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ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

COLORADO STATE GRANGE



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In Memory 2021-2022

Marvel Grange #479

J. Pat Greer

Russell Kennedy

Rex Barnes (former member)

Animas Valley #194

John Ott

Florida #306

Clarence Hunter

VICTORY #452

Gilbert Bliss

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Officers and Directors met on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 to unload the trailer and set up the building for the convention. The Worthy Master, Gary Wardle and First Lady Kathy Wardle provided a meal of salads, lasagna, chicken pasta and gluten free beef and tater tots, garlic bread, dessert and beverages for the officers and directors present. Thanks to Erialinda Cruz, J Kelly and others for their assistance with the meal. Officers practiced the opening ceremony, marching, the sixth degree and fourth degree opening and closing.

**CONVENTION MINUTES
Thursday, September 22, 2022**

The officers of the Colorado State Grange marched in under the direction of Lady Assistant Steward, Amy Peterson and Assistant Steward, Christopher Cleary. Worthy Master, Gary Wardle, opened the Grange in the sixth degree. The Grange was lowered to the fourth degree. Fourth degree members were admitted. Honored guests, Welina Schufeldt (National Flora) and Billy along with Cindy Greer (National Ceres and Past State Master) were introduced and greeted the delegated briefly.

Roll call of officers and Directors was taken with Kathy Wardle, protem for Lecturer and Carol Lackey protem for Flora.

The convention agenda was adopted.

Communications: A video message from the National Master was shown to the delegates, she congratulated us on holding a state convention and informed us of the possible sale of the National Headquarters building in DC and that progress.

The credential report was given by the Overseer and it was moved that Christopher Cleary be seated as a delegate from Crescent, Barry Willits as a delegate for Red Lands Mesa, Gary and Kathy Wardle as delegates for Wheat Ridge Grange. A motion was made by Overseer, Harry Greer to seat these individuals as delegates. The motion was seconded and carried.

Master, Gary Wardle asked Overseer Harry Greer to fill the Masters station. Harry introduced Gary Wardle to present his "President's Report". The Overseer assigned the Ag committee the Ag section and Legislation committee the Legislative section of the report.

Treasurer, Sheryl Ayers gave her report high lighting Gary Wardle, past treasurer's beginnings and along with the secretary managing the day-to-day bills. The Executive committee takes care of the invested funds.

Secretary, Cindy Greer gave the Secretary's report. These reports were accepted and will be printed in the JOP.

Executive Chairman, Larry Corman gave the Executive committee report.

Good of the Order committee chairman, Roger Ayers read Resolution 101 concerning Clarification of Golden Sheaf Membership dues, which has to lay over for 24 hours.

Leadership Scholarship Foundation Report was in the packet. The foundation is looking for individuals interested in serving on the Foundation board. Jeanne Davies is currently president and would like to retire. Treasurer is living out of state and would like to have someone in state to serve. Gary shared information about the Foundation and what it does.

Welina Schufeldt was escorted to the Master's station. She shared information about her Grange service, their children and grandchildren.

Announcements made: Everyone was encouraged to look at One-book entries, C.S. reports and Lecturers reports.

Sheryl Ayers announced that CSG has Cook books and History books for sale and that PICK has a silent auction in progress. Larry Corman announced that the CSG raffle tickets are available. Kathy Wardle announced that today is the 49th wedding Anniversary of Leonard and Dorothy Dannels. She also announced that Friday we will be doing the roulette wheel, \$1 per square. Money will go to Hospitality room, PICK, The Good shepherd church, etc. Gala on Friday evening, is a Hawaiian theme. Elizabeth Hiner sent 4 fresh pineapples from Hawaii.

Ukele' and Hula entertainment is planned along with all the awards. Door prizes will be given out during session so please sign up.

Gary Wardle highlighted the Red, white and blue handmade Afghan donated by Pleasant Park. It will be auctioned off at the banquet and proceeds given to PICK.

Idella Lewis reminded everyone about the bake sale, and Family Activities conference will be held after the bake sale.

Secretary reminded everyone of the secretary conference which will be held 15 minutes after close and Master's conference will also be held.

The Grange closed in the fourth degree at 2:45 p.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICE Thursday September 22, 2022

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

Eulogy for Clarence Hunter and James Russell Kennedy were read. Loeda shared special memories of Clarence and Sheryl Ayers shared special memories of Russell Kennedy.

Ice Cream social and Games Thursday, September 22, 2022

Following the Memorial service ice cream and toppings were served to the group. Everyone enjoyed the social time and table games.

COLORADO STATE GRANGE ALUMNI BREAKFAST Friday, September 23, 2022

The CSG alumni met for breakfast at the Good Shepherd UMC. There were 21 in attendance. Gary Wardle opened the meeting, Loeda Westphal led the prayer and we enjoyed breakfast. The majority in attendance are currently skunks. (When one is elected/or is serving in a different position than when first elected or appointed; for example, Cindy Greer was elected as Ceres many years ago, and is now secretary.) Idella Lewis, Vice President moved up to President, Lisa Mittan, Secretary moved up to Vice President and the group elected Larry Corman, the incoming secretary. Idella Lewis gave a program on money and then had the group write down interesting questions about the first paying job, favorite job, worst job, longest job. She picked up the paper and passed them out to different people and the group had to guess who the individual was. For some it was an easy guess, others were more challenging. We all learned something new about our fellow Grangers.

CONVENTION MINUTES Friday, September 23, 2022

The Grange was opened in the Fourth Degree at 8:45 a.m. by State Master, Gary Wardle. The roll call of officers was taken with Lisa Mittan, protem for Lecturer, and Norm Union protem, for Gate keeper. John Cruz moved the minutes be approved by the executive committee.

The Final credential report was given with 25 delegates present. Election committee consisted of Larry Corman, Tom Campion and Norm Union.

Election of officers was held with the following results: Roger Ayers was elected to serve on the executive committee for three years. Elizabeth Hiner was elected Lecturer, Kendall Spoor was elected Steward.

Committee reports began simultaneously with the election. Lisa Mittan brought one resolution from the Ag committee to the floor. It was sent back to committee after much discussion.

Roger Ayers, Good of the Order committee brought 102 to the floor. It was amended in committee and adopted. We took a short break.

Birgit Landin, Colorado Spring Utilities member, was introduced. She began by asking where individual lived in regards to water areas in the state. She shared information about the various river basins in Colorado and some of their use. Colorado is a headwater state. Colorado can only keep 1/3 of its water. She shared information about the compact agreements with surrounding states. Upper basin states and lower basin states. California gets the most water from our state. Colorado is second. A problem has arisen because Colorado has not been producing as much water as in the past. 1 acre foot of water is about 326,000 gallons of water. She discussed what water is used for in the state – Agriculture uses 86%. She talked about water rights. Every drop of water is considered a public resource. It can be purchased. Water rights are not tied to the land. Sr rights and Jr rights exist in water regulations. Sr rights go back to 1880. 1 acre foot of water can sell upwards to \$40,000.00.

She discussed water collection for Colorado Springs. There are seven collection systems, water is transported form 100 miles away, 25 reservoirs to store three years of supply for Colorado Springs. CS goes through 68,000,000 gallons of water a day. She showed a U.S. Drought monitor map of Colorado. There are 19 tunnel systems through the Rocky Mountains to transport water from the west slope to the east slope. Four are for Colorado Springs. Master/President Gary Wardle presented her with copies of our History and a Cookbook.

The meeting was called back to order after a 5-minute break. Work on resolutions continued. GOTO, Roger Ayers, presented 103 on the Investment policy. The resolution was amended and the Policy was amended. Resolution was approved with amendments.

Larry Corman, budget committee presented the 2023 budget. Questions were answered and the budget was approved.

Alan Caldwell suggested that we consider doing the Granger in a different way. Perhaps e-mail and a limited number of mailed copied. He suggested the subordinates consider making copies of the publication to give to members who do not have e-mail. Discussion led to a suggestion that this topic should be drafted as a resolution. Gary Wardle suggested that a committee be formed of individuals with knowledge on how to develop a plan for the Granger. Grangers are encouraged to volunteer by contacting Gary Wardle. Amy Peterson suggested that those who want to get the e-mail version sign up. Barry Willits, volunteered. Lisa Mittan, (IT) volunteered.

The meeting recessed for lunch.

MEMBERSHIP LUNCH Friday September 23, 2022

Membership Lunch – Gary Wardle invited Chaplain, Loeda Westphal to ask the blessing before the meal was served. Jennifer Hinie, Garden of the Gods Park ranger shared animated information about the Garden of the Gods, a Colorado Springs City Park. Dominic Breton, Membership Director was not in attendance.

CONVENTION MINUTES Friday, September 23, 2022

The meeting was called back to order and Matthew Halbmaier, American Income Life insurance (AIL) spoke about the Grange's relationship with AIL and offered to answer any questions.

Michael Murphy from the Colorado Broadband office spoke to delegates about the Colorado Broad band access. He covered topics on Why broadband Is essential, Access in Colorado, Roadmap and strategic plan, Grants and funding Sources, and engagement in Colorado.

The meeting was called back into session and Roger Ayers, GOTO committee chair presented resolution 104, it was amended and adopted. After several door prizes were given out it was time to consider GOTO resolution 103 concerning the Invest policy. It was amended and adopted.

Several announcements were made. The Grange closed in the fourth degree.

GRANGE GALA
Friday September 23, 2022

Hawaiian theme was used for this year's Gala. Elizabeth Hiner sent Pineapples and Macadamia nuts from Hawaii. Spring rolls, pineapple, shaved ice and ice cream were served. Idella Lewis and Karen Baxter gave out the Family Activities awards, Kathy Wardle gave out the Lecturer's department awards. Cindy Greer presented Mandy project supporter awards. Lisa Mittan presented Community Service awards. Aloha Ukulele entertained the group in attendance (Nancy Yoshimura, and Terri Huit).

PAST MASTERS BREAKFAST
Saturday, September 24, 2022

Loeda Westphal, Presiding Past President welcomed the group of 21 in attendance. She asked the blessing and the group enjoyed a breakfast of eggs, biscuits, sausage gravy, muffins, fruit and beverages prepared by the church ladies. After breakfast the meeting was called to order and the minutes of the last meeting were read. David McCord moves up to Presiding past president, Harry Greer move up to Presiding Substitute president and Kara Jacobs was elected Secretary. Loeda asked how many love Grapenuts. She asked if anyone knew how long they had been in existence. She passed arounds a newspaper article about Grapenuts, which have been in existence for 125 years.

Roll call of Masters was taken with: 5 Junior Masters, 4 Youth Masters, 13 Subordinate Masters, 8 Pomona Masters and 3 Past state masters were present.

Our National representatives Lena (Welina) and Billy Schufeldt were welcomed and thanked for attending.

A Plastic bag was shown and it was asked what one might do with it. Some would reuse it and others throw it away. Loeda Westphal asked where away is? And then proceeded to discuss the longevity of the plastic bag. The meeting was closed.

CONVENTION MINUTES
Saturday, September 24, 2022

Gary Wardle, Master opened the session in the fourth degree at 8:45 a.m. Roll call of officer was taken. Larry Corman made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Discussion was opened for state convention in 2023. Barry Willits, suggested that Redlands Mesa Grange might be a possible location. Delta has a masonic Lodge. Sheryl Ayers mentioned that we need to have display space. Idella suggested the building at the meadows in Castlerock. Ruth Wilson Francisco suggested a couple of location in Montezuma County.

Idella Lewis, Family Activities committee read a resolution thanking all those who helped make the state convention a success.

Gary Wardle, Master talked about Bonding insurance. National Grange bonding policy is changing and those are due by December 1, 2022 for bonding in 2023. If you don't sign up in 2023 you will not be able to sign up until 2025.

A discussion was held on filing 990N postcard with the IRS and what forms have to be filed if an organization loses their status.

We sang Happy Birthday to Christopher Cleary and Lisa Mittan presented him with a birthday card signed by everyone.

Lisa Mittan presented ag resolution on Meat packing plants. After much discussion the resolution was rejected. A short recess was called to prepare for the installation of officers.

Billy Schufeldt from Oklahoma installed Kendall Spoor as Steward and Roger Ayers as Executive

committee member for three years. Welina Schufeldt acted as regalia bearer and Marshall.

Cherry Ellis from Sunflower Grange was introduced from Sunflower Grange as our spotlight on Grange. The meeting was called to recess.

JG LUNCHEON
Saturday, September 24, 2022

Kara Jacobs, Youth/Junior Director welcomed everyone to the Junior Lunch. Emi Jacobs let the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 39 adults and one child in attendance. The Methodist women provided lunch of sandwich ingredients, chips, cookies, and beverages. After lunch Kara presented the Junior Grange awards.

CONFERRING OF THE FIFTH DEGREE
Saturday, September 24, 2022

Gary Wardle called the Grange back to order. He then raised the Grange to the fifth degree and introduced Harry Greer, State Grange Overseer and La Plata Pomona Grange Master, who gave the short form degree to six candidates. A short recess was called.

CONFERRING OF THE SIXTH DEGREE
Saturday, September 24, 2022

Master, Gary Wardle called the Grange back to order for the sixth-degree presentation. Six candidates received the degree. The rose Drill was performed by Harry & Cindy Greer, and Roger and Sheryl Ayers to “Varsouvianna” aka “Put Your Little Foot”. The candidates and all in attendance partook of a feast of fresh vegetables, fruit and candy prepared by the Worthy Flora, Yvonne Chapman. Alan and Renee Caldwell served as soloists for the degree.

The candidates receiving the fifth and sixth degree were:

Doug Phillips	Florissant
Harlee Miller	Florissant
Laura Anderson	Pleasant Park
Kendall Spoor	Pleasant Park
Tracie Kee	Florida
Mark Harter	Florissant

Candidates introduced themselves and told a little about themselves. Gary thanked all the officers for their work in the sixth degree. Alan and Renee Caldwell for singing and Ruth Wilson Francisco for playing the piano. Announcements were made and the Grange was closed in the fourth degree.

ANNUAL BANQUET
Saturday, September 24, 2022

Larry Corman welcomed the group. Loeda Westphal asked the blessing. The church women served the plated dinner. Those who ordered ham were served first. Larry Corman entertained the group with several jokes throughout the evening. There were 41 in attendance. The meal consisted of Chicken or Ham, green beans, baked potatoes, rolls, salad, beverages and dessert.

Larry introduced the honored guests:

Welina and Bill Shufeldt, National Flora
Gary & Kathy Wardle, State Master
Dave McCord & Kay, past State Master
Trudie Hagen, Past first lady
Cindy & Harry Greer, Past State Master and first dude and National Ceres
Charlene Porter, past State Youth Director

Bill Schufeldt was introduced. He is the current Master of the Oklahoma State Grange. Lena and Bill were presented with a hand made wood Grange emblem clock made by Roger Ayers.

Quilts of Valor were presented to: Shirley Greener served in the Army for three years as a medic. Shirley is Beverly Weinert's daughter and to Norm Union from Rose Hill Grange served in the Army for four years, two years in Germany during the Vietnam era.

Gary Wardle presented Cindy Greer, Past Master with a gift for her service.

The raffle drawing was held at 7:15 p.m. with Joyce Loss winning the quilt, Richard Ellis won the Wheel barrow, Mount Lookout Grange won a table Runner and Darcy Wardle won a table runner.

Talent Show: Emi Jacobs performed a dance in the junior division, Ruth Wilson Francisco played the piano and sang in the adult division. Ruth will have the opportunity to participate in the National Grange Evening of Excellence if she chooses.

Harry Greer auctioned off the Afghan donated by Pleasant Park Grange which was made by Matt Schultz. The proceeds will be donated to PICK for \$125.00. Cindy Greer won the auction. Bill Schufeldt donated a Colorado Rockies cap he won in the silent auction from PICK. Sheryl Ayers won the bid at \$40.00. Door prizes of toilet paper and Hershey chocolate kisses were given out.

The executive committee met following the banquet to take care of some business.

MASTER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

Gary Wardle

Brothers and Sisters of the Colorado State Grange, fellow Officers and Directors and National Flora Welina Shufeldt and Brother Billy Shufeldt.

Welcome to the 149th Annual Convention of the Colorado State Grange in Fountain Colorado. It is my honor to serve as the president of the Colorado State Grange. The Colorado State Grange was formed in February of 1874. One would think this is the 148th convention, but there were two conventions in 1874 to form the state Grange, one in January and the second in February to complete the process. There were 44 Granges in attendance. The 150th Birthday of the Colorado State Grange will be in 2024. We will be planning the 150th Birthday celebration in 2023 for 2024.

Congratulation to the Granges in Colorado who persevered through the past two years of COVID restrictions. The Granges have continued to do good work to support their communities through these trying times. Between the first and second quarters of 2022the Colorado Grange membership grew by around 50 people. Great work by those Granges that grew.

As we begin the new year, I would encourage all presidents to have a planning meeting to identify programs and events for your Granges to support your community. As you develop the events and programs, it is helpful to have a Facebook page to advertise to the Grange events to the community. You should try and involve the community in your events. As your community gets involved in the event, it is important to realize an opportunity to gain new members is provided. I also encourage you to follow National Grange's recommendation for Granges to install new officers each year tin order to remind us of our obligations as members. If you need assistance with this, please contact me.

National Grange

In November, Kathy and I attended the National Grange convention held in Wichita, Kansas. Thank you to Cindy Greer and Elizabeth Hiner for their work as representatives from Colorado on the regional convention committee. Sheryl Ayers and Ruth Wilson Francisco assisted in the presentation of the 6th degree.

Congratulations to Cindy Greer for being elected as the Ceres of the National Grange. Colorado was well represented at the National Convention. The delegates to the National Grange approved a resolution to sell the National Grange office building in Washington DC. Advertising the sale began in January. There have been several offers, but none have moved forward.

Kathy and I attended the National Grange Master's Conference in February held in Myrtle Beach, North Carolina. Our Tax designations 501(c)5, 501(c)8, 501(c)10 are for fraternal organization. The tax code requires that we use regalia and follow our ritual during meetings. I encourage all to use some form of approved ritual during your meetings. I attended the Grange Insurance Association meeting via zoom in March. The insurance company appears to be in good financial position. They continue to support the National and State Granges financially. The Grange had a booth at the Colorado State Fair. Thank you, Cindy, for making the display and delivering it to Pueblo.

Legislative

The state has received a large sum of money from the Federal government to expand broadband services into the rural areas of the state. There will be opportunities for all to participate in the process to let the state know where there is a need to expand broadband services. We will put information in the paper giving notice of the opportunities. All should watch your local news for ways to participate. This year is the mid-term election. There are eleven measures on the ballot. The measures include reducing the state income tax, allowing grocery stores to sell wine, appointing judges to the new 23 Judicial district, allowing the use of a portion of the income tax to fund affordable housing, and more. We should all become knowledgeable on the ballot measures and vote in November.

Agriculture Fun Facts for 202 There is 66.3 million acres of land in Colorado, 31.8 million acres are in farms.

- There are 38,800 farms in Colorado.
- The average size of the farm is 820 acres.
- 81.4% of the farms are individually owned, 8.2% are partnerships, 7.3% are cooperate farms.
- Farm cash receipt were \$7.28 Billion. Livestock was \$5.14 Billion, and Field, Fruit & Vegetable crops were \$2.13 Billion
- There are 2,8 million head of cattle and 750,000 pigs
- Since 1978 Colorado's wine industry has grown to more than 160 licensed wineries

Thank You

I would like to thank all who assisted me this past year. Thank you to Cindy Greer for her assistance and work as secretary. She was a good mentor. I would like to thank the executive committee, Larry Corman, Tom Campion, John Cruz, and Harry Greer for their work this past year. Thanks, to Sharyl Ayres for her work as treasurer. Thanks to the department directors, Dave McCord, Agriculture; Lisa Mittan, Community Service; Domonic Brenton, Membership; Idella Lewis and Karen Baxter, Family Activities; Kara Jacobs, Youth and Juniors; Legislative/Real Estate, Mike Lackey; Publicity, Elizabeth Hiner; and Health, Louetta Phelps. A special thanks to Elizabeth Hiner and Kathy Wardle for completing the Lecturers work this year.

Let us be ever mindful of our motto:

IN ESSENTIALS UNITY, IN NON-ESSENTIALS LIBERTY, AND IN ALL THINGS CHARITY

Report of the Treasurer

Sheryl Ayers

Quite a few years ago, Gary Wardle was the Colorado State Grange treasurer. I remember how he began his officer report: "The State Secretary takes care of the day-to-day bills, and my focus is on the long-term investments of the Grange." This hasn't exactly turned topsy-turvy, but I can say to you this year, "along with the State Secretary, I make sure the day-to-day bills are paid and encourage the Executive Committee to focus on the long-term investments!" They have more experience with that than I do.

With payroll and a couple other recurring bills automated, the bill paying goes smoothly. Community Banks of Colorado works well with us, and the fact the secretary and I live only a few miles apart makes communication quite efficient. Thank you, Cindy, for making my job easier.

Our investments allow us to continue to feel financially able to continue for the foreseeable future. The Executive Committee decided to change investment companies, and you will see a report from the Committee elsewhere. Our funds are in good hands and are being watched carefully by both the Executive Committee and the representative of the investment company.

I appreciate the guidance, assistance and patience of Larry Corman, Tom Campion and John Cruz and Harry Greer, Executive Committee; Gary Wardle, State Master; and Cindy Greer, State Secretary, during the last couple years. You may rest assured they all are on top of our financial activity and current or changing situation.

Thank you for entrusting me with the privilege and responsibility of being your treasurer.

Secretary's Report

Cindy Greer

My first year as the Secretary of the Colorado State Grange has been a learning experience. I now have a greater respect for those who have served in this position before me.

Immediately after State session I had to learn how to file the report with the post office to keep our periodical (the Colorado Granger) permit active and to figure out how to make payments to them. This is something that has to take place every year prior to October 1. In October the USPS initiated a new system, EPS, or Enterprise Payment System which was supposed to make life easier. It took some time to get the EPS account established and up and working but we did finally achieve success. The USPS help line misinformed me, telling me that I could make a deposit on our account at **ANY** post office. Those individuals were mistaken because we can make deposits to postal one post offices but not manual post offices, which is what is nearest to me. After initially trying to make a deposit with a new Postal worker at a manual office and being a pest, we finally got our money back after six months of trying.

There were many changes of address communications that took place at the beginning of my term which took quite a bit of time.

I've experienced some challenges with the excel program doing things that I didn't tell it to do when I sorted out the list for the Granger mailing and the program mixed up the last names of most of the people on the list. I did learn that several individuals do look at that portion of the paper.

As many of you may recall you did not receive a Colorado Granger in November. Unfortunately, the paper got lost somewhere between the publisher and the post office and to date none of us have seen our individual copies. Maybe some year down the road they will get delivered. On the first of the month that articles are due for the paper I send out an e-mail reminder. If you are not on that list and would like to be please let me know and I will add you to the group. Articles for the paper are due on or before the 15th of the month prior to when it goes out. Articles are formatted and read for grammatical and spelling errors by myself and Gary Wardle, which doesn't mean that we catch all the errors, but at least we try. We send the articles to Publication Printers within a couple of days after the 15th in order to give them time to format them into the paper, get us a proof to approve and then to print and deliver to the Post office. Unfortunately, with periodicals they sometimes sit in the post office for quite a while before they get delivered.

Completing the Journal of Proceedings was an easy task, but the Roster was a different story. Again, the computer erased Granges and names that I know were there for a while, but when I printed it, they had disappeared and I didn't discover that until after they were mailed out. But we did send out the information at a later date. I also put the Roster in an excel format for those who like things on the computer.

As I've read for many years the majority of the secretaries time is spend on keeping the membership records up to date. This is true. With each quarterly report there are two documents to update with new members, dropped members and change of addresses. Sometimes we know of address changes because the post office sends back papers that they can't deliver due to various reasons. The Colorado State Grange keeps an excel list of Grange members and we update the National Database with changes in our state as well.

At the end of the second quarter for 2022 Colorado has 1077 members. Fifteen family plans with 40 family members, three exempt Golden Sheaf Members, 38 Non-exempt Golden Sheaf Members, 32 Associate members, 2 affiliate members and 45 Junior members. The Junior members are not counted in our total membership. Golden Gate Grange is our largest Grange with 172 members. Redlands Mesa Grange has 60 members, Altona Grange has 51 members, Left Hand Grange has 47 members, and Animas Valley has 46 members. We have a total of 38 subordinate Granges in the state. Fountain Valley Grange and Liberty Hall Grange relinquished their charters this year.

National Good Day magazine prints the names of new members. We have sent in our new members names as requested. Colorado has 94 new members in our Granges.

Marvel, Green Valley, Pleasant Park and Grandview Grange requested membership awards this year. Three Golden Sheaf Awards, five – 55-year seals, Two – 60-year seals, one- 65-year seal, one – 70-year seal and one 81-year award. National has increased the price of the Golden Sheaf (50) and Silver Star (25 year) certificates and added postage. The seals are now \$3.00 each and I do have a few available in the office. National also has Members appreciation certificates available to recognize members with 5, 10, 15, and 20 years. They do plan on having 1-4 year, 6-9-, 11-14-, and 16–19-year recognition certificates available.

As Secretary I have taken minutes for the Executive committee meetings which have been held via Zoom. I also participated in a Zoom conference that the National Grange Secretary held earlier in the year and was unable to participate in the July conference due to our Pomona meeting. Gary Wardle did participate in this meeting in my absence.

Exempt Property reports were received and sent out to each Grange. I am pleased to report that all Granges returned those reports and they were mailed to the proper authority.

Quarterly reports have been sent out about 15 days before the end of each quarter. Most Granges are good about getting their reports back to me in a timely manner. We do have two Granges that have not yet reported this year. The State's quarterly report is due 60 days after the end of the quarter and if I don't have your reports before that I just have to assume that nothing has changed and report the last number of members that was reported.

We transferred the State Grange telephone number in Florissant to a cell phone, so we should have the same phone number as we change locations and secretaries. If you have suggestions on how we can improve what we do please feel free to share those with us.

Last year we discovered that there was a CD in the unclaimed property with the state of Colorado for the Colorado State Grange Youth. We filed the paperwork and successfully retrieved those funds.

It's important for Granges, Subordinate and Pomona to file their 990N Postcard reports with the IRS. Doing so ensures that you retain your current tax-exempt status, once you lose that status you have to file new paperwork and pay around \$600.00 to get your status back. Having the status prevents your Grange from having to pay taxes.

The National Grange is changing the bonding deadlines. This year in order to having bonding you must send your payment before December 1 for 2023.

Thank you for your patience with me as I learn all of the different aspects of this office.

Annual Agriculture Report
David H. McCord, Agriculture Director

Due to remaining considerations for the pandemic during much of the past year my ag activities were limited to the quarterly reports for the Granger and monitoring ag issues including the dilemma of the lack of water in the Colorado River drainage. The Ag Council held two meetings via Zoom and due to technology errors, my participation was short. No summer meeting was held

The Ag Council hosted the Ag Day at the Capital with goody bags, luncheon, and opportunities for educational seminars. I did not participate seeing minimal opportunity for the common interactions that were so much a part

of Ag Day celebrations in the past. Their intent is to showcase Colorado's abundant food products. The Ag Council commonly hosts a summer and fall sessions to best identify current issues and needs with the Fall session focused on the upcoming legislation session. The one upside of the lowered activity is that with few financial needs, no dues are being charged to member organizations.

Of interest, the Colorado Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association has grown from a small group of farmers a few years ago to a vibrant and active organization with an estimated membership over 100 individual farms and allied organizations. "Helping farmers provide a wide range of nutritious produce to Colorado and other states." I am not a member but see their regular emails and meeting notices.

Likewise, the Colorado Wildlife Conservation Project has emerged as a combined force of about 20 sports men and sports women organizations to best combat radical and extremist in favor of rational, reasoned, and science-based management of our wildlife resources. Members include the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Teddy Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, Muley Fanatic Foundation, Back Country Hunters and Outfitters, Muzzleloading Association, Colorado Trappers, Big Horn Society, National Wildlife Federation, Trout Unlimited, and others. The group grew out of the realization that the anti-hunting organizations such as the Humane Society of the United States have a long view of their programs and a big budget. Colorado's proposed "cat bill" of early this year largely sponsored by the HSUS would have made it illegal to trap, kill, or hunt mountain lions, bob cats and lynx. The Colorado Wildlife Conservation Project grew out of the combined opposition to that bill. Members are also closely involved with the planning for introducing wolves as approved by the voters.

Kay and I attended the Colorado Ag Commissioner's "ice cream graze" at the State Fair where we also met up with Harry and Cindy Greer and State Master Gary Wardle and First Lady Kathy. Of interest, Kay and I were in line at a food booth and the Commissioner was likewise in line with a group. One of them separated and came over and said "hi, I am Jared Polis" as in Governor.

Legislative Director Report

Mike Lackey, Legislative Director

As we are wrapping up my first year of being the Colorado State Grange lobbyist. I selected the following committees to report on due to the Granges link to Agriculture. The committee results are Agriculture, Water and Natural resources.

AGRICULTURE

During the 2022 legislative session, the Colorado General Assembly considered measures related to agriculture, including wildlife and conservation, workforce, the Colorado State Fair, and other agriculture-related topics. Wildlife & Conservation. The General Assembly considered several measures focused on habitat and species conservation. The Habitat Partnership Program works with local communities to develop partnerships to meet game management objectives and reduce conflicts with big game species, particularly related to forage and fence issues. House Bill 22-1072 extends program funding indefinitely. Beginning in FY 2023-24, the bill continues annual transfers of big game license fee revenue from the Wildlife Cash Fund to the Habitat Partnership Program Cash Fund, estimated at about \$2.5 million each year. In an effort to conserve native species, Senate Bill 22-158 appropriates \$6.0 million from the Species Conservation Trust Fund for programs submitted by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The programs are designed to conserve native species that are threatened or endangered under state or federal law, or are likely to become candidate species as determined by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Colorado Parks and Wildlife collects data on the location of animals and sensitive plant species and habitat as part of regular operations. Under current law, this data is a public record subject to request under the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA). Senate Bill 22-169 amends CORA to exclude

the portion of any public record that could reveal the location of animals and sensitive plant species or habitat. Workforce During the 2021 legislative session, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 21-087, which required that agricultural worker employers provide some workers access and transportation to key service providers, provide overwork and health protections, and increase protections and safety precautions during public health emergencies. House Bill 22-1308 creates the Agricultural Workforce Services Program to help employers meet the standards set in SB 21-087. The program consists of an online resource portal for agricultural employees and employers and a grant program for workplace improvements or changes to comply with labor and workplace standards. SB 21-087 also required an agricultural employer to meet specific housing requirements for agricultural workers during a public health emergency. House Bill 22-1313 clarifies that these requirements apply only during a statewide public health emergency related to COVID-19. The bill also includes alternative protections related to housing as Agriculture (cont'd) h Page 2 h identified by the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). Colorado State Fair. The General Assembly considered two measures focused on the Colorado State Fair. In response to the performance audit of the Colorado State Fair Authority (authority) by the State Auditor, House Bill 22-1022 implements certain recommendations from the audit. These recommendations include: · clarifying that the Commissioner of Agriculture, in consultation with the authority board, will appoint and employ a manager for the authority; · requiring the authority board to establish a process for approving industry displays at the fair; and · allowing the authority to collaborate with a state agency or industry representative in developing an industry display. Senate Bill 22-013 increased the size of the Board of Commissioners of the authority from eleven to thirteen members by adding an at-large member and a member from the new eighth congressional district. After SB 22-013 was signed into law, Senate Bill 22-042 changed the board's composition, requiring two members from each of the four agricultural districts in the state instead of members from each of the eight congressional districts. This bill also set terms and appointment dates, as well as requirements for members regarding occupation, agricultural experience, residency, and political party affiliation. Other Agriculture-Related Bills Senate Bill 22-209 requires the Commissioner of Agriculture to hire an employee or engage a contractor to help small meat processors and people trying to start a small meat processing business apply for and obtain grants and loans offered by the United States Department of Agriculture and other entities. The program is repealed July 1, 2024. In an effort to address pollinator health in Colorado, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 22-199. The bill directs DNR to study and develop recommendations on how to address pollinator decline and increase pollinator health in the state. Recommendations may include the protection of native pollinating insects, best practices for state agencies in implementing policies and practices regarding native pollinating insects, and how to develop education and outreach programming. An additional bill on native pollinators – Senate Bill 22-131 – was postponed indefinitely. Beginning with property tax year 2023, House Bill 22-1301 defines a controlled environmental agricultural (CEA) facility as a nonresidential structure and related equipment combining engineering, horticultural science, and computerized management techniques to optimize hydroponics, plant quality and food production efficiency from the land's water for human or livestock consumption. The bill also specifies that: · a CEA facility will be valued for assessment purposes as all other agricultural property using the cost, market, and income approaches; · agricultural equipment used in a CEA facility is exempt from property tax; · personal property used in the operation of a CEA facility is exempt from property tax; and · a CEA facility may not be used to grow marijuana or any other nonfood crop agricultural

WATER

During the 2022 legislative session, the General Assembly considered several measures related to water, including water project funding, groundwater sustainability, watershed resiliency, turf replacement, and other water related efforts. Water Project Funding Every year, the General Assembly considers a water projects bill that appropriates funds for a variety of Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) projects. House Bill 22-1316 appropriates about \$17 million from the CWCB Construction Fund to CWCB and the Division of Water Resources for specified water-related projects. This was the first year that sports betting tax revenue was directed to the CWCB Fund. In 2019, voters approved Proposition DD, the Legalize Sports Betting with Tax Revenue for Water Projects Measure. The measure allowed for the taxation of sports betting operations and the use of the revenue to fund state water projects. Funding coming from the new sports betting revenue includes: · \$8.2 million

for the purpose of implementing the state water plan; · \$2 million to support compact compliance in the Republican River Basin; and · up to \$13.13 million for loans to the town of Breckenridge to rehabilitate the Goose Pasture Tarn dam. Groundwater Senate Bill 22-028, which was recommended by the Water Resources Review Committee, created the Groundwater Compact Compliance and Sustainability Fund and appropriated the \$60 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) revenue to help finance groundwater use reduction efforts in the Rio Grande and Republican River basins. Wildfires & Watersheds the General Assembly also directed \$20 million in ARPA funds for wildfire mitigation and watershed restoration. House Bill 22-1379 appropriates the following: · \$3 million to support wildfire risk mitigation and watershed resilience; · \$2 million for wildfire mitigation and fuel reduction projects; and · \$15 million for watershed restoration and flood mitigation grants. Recipients of the funds include the Colorado State Forest Service and the Department of Natural Resources. Turf Replacement In an effort to reduce water use across the state, House Bill 22-1151 requires CWCB to develop a Water turf replacement program to incentivize voluntary replacement of nonessential irrigated turf on residential, commercial, or industrial properties. CWCB must develop the program before July 1, 2023. The bill creates the Turf Replacement Fund and appropriates \$2 million annually and authorizes local governments, nonprofits, and Native American tribes to apply for funds. CWCB may also contract with third parties to turf replacement programs in areas where local programs do not exist. Other Water-Related Bills There are currently 16 irrigation districts in Colorado that operate to raise money for large irrigation and drainage projects and are controlled by local landowners. House Bill 22-1092 allows an irrigation district board to borrow money, which can then be loaned to landowners. The money from the loans may be used to make improvements to private water delivery systems or towards projects that improve water conservation or efficiencies on landowner property or landowner delivery or drainage systems. The 2021 interim Water Resources Review Committee recommended a bill that was meant to strengthen Colorado’s anti-speculation laws. Senate Bill 22-029 would have allowed for the State Engineer to investigate the sale or transfer of agricultural water rights. The bill did not pass through the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. In an effort to protect water rights in Colorado, Senate Bill 22-126 would have given first priority to projects funded from the CWCB Construction Fund that increase or improve undeveloped compact-entitles water storage in the South Platte River basin. The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Agriculture, Livestock, and Water Committee.

products. Senate Bill 22-205 authorizes CDPHE to create rules that prohibit intoxicating

NATURAL RESOURCES

During the 2022 legislative session, the General Assembly considered several measures related to natural resources and the environment including wildfire prevention and control; air quality; natural resources; environmental protection; and recycling.

Lawmakers recognized the importance of addressing wildfires and passed a number of bills to mitigate their frequency and intensity. Two bills direct the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) at the Colorado State University to address wildfire mitigation through public awareness and information sharing. Senate Bill 22-007 convenes a working group led by the CSFS to consider how to best conduct an enhanced wildfire awareness month outreach campaign in 2023 and 2024. This includes marketing tactics, educational events, an outreach campaign, technical assistance, among other strategies. House Bill 22-1012 requires the CSFS to develop a publicly accessible statewide carbon accounting frame work and a forest carbon co-benefit framework for project level forest management, including wildfire mitigation.

A fire suppression pond is a pond that contains water used exclusively for fighting active fires. Senate Bill 22-114 encourages local jurisdictions to create these ponds by allowing county commissioners to consult with their fire protection district to identify a fire suppression pond in high-risk areas of wildfire damage. The commissioners can then apply to the Colorado Department of Natural Resources for an official designation.

Air Quality

The air quality in Colorado is an increasing concern to lawmakers, and the General Assembly considered several bills on the topic. House Bill 22-1244 seeks to prioritize the health of communities impacted by air toxins. It creates a new program in the Department of Public Health and Environment to regulate toxic air contaminants. The bill also requires certain businesses to submit annual toxic air emissions reports and creates a monitoring program. Additionally, it requires the Air Quality Control Commissions to identify up to five priority toxic air contaminants, establish health-based standards, and adopt emission-control standards.

Senate Bill 22-193 offers a set of initiatives

to address Colorado's air pollution, including funding for electric school buses and e-bikes and a clean air grant program to reduce air pollution from industrial and manufacturing options. Additionally, it creates the Cannabis Resource Optimization Cash Fund, which creates incentives to encourage sustainable practices in cannabis operations. The bill also modifies definitions, reviews form and filing requirements, addresses hearing deadlines, and makes changes to the legislative review process.

The General Assembly considered several bills concerning natural resources including chemical use, geothermal energy, and water quality.

House Bill 22-1348 addresses chemical use by the oil and gas industry. The bill requires operators, providers, and direct vendors that provide chemical products directly to an operator at a well site for use in underground gas and oil operations to disclose chemical use information to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. The department must then create a web-based chemical disclosure list.

House Bill 22-1381 creates the Geothermal Energy Grant Fund in the Colorado Energy Office. The grant program provides funds to invest in geothermal energy, including heating, cooling, and electricity generation.

The Environmental Justice Act, enacted by House Bill 21-1266 required the Air Quality Control Commission to gather input from disproportionately impacted communities. House Bill 22-1322 extends these requirements to the Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC). Additionally, the bill requires the WQCC to designate use-protected water and creates a 5-year statute of limitations for bringing actions under the Colorado Water Quality Control Act.

Environmental Protection

Environmental protection was a topic of much deliberation in the 2022 legislative session.

Polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) chemicals are manmade chemicals prevalent in products like nonstick pans, cookware, and water-repellant clothing that break down slowly over a long period of time. House Bill 22-1345 phases out PFAS chemicals in carpets, furniture, cosmetics, juvenile products, and some types of food packaging, as well as in fluids used in producing oil and gas. It also requires cookware with PFAS to be labeled. The amended bill additionally prohibits the use of Class B firefighting foam that intentionally contains PFAS chemicals at structures used for the storage of maintenance of aircrafts located in an airport beginning January 1, 2024.

Colorado's unique geography includes diverse ecosystem and various communities of native pollinating insects. Native pollinating insects are necessary for protecting Colorado's ecosystem. Senate Bill 22-199 requires the Colorado Department of Natural Resources to study the declining native pollinating insects and create a recommendation to address the pollinator decline and improve pollinator health.

Recycling

Colorado's recycling rate is below the national average, and lawmakers looked at ways to make it easier to recycle across the state. House Bill 22-1355 creates a producer responsibility statewide recycling program and requires the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Executive Director to select a nonprofit organization to implement it. The program must provide recycling services to residences, businesses, schools, hospitality services, government buildings, and public spaces. Producers of packaging materials and paper products will pay annual dues to fund the project.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES **Idella Lewis & Karen Baxter**

The Family Activities shares two chairpersons, Idella Lewis and Karen Baxter. Idella writes the news articles for the *Granger* and assists with entering the entries at the State Session and is present during the judging. Karen enters the entries at the State Session and assists during the judging. Awards are handed out by both.

In 2021 there was an increase in the number of entries with a total of 76 entries in the baking and needlework events. The top number of entries was Mt. Allison with a total of 23 entries, Golden Gate 20 entries, and Marvel, 13. Also participating were Maple Grove, Enterprise, Fountain, and Florissant. The bake sale held after the judging was quite successful.

The National Quilt Block contest pattern was "Wonky Star." The deadline for entries was Sept. 1st, which was earlier than in previous years. The contest was open to members and prospective members with categories for adults, youth, and men. Monetary prizes are awarded for first, second, and third place, and ribbons given to all entries. Entries are retained by the National Grange and will be made into finished quilts to be sold at a later date to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity.

Each Grange can do their part to increase awareness and participation of contest events by promoting the various events. It is always interesting to see the entries on display at the State Session. There are many talented Grangers! Remember to follow the rules in the handbook. The new Grange year begins Sept. 1st so items should be made during the new Grange year, beginning Sept. 1st 2022-23. Start working on those projects for next year's contest now! Donations of items made are also welcome in your own community to make life better for those less fortunate.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

The Family Activities Department had a successful year with over 80 entries in the baking and needlework events with the following Granges participating;

Marvel 18 entries	Maple Grove 8 entries	Lewis 2 entries
Mt. Allison 17 entries	Florissant 5 entries	Fountain Valley 2 entries
Golden Gate 22 entries	Enterprise 5 entries	Florida 1 entry

Following the judging a bake sale was held with the proceeds going to the Family Activities Department. It is not an easy job to judge the entries because everyone who entered something was a winner, but the following were the winners in the baking and needlework events:

BAKING

Class A Cakes

1st Cindy Greer, Marvel
2nd Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise

Class B Altered Cake Mix

1st Sandy Valencia, Marvel
2nd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate
3rd Idella Lewis, Maple Grove

Class C Yeast Bread

1st Beverly Weinert, Fountain Valley
 2nd Idella Lewis, Maple Grove
 3rd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class D Sweet Rolls

1st Cindy Greer, Marvel
 2nd Idella Lewis, Maple Grove
 3rd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class E Bar Cookies

1st Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise
 2nd Idella Lewis, Maple Grove
 3rd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class F Dropped, Rolled, Shaped Cookies

1st Beverly Weinert, Fountain Valley
 2nd Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise
 3rd Sandy Valencia, Marvel

Class G Quick Breads

1st Marlys Halbeisen, Maple Grove
 2nd Dorothy Dannels, Enterprise
 3rd Trish Corman, Mt. Allison

Class H Fudge

1st Trish Corman, Mt. Allison
 2nd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class I Other Candy

1st Cindy Greer, Marvel
 2nd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class J Gluten free cookies

1st Louetta Phelps, Mt. Allison

Class 1 Canned Foods

1st Cindy Greer, Marvel
 2nd Trish Corman, Mt. Allison
 3rd Sheryl Ayers, Marvel

Class 2 Jams, Jellies

1st Sandy Valencia, Marvel
 2nd Tom Campion, Marvel
 3rd Carol Thompson, Mt. Allison

Class 3 Juices

1st Tom Campion, Marvel
 2nd Sheryl Ayers, Marvel

Class 4 Salsas, Tomatoes, Relishes

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

Class 5 Pickles

1st Trish Corman, Mt. Allison
 2nd Vickie Gallegos, Mt. Allison
 3rd Sandy Valencia, Marvel

Class 6 Dried Foods

1st Cindy Greer, Marvel
 2nd Sheryl Ayers, Marvel
 3rd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

NEEDLEWORK**Class A Crocheted/Knit Afghan**

1st Pauline Ford, Florida
 2nd Marlys Halbeisen, Maple Grove
 3rd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Class B Crocheted/Knit Sweater

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

Class C Crochet Miscellaneous)

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

Class D Embroidery, Cross Stitch,

1st Merle Sachse, Golden Gate

Class F Machine Quilted Quilt

1st Karen Baxter, Mt. Allison
 2nd Cindy Greer, Mt. Allison
 3rd Douglas Phillips, Florissant

Class I Wall Hanging

1st Ruth Wilson Francisco, Lewis's

Class L Apron

1st Cindy Greer, Marvel

Class O Miscellaneous

1st Cindy Greer, Marvel
 2nd Marcia Phillips, Florissant

Class H Quilted Table Runner

1st Merle Sachse, Golden Gate
 2nd Marcia Phillips, Florissant
 3rd Stacey Street, Florissant

Class K Child's Garment

1st Alyn Sue Hansen

Class N Quilt Block

1st Karen Baxter, Mt. Allison
 2nd Cindy Greer, Marvel
 3rd Alyn Sue Hansen, Golden Gate

Mandy Project Report

Cindy Greer, Director

The Mandy project through the Colorado State Grange and P.I.C.K. has helped 143 Children obtain services pertaining to their hearing loss for the last 24 years. 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.

Thank you to Amy Peterson, Audrey Maydew, Cyndi Charbonneau and Ruth Wilson Francisco for serving on the committee to review applications. Email makes sending copies of the applications and information easy and that is how we discuss and make decisions.

We received only one application this year and the committee that reviews the application awarded the family \$2,000.00. \$1,000.00 from the Colorado State Grange Funds and \$1,000.00 from PICK funds.

Haddie Phrase is 11 years old and attends Alamosa Elementary School. Mandi Phrase is a single mom of four children. Haddie spent most of her early life in a Dominican orphanage. The genetic components of her hearing loss are completely unknown, but she did suffer from a lack of stimulation there. She was quite developmentally behind upon joining her forever family. Haddie has worked hard to catch up and develop skills similar to her peers. In addition to hearing loss, Haddie has been diagnosed with a learning disability in math. Haddie received further evaluation after a hearing screening at school. She suffers from bilateral sensorineural hearing loss. Her loss is moderate. As there is no treatment or surgery, she will likely need hearing aids for the rest of her life.

Haddie has overcome so much in her short life. There is no limit to what she can accomplish. Right now, she says she wants to be a teacher or a veterinarian. She wants to attend college, live independently, and have a family. I am committed to helping her pursue these goals. In the short term, Mom wants Haddie to develop confidence around her identity: as an adopted child, as a girl with hearing loss, and as a student with a learning disability. She is currently receiving Speech Therapy and is on an IEP at school.

Haddie's hearing aids were \$5000 in total. This included the molds for her ears and an FM microphone. Insurance does not cover any of these materials. She is also receiving Speech Therapy once a week. Insurance is covering a portion of these costs (currently about 50%), but will only cover 20 sessions per year. Haddie will need more than this. Even if she only attended 20 sessions, the out-of-pocket cost for the family would be \$1500.

Pleasant Park Grange and Enterprise Grange donated to the Mandy project this year. We also receive quarterly money from Amazon Smile, it's not a large amount, but every little bit helps.

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

Cindy Greer, Secretary/Treasurer

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.

PICK has continued to offer opportunities for partnerships to apply for capital improvement grants or other grants. We are in the process of working with Animas Valley Grange as they need to have a new roof.

We brought back the Silent Auction this year at the state convention. We did not plan to have a silent auction at the State convention last year, but some items were brought and we had a small silent auction part of which became a Live auction and between the two we took in \$156.00. Special thanks to Beverly Weinert, Loeda Westphal, Karen Overstreet, Sheryl Ayers and Harry Greer for making it all happen.

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. This year we were eligible to file the 990N Postcard instead of the long 990 report (but we filled it out anyway just to have the information).

Mandy Project

This year the Mandy project did help one family this year as reported in the Mandy Project report for 2022.

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

COLORADO STATE GRANGE LEADERSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

President Wardle, State Officers, Delegates, and Grangers,

On behalf of President Jeanne Davies and the members of the Board of Directors of the Colorado State Grange Leadership and Scholarship Foundation (Foundation), I would like to submit this report for the past year.

In 2022, the Foundation was proud to have awarded twelve \$1,500 scholarships for the 2022-2023 academic year. Receiving these scholarships were:

Katrina Borst, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Rebecca Borst, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Brent Bonczynski, Red Rocks Community College
Evan Clark, Laramie County Community College
Matthew Davis, Pikes Peak Community College
Teagan Hackett, Metropolitan State University
April Harlan, University of Colorado, Denver

Paige Nicholas, Colorado State University
Sienna Reese, Fort Lewis College
Chloe Roach, Colorado State University
Sierra Saltus, Colorado State University, and
Azariah VanNorteick, Bel Rae Institute of Animal Technology

The Foundation wishes these scholars success in their studies and in their chosen career.

As you may well imagine, the past two years have been a challenge from an economic standpoint. Yet the Foundation remains fiscally viable despite the turmoil in the markets. The Foundation continues to benefit from a trustworthy investment advisor.

Thank you to those Granges and Grangers who have donated to the Colorado State Grange Memorial Fund in memory of departed members and loved ones. Through your generosity, the Foundation will continue its mission to help with the education of coming generations.

Sincerely,
Jim Miller, Treasurer
Colorado State Grange Leadership and Scholarship Foundation

Community Service – 2022

Lisa Mittan, Community Service Director

Ten combined reports were submitted. Some did not report projects on the Community Service section of the report, so were not considered for judging as they could not have been submitted to National. There were lots of very good ideas put into action, with a lot of good impact to the Granges' communities – regardless of how they were reported. All of the Granges who have projects like these deserve to be commended, and those who reported on their projects for this State session are very appreciated for doing this. Sharing ideas and how they were implemented, and the benefits to their communities with other Granges is how we all get better. I encourage all of you to read the reports that were brought to this session and see if there are any ideas you can take back home to your communities. Please remember that all of the reports submitted electronically can be made available upon request for any Granger with internet access to view. They will not be posted online. I will give permissions to anyone in Colorado State Grange who requests it individually, to view the reports in my OneDrive cloud account.

Many of the projects reported are annually, quarterly, or monthly recurring events for our Granges. These events have come to be widely appreciated and even expected by the community. Some attendees even come to city or county events from outside of the Grange's local area, and the Grange's regular participation in these events with their projects spread the word about Grange and how valuable and appreciated it can be. Thank you to all of you who have rolled with the changes to the reporting form, and to the mid-year changes in submitting them as well. Managing Community Service reporting is a joint effort between three of your directors – with your Lecturer and Membership as well. I so appreciate Kathy and Elizabeth, as well as Dominick, in allowing all of us to work together to help minimize the effort for all of you who are submitting reports. We're making a lot of progress in getting to a place where you all are not needing to repeat information across different sections of the report. Many of you went ahead and sent your individual Membership reports directly to Dominick – which I know he appreciates.

This has been a great Grange year for everyone to get back in the swing of in-person events, while still maintaining the ability for their members and community members to participate in the events in a low-touch way as well where that makes sense. Congratulations and Thanks to all of you for the work you do in your communities – whether or not you have reported on them. I hope we can continue to increase the number of Granges that submit reports, in order to share those ideas with each other and spread the word and action about Grange!

Enterprise Grange received first place, Animas Valley Grange received Second place and Wheat Ridge Grange received third place.

Lecturer Contests Results from (Crafts, etc.) 2022 Session

Grange Yearbook/Scrapbook
First: Enterprise Grange
Second: Marvel Grange
Third: Florissant Grange

Fine Art – Painting
First: Renee Caldwell – Florissant Grange
Second: Cindy Greer – Marvel Grange
Third: Marlys Halbeisen – Maple Grove Grange

Hobby Corner

Holiday Items

First: Roger Ayers – Marvel Grange
Second: Roger Ayers – Marvel Grange
Third: Cindy Greer – Marvel Grange

Jewelry

First: Marcia Phillips – Florissant Grange
Second: Vicki Sutton-Gallegos – Mt. Allison Grange

Miscellaneous

First: Roger Ayers – Marvel Grange
Second: Renee Caldwell – Florissant Grange
Third: Roger Ayers – Marvel Grange

Special Gifts

First: Renee Caldwell – Florissant Grange
Second: Roger Ayers – Marvel Grange
Third: Trudy Michneiwicz – Florissant Grange

Work Bench

Woodworking

First: Roger Ayers – Marvel Grange
Second: Roger Ayers – Marvel Grange
Third: Roger Ayers – Marvel Grange

Metal Craft

First: Renee Caldwell – Florissant Grange

Handmade Toys or Games

First: Roger Ayers – Marvel Grange
Second: Roger Ayers – Marvel Grange
Third: Renee Caldwell – Florissant Grange

Photography

Landscapes and Seascapes

First: Mark Harter – Florissant Grange
Second: Mark Harter – Florissant Grange
Third: Cindy Greer – Marvel Grange

People

First: Cindy Greer – Marvel Grange
Second: Vicki Sutton-Gallegos – Mt. Allison Grange

Animals and Other Creatures

First: Kirk Ramstetter – Golden Gate Grange
Second: Kirk Ramstetter – Golden Gate Grange
Third: Vicki Sutton-Gallegos – Mt. Allison Grange

Photo Collage or Story

First: Cindy Greer – Marvel Grange
Second: Vicki Sutton-Gallegos – Mt. Allison Grange

With Pen in Hand

Short Story or Essay

First: Isaac Greer – Marvel Grange

Best of Show: Roger Ayers – Marvel Grange
Lecturer Participation Award: Cindy Greer – Marvel Grange
Sweepstakes Award: Roger Ayers – Marvel Grange

Performing Arts

Junior

First: Emi Jacobs – Wheat Ridge Junior Grange

Adult

First: Ruth Wilson-Francisco – Lewis Grange

Junior Grange Contest Results from State Session

Crafts

Holiday Crafts

Ages 5-9

First: Millie Peine – Marvel JG

Ages 10-14

First: Nathan Greer – Marvel JG
Second: Addy Peine – Marvel JG
Third: Brianna Greer – Marvel JG

Recycled Crafts

Under 5

First: Ruger Phelps – Mt. Allison JG
Second: Elayna Simons – Mt. Allison JG

Ages 5-9

First: Henry Greer – Marvel JG
Second: Jacob Greer – Marvel JG
Third: Sierra Phelps – Mt. Allison JG

Ages 10-14

First: Nathan Greer – Marvel JG
Second: Brianna Greer – Marvel JG
Third: Addy Peine -Marvel JG

Nature Craft

Under 5

First: Elayna Simons – Mt. Allison JG
Second: Ruger Phelps – Mt. Allison JG

Ages 5-9

First: Jacob Greer – Marvel JG
Second : Sierra Phelps – Mt. Allison JG

Ages 10-14

First: Gavin Dougharty – Marvel JG
Second: Nathan Greer – Marvel JG

Textiles

Under 5

First: Emi Jacobs – Wheat Ridge JG

Ages 5-9

First: Jacob Greer – Marvel JG
Second: Leo Jacobs – Wheat Ridge JG

Ages 10-14

First: Jason Jacobs – Wheat Ridge JG

Miscellaneous

Ages 5-9

First : Sophie Dannels - Enterprise Grange
Second : Henry Greer – Marvel JG
Third : Flynn Simons – Mt. Allison JG

Ages 10-14

First: Gavin Dougharty – Marvel JG
Second: Emmet Greer – Marvel JG

Special Gifts

Under 5

First: Elayna Simons – Mt. Allison JG

Ages 5-9

First: Henry Greer – Marvel JG
Second : Sierra Phelps – Mt. Allison JG
Second : Jacob Greer – Marvel JG
Third : Flynn Simons – Mt. Allison JG

Ages 10-14

First: Emmett Greer – Marvel JG

Patriotic

Ages 5-9

First: Elayna Simons – Mt. Allison JG

Second: Henry Greer – Marvel JG

Third: Millie Peine – Marvel JG

Ages 10-14

First: Lila Peine – Marvel JG

Second: Addy Peine – Marvel JG

Third: Brianna Greer – Marvel JG

Agriculture Craft

Under 5 years old

First: Ruger Phelps – Mt. Allison JG

Ages 5-7

First : Sierra Phelps – Mt. Allison JG

Second : Elayna Simons- Mt. Allison JG

Third : Flynn Simons – Mt Allison JG

Woodworking

Under 5

First: Emi Jacobs – Wheat Ridge JG

Ages 5-9

First: Leo Jacobs – Wheat Ridge JG

Second: Henry Greer- Marvel JG

Third: Jacob Greer- Marvel JG

Third: Brianna Greer – Marvel JG

Ages 10-14

First: Gavin Dougharty – Marvel JG

Second: Jason Jacobs – Wheat Ridge JG

Third: Lila Peine-Marvel JG

Grow

Ages 5-9

First: Henry Greer – Marvel JG

Second: Jacob Greer – Marvel JG

Third: Flynn Simons- Mt. Allison JG

Ages 10-14

First: Nathan Greer – Marvel JG

Second: Brianna Greer – Marvel JG

Third: Addy Peine – Marvel JG

Creative Art

Ages 5-9

First: Elayna Simons – Mt. Allison JG

First : Millie Peine – Marvel JG

Second : Jacob Greer – Marvel JG

Third : Cayden Simons – Mt. Allison JG

Ages 10-14

- First: Gavin Dougharty – Marvel JG
- Second: Addy Peine – Marvel JG
- Second: Lila Peine – Marvel JG
- Third: Nathan Greer – Marvel JG
- Third: Brianna Greer – Marvel JG

Creative Art National

Ages 5-9

- First: Henry Greer – Marvel JG
- First: Jacob Greer – Marvel JG

Ages 10-14

- First: Emmett Greer – Marvel JG
- Second: Nathan Greer – Marvel JG
- Third: Brianna Greer – Marvel JG

Watercolor

Under 5

- First: Ruger Phelps – Mt. Allison JG

Ages 5-9

- First: Elayna Simons – Mt Allison JG
- First: Flynn Simons – Mt Allison JG
- First: Jacob Greer – Marvel JG
- First: Henry Greer – Marvel JG

Ages 10-14

- First: Emmett Greer – Marvel JG
- First: Nathan Greer – Marvel JG
- Second: Brianna Greer – Marvel JG

Executive Committee Report

Colorado State Grange 2022 State Session

Greetings to all of the State Session delegates, state officers, and state directors.

This is a summary of the CSG Executive Committee work for this past year. The minutes for each of our meetings is included in the State Session packet.

I want to thank my fellow Executive Committee members John Cruz and Tom Campion along with our worthy State Master, Gary Wardle, overseer Harry Greer, and our ex-officio members, State Secretary Cindy Greer and State Treasurer Sheryl Ayers.

The Executive Committee met every other month since the last state session via Zoom (continued savings in travel costs).

Here are some of the highlights of our meetings:

Sept. 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief meeting after State Session • Larry Corman elected chair for the upcoming year • Discussion on disposition of excess regalia
Dec. 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved travel funding for Colorado members traveling to National • Received funds from the sale of the Grandview Grange Hall • Good Shepherd Church – site for State Session 2022 • Discussion on Designated Funds
Feb. 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (1/17/22) Had Zoom meeting between Dec & Feb meetings with LPL Financial

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (1/17/22) Approved moving invested funds to LPL Financial
Apr. 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing discussion regarding investment policy
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion regarding possible speakers at state session
June 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voted to increase reimbursement for state session offices/directors • Discussion regarding getting coverage for sexual abuse/harassment insurance
Aug. 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize details for State Session • Preparation of 2023 budget

It's hard to believe but I am term-limited as an Executive Committee member after serving in this capacity for the past 9 years. It has been an enjoyable experience, for the most part, over these years. Thank you for the confidence that you have placed in me and the other Executive Committee members as we lead the Colorado State Grange.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Corman
Executive Committee chairperson

Executive Committee meeting 9/24/2021. Masonic Lodge

Those present: Gary Wardle, Tom Campion, Sheryl Ayers, John Cruz, Harry Greer, Cindy Greer, and Renee Caldwell.

Tom Campion called the meeting to order after the Banquet. The minutes of the previous meeting were not available.

A motion was made that Larry Corman be the new chairman. Seconded and carried.

Tom Campion and Gary Wardle had both had conversations with Beverly Weinert and Loeda Westphal about Good Shepherd church in Security who have offered storage in their basement. Cindy Greer shared that her understanding was that the storage is temporary and for Fountain Valley.

Discussion was held on what to do with the excess of Subordinate Regalia and implements that we are getting. We agreed that we need to figure something out for these items instead of the trailer. John said we may want to talk to some Granges to see if they are able to store these items. It was mentioned that some of them might want to use the items if theirs are in bad shape.

John Cruz moved we go through all the regalia and implements in the trailer to determine if the items are salvageable or if they should be destroyed. Seconded and carried. Gary Wardle will try to come to the Greer's where the trailer will be stored, and others can come to help.

Tom Campion moved that John Cruz be elected vice chairman of the Executive committee. Seconded and carried.

State Session for 2022 was discussed. We have two places we can go to next year for State session - either, Castlewood or Good Shepherd Church in Security. Discussion was held. John Cruz moved we go to the Good Shepherd Church in Security. Gary will contact the Church and Loeda and Beverly. Dates for State session will be September 21-24, 2021.

John Cruz moved we pay the expenses for State session. Seconded and carried.

Sheryl Ayers said she will need a copy of minutes with election of officers to change signature cards and Lincoln investments.

The Colorado State Grange address was discussed. Cindy Greer's address will be used. 7629 C.R. 100, Hesperus, CO 81326. Renee will go to her post office to change the address.

Florissant rent was paid mid sept and will stop in October.

Past Master, Cindy Greer's salary was paid for the month of September on Sept 20 which will discontinue. Master, Gary Wardle will receive pay on Oct 20 for October.

Rent was discussed and the Greer's did not see a need for rent.

Insurance on Trailer was discussed. John suggested USAA. John C. will call to find out. Gary W. will call a couple of people about insurance.

Cindy G. asked about a State Grange phone. Discussion was held. Gary moved we authorize the sec to purchase a new cell phone and transfer the old number, if possible. Seconded and carried.

John moved we pay both secretaries through oct. Seconded and carried. Therefore, Renee will be paid through October and Cindy will start receiving Secretary pay in October.

Past Master, Cindy Greer, reported that Fountain Valley signed a paper surrendering the charter December 31, 2021.

Past Master, Cindy Greer, mentioned that the Youth/Junior Directors invoice of \$707.00 for Baseball game had been sent out on Wed of State Session. A Motion made was made via e-mail to pay and seconded. The motion was approved.

John C moved we donate \$100 to the National Grange Foundation In lieu of Gifts for delegates at the 2021 National Session. Seconded and carried.

Next meeting: Harry moved that the next executive committee meeting be held on Wed. December 8th at 6:00 p.m. provided the date fits into Larry C's schedule. The motion was seconded and carried.

Gary moved we get a debit card with Secretaries name. seconded and carried.

Sheryl asked when we should have another review of books. Discussion was held and it was decided that we should have a review in possibly January or February.

Sheryl A. reported that she had forwarded a letter from the IRS about our 990 second quarter report to Larry. We will ask Larry C. to pursue it.

Sheryl A. suggested that the executive committee look at the designated funds to determine exactly what those funds should really be.

The meeting was adjourned.

Cindy Greer, Secretary

Executive Committee Meeting – December 9, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by chairman, Larry Corman. Those present were: Cindy Greer, Harry Greer, John Cruz, Larry Corman, Gary Wardle, Tom Campion and Sheryl Ayers.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The receipts for September and October were not reviewed. Sheryl reported that she was having issues with quick books. She thinks we need to purchase an update. Larry & Cindy can check with Tech soup to see if we can get a newer version. Gary moved we authorize getting a new version of Quick Books. Seconded and carried. Larry was thinking of getting the on-line version which he thinks is a subscription fee.

The bills for September and October were reviewed and approved. John moved we table the review of the receipts and bills, to be reviewed over e-mail as soon as possible. Seconded and carried.

Due to poor internet connections Larry asked John to take over chairing the meeting.

Communications reviewed were from the following:

IRS – notification that they received our change of address

USPS – Notification that we needed to file Statement of Ownership for Granger

National Grange – Request for update of Roster information

Lincoln Investment reports

Action taken by the Executive committee via email:

10/31/21 - Harry Greer moved that the state Grange support each person going to the National convention to with \$550.00 each from the budgeted amount and the Raffle funds raised. Tom Campion seconded the Motion. Larry Corman moved to amend the motion to the following: Elizabeth \$475, Harry & Cindy \$850, Roger & Sheryl \$1,250, Amy \$525, and Ruth \$525. This will be \$2,800 from the State acct and \$850 from the Raffle account. Harry G seconded the Amendment. The amendment and motion were approved 11/4/21.

11/17/21 Larry Corman moved that the August Executive committee minutes be approved as written. Seconded by Gary Wardle. The motion passed.

Review of Granges:

Grandview Grange's sale of building funds have been received. Discussion was held on investing the funds in Lincoln. It was decided that we will leave the fund in the checking account until a decision is made on the investment company. Larry again expressed his dissatisfaction with Lincoln investments. Larry volunteered to approach someone he knows in Durango to see if she would be interested in working with us.

Lambert Grange – Dues were received for the year recently.

Pleasant View – No dues received this year to date

Liberty Hall – Charter revoked. They were given until September 30 to produce the proper paperwork to dissolve and they did not do that so Past Master/secretary reported to National that their charter was revoked and their members have been removed from our membership list.

Sunflower – Request for non-members subscription to Granger. Gary had suggested that they have the individuals join as associate members. Gary will write to them.

Two Granges have inquired about Capital improvement Grants (Victory and Animas Valley). No information about the grants have been received because we had voted to discontinue the grant program for the time being earlier in the year. Secretary shared that there is one dissolved Grange's building sale proceeds that has reached the 7-year obligation.

Old Business:

Gary Wardle has called two companies that say they don't insure trailers. Discussion was held. Tom has insurance with Safeco on his camp trailer. Gary wondered if we could insure the contents of the trailer with our current insurance. Cindy will check with our current insurance. Gary will check with Safeco.

Cindy reported that the cell phone was obtained and reviewed the bill.

State Session contract. Gary has a contract with Good Shepherd Church that he sent to everyone. It has not been sent to them yet. Cindy reported that she had come across the last contract and will send to Gary and he will get the new contract sent it.

Trailer contents will be gone through after the first of the year and Gary, Harry & Cindy, Larry and Tom will take care of it.

Review of Books – Discussion was held and the executive committee needs to decide what amount of money needs to be in each of the designated accounts. Cindy had a list that Larry had created that we need to figure out how to track. Discussion was on the Mandy project funds. Sheryl and Larry will work on figuring out the designated accounts. Larry pulled up one of the accounts, that did have quite a few activities. Also need to define the purpose of each of the funds so that Granges and Granger who want to donate know what the money is used for.

Cindy reported that the Journal of Proceedings was mailed out today to the Granges. Cindy asked if we put it on the web site. Larry thought it was a good idea. No one else objected.

New Business:

The Colorado State Grange Domain was up for renewal and Larry has paid the bill for now. Harry Greer moved we reimburse Larry for the Domain fee. Seconded and carried.

Presidents Conference will be held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in February. Gary is planning to use the funds left from National Session to cover expenses.

Grange Insurance Association meeting is in March in Seattle. There were no objections to Gary attending these meetings.

Discussion was held on Complimentary issues of the Granger being sent out. Larry moved we drop mailing out complimentary issues and e-mail copies instead. Seconded, discussed, and carried. Tom thought that maybe we could drop some of the Grangers off at a local Library. The Last Granger has not been received by anyone at this point. Cindy will call Luis again at Publication Publishers to see what they have found out.

Master's report: Gary reported that he and Kathy attended the National convention. There were about 9 Colorado Grangers in attendance. The delegates did approve selling the building in Washington, D.C. Gary has awards that Colorado Granges received to get out. Cindy and Harry had the ones from the Western Slope. He helped with the Wheat Ridge Grange event last week and helped Enterprise Grange's Stocking project and has been contacting Granges to set up meetings to work on membership and has all committees set.

Overseer reported that he has been helping the Secretary.

Tom Campion reported that he is keeping his head down, trying not to get into too much trouble. Attended local Grange meetings at Marvel.

Larry Corman reported Mt. Allison had their harvest supper in Oct. Did a combo of takeout and dine in and were over whelmed. They ended up with the largest profit/crowd in about three or five years. Free Breakfast this coming Sat for community and Christmas. Covid is rearing its head again in this area.

John reported that Dec 1 they had a Christmas party meeting that was in the middle of the day. He was not able to attend. Their meetings have been moved to the afternoons. Had some minor issues at the Grange Hall. They are installing fans and had a flood as a result of the water heater.

Treasurer, Sheryl reported that the Marvel Women's group met and she's been working with the Secretary.

Secretary, Cindy reported that the Roster is almost ready for printing. She has done it in the traditional format and also on a spreadsheet format, so that it will be easier to access the various offices with a sort.

Date of next meeting – On Thursday, February 24 at 6:00 p.m.

We decided that the financial review does not have to be done by the next meeting. We will strive to get the designated accounts figured out for the next meeting.

Larry will try to have a conference call or zoom meeting with an investment company. Gary will also talk with his investment company.

Gary asked if we need to have a motion concerning bonding. We decided that Bonding for the State Grange was budgeted and didn't need a motion. Tom asked if the orange sheet was the budget passed at State Session. Discussion was held and it was determined that that sheet was the budget that was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Cindy Greer, Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING February 24, 2022

Larry Corman, chairman called the meeting on order at 6:02 p.m. via zoom

Those present were: Larry Corman, Harry Greer, Cindy Greer, Gary Wardle, Tom Campion, and Sheryl Ayers

Gary W. moved the minutes from the last meeting be approved. Seconded and carried.

Gary W. moved transaction list for August 2021 thru January 2022 be approved. Seconded and carried.

Larry C. asked treasurer for a year-end balance sheet and income statement so that he can prepare the 990-tax report. Our current balance is \$ 23,460.14 with outstanding checks of 5,266.00.

Sheryl A. inquired as to what our policy is on checks that have not been cashed. We currently have no specific policy. We discussed what should be done and decided to contact those who have not yet cashed checks from August and September. Sheryl A. will check with Mountain West Insurance and Gary will check with J. Kelly for the two checks that haven't cleared.

Receipts list. Gary moved the Receipts for August thru January be approved. Seconded and carried.

It was suggested that we establish the \$ in the various equity accounts – Larry C., Sheryl A. & Cindy G. can work on that and also on definitions of each account so that they can be promoted to the Granges.

We also need to add something for bonding expenses in the chart of accounts. Sheryl A. will work on the issues with salary and payroll taxes.

Communication from the following were shared:

IRS – notification of overpayment on December 31, 2019 Form 990

LPL Financial – letters confirming account numbers and set up.

The Grange Foundation – Thank you for donation

Roger and Sheryl Ayers – Thank you for financial assistance to National convention

Pinnacol Assurance – Workers compensation Insurance

Social Security Administration - Retirement, survivors and disability insurance – allowing Sheryl access

Marie Roessler – Animas Valley Grange – concern about Leadership/Scholarship foundation and Jim Miller

being out of state. It was suggested that we put an article in The Colorado Granger when we get the information from Jim. Question was asked if the Ex-Committee knows how much \$ the Leadership/Scholarship Foundation

had. The answer was not really. Some concern was expressed about our (CSG) liability because of the connection.

EX Comm work done by email:

1/11/22 – Gary W. moved that we pay Pinnacle Assurance, Unemployment insurance \$230.00. Tom Seconded it. Larry voted yes, John yes, Harry voted yes, Approved.

1/17/22 In attendance: Cindy Greer, secretary; Sheryl Ayers, treasurer; Gary Wardle, Master; Larry Corman, Executive Committee; Tom Campion, Executive Committee; Rachel Kuss, LPL Financial Advisor

The Colorado State Grange Executive Committee (EC) invited Rachel Kuss, LPL Financial Advisor, to make a presentation regarding our investments that currently reside with Lincoln Investments. The EC has recently felt that Lincoln has been more aggressive with our investments than what we had originally agreed to when we began our relationship with Lincoln.

With that being said and reviewing Kuss' plan for our investments, I (Larry Corman) move that we divest from Lincoln Investments, moving all of those funds to LPL, under the advisement and direction of Rachel Kuss. I further move that the funds be invested in the "Total Return" portfolio as presented by Rachel Kuss. I further move that Cindy Greer, secretary; Sheryl Ayers, treasurer; and Gary Wardle, president are signers on the account. Motion was seconded and carried with (Gary W., Larry C., Tom C. and Harry G. voting).

1/20/22 Larry Corman moved to pay the United States Liability Insurance company \$284.00 for Liability Insurance. Harry seconded the motion. Most was approved (Larry C, Harry G, Gary W, Tom C,)

2/10/22 Motion was made to pay Mike Lackey for legislative lobby registration fees of \$40. Seconded and carried.

Granges:

Fountain Valley – signed letter surrendering charter will be dropped on this first quarters report. Regalia and items at Beverly Weinert's house we need to get.

All Granges 4th quarter reports and dues payment received.

Gary W moved that Marvel Grange receive a new Implement box from one of ones in storage in the trailer. Seconded and carried.

Old Business

Discussion was held on insuring trailer and its contents. Information was received from insurance company and sent out via e-mail but no decision was made. The towing individual needs to talk to their personal insurance company about liability if trailer caused damage to someone else. Larry did not think it was worth the money to cover what we have. The regalia is the most expensive thing to replace. Gary W. suggested that we wait until we go through the items in the trailer to make a decision. We will table this until later.

Harry G. moved that the Master, Secretary, Treasurer and Chair of executive committee have access to the Invested funds account on-line. Gary W. seconded. Discussed and carried. Those with access will receive login information and password, then will have to coordinate with Secretary as a code will be sent to the State Grange cellphone that they will need to log-in the first time.

Investment Policy Development was brought up for discussion. Larry suggested Gary W. reach out to Rachel Kuss for information on the Investment Policy Development. Larry C. suggested we have a committee at state session to review the investments.

Gary W. shared that we need to think about a couple of things that he learned at the National President's/Officers conference:

Tax exempt status is covered in three categories. National is covered under 501c5.

Most State Granges are chartered under 501c8, which we are. It was set up so that we give insurance to members. The one thing we are doing that makes us in compliance is the AIL insurance and as long as we continue to do that we qualify. C8 is supposed to operate under lodge system, following by-laws, following opening and closing ceremonies and should wear regalia at meetings. If President Biden get the IRS agents he wants, the Grange may have to answer more questions. The other thing we could do is apply to be a 501c10 (does not require lodge system.) but we don't know what it would cost to change.

National Grange building has two or three offers and some other. They have made a counter offer and the building could possibly be sold by April. If that happens, the Grange would need to be out by October.

Insurance was discussed and how long records should be kept. Some States have had to go back 50 years to see who the insurance company was at the time of an incident that is now in court. So basically, we need to keep records forever. Termination of membership was an issue in one of the states.

Florida State Grange turned in their charter.

We discussed bonding for state Grange. It was decided that we needed to cover close to \$900,000.00 with the total funds that we have. Gary W. will e-mail National President, Betsy H. for information about cost for bonding on \$900,000.00 and we will discuss via e-mail.

Review of books – Sheryl A. will contact Valerie Borge about reviewing the books before our next meeting.

New Business:

Cindy G. renewed her raffle manager's license. Gary W. moved we renew the raffle license. Seconded and carried. Larry filed the report for the last quarter. It takes about three months to get the report approved.

State Session was discussed. Gary W. will go look for possible motels and contact Beverly Weinert. He has talked to Beverly's daughter about meals but have not heard back from them. Gary W. thought last year's agenda worked well with the sixth degree on Saturday afternoon. Gary W. will work on getting a speaker. National Representative was discussed. We suggested the following: Flora, Lena Schufeldt; High Priest, Roger Bostwick; or National President, Betsy Huber.

We discussed the fifth-degree presentation and Harry Greer agreed to do the short form.

Gary W. wondered if we had any sexual abuse insurance. We are not sure; we did have the Youth/Junior Directors from the past have a background check. Sheryl A. will check with Mountain West when she checks on the uncashed check.

Master's report – Gary and Kathy W. attended the Presidents conference in Myrtle Beach. They flew at odd hours. There were probably 40-50 people in attendance. Lots of good sessions and some very scary issues were brought up. He has been doing things at Wheat Ridge and Enterprise. Crescent Grange forgot to file their 990-n and he will help them. Larry asked if there was a way to help Granges be sure they get their 990N postcards done. We will give this some thought.

Overseer's Report – Harry G. reported that he hasn't done any official business except at Marvel and La Plata Pomona.

Ex committee report - Tom Campion shared that he has only been doing Grange stuff locally. He appreciates getting the minutes of the e-mail action as part of the agenda. Larry Corman shared his appreciation doing some business via email and zoom meetings as we save lots of money. Mt. Allison had a breakfast in December, they are still thinking about having a spring dinner, have hosted ditch meetings at the hall. They have been working with Pine River Shares which is like a food pantry where a semi load of food comes in and they prepare 80 boxes and distribute those boxes to families. Pre-covid they were doing 700 boxes a year and now Pine River shares is doing 31,000.

Sec report – Cindy G. has finally Established an EPS (Enterprise Payment System) account with the USPS so that now the accounts can be linked and utilized by Publication printers for access to the \$600.00 that was in one account. Spent several hours on the phone and at Post offices trying to get this accomplished. Publication Printers has checked on it and we hope that it is finalized and useable.

She sent out an update on Roster for the Granges that got left out. Sent out Exempt property tax reports to Granges. Sent Colona Grange handbooks from National for Master, Sec and Treasurer via e-mail. Communicated with Secretaries when Grangers are returned with insufficient addresses or a new address. Will be sending out Quarterly report forms, membership definitions and dues. (Altona does not charge members who are over 70, so that's why definitions are necessary).

Date of Next Meeting: May 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Cindy Greer, Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - April 25, 2022 6:00 p.m. via ZOOM

Those in attendance: Larry Corman, Tom Campion, Harry & Cindy Greer, John Cruz, Gary Wardle, Sheryl Ayers

Chairman Larry called the meeting order at 6:03 p.m.

Gary moved the minutes from the last meeting be approved. Seconded and carried.

Harry moved the approval of bills paid from February and March. Seconded and carried

After questions concerning money received, it was reported that we were successful in receiving the Unclaimed property from the Treasurer marked Youth Fund. Harry moved we approve the income report for February and March. Seconded and carried.

Communication received were:

National Grange Journal of proceedings for President and Legislative Director.

Colorado Unemployment Insurance – reminder of quarterly report due

Colorado Department of Labor confirmation that Exempt Property reports were received.

EX Comm work done by email:

3/4/22 – Larry Corman move that we purchase bonding insurance at the \$25,000.00 rate which will cost \$72.00. Seconded by Gary Wardle and approved.

4/14/22 – Executive committee meeting date changed to April 25 due to Florida Grange Visitation on May 5. Approved.

Granges:

Cindy Greer reported that all other Granges had sent in their exempt property reports except Castlewood. Cindy Greer took the others to the post office and registered the envelope so that we would know that they were received. Cindy Greer emailed Castlewood and then called them to make sure that they understood it had to be postmarked by April 15 and requested that they send a copy to the office, which has not yet been received.

Old Business

A discussion was held concerning Insurance on Trailer. It was reviewed that if a person is going to be towing the trailer, they need to check with their insurance company to verify that if anything happens it would be covered. Cindy will check with their insurance, as it is most likely that Harry and she will be towing the trailer and let the executive committee know by email.

Discussion was held concerning Investment Policy development. Gary Wardle has sent a document from the investment company. We discussed having a committee at state session to review the policy. Larry Corman thought the executive committee needs to develop the policy to have guidelines and then have the delegate committees review it to see if we might have missed anything.

Larry C. suggested that everyone take a look at the template and make suggestions. Gary W. suggested that Custodial funds (money being held for Granges due to closure and/or sale of halls) have a separate guideline paragraph. Funds for Youth, Junior, Family Activities, etc. are also included in investments funds and need to be addressed in this policy.

Larry C., Sheryl A. and Cindy G met via zoom to hash out the equity accounts and came up with a balance for those accounts.

Sheryl shared the LPL Financial info:

Starting market value (2/2/22) - \$456,536.24

Deposit (Community Banks mostly) - \$358,984.86

Investment returns - (\$41,512.90) (that's a negative number)

Current value (4/22/22) - \$774,008.20

The Market has been down but will come back.

Sheryl Ayers reported that she had met with Valarie Borge earlier but she has not yet gotten the books back to her yet. Bank account has \$33,565.49. We still have taxes and salaries to come out. So about \$5,000 will come out soon.

Cindy G reported that she finally remembered to apply for the Raffle License and the Sec of State has approved it, so we are good to go with raffles for this year. Larry C asked what we have to raffle? Cindy G has a couple of table runners that came from National from quilt blocks. She hasn't checked with Karen Baxter about a

quilt yet. Sheryl Ayers said she might be able to talk Roger into making some wooden items. Larry C mentioned something about talking to a travel agent.

Gary W has contacted Mike Lackey who was going to meet with the State Dept of Agriculture meetings to see if they had someone who might come and speak at State Session. He also sent an e-mail to the Broad band committee to see if someone might come and speak. He has talked to the church ladies and they are interested in doing all the meals. Has a lead on a couple of hotels to see if they might give us a break on rates. Discussion was held on when the information needs to be ready to send out. Gary W. asked about the Officers reimbursement rates and travel reimbursement rate needed discussed now or if we could wait. We can decide to do that at the next meeting. Gary sent in the form for a national representative.

New Business:

Cindy G. shared information about State Fair Displays and said that if we wanted to do it, we could put together a display and get it up there and set up, if someone else could go and pick it up the Tuesday after Labor Day. Gary W said that he thought they could do that.

The Great Plains Regional Conference is June 10-12 in Manhattan, KS. Reservations are due May 1. Gary & Kathy W will be in England. Discussion was held on reimbursing options which might encourage others to attend.

Tom Campion moved the Colorado State Grange increase the mileage rate to \$.40 for any Grange activity, which applies to Great Plains and State Session and other Grange travel, and we reimburse Great Plains registration fee plus registration fee. Seconded, discussed and carried.

Master's report –Gary W shared that he had attended Enterprise Grange community Night. Will be attending Wheat Ridge Community Night in May. Worked with Sunflower Grange on running the plant sale conflicts. He finally convinced them to work together. He has been working on State Session and has several travel plans for the summer. He said Maple Grove is allowing a construction company to use their parking lot, they might be having them repave the parking lot and possibly pay a fee each month. Didn't know final result but will check with Marlys.

Overseer's Report –Harry G reported that he has been circulating around in La Plata Pomona. Went to Mt. Allison's visitation. Planning to go to Great Plains.

Ex committee report –

Tom Campion - Went to Mt. Allison's visitation, studied items sent out about financial situation of the State Grange.

John Cruz – Hasn't been doing much with the Grange. Volunteer work with Beep Ball and has been doing taxes for Jackson Huewt this year. He will be traveling a lot this summer.

Larry Corman shared that Mt. Allison had visitation last Saturday. There were visitors from Animas Valley (2), Marvel (4). Florida had a free breakfast that morning and didn't make it. He is helping with the Ignacio 9 Health Fair in a couple of weeks. It had been cancelled the last two year. Mt Allison will have a spring dinner on May 21 to raise funds for insurance and bills. They also started highway cleanup last week but gave up because of winds.

Sec report- that she participated in National Grange State Secretary Zoom meeting on membership on April 18. Sent reminder about Grange Articles. Collected articles and edited. Created Upcoming dates list and sent to paper and Larry. Printed copies of articles and sent to Publication Printers. Received, recorded Dues from Subordinates – 8 that have not reported. Updated membership list as received from Subordinates and updated National data base. Sent in exempt property reports received (Castlewood is the only one not received). Made copies of all exempt property reports received. Emailed subordinate sec when a Grange paper is returned with insufficient address or address change.

The Next Meeting will be on Monday, June 27, 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Cindy Greer, Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING June 27, 2022

Larry Corman called meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Via Zoom.

Those present: Gary Wardle, Larry Corman, Tom Campion, Sheryl Ayers, Cindy & Harry Greer

Gary moved we approve the minutes. Seconded and carried.

Gary moved expenses be approved. Seconded and carried.

Harry moved the receipts be approved. Seconded and carried.

EX Comm work done by email:

The Greer's checked with their insurance company about liability coverage on trailer and reported that liability is covered by their insurance when pulling the trailer.

Granges:

Redlands Mesa – Redlands Mesa member, Michelle Meyers called with several questions some concerning election of officers.

Empire Grange has a new web site and one member who has asked several questions. They have formed an LLC for the rental part of the Grange.

Lambert Grange – Lambert Grange member called about restarting Grange. Judith Reed informed Cindy that Cassandra Shenk has turned the leadership over to her. Judy was involved 15 years ago and has not been until now, again.

The following have not filed their first quarter dues report: Pleasant View, Lambert and Grandview.

Sunflower Grange, Cherry Ellis is working on election of officer, Cherry is moving to Littleton so will be stepping aside probably.

Old Business

Investment Policy Statement – Tabled for now. Tom sent suggestions, Larry will send those out for others to have input and hopefully we can get this accomplished via e-mail.

Review of Books – Covid has interfered and Sheryl has not gotten the books to Valerie Borge.

Raffle – Karen Baxter will have a quilt; Cindy has two table runners. Gary was going to contact Roger Ayers to see if he had any wood project to donate.

State Session – Officers/Directors reimbursement was discussed and by consensus it was decided that mileage would be \$.40/mile plus \$300.00 for hotel and \$50.00 for the additional officer in family.

Larry Corman, Executive committee chair will make arrangements for fruit for the 6th degree.

P.A. System: Cindy Greer talked with Daniel Greer and we can borrow his system.

Gary Wardle has contacted the ladies at the church and the prices will be the same as last year

Gary Wardle is still working on speakers for the session. Possibilities were discussed (Focus on the Family, Military, Current, Olympics center, space force? Garden of the Gods.) He did share that Lena Schufeldt, National Flora from Oklahoma will be our National Representative.

Gary Wardle moved the state session fee for Subordinate and Pomona be \$30.00. Seconded and carried.

Gary Wardle will contact Chris Cleary, to confirm that he will be Photographer and Ruth Wilson Francisco about pianist for session.

Vivian Vos resigned from Wheat Ridge Grange as secretary as she is moving to take care of the family farm. She will probably resign as State Lecturer.

Sexual Abuse/harassment insurance: We did find out that our liability policy excludes coverage. Cindy will e-mail our insurer to find out what it would cost.

New Business:

Leadership/Scholarship Grange Foundation's current officers need to be replaced and the foundation reorganized. We may need to find out what their by-laws stipulate. Gary Wardle will try to call Jeanne Davies and get some additional information.

Gary Wardle asked if we needed to budget a Zoom meeting account for meetings which probably would cost around \$140.00 a year, since Larry Corman is term limited.

Another question of concern was what to do with the trailer instead of pulling it back and forth.

The license is due in July and we need to transfer the plates to La Plata County.

Master's report- Gary Wardle went to Pleasant Park Grange and presented Bob Kuehster his 80-year membership certificate. He gave him a paper weight and a 75-year service pin. He attended Enterprise and Wheat Ridge Community Nights and has been traveling. He attended the Zoom meeting for the Grange Insurance Association. Overseer's Report – Harry Greer reported that he has been attending Pomona and Local meetings and did attend the Great Plains Regional conference and endured a tornado warning.

Ex committee report:

Tom Campion shared that he did a weather check today and found that he had 65 days of no measurable precipitation. In the last few days, he has had 1.65" with some flooding in the area.

Larry Corman said he missed the paper deadline as usual. Mt. Allison had a successful hamburger fry in May and did very well and came out better than their other dinners with a lot less work. Still doing Pine River Shares once a month.

Sec report: Sent out Dues Notice for second quarter and report of new officers. Ordered membership seals and awards for Marvel and Grandview. Jeanne Davies should have received her 70 -year seal last fall. Sent in the articles to the Publication Printers. Resolved problems getting the AT&T bill paid. Still working with post office about getting some money in the right place.

Date of Next Meeting: This will be the meeting we set for the budget on August 22 at 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom.

Larry needs a quick book file to work book on the budget and the 990.

Meeting Adjourned.

Cindy Greer, Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING August 22, 2022

Larry Corman called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Those in attendance: Gary Wardle, Harry & Cindy Greer, Tom Campion, Larry Corman, Sheryl Ayers.

Harry Greer moved we approve the minutes from the last meeting. Seconded and carried.

Tom Campion moved we accept the bills paid. Seconded and carried.

Harry Greer moved we accept report of receipts. Seconded and carried.

EX Comm work done by email:

July 12, 2022 Larry Corman moved we pay the Liability Insurance bill from United States Liability Insurance Company in the amount of \$379.00. Motion was seconded and carried.

July 18- Larry Corman moved the notice about Secura Commercial Protection Plan sent to Ex committee \$943.00 be paid. Gary Wardle seconded the motion. The motion carried

July 18 – Larry Corman moved that the Colorado State Grange support one Ag in the classroom through the Colorado Ag Foundation at \$60.00. Seconded by Gary Wardle. The motion carried.

Granges:

Granges reporting less than 13 members: Cherry Creek, Clear Creek Valley, El Paso, Grandview, Lake Vista, Pikes Peak Pomona.

Granges that have not paid first or second quarter dues: Grandview and Pleasant View

Oxford Grange member called asking questions about renters' insurance, e-mail was sent out to Subordinate Granges and shared with the member who inquired.

Castlewood Grange inquired about process for closing the Grange.

Animas Valley Grange asked if the State Grange had any funds available for Capital improvements at this time, they looking at replacing the roof. It was determined that at this point in time the CSG does not have any funds available. Animas Valley had been directed to PICK to partner on a grant for the repairs.

Old Business

Sexual Abuse insurance – waiting for underwriter to give us a quote.

Sheryl reported that she has not gotten the books to be reviewed. She is wondering at this point if we would be ahead and wait until January or February and have her do two years. The equity accounts like Mandy, Youth, Family Activities, Lecturers, etc. need to be specified in the books. Sheryl Ayers said that quick books need to show what LPL financial. Sheryl, Cindy, and Larry had worked on those equity accounts before and have some idea of what might be a beginning in order to track what comes in and what goes out, Sheryl just needs to

get the information into the books. Harry Greer moved that we do a two-year review of books at Valerie Barge's schedule. Seconded and carried.

State Session – Gary reported that he has tried to get the Water Conservation Board to update us on the Colorado's Water Plan, which might be a zoom conference. He hasn't been able to get a hold of anyone at the Garden of the Gods. The National Reps will do the installation of officers. National President has sent an e-mail with her video to present at State Session. Discussed gift for National Representatives.

Harry Greer shared that at National last year, Kansas had some easy curtain set up. He thought we need three frames. Total cost of frames and curtains would be around \$300.00. Gary Wardle moved we purchase the frame and curtains. Seconded and carried. The old curtains will be offered to any Grange that needs them and see if we could get something for them.

We need to get someone to fill the Flora position for Thursday and Friday(maybe). Gary asked about the filling the Flora position on Thursday. Gary W. will talk to Carol Lackey.

Trailer was discussed. Most of the heavy stuff is out of the trailer which will make it easier to haul. Gary. asked if there was any maintenance that needed done on the trailer. Harry G said that he didn't know of any.

Harry Greer will do the short for fifth degree.

Pleasant Park donated a fed, white, and blue Afghan that will be auctioned off at State session and we will decide where to put the funds prior to the auction.

LPL Financial policy statement had been worked on via e-mail without finalizing it. Larry will work on getting that finalized in the near future via e-mail.

Investment committee was discussed as to whether to have a resolution or the Master appoint. The Investment committee would review the investment quarterly and make any recommendations to the executive committee. We are paying LPL advisors for what they are doing and they have a lot of experience. Harry Greer suggested we remove the "Invest committee" out of the Investment policy. All were in agreement.

New Business:

Custodial accounts – location of funds – Sunflower \$48,475.91, Deer Trail \$5,000.00 (2016), Lake Side \$12,631.99, Mountain View \$601.56 are located in Invested funds with other money that is CSG money. Eureka (maybe under \$17,155.000) and Riverside (Under \$10,000.00) still have funds. It was suggested that Valerie B. who will review the books might have a suggestion or perhaps our LPL representative would have suggestions. Actual money is in LPL with Colorado State Grange funds.

Larry Corman presented a proposed budget. It was discussed and edited and will be presented at State Session.

The committee approved Pikes Peak Pomona having one delegate when they pay their dues and assessment fee.

Discussion was held as to raffle account expenditures and the budget. The Colorado Secretary of State requires that the Raffle have a separate account and checks have to be written from the Raffle account to help individuals with expenses for leadership conferences, which are not included in the budget. Even though this does not give an accurate reflection of what the CSG does, we are unable to predict how much a raffle will bring in and what we are able to help individuals with. Therefore, it was decided that we do not need to include in the budget.

Master's report – Gary shared that he had been busy getting all the state session prep done. He has participated in Wheat Ridge Grange, Darden Pomona and Enterprise Grange activities.

Overseer's Report - Harry Greer said he worked at the La Plata County Fair La Plata Pomona Grange food concession. They missed Pomona picnic due to a funeral, and are going to State fair on Thursday to set up the display.

Ex committee report - Tom Champion and Larry Corman both attended the La Plata Pomona Picnic, it was quite cool. Larry caught a chill. They played games. Tom met some new Grangers but didn't get them convinced to come to State. Larry helped at the County fair flipping hamburgers.

Sec report – Cindy Greer said that she has received a few delegate forms and meal reservations and some Subordinate reports of officers for 23. She has the display ready to take to the state Fair to set up. We have not

received any reports from officers or directors for state session yet. Next Colorado Granger articles are at the printer, time will tell how long it takes the post office to get it out.

Date of Next Meeting: State Session following Banquet.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Cindy Greer, Secretary

Colorado State Grange
Investments and Cash
For 2021

	Investments	Bank	Total Funds
Beginning balance	485,013.13	20,118.71	505,131.84
add: dividends	18,305.34		
less: advisory & misc. fees	5,338.30		
add: unrealized capital gains	1,809.84		
less: withdrawals	<u>(10,000.00)</u>		
Ending balance	496,846.93	377,703.31	874,550.24
 Increase in Funds			 369,418.40
 Investment Performance	 4.50%		
 Note: Proceeds from Grandview Grange Hall sale	 \$ 356,835.03		

**LIST OF RESOLUTIONS
2022 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

GOTO 101 Golden Sheaf Dues Clarification	Adopted as Amended
GOTO 102 Grange IRS compliance	Adopted as Amended
GOTO 103 CSG INVESTMENT POLICY	Adopted as Amended
GOTO 104 Secretary's membership Records	Adopted as Amended
Agriculture 1 Meat Packing Industry	Rejected
Grange Activities 1 State Session Thank You	Adopted

Resolutions Adopted

GOTO-101-CO

Golden Sheaf Dues clarification

1. WHEREAS: The Colorado State Grange By-laws states: Section 8. The Colorado State Grange authorizes the Golden Sheaf Class of Membership (50 years). Members who obtained Golden Sheaf Membership status prior to December 31, 2000, are relieved from payment of dues at all levels of Grange. **Members who obtained Golden Sheaf Membership status after January 1, 2001 will pay one half the dues that other regular members pay to their Subordinate Grange.** Those dues will then be forwarded to the State Grange to then be forwarded to the National Grange.
2. WHEREAS: National Grange requires full payment of National dues for those who have obtained their Golden Sheaf membership after January 1, 2001 and
3. WHEREAS: The intent of the Colorado State Grange By -laws was to apply to only the dues paid to Colorado State Grange and
4. WHEREAS the current language of the CSG by-laws could be interpreted as applying to all dues at all levels, now therefore be it
5. RESOLVED that the Colorado State Grange by-laws be clarified with the following language: "Members who obtained Golden Sheaf Membership status after December 31, 2000 will pay one half of the dues for the Colorado State Grange and pay the full amount of National dues."

GOTO 102 - CO

Grange IRS compliance

1. **WHEREAS**; The Grange has tax status of 501-c 5, 501-c 8, and 501-c10 because we are in the Lodge classification, and
2. **WHEREAS**; The Lodge classification is dependent on the Granges following an accepted ritual, and
3. **WHEREAS**; Officer titles, are part of the prescribed ritual, and
4. **WHEREAS**; Following an accepted meeting format, are also part of the Ritual and
5. **WHEREAS**; The Grange ritual and officer titles (Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, A.S., L.A.S., Chaplain, Sec, Treas, Gate Keeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora, Executive Committee – as in the 1957 digest) were accepted by the IRS prior to the Granges receiving the tax status, therefor be it
6. **RESOLVED**; All Granges follow the IRS accepted ritual for their meetings, including, National Grange, State Granges, Pomona Granges, Subordinate Granges, and Junior Granges, and be it further
7. **RESOLVED**; All Granges must use the titles of officers that have been accepted by the IRS, (Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, A.S., L.A.S., Chaplain, Sec, Treas, Gate Keeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora, Executive Committee – as in the 1957 digest) in their formal meetings, and all internal communications, until the time that new titles are accepted by the IRS, and be it further
8. **RESOLVED**; The National Grange, and all State Granges provide information to the members of their respective Granges advising subordinate Granges which officer titles, and which meeting formats have been accepted by the IRS, in complying with the classification of a "Lodge" for tax classification purposes.

GOTO 103 CO CSG INVESTMENT POLICY

1. WHEREAS; The Colorado State Grange has invested monies that are custodial accounts for Granges who have sold building or banks funds from Granges who have relinquished their charter or funds donated for special activities and monies from the sale of the Colorado State Grange Building, and
2. WHEREAS; The current Executive Committee feels the monies should be protected in the future as they currently are protected, and
3. WHEREAS; the executive committee has crafted a written policy that can be changed by the delegates of the Colorado State Grange by a majority of voting delegates attending the Colorado State Session when the changes are presented in the form of a resolution, therefore be it
4. RESOLVED; The Colorado State Grange supports the introduction of an Investment Committee, and be it further
5. RESOLVED; the investment Committee shall consist of the Master, Overseer, Executive Committee, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Colorado State Grange, and be it further
6. RESOLVED; the Colorado State Grange accepts the following policy to be followed by the Investment Committee when making decisions concerning the Colorado State Grange invested funds. (*See next page or back of this document*).

Investment Policy of the Colorado State Grange

Purpose:

The investments of the Colorado State Grange (CSG) are to support the operations and policy efforts of the Grange and the Subordinate Granges of the State of Colorado and to hold in escrow(custodial) funds that are turned over to CSG by Subordinate Granges from whatever source according to the applicable rules of CSG and the National Grange. This policy shall remain in place until changed by action of the CSG at a state convention after approval by the Executive Committee (Ex Com) of the CSG.

Delegation of Responsibilities:

Per Section 4 of the CSG Constitution,

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Colorado State Grange to oversee the invested funds (in conjunction with the Executive Committee).

The Executive Committee has the ultimate responsibility for all investments, and will review all investments once a year at a minimum.

Management of Accounts:

A professional financial management firm (**Investment Manager**) will manage all aspects of the CSG invested funds. Any withdrawals/deposits will be by approval of the CSG Executive Committee. The CSG Executive Committee along with the secretary and treasurer have “read only” online access to the funds.

Guidelines for Investment:

The CSG Executive Committee defers to the Investment Manager in day-to-day investment decisions. The Investment Manager should invest in a diversified manner that reduces risk while generating income to support CSG’s operational needs.

Performance Measurement Standards:

Investments will be compared with commonly used investment benchmarks such as Standard and Poor’s 500 Composite Index.

Expenditures of Funds:

Non-escrowed or otherwise earmarked funds may be used as needed for the operation of the CSG.

Donor Restrictions:

Donors may restrict the uses of their donated funds. Donations may be made to any of the special funds that are maintained by the CSG (e.g., Mandy Project, Youth Fund, etc.). These restricted funds shall be tracked by the secretary/treasurer with guidance from the Ex-Com.

Reserve Fund Expenditures:

The Ex Com may use income from non-escrowed funds or return on investment from restricted funds as needed for the ongoing operation of the CSG.

Real Property:

The CSG does not currently own any real property. In the event that this should change any real property will be considered as part of the investment portfolio.

**GOTO - 104-CO
Secretary’s membership Records**

1. WHEREAS: it is important that the membership records in each Grange be kept up to date, and
2. WHEREAS: when a Granger passes away or leaves the Grange that information is not always passed on to the Pomona, therefore be it
3. RESOLVED, when a community Grange secretary removes a name from their membership roles that information is communicated to the Pomona Grange in that area.

Grange Activities 1 - State Session Thank You

WHEREAS, the Colorado State Grange has many members and others who have done things to make the 2022 Colorado State Grange session successful, and

WHEREAS, many volunteer house have been spent making the 2022 Colorado State Grange session successful, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the following be recognized:

- Good Shepherd United Methodist Church for providing a beautiful facility to have the session in and for providing delicious meals.
- Christopher Cleary for serving as session photographer.

- Elizabeth Hiner for serving as state Lecturer remotely from Hawaii and providing fresh pineapple and Macadamia nuts for the Gala.
- Kathy Wardle for being the leader of the wonderful Hawaiian Gala and providing Hawaiian dancers and music for entertainment.
- Ruth Wilson Francisco for serving as pianist and providing beautiful music during the session.
- National representative, Welina Shufeldt and Bill from Oklahoma.
- Loeda Westphal for a meaningful memorial service.
- Yvonne Chapman for her work on the 6th degree.
- Idella Lewis and Karen Baxter for their work on the family activities event.
- Cindy Greer for all her work as Secretary at the session and through the year.
- Kathy Wardle and Kara Jacobs for organizing the Jr. Display.
- Kacey Wardle for her help with the Jr. and Lecturer exhibits and hospitality room.

	2023 Budget			
	Jan - Dec 21 Actual	2021 Budget	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Revenue				
Bonding	-	700	700	700
Investment Transfer	10,000			27,862
Membership Dues	39,228	45,012	43,594	39,000
Meal Tickets	292	1,900	1,900	1,900
Convention Assessment	390	700	700	420
Degree Fees	28	30	30	30
GIA	2,272	1,200	1,117	1,100
Misc. Income	1,520	300	300	500
National Supp. Memb. Dues	<u>24,165</u>	<u>22,822</u>	<u>20,000</u>	22,000
Total Income	77,895	72,664	68,341	93,512
Expense				
New Badges	-	-	50	100
<i>Salaries</i>				
State Master	12,890	12,890	12,890	12,890
State Secretary	<u>22,198</u>	<u>20,490</u>	<u>20,490</u>	<u>20,490</u>
Total · Salaries	35,088	33,380	33,380	33,380
Audit/Legal Prof Services	10	1,500	1,500	1,000
Bonding	502	-	-	772
Cell phone	273	-	-	1,500
Colorado Granger Expenses	9,928	7,200	10,000	12,000
Community Service	445	200	200	450
Donations	1,584	300	200	500
Dues & Subscriptions	300	300	300	300

Equipment Purchases	59	250	200	800
Equipment Repair & Maint	-	100	100	100
Executive Committee	-	500	500	100
Family Activities	439	650	650	450
Hosting National Grange Support	-	4,000	-	-
Insurance	2,272	3,000	3,000	3,000
Junior Grange Activities	240	250	250	250
Leadership Program	-	500	500	500
Lecturer Activities	663	650	650	650
Legislative Committee	-	3,000	1,500	500
Master Expense	379	500	500	500
Master's Nat'/ Conv. Exp	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
Membership		800	800	800
National Convention Assessment	-	1,200	1,117	1,100
National Dues	16,307	17,000	16,000	16,500
Office Rent	4,800	5,760	4,000	-
Office Supplies	541	500	500	500
Payroll Taxes	2,877	6,100	6,000	2,600
Postage & Shipping	375	500	700	500
Public Relations	-	100	100	100
State Session Expense	9,341	10,000	10,000	12,000
Uncategorized Expenses	-	200	200	200
Vehicle Licensing	-	60	60	60
Youth Committee	-	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>
Total Expense	86,423	100,900	95,357	93,512

Net Income	(8,528)	(28,236)	(27,016)	-
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REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

DELEGATES FOR 2022

POMONA GRANGES

Darden Pomona #1.....Idella Lewis & Marlys Halbeisen

La Plata Pomona #10.....Harry Greer & Cindy Greer

Pikes Peak Pomona # 11..... Beverly Weinert

SUBODINATE GRANGES

Crescent #136..... Christopher Cleary

El Paso #480..... Loeda Westphal

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

Florida #306.....Amy Peterson & Tracy Kee

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

Lewis #406.....Ruth Wilson Francisco

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

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

Mt. Allison #308.....Larry Corman & Karen Baxter

Pleasant Park #156.....Laura Anderson & Kendall Spoor

Redlands Mesa #487..... Barry Willits

Rose Hill #256.....Norm Union

Victory #452..... David & Kay McCord

Wheat Ridge #155..... Gary & Kathy Wardle



2022-2023 State Officers

Back Row: L to R: Christopher Cleary, Roger Ayers, Kendall Spoor, Harry Greer, Barry Willits, Tom Campion, Gary Wardle.

Middle Row: L to R: Ruth Wilson Francisco, Amy Peterson, Sheryl Ayers, Cindy Greer, John Cruz

Front Row: L to R: J. Kelley, Yvonne Chapman, Dorothy Dannels, Loeda Westphal