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# COSG Master's Newsletter

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## **RAFFLE LICENSE**

The Colorado State Grange Executive Committee has adopted a **Raffle license use Policy** for Subordinate Granges. This policy will be available on the Colorado State Grange Web Site for subordinate Granges who wish to hold their own raffle under the Colorado State Grange Raffle License.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR STATE SESSION.**

The dates are September 27-29, 2018 at the Masonic Lodge in Durango, 421 Turner Drive. The Masonic Lodge is a beautiful two story building with an elevator. We utilize their meeting room for our meeting and the basement (Kitchen) for exhibits and most of the meals functions. There are a lot of motels in the Durango area, with a wide variety of prices.

## **Executive Committee Vacancy**

For those of you who are not connected to the internet it is my sad duty to inform you that John Hagen, Past Master of the Colorado State Grange and a current member of the State Grange Executive committee has passed away. It is the duty of the Executive committee to replace vacancies. We are asking you as Master of your Grange to submit suggestions for the vacancy. You may ask your members for suggestions. Please check with your nominee prior to submitting their name to the Colorado State Grange office. The nominations are due by **March 16, 2018**. The Executive committee will have a special meeting on April 4 to make a decision. You can mail the nomination to the state office or e-mail it to [Costategrange@gmail.com](mailto:Costategrange@gmail.com).

## **Officer Training and Committee Chairmen Training**

A resolution passed at State session concerning the training of officers and committee chairmen is in the process of being met. We have already created and distributed: A Master's handbook and a Secretaries handbook.

- We will be setting dates for Zoom meetings for Lecturers, Secretaries, Masters, Community Service and Information chairmen in the near future. As soon as dates and times are established we will notify the respective chairmen. If others are interested in participating they will be most welcome. Zoom meetings are held either via phone or computer (internet connection).
- We will also be having Secretary, Lecturer and Family and Women's activities conferences at state session. Other conferences may also be scheduled.
- In October if the budget allows we may be having a conference in the Denver area for those who were unable to attend State Session since it is the Durango area this year.

**Nominations wanted** to honor Grange Military members at state session thru the Quilt of Valor program. We need the name, address, e-mail if possible, phone number, branch of service, and dates of service to apply for a quilt. Please send your nominations to the State Grange office or Costategrange@gmail.com by March 16, 2018.

A Quilt of Valor® is a single lifetime award. We will need your help in making this award including verifying that your nominee has not previously been awarded a Quilt of Valor.

The Nebraska State Grange would like to extend an invitation to all of you to attend the Great Plains Leadership Conference in Grand Island, Nebraska on June 22-24th at the Ramada Midtown Conference Center. Our committee is planning a "Welcome to Nebraska" weekend, full of good food, good fun and wonderful learning experiences. The experience we are planning for this conference will be somewhat different than usual, as we are extending an open invitation to anyone that may want to attend, not only Grange members. As they say "The more the merrier," and we may just inspire a few new members.

### **2018 Great Plains Regional Leadership Conference**

**June 22 – 24, 2018**

**Ramada Midtown Conference Center**

**2503 S. Locust**

**Grand Island, NE 68801**

**The Nebraska State Grange invites you to attend the Great Plains Youth Conference in Grand Island, Nebraska, on June 22-24th at the Ramada Midtown Conference Center. We are planning a "Welcome to Nebraska" weekend, full of good food, good fun and wonderful learning experiences.**

#### **Registration Information**

**Online registration is available at <https://tinyurl.com/GreatPlains2018>**  
Paper registration forms are available if needed. Please fill out one registration form (online or paper) per person. The registration deadline is APRIL 15, 2018.

Pricing and deadline details:

- Early Bird Registration – Deadline March 15, 2018  
\$75.00 (Ages 14+)      \$35.00 (Ages 5 – 13)
- After March 15, 2018 (Through April 15, 2018)  
\$85.00 (Ages 14+)      \$40.00 (Ages 5 – 13)

Send completed registration forms and payment to:

Joe Fryman, 14512 Country Rd P 16, Blair, NE 68008

[jfryman@abbnebraska.com](mailto:jfryman@abbnebraska.com) 402-426-5773

Please make checks payable to: Nebraska State Grange

**PLEASE NOTE: YOUR REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL  
PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED**

#### **Room Reservations**

For room reservations call the Ramada Midtown Conference Center at 308-382-1330. To secure the Grange Conference rate, call before April 15, 2018, and mention the Nebraska State Grange. Conference rate is \$99.95/night plus tax (includes Complementary Full Breakfast Buffet).

**There are some fund available in the Colorado State Grange to help Colorado Grangers attend this conference. If you'd like to attend and need financial help please let me (Cindy Greer) know.**

**Subordinate Grange  
Survey**

Enclosed (for most of you) is a Subordinate Grange Survey that National Grange is asking each Grange to complete. This survey was sent out via e-mail earlier. I would like to thank the following Granges for already returning the survey:

Mount Lookout

Animas Valley

Florida

Maple Grove

Please return this survey as soon as possible to me at 7629 County Road 100, Hesperus, CO 81326 or [herdgreer@frontier.net](mailto:herdgreer@frontier.net)

**Argentina the Land of Opportunity**

Are you interested in doing business or investing in Argentina? National Grange members have been invited to participate in a Trade Mission to La Rioja and San Juan Provinces, Argentina, March 20-28, 2018. This 8-day trip will visit companies and business leaders, meet with province officials, and have time for sightseeing. Led by U.S. Members of Congress, including Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez who attended the National Grange 150th Birthday Gala in December, the tour is open to a limited number of people. Participants are only required to cover their roundtrip airfare and lodging. All internal travel, meals, seminars, and activities are covered by the trade mission.

The provinces of La Rioja and San Juan offer a wide array of distinct growing business and investment opportunities for U.S. business in key industries including agribusiness, mining, renewable energy, travel and tourism, infrastructure development, and technology services.

If you have any interest in joining this trip please contact President Betsy Huber right away at [betsy@nationalgrange.org](mailto:betsy@nationalgrange.org), (484) 459-1957.

**Grange Halls and Illegal Drugs**

Sections 10.12.1 through 10.12.3 of the Digest of Laws set forth the Grange's policy on illegal drugs as follows:

**ILLEGAL DRUGS**

“10.12.1. All Granges are prohibited from allowing the use of Schedule I drugs, as defined by the federal Controlled Substances Act (CSA), in a Grange hall or on any Grange property or at any Grange meeting in buildings or on property not owned by the Grange.

10.12.2. Section 1 of this Article shall apply to all Schedule II through V drugs as defined by the CSA, except those held in lawful possession as prescribed by a licensed physician.

10.12.3. No Grange shall allow on Grange property any other person to engage in activities that circumvent Section 10.12.1 or encourage the disregard of the CSA.”

*This policy is applicable to marijuana, a Schedule I drug, even in those states that have legalized or decriminalized it.*