICK continued to offer opportunities for partnerships, but we didn't have cooperation. That just means that we didn't spend much money this year.

We decided to not have a silent auction this year. We catered the two breakfasts at state session as our fund raiser this year.

Community Improvement: We were approached by Altona Grange to partner with them to raise funds for building improvements. In the end they decided that doing a fund raiser on Facebook or through Go Fund Me was not going to meet their needs and went another direction.

ANNUAL REPORTS

PICK filed their two separate reports with the Colorado Secretary of State, as well as our yearly 990 with the Internal Revenue Service.

Juniors and Youth

PICK assists the Junior and Youth Director with expenses for awards for the State Grange convention.

Mandy Project

This year the Mandy project did help one family this year as reported in the Mandy Project report for 2021. Garden Home Grange sent a donation for the project in March.

Our goals are to **build:**

People by recognizing leadership abilities and encouraging talents.

Family by offering a family-oriented environment and emphasizing family values.

Community by working together in a team spirit, providing service and community outreach.

The Board communicates via e-mail. Special thanks to President – Domonic Breton, Vice President – Marlys Halbeisen, Board members – Renee Caldwell and Louetta Phelps.

COLORADO STATE GRANGE LEADERSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Dear Colorado State Grangers,

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report of the Colorado State Grange Leadership and Scholarship Foundation on behalf of Foundation President Jeanne Davies.

The following young adults each received \$1,500 scholarships for the 2021-2022 academic year:

Rebecca Borst	University of Colorado/Colorado Springs	Florissant Grange
Paige Nicholas	Fort Lewis College	Golden Gate
Katrina Borst	University of Colorado/Colorado Springs	Florissant
Emily Kirst	Denver College of Nursing	Golden Gate
Halina Halbiesen	University of Colorado/Colorado Springs	Maple Grove
Nathan Lane	Colorado School of Mines	Maple Grove
William Land	University of Northern Colorado	Garden Home
Teagan Hackett	Red Rocks Community College	Garden Home
Sierra Saltus	Colorado State University	Golden Gate
Miles Green	Red Rocks Community College	Golden Gate
Jared Kirts	Colorado Mesa University	Golden Gate
Chloe Roach	Colorado State University	Golden Gate
Trent Boynczynski	Red Rocks Community College	Golden Gate

On behalf of the President Davies and the Foundation Board, I would like to express our deepest appreciation to those Granges and individuals who contributed to the Foundation in memory of Grangers who have passed. The Foundation is able to fund these scholarships from donations and the earnings from the Foundation corpus fund. Your donation is fully tax deductible, as the Foundation is incorporated under the Internal Revenue Code as a 501(c)(3).

Fraternally and with deepest thanks,

Jim Miller, Treasurer

Colorado State Grange Museum **Audrey Maydew**

It was decided in early 2020 to deed over the Grange Museum and its contents to the City of Aurora. The city had taken over the operation of the Plains Conservation Center several years earlier. The city was very interested in making the museum a part of the offerings at the Plains center. Gary Toby and I started working on deeding the museum and its contents to the city. Due to covid and how slowly a city government works, it took until August of 2021 to properly deed the museum building and its contents to the city.

Once this phase was done, the money that was associated with the museum was donated to the City of Aurora with the understanding that the money will be used in the maintenance and upkeep of the museum.

Currently, none of the buildings are open to the public at the Plains center due to covid. When it is safe to do so, the city will be able to welcome back volunteers for tours, at that time the museum should be open much more often for people to view and enjoy.

I would like to give a special thanks to Gary Toby for his help on making sure all the documentation was done correctly. I would also say thank you to my fellow board members for their support as we move to the next chapter for our little museum.

Submitted by Audrey Maydew, Grange Museum Board

JUNIORS AND YOUTH
Daniel and Jenna Greer

This last year has been quite the ride for the Colorado State JG. Jenna and I have had such a blast serving this wonderful community. We have made some MASSIVE plans and accomplished pretty much everything that we could have dreamed of giving youth and juniors across the state a great experience.

Our plans yet again got thwarted by COVID restrictions. But this time we refused to let it get us down. So, we punted and planned an outing for anyone! We had a Game Day at the Colorado Rockies the beginning of September. It was amazing! We had a great turn out for the one-day event filling 3 rows at the Coors ball field.

While Jenna and I have had TONS of fun and learned so much along the way. God has pulled our lives in a slightly different direction going forward. While, we have had a blast serving you over the past years. We feel that our attention is not on the Youth and JG as much as it should be for this roll. So, we are respectfully stepping down as the Directors. Of course, we will help whoever takes over the roll.

This is such a great organization, and we truly want someone in this position who can devote more attention to it than we can going forward. The Colorado JG and Youth is growing and there are growing opportunities for all of our kids. Jenna and I Would like to take a few moments and thank everyone in the Grange. All of you have touched our lives in one way or another. So, for that we say thank you!

If you ever need us, please don't hesitate to find us on social media or simply give us a call or shoot us an email.

Thank you again for letting us serve you over the past years.

Executive Committee Annual Report
Tom Campion, Chairman

I want to thank you for the honor and privilege of serving on the executive committee. We normally serve three-year terms or finish a term that is vacated for some reason.

As chairman I want to thank my fellow members. They have been working hard for you. We have all been present at most meetings. Worthy Master Cindy Greer has been very diligent in doing the work of the Grange, with lots of travel and Zoom meetings. Brother Larry Corman has acted as the main contact with our financial advisor and keeps the Executive Committee apprised of the Grange investments. Brother John Cruz always has valuable input on the many matters that come before us. Worthy Overseer Gary Wardle provides valuable advice and continuity of Grange history. We have been served very well by the Worthy Secretary Renee Caldwell, who will be very greatly missed, and Worthy Treasurer Sheryl Ayers who has spent much time getting the books in better shape.

The five members of the Executive Committee make it very much a working committee. We will have one face to face meeting after the annual meeting and by-monthly meetings by Zoom, which saves much time and travel costs. When needed, other business is handled by email, lots of emails.

Perhaps one of our more important duties is to develop a draft annual budget. Brother Larry has been doing much of this work. Then the committee goes over the draft line by line often making changes. When finished, a vote is taken to present it to the budget committee at the state session. That Zoom meeting was about three hours long, as I recall.

Last year was a tough one for many Granges. Many lost rental revenues because of Covid. The Executive Committee decided to offer some help with a one-time grant to help with expenses. We didn't have state session expenses that had been budgeted. So, we offered up to \$2000 with supporting information showing the need. Some Granges have taken advantage of the offer. I think there is still money available.

The State Grange has for some time had some bookkeeping issues. These have accumulated over the years. Not really anyone's' fault. Accounts were opened and used and never closed, money transferred without proper paperwork, etc. We needed an audit, but where to start? Sister Sheryl and brother Larry have been working with a Quick books expert who was also a CPA in the past. I'm happy to say that many of the issues have been resolved and work will continue. We all take our fiduciary responsibilities very seriously.

You may be surprised to learn that not all Granges run smoothly. This seems too often be because of a misunderstanding of our guiding documents, the Digest of Laws and Bylaws. It falls to the Worthy Master to explain them and smooth some feathers. She is, I believe, an able statesman.

A sad thing that comes to our attention from time to time is the closing of a Grange. This happens more often than I like but is often the only choice for a Grange. The Worthy Master keeps us apprised of these events and guides the Granges through the steps necessary for a smooth closing.

This is by no means a complete accounting of the work the committee has done on your behalf. I hope you will read through the minutes from the past year when you get a chance. I think you may find them interesting. You should have copies in your packet.

Again, thank you for your trust.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Sept 26, 2020

The meeting was called to order, at 3:30 p.m. by John Cruz. The meeting was held via Zoom. Master Cindy Greer, Overseer Gary Wardle, Committee members, John Cruz, and Larry Corman, Treasurer Sheryl Ayers and Secretary Renee Caldwell were in attendance.

Larry nominated Tom Campion and the new Chairman, Gary 2nd and it carried.

John nominated Larry as Vice Chair, Gary 2nd and it carried.

Gary moved to hold the 2021 State Session in the Durango area, it was 2nd and carried.

A motion was made to send \$100.00 to the National Grange Foundation in lieu of gifts to delegates at the National convention. It was seconded and carried.

All members of the executive committee need to be reviewing the Privacy Policy between now and the next meeting for changes.

Cindy signed the GIA annual agreement.

Our next meeting will be Dec. 9th at 9:00 am, by Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Dec 7, 2020

The meeting was called to order, at 10:30 a.m. by Tom Campion. The meeting was held via Zoom. Master Cindy Greer, Overseer Gary Wardle, Committee members Tom Campion, John Cruz, and Larry Corman, and Secretary Renee Caldwell were in attendance.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was 2nd and carried.

Bills and Receipts

Approval of the Bills and Receipts was tabled until Treasurer, Sheryl could get us the updated lists. We will do this business by email in the near future.

Communications:

A request for a donation came in the mail from Ag in the Classroom.

Paperwork for Transferring the Grange Museum to The City of Aurora was sent by email for review.

Suzanne Harness from Pleasant View Grange requested info on how to proceed with the sale of the building. Gary Wardle volunteered to talk to her and will call before Christmas.

Business Conducted via email during April, May and June

The Executive board members voted via email to donate \$60 to Ag in the Classroom. The Executive board members discussed the Museum transfer to the City of Aurora. Audrey Maydew is working on it. Cindy wrote a letter approving the transfer.

Granges

Pleasant View – are maintaining a membership of 13 and are trying to remain a Grange for now.

Grandview– needs to have the property appraised for sale as they cannot afford to keep and maintain it. They need to know who signs important paperwork. Cindy has informed them that Grandview Grange should make the decision as to whom should sign the paperwork (Master/President or Secretary or whomever they select). They requested that the Colorado State Grange pay for the appraisal and once the building is sold, they will reimburse us. Larry moved to have the State Grange pay for the appraisal. Gary 2nd the motion and it carried,

Lake Vista - Cindy received a phone call from the owners of the land behind the Lake Vista Grange Hall. He reports they don't use the building and undesirable people have been using the grounds and parking lot to do drugs. He tried to talk to the Lake Vista Grangers with no luck. Lake Vista has caught up on dues.

Breen – Mae Morley thinks they should dissolve, they have no building and only 5 members. They have been informed that the members should sign a letter agreeing to dissolve. Their members could join Marvel as they are in the same area. Breen has caught up on dues.

Old Business

History Book update: Master Cindy, Jeannie and Loeda talked about finishing and printing and a possible digital copy available on line. Larry sent a link to Amazon to use as their “create a book” cost is very reasonable. We discussed how many books we should have printed. The discussion ranged from 40 to 100.

Review of Books – Cindy talked to Sheryl who talked to Valerie Borge. Valerie can do the review in January. She will do a two-year review with a target date of April 1. Fees were not discussed. The board decided that Cindy and Sheryl would discuss the fees with Valerie. There is no known legal deadline to have the review done. Gary moved we authorize Valerie Borge to do the Review of books by April 1 and that Cindy & Sheryl make sure the price is fair. Seconded and carried.

New Business:

Larry submitted the Privacy Policy with the changes as they pertain to the State Grange. Gary moved to accept, John 2nd and it carried.

National Grange Session was held for 2 days on Zoom. 2 Executive members were elected and installed.

15 passed delegates passed away during the year.

The Masters Conference will be held in February.

Resolutions were put in a file for view on line, but have not been uploaded as yet.

Bonding information for the new year was sent out. Larry moved to bond the State Grange Office for \$500,000, a level of \$375/year. Gary 2nd the motion and it carried.

It was decided to renew with AIL since there is no cost to the State Grange.

Master's Report – see below

Overseer Report

Gary reported that he has been doing Wheat Ridge Grange things and joined his HOA Board.

Ex. Comm report

Larry reported that his Grange has been quiet, they did not have a Harvest supper, first time in 100 years because of Covid. County is in Red.

John reported that Maple Grove is also quiet because of Covid, handling business by e-mail.

Tom reported the same for his Grange. Cancelled December meeting, but the hall is being used some.

Secretary Report

Renee said she is keeping up the normal work at the office. The Roster and JOP are almost ready to go out and she will send them to Cindy for review on Wed. She shared that her Grange had a successful “take out Dinner” that had 150 orders and the Grange was a bit overwhelmed because they didn’t expect that large of a response, so they decided to do the same for Halloween and had a drive through Halloween event and a Drive Through Thanksgiving Dinner Event. They fed over 200 people and took left overs to the homeless in Colorado Springs. They plan to have a Drive Through Christmas with Santa event as well.

The next meeting: February the 8th at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:43

Respectfully submitted by:

Renee Caldwell

Secretary

Colorado State Grange Master's Report

October we were headed to Sedalia to deliver awards and a charter to Sunflower Grange but didn't make it as we hit a deer which deployed the airbags and made the car unable to drive. We were not hurt but the car was totaled after a week of insurance. So, we mailed the awards to them and the charter was sent to Renee to sign and get to them.

The national 2021 committee met via zoom and Elizabeth and I participated. Our next meeting is in December.

National session was held via Zoom. We spend two days on Zoom, covered resolutions, elected two executive committee member using Survey Monkey, held the memorial service and installation of officer. National opened in the seventh degree using the words from the manual, then lowered to the fourth degree. Second day opened in the fourth degree just using the words from the manual. Lots of discussion on terminology for officers. Budget was discussed and passed. Hoping to have Master's conference in South Carolina in February. Hotel in PA refunded the Grange all of its deposits and have looked at going there in five years, but they are not being as cooperative with the costs, so it seems doubtful that they will end up there.

Watched a movie that Animas Valley Grange shared called "Kiss the Ground" which gives the positive effects of not tilling the soil and how they feel it affects the climate.

Participated in Marvel Grange's events: Halloween Bash, Community Breakfast, and Veterans Day program. Two quilts of Valor were presented. Quilts were provided by Florissant Grange Quilt of Valor Guild.

Sent letters to Lake Vista, Breen, Lambert and Redlands Mesa about being delinquent in paying their dues for 3 quarters. All have now paid their dues.

Have talked several times with Grand View Grange about the sale of their building but as of yet have received no proper paper work.

In September I signed up to attend a Zoom on Growth through Action offered by Joseph Stefenoni, but something came up and I rescheduled for October and then we started out to Sedalia. Anyway, I didn't get to participate but did receive the packet of information. I thought there was going to be one held in December, but have never heard a date.

Have had several conversations with Pleasant View Grange about their situation.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Feb 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order, at 10:32 a.m. by Tom Campion. The meeting was held via Zoom. Master Cindy Greer, Overseer Gary Wardle, Committee members Tom Campion, and Larry Corman, Secretary Renee Caldwell and Treasurer Sheryl Ayers were in attendance.

A motion by Gary was made to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was 2nd and carried.

Bills and Receipts

Cindy moved to approve the Bills from Dec. 2020 and January 2021. The motion was 2nd and carried.

Gary moved to approve the receipts from Dec. 2020 and January 2021. The motion was 2nd and carried.

The Bills and Receipts from the last meeting which were tabled until Treasurer, Sheryl could get us the updated lists were brought to the table. Cindy moved to approve, the motion was 2nd and carried.

Larry asked for a Year-end report for 2020.

Communications:

Pinnacol Assurance email with new policy available.

Grandview Grange emailed a request for a copy of their deed. The copy was sent.

Redlands Mesa emailed a request for any History on their Grange we could find. I copied and emailed pages from the History Book and Master Cindy also sent them some information.

GIA sent an email for the GIA Virtual Policy Holders meeting. The email was forwarded to Master Cindy.

Colorado Ag Foundation sent a Thank you for the donation.

Colorado Ag Foundation also sent a Christmas Card and a letter which Sheryl Received and she will scan them to send to the office for the files.

Business Conducted via email:

Ag Council Membership Dues were due. A unanimous vote to pay the Dues was take via email Community Services Funds came from National and the funds were distributed to the Colorado community service winners as prescribed by National.

GIA requested the total number of members for their membership donation. The funds came in and are on the deposit slip.

Master Cindy suggested a Zoom training for Granges. It was decided to have the training on March 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Master Cindy sent us information on the Masonic Lodge for our 2021 State Session in Durango. Everyone agreed to use the Lodge again a deposit will be made when we receive the contract with a clause stating that if there are still restrictions because of Covid, we will not be held to the contract.

Granges

Grandview: At our last meeting we agreed to pay for the appraisal for Grandview. We have not received a copy of the appraisal or an invoice at this date.

Lake Vista: We requested a copy of their Deed but have not received one. Master Cindy and husband Harry visited the building and it looked to be in good condition with the windows boarded up. Complaints from the neighbor may be invalid.

Florida: Florida requested funds they still have on hand to fix their windows. Larry moved to approve the request and Cindy and Tom 2nd in unison. The motion carried.

Redlands Mesa: Redlands Mesa held a fundraiser with take Lasagna, Salad and Brownie.

Old Business

History Book update: Master Cindy has not talked to Jeannie or Loeda. Cindy is investigating the Amazon publishing avenue. Deciding to buy copies and sell ourselves or put-on Amazon.

Review of Books (Audit) – Sheryl will talk to Valerie B who will review the books by April.

New Business:

Larry suggested making funds available for Granges in trouble because of Covid to relieve their financial stress in the form of a Grant that does not have to be paid back. Gary suggested covering hall maintenance and operating expenses if needed. Tom suggested having an itemized request for the use of the funds including a copy of the invoice. Cindy and Larry are going to work on a statement for the Granger with all the necessary requirements for the Grant.

Gary moved that the CSG establish an Emergency Relief fund in the amount of \$20,000.00 offering Granges up to \$2,000 each for ongoing maintenance and operating cost and that 2-month bank statements be submitted with the request. Larry 2nd and the motion carried.

Gary suggested that we contact Lincoln investments and now have the reinvest the excess funds this time. Larry will contact Lincoln.

The Raffle License renewal was discussed. Gary moved to renew the raffle license. The motion was 2nd and carried.

Larry is concerned about the charges that Lincoln investments passes onto us every time there is a transaction. He will contact a representative from Schwab to talk with us at our next meeting.

Master's Report – see below

Overseer Report

Gary reported that he has been working with Wheat Ridge Grange and that they are back to renting the building some. Gary shared that he and Kathy will get their second COVID vaccine soon.

Ex. Comm report

Tom reported, he and Jean had received their first Covid vaccine Shots

Larry had nothing to report. Things are on standby due to Shirley Engler's Shingles pain.

Secretary Report

Renee said she has been cleaning the office and while doing so, found \$346 dollars that was in an envelope with Women's activities and the date 2012 written on it. The funds were deposited as cash. After discussion the funds were credited to Family Activities.

Treasurer Sheryl Ayers reported she is feeling better and moving around better.

The next meeting: April the 12th at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:50

Respectfully submitted by:
Renee Caldwell
Secretary

Master's Report

Worked on setting up a zoom conference for Granges in the state to promote programs. January 11 – Contacted Masonic Lodge about renting building for state session.

January 15 – talked with Jim & Amy Miller regarding Scholarship Leadership Foundation checks and how to handle in future.

January 15 – Talked with owner of property behind Lake Vista Grange. Need to try to obtain deed.

Master's/President's conference rescheduled for end of April.

January 18 – contacted Lake Vista Grange about getting a copy of their deed.

January 27 Answered Redlands Mesa Question on when they were chartered.

January 29 – answered question from Ann St. John about AIL insurance. Signed and e-mailed Support the Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act letter.

Yesterday, January 7 Harry and I made a trip to Lake Vista Grange to see the property to see if the neighbor's comments were accurate. We found quite a few tire tracks in the parking lot, but no evidence of drug paraphernalia around the building. The windows are boarded up and all door appeared to be locked.

We also drove by Mount Lookout Grange in Mancos to see the work they have done on the building. It looks good and we noticed a few additional changes on the property.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order, at 10:40 a.m. by Tom Campion. The meeting was held via Zoom. Master Cindy Greer, Overseer Gary Wardle, Committee members Tom Campion, John Cruz and Larry Corman, Secretary Renee Caldwell and Treasurer Sheryl Ayers were in attendance.

A review of the Finances was done by Valerie Borge, a CPA (currently she has let her certification lapse because her job does not require the certification and it is costly). She did not sign the audit letter because of her CPA not being current. Her observations and recommendations are as follows:

The Accounts need a detailed review as it looks like it hasn't been done since 1995.

Escrow accounts, Equity accounts... money has been moved with no record of where it was moved to.

Cash accounts with no balances

Bank accounts not reconciled for 3 years and we are \$5800 out of balance with the bank.

Valerie suggested that going forward we hang on the historical accounts, don't try to clean them at this time, but consider opening a 2nd "business" in Quick Books software to start clean. She suggested a review of our equity accounts because some of them are not meaningful. Val said we need to build reliable accounts for 2021. This would not have an effect on the IRS.

Sheryl looked into Payroll companies and because of the cost and our small payroll, 2 employees paid once a month that it was not worth the expense. She said we have overpaid the IRS for at least the last 3 quarters and we don't want to go back and correct it as long as we go forward with the right information. Sheryl has done payroll in the past and knows how to move forward and do our payroll. We discussed issues that could arise if and when a new treasurer is elected. Valerie suggested we find someone who knows Quick Books or hire someone if and when Sheryl is no longer treasurer.

Sheryl suggested that we find more funds for Valerie for all her hard work. Larry moved to compensate Valerie for what she has done and for an additional 20 hours of help. John 2nd and the motion carried.

Larry moved to compensate Sheryl for all the hard work she has done on the books, it was discussed and decided to pay her a stipend or honorarium of \$500. Cindy 2nd and the motion carried.

A motion by Gary was made to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was 2nd by John and carried.

Bills and Receipts

Larry moved to approve the Bills from February 2021 and March 2021, Cindy 2nd. The motion carried.

Gary moved to approve the receipts from February 2021 and March 2021. The motion was 2nd by Larry and carried.

Communications:

We received a request from Golden Gate Grange for a copy of the Bill for Fire Mitigation (Legislation), Cindy sent then the info that she had.

Review of the quick books – see above

Business Conducted via email:

Cindy sent out a video/recording of the training meeting in February.
The Ex. Comm approved the Enterprise Grange Hall easement.
Florida requested funds from the sale of Eureka and received the funds.

Granges:

Grandview – Grandview Grange was discussed as they are selling their building. When the building is sold the funds would go into Custodial Funds if they did not remain a Grange. So far,

they plan to remain a Grange and we do not know if the building has sold. Colorado State Grange agreed to pay for the appraisal on the building, but we have never received an invoice.

Lewis Grange is planning on applying for financial assistance.

Old Business

Review of Accounts – this is done

State Session – Cindy called the Masonic Lodge, the person in charge has been on vacation and when he returns, he will send a contract.

6th degree – John would like to go back to the traditional day, Tom shared that he thought having it on a Saturday afternoon might get more participation, and it was discussed to change it to a different day. It was decided to discuss this by email.

New Business:

American Income Life – Larry moved to renew this, Gary 2nd and the motion carried with one opposed.

Initiative 16 – We received an email from Dave McCord. The Initiative would have a huge impact on 4-H livestock and the 4-H members. It was decided to put the facts in the newspaper. Larry moved to take a stand to oppose the Initiatives 16, Gary 2nd and the motion carried.

Cindy proposed to have a raffle to help people get to National Session. Gary moved to have a raffle and Larry 2nd and the motion carried.

Jeanne Davies Birthday is the 15th. Her Daughter would like to have a card shower. Renee will send out the information by email.

Great Plains gathering is in June 11 – 13 in Oklahoma.

Master's Report – see below

Overseer Report

Gary reported that he has been working with Wheat Ridge Grange. They had a BBQ with 60 people present.

Ex. Comm report

John reported that things have not resumed at Maple Grove as yet.

Tom said things are moving along for him.

Larry has been helping with the care of his mother-in-law.

Secretary Report

Renee reported that all is caught up at the office and that her Grange had a very successful Easter Egg Hunt with 73 kiddos showing up with their parents and grandparents.

The next meeting: Monday June 21st at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:45

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Respectfully submitted by:

Renee Caldwell

Secretary

Master's Report

February 13 – Mailed Master's Newsletter

February 14 – Renewed Raffle License

February 15 – answered e-mail question about Grant from Mount Lookout Grange

Lambert Grange responded to notification about Zoom Meeting in March.

February 16 – Enterprise Grange information received and working on getting papers notarized.

February 23 – National 2021 meeting via zoom

March 5 – member of Pleasant View Grange contacted me about paying dues, over weekend managed to get phone number for new Pres of Pleasant View Grange.

March 10 – Emma Shock contacted me about an issue with her change of address. Ruth Shocks address also got changed at the same time, so Emma was getting her Granger and Ruth's.

Notified Renee to make correction to mailing list for Ruth.

March 12 – Completed National Grange Compensation form for 2021 for forming New Granges.

Contacted Ruth Wilson about playing piano for State Session and Seventh Degree.

March 17 – Participated in Redlands Mesa Grange Zoom meeting. They have some construction going on at the Fire department that is located right next to the Grange. The Grange will have election in April, 2021. Dues increased \$7.00 (\$62.00 per year). \$2.00 per month per member for building. Lasagna Dinner - \$1165 plus Tips of \$145.00. \$1310 net income. Membership drive \$2100.00. 47 members. Discussed opening building up for rent – tabled until April meeting. Small meetings are taking place (ditch meeting, 4-H, etc.). Future fund raiser ideas discussed. Kids Pasta Project scheduled for June 21 tentatively.

March 21 – Pikes peak Grange asked about a Liability Waiver for rentals. I found one from a Grange in Washington State that I Shared with her.

March 24 – talked to Kennedy Gwin, National Grange Communication director about our Meatless day and its effects on the livestock Ag industry. She was writing an Op-ed.

March 29 – Zoom meeting went well. It was recorded and put up on You Tube for those that forgot or couldn't log in that night. I think there were 17 participants or so.

March 31 – watched National Master's kick off for Grange Month.

April 1 – Email from Colorado History Foundation about contacting people at Colona Grange. I sent her the information we have.

April 9,10,11 – tried to contact Teresa M from Grandview Grange

April 11 – contacted Masonic Lodge in Durango again about contract.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 21, 2021

The meeting was called to order, at 10:42 a.m. by Tom Campion. The meeting was held via Zoom. Master Cindy Greer, Overseer Gary Wardle, Committee members Tom Campion, John

Cruz and Larry Corman, Secretary Renee Caldwell and Treasurer Sheryl Ayers were in attendance.

A motion by Gary was made to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was 2nd by John and carried.

Bills and Receipts

John moved to approve the Bills from April 2021 and May 2021, Gary 2nd and the motion carried.

Gary moved to approve the receipts from April 2021 and May 2021. The motion was 2nd by John and carried.

Communications and Business Conducted via email

We received the Bingo Raffle License email
The Sale of Building Digest email came from National
Rocky Mountain Hi Grange sent out notice that they have disbanded. They were a Grange Insurance Grange; they have no building or bank account.

Granges:

Grandview Grange -- sold their building, they have not sent their Check to CSG as yet, Master Cindy will give them a call.

Liberty Hall Grange -- sent a check for past dues and have decided to dissolve their Grange. They will turn in their Charter. Master Cindy said she would check with them.

Victory Grange – is dealing with issues with the county because of a food truck. They need a pad for the truck to be on and they have sewer drain issues.

Old Business

State Session

Session fee – Larry moved to approve the SS fee of \$30 this year, Gary 2nd and it carried.

Meals – the meal reservation form has the information for meals and Mt. Allison Grange will handle the Banquet.

Speaker – we are still looking – possible topic could be the reintroduction of wolves into Colorado.

Spotlight on Grange – we need to invite a Grange to talk about what they are doing.

Quilts of Valor – we need 3 or more. A motion was made by Larry to give 2 Banquet tickets to recipients as motivation to attend the Banquet. Gary 2nd and it carried. Florissant Grange will provide one quilt.

National Session

Volunteers are needed for various positions.

New Business:

CSG trailer needs to be moved to Durango. Master Cindy will find someone with a truck to move it before State Session.

State Fair Display is being worked on by Master Cindy.

Master's Report – see below

Overseer Report

Gary reported that he has been working with Wheat Ridge Grange and they have been doing repairs around the Grange. They have new locks for all the renters.

Ex. Comm report

Larry says things are slow at Mt. Allison. They are open for Food Share.

John says Maple Grove is having meetings again and they attended the funeral for Laverne Jessop.

Secretary Report

Renee will send out the packets for State Session by July 1.

Treasurer

Sheryl has caught up the amounts we owed from the paychecks to Colorado Dept. of Revenue.

The next meeting: Thursday Aug 19 at 10:30 a.m. by ZOOM

Meeting Adjourned: 11:45

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Respectfully submitted by:

Renee Caldwell

Secretary

Masters report of June:

April 23 and 24 was the on-line Master's conference. Heard from Youth and Junior Directors about Fundraiser Virtual telethon and the reason for fund raising. Pete Pompper shared Community Service information, had a discussion about how to jumpstart Grange after COVID, discussed diversity report, had discussion about needs of the National Grange Building in DC – Delegates will be asked at the convention this year what to do. There were only four or five States not represented.

American Income Life – signed forms – Colona Grange had a member who had a question which I ended up directing her to Rachel Shelton who is my contact with the company.

Raffle tickets were sent out.

May 13 – Talked to Ruth Wilson who will be playing piano for the seventh degree at National and at state session – confirmed dates and some financial reimbursement.

Talked to National Grange Trademark Lawyer, Jim Bicoff about the Grange Hall restaurant opening in Denver August 1. We can have an invitation to go, will need to fill out a report for National on condition of building, cleanliness of bathrooms and food quality and take Pictures.

Communicated with Tami who is in charge of printing Granger.

May 17 – called Liberty Hall Grange, Bill Deaver and discussed their situation. They have not paid dues for three quarters, but someone in the community was wanting to know more about the Grange Ritual, so there is a possibility of rebuilding the Grange. This contact only happened in the last month, so he’s been waiting to see if anything transpired. Seems that the property has been signed over to a community group, but the Grange name is still on the building. We discussed what should happen if they give up the charter with regalia and Grange Property and the sign on the building.

May 20/21 e-mailed Redlands Mesa Master/President several documents about officers and duties and membership.

June - Contacted potential caterers for meals (PICK, Eastern Star, Mt. Allison Grange, and others who were eliminated). Reminded the Past Master and Alumni president of their duties at state session. Talked with Flora about Rose Drill.

Received \$500.00 from Grange Advocacy for letter printed about The Governors Meatless day and the proposed legislation.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Aug 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order, at 9:31 a.m. by Tom Campion. The meeting was held via Zoom. Master Cindy Greer, Overseer Gary Wardle, Committee members Tom Campion, John Cruz and Larry Corman, Secretary Renee Caldwell and Treasurer Sheryl Ayers were in attendance.

A Cindy moved to approve the minutes as amended from the last meeting. The motion was 2nd by Larry and carried.

Bills and Receipts

Larry moved to approve the Bills from June 2021 and July 2021, Gary 2nd and the motion carried.

Larry moved to approve the receipts from June 2021 and July 2021. The motion was 2nd by Gary and carried with one opposed.

Larry moved to move \$10,000 from Lincoln Financial to our checking account after Sheryl said the balance was low. Gary 2nd the motions and it carried.

Communications and Business Conducted via email

Paper was donated from Norm Union, Gary picked it up. It is a lot of legal sized paper.

Larry sent out the financial statements from Lincoln and says we are doing ok and staying even on the principal.

The Executive Committee approved support of the National Lecturers program with \$100 donation.

Granges

Pikes Peak – Anita Hoyer has one executive committee member who appointed his own executive committee. Cindy sent copies of the by-laws and constitution to them to help them with this.

Liberty Hall – Cindy spoke to Bill Deaver and let him know he has until Sept 30 to get the paperwork to Cindy on dissolving the Grange. The building was transferred to a community group several years ago.

Old Business

CSG trailer was moved to Hesperus by Dan Greer.

State Fair – Master Cindy said the Display is in progress and she will go to Pueblo to set up and take down.

Hospitality Room will be handled by Sandy Valencia, from Marvel Grange.

Some officers will be absent – Marlys Halbeisen son was in an accident and she is going to Texas to help care for him. Larry Corman has a daughter moving to Texas and he made commitments to help her move. Roger Ayers will fill in for him.

Fruit for the sixth degree will be picked up by Tom Campion

Cindy will get the sound system from Daniel Greer.

National Grange Session 2021 – register before Sept 1 for best deal on cost. Fee goes up twice between Sept 1 and Nov.

New Business:

Renee made some suggestions for the New Secretary

Work from home and save CSG from paying for an office since everything is now on the laptop that is needed to do the job.

Possibly pay for part of the New Secretaries internet and phone if he/she works from home.

Consider selling the furniture brought to Florissant to set up an office as it is not used.

Larry suggested taking pictures and sending out to the Granges to see if any of the Granges could use the items and then sending one check to CSG.

Budget – the proposed budget was reviewed and revised. Larry moved to approve the proposed budget and John 2nd it. The Motion carried.

Master's Report – see below

Overseer Report

Gary reported that he has been working with Wheat Ridge Grange and they had a successful BBQ and Pancake Breakfast. He attended the Pomona Picknick at Pleasant Park.

Ex. Comm report

Larry said he has been busy with Mt Allison and will send the delegates and officers soon. He helped with the Fair.

John said Maple Grove is back to having meetings. He said he is taking a vacation to Hawaii.

Secretary Report

Renee has been busy getting ready for State Session and working on getting the office ready to transfer to a new Secretary.

The next meeting: Saturday September 25 after the Banquet

Meeting Adjourned: 12:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Renee Caldwell

Secretary

Masters report:

June/July/Aug Master activities

Information given to Individual trying to contact Crescent Grange for rental.

Contacted via e-mail Colorado Commission on redistricting.

Contacted Idella about Hospitality Room.

Contacted Liberty Hall Grange.

Met with Elizabeth Hiner to discuss duties for State Session and Needs for National convention.

Met with Ruth Wilson F. in regards to music for State session.

E-mailed Christopher Cleary a list of photos needed at state session.

Grandview Grange sold on April 2, 2021 for \$404,500.00 to Paul & Gaynell Reyno.

Liberty Hall Grange officially changed their name with the Secretary of State in 2013 and amended and restated their articles of incorporation to be Liberty Hall, Incorporated. The original incorporation papers were filed in 1950. The deed was not officially changed until January of 2021. Liberty Hall Grange fell apart two years ago – current leadership is working on getting the proper documents to dissolve. They have been given until September 30, the end of the next quarter to get those documents back to us in order to avoid paying any further dues.

Lake Vista Grange has no deed on file that is on-line, but their tax assessment has the State Grange's address on it from the S. Lima Street location, so after State Session we will need to file a change of address.

Participated in the Grange Revival in Sturgis July 20-24. There were 135 participants. Great time visiting with Grangers, site seeing and learning about the area. 2023 location and dates were announced (Michigan). Two Quilts of Valor were presented.

August 3 talked to Anita Hoyer about issues with an executive committee member in Pikes Peak Grange. August 4 gave her information about audit of treasurer's books.

August 4 contacted speaker for State Session.

August 7-16 La Plata County Fair/ Pomona Concession.

August 18 – Talked with Anita Hoyer and provided constitution, by-laws and Digest for reference for office vacancies and election of officers.

Also answered questions from members of another Grange concerning by-laws and election of officers.

**LIST OF RESOLUTIONS
2021 ANNUAL CONVENTION
COLORADO STATE GRANGE**

Committees are identified as follows:

Agriculture, Cooperatives & Water Resources.....	AG
Legislation & Taxation, Ecology, Health, Education & Welfare.....	L/TEHEW
Good of the Order.....	GOTO
Grange Activities.....	GA
Budget.....	B

TITLE	DELEGATE ACTION
Initiative 16 (Pause Act)	Adopted
Add checks and balances to the public initiative process.....	Rejected
Improve cottonwood pass as an alternative route when 1-70 through Glenwood Canyon is closed.....	Adopted
Broad Bank Account Reporting to the IRS.....	Adopted
American Income Life.....	Adopted
National Grange Convention Processing Fee.....	Adopted
“Board of Directors” Title.....	Adopted
New Member Packets.....	Adopted
Appreciation of Leadership.....	Adopted
Appreciation of Service.....	Adopted
General Appreciation.....	Adopted

**AG 1
INITIATIVE 16 (PAUSE ACT)**

WHEREAS, in 2021 individuals with direct ties to well-known animal extremist groups (PETA and Direct Action Everywhere) began Initiative 16 (PAUSE ACT); and

WHEREAS, Initiative 16 was written by individuals with no animal husbandry background; and

WHEREAS, the initiative would affect pets as well as animals that are a source of food for meat-eating individuals; and

WHEREAS, the initiative calls for a change in statutes dealing with criminal cruelty to animals, even though there are already protections in place for animals; and it would include criminalizing certain animal husbandry practices (including procedures for common and routine animal care and management); and

WHEREAS, the Colorado State Grange Executive Committee voted to oppose Initiative 16; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Colorado State Grange opposes future initiatives similar to Initiative 16 which affect the food supply, spaying and neutering, birthing assistance and reproductive practices (artificial insemination, pregnancy diagnosis, fertility testing, etc.) in animals.

GOTO 1
American Income Life

WHEREAS, the Colorado State Grange has partnered with American Income Life (AIL) since 2006 to provide a \$4,000 accidental death and dismemberment policy to members at no financial cost; and

WHEREAS, some Grange families and members have benefited from the insurance; and

WHEREAS, some Grange members have needed the additional insurance offered; and

WHEREAS, some Grange members object to receiving calls from AIL; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to opt out of AIL was presented in *The Colorado Granger* and not one single reply was received by the Colorado State Grange office; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Colorado State Grange continue partnership with American Income Life for the next year.

GOTO 2
National Grange Convention Processing Fee

WHEREAS, the National Grange has increased the registration fee for participants at the National Grange convention; and

WHEREAS, the registration fee is intended to cover the cost of renting rooms for meetings and other general expenses (audio/visual, workshops, entertainment, speakers, meals for guests, paper, name tags, etc.); and

WHEREAS, the National Grange also initiated a 5% processing fee on the entire registration, including meals; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Grange pay dues; and

WHEREAS, each state Grange has been sending \$1.00 per member each year for a special convention fund to cover convention expenses; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Colorado State Grange opposes the processing fee added to each registration that the National Grange has instituted.

GOTO 3
“Board of Directors” Title

WHEREAS, the title “Board of Directors” has a meaning in public and business that is different from its meaning in the Patrons of Husbandry; and

WHEREAS, the public understands a Board of Directors having control over the organization and its elected and appointed officers; and

WHEREAS, Grange dictates that the Executive Committee makes decisions only between regular meetings of the Grange; and

WHEREAS, the “Board of Directors” title is causing confusion among some Subordinate Grange members; and

WHEREAS, Grange laws are not understood completely by all members especially by members who reside in the world where a Board of Directors has control of the officers and officials; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Grange at all levels refer to their Executive Committee as “Executive Committee” in all internal communications; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the duties and responsibilities of the Grange Executive Committee as stated in the National *Digest* and in the installation of officers be communicated to the Granges at all levels, informing them that the Executive Committee works in conjunction with the Master and Overseer (President and Vice-President), not in control of those officers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange be the responsible party for communicating information about the Grange “Executive Committee” responsibilities and privileges.

GOTO 4 New Member Packets

WHEREAS, new members are essential to the continued existence of the Grange at all levels; and

WHEREAS, each Grange is unique; and

WHEREAS, Subordinate secretaries submit the names and addresses of new members to the Colorado State Grange secretary; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Colorado State Grange prepare a welcome packet for new members, explaining member benefits and that the State Grange Secretary communicates with each Grange Secretary to determine the best way to provide the packets to the new members.

LTEHEW 3
**IMPROVE COTTONWOOD PASS AS AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE WHEN I-70
THROUGH GLENWOOD CANYON IS CLOSED**

WHEREAS the Glenwood Canyon portion of I-70 is too frequently closed due to fires, extreme rain storms, and vehicle wrecks, and

WHEREAS the closures pose severe economic and practical challenges for efficient east-west movement of freight and people through Colorado, and

WHEREAS an efficient alternate route is needed. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED that Colorado State Grange supports the improvement of the Cottonwood Pass Road linking Gypsum on I-70 and Highway 82 south of Glenwood Springs as a practical alternative route.

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L/TEHEW 4
Broad Bank Account reporting to the IRS

Whereas policymakers in Washington have proposed requiring banks to report virtually all their customers' bank account information and activity to the IRS regardless of the customers' consent and

Whereas community banks do not endorse such broad IRS access to their customers' account information and consumers need to be aware of the potential effects of this proposal and

Whereas mandating new, broad bank account reporting to the IRS would infringe on the privacy of bank customers, push more people away from a banking relationship and overload the IRS with more personal information about American citizens than it can possibly process or keep safe from a data hack now therefore be it

Resolved that the Colorado State Grange opposes legislation that requires community banks to report to the IRS all customers' bank account information without their expressed consent and be it further

Resolved that the Colorado State Grange encourage all Grangers to contact their legislators regarding this issue.

GA 1
Appreciation of Leadership
(Written in committee)

WHEREAS, every organization functions better with competent, even skilled, dedicated leadership; and

WHEREAS, we have been fortunate to have Cindy Greer in leadership as our State Master for the last six years; and

WHEREAS, Cindy is a model of service to the Grange and its members, while continuing to serve her community and family also; and

WHEREAS, Colorado has been represented superbly at National Grange by our State Master, Cindy Greer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Grange members at this 148th session of the Colorado State Grange extend heartfelt appreciation to Cindy Greer for her service and leadership in our Grange.

GA 2
Appreciation for Service
(Written in committee)

WHEREAS, when Renee Caldwell became Colorado State Grange Secretary, the first task was relocating the State Grange office; and

WHEREAS, it was her suggestion to move it to Florissant in order to avoid travel expenses for the Grange; and

WHEREAS, she also helped save money by cancelling and/or not renewing some expensive equipment contracts; and

WHEREAS, Renee worked to streamline and digitize much of the Grange's information; and

WHEREAS, Grangers and non-Grangers all appreciated her pleasant and cheerful demeanor on work issues; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Grange members at this 148th session of the Colorado State Grange extend heartfelt appreciation to Renee Caldwell for her dedicated service as State Secretary the last six years.

GA 3
General Appreciation
(Written in committee)

WHEREAS, David McCord (Agriculture), Idella Lewis and Karen Baxter (Family Activities), Lisa Mittan (Community Service), Dominick Breton (Membership Development), Cindy Greer (Mandy Project), Daniel and Jenna Greer (Junior Grange and Youth Activities), Elizabeth Hiner (Information/PR), Mike Lackey (Real Estate), Jeanne Davies (Historian), and Louetta Phelps (Health Awareness) all worked as chairmen and directors the last two years; and

WHEREAS, this successful State Session exhibits the results of their hard work; and

WHEREAS, the officers' and delegates' diligence and service have enabled us to have an enjoyable and successful meeting; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Wilson Francisco, especially, added to the convivial environment with her piano playing; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Cleary worked diligently as photographer for this state meeting, and

WHEREAS, Karen and Buddy Overstreet brought us joy and fellowship from Texas and The National Grange; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Grange members at this 148th session of the Colorado State Grange extend heartfelt thanks for those members' contributions.

2022 Budget

	Jan - Dec 20 Actual	2021 Budget	2022 Budget
Income			
Bonding	(183)	700	700
Dividends	20,382	28,236	27,016
Membership Dues	36,505	45,012	43,594
Meal Tickets		1,900	1,900
Convention Assessment	0	700	700
Degree Fees	0	30	30
GIA	1,290	1,200	1,117
Misc. Income	1,060	300	300
National Supp. Memb. Dues	<u>24,165</u>	<u>22,822</u>	<u>20,000</u>
Total Income	83,218	100,900	95,357
Expense			
New Badges	53	0	50
<i>Salaries</i>			
State Master	12,890	12,890	12,890
State Secretary	<u>20,490</u>	<u>20,490</u>	<u>20,490</u>
Total · Salaries	33,380	33,380	33,380
Advisory Fees	4,783	0	0
Audit/Legal Prof Services	47	1,500	1,500
Colorado Granger Expenses	8,427	7,200	10,000
Community Service	245	200	200
Donations	120	300	200
Dues & Subscriptions	0	300	300
Equipment Purchases	59	250	200
Equipment Repair & Maint	0	100	100
Executive Committee	0	500	500
Hosting National Grange Support	1,000	4,000	0
Insurance	2,412	3,000	3,000
Junior Grange Activities	0	250	250
Leadership Program	0	500	500
Lecturer Activities	547	650	650
Legislative Committee	2,370	3,000	1,500
Master Expense	0	500	500
Master's Nat'/ Conv. Exp	100	2,000	2,000
Membership	0	800	800

National Convention			
Assessment	1,141	1,200	1,117
National Dues	15,929	17,000	16,000
Office Rent	5,280	5,760	4,000
Office Supplies	171	500	500
Payroll Taxes	5,587	6,100	6,000
Postage & Shipping	611	500	700
Public Relations	20	100	100
State Session Expense	0	10,000	10,000
Vehicle Licensing	0	60	60
Women's Activities Committee	0	650	650
Youth Committee	0	400	400
Uncategorized Expenses	<u>100</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
Total Expense	82,327	100,900	95,357
Net Income	891	0	0

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

DELEGATES FOR 2021

POMONA GRANGES

Darden Pomona #1.....Idella Lewis & Gary Wardle

La Plata Pomona #10.....Harry Greer & Amy Peterson

SUBODINATE GRANGES

Crescent #136.....Christopher Cleary

El Paso #480.....Loeda Westphal

Enterprise #25.....Dorothy Dannels & Lisa Mittan

Florida #306.....Elizabeth Hiner & Dean Hiner

Florissant #420.....Renee Caldwell & Marcia Phillips

Golden Gate #451.....Terry Costeldia & Bobby Costeldia

Lewis #406.....Ruth Wilson Francisco

Maple Grove #154.....John Cruz & J. Kelly

Marvel #479.....Roger Ayers & Sheryl Ayers

Mt. Allison #308.....Yvonne Chapman & Sheri Figgs

Redlands Mesa #487.....Barry Willits & Jean Willits

Rose Hill #256.....Norm Union

Wheat Ridge #155.....Vivian Vos & Kathy Wardle