

Subordinate Grange Membership classes

Initiated Individual Membership – A person fourteen years of age (thirteen years and six months) or more, with an interest in the purposes of the Order. Initiated members are often called Fraternal members. Initiated members have voting rights in the Grange, can hold offices and serve on committees and participate in the Grange contests.

Family Membership – A family whose members are fourteen years of age (thirteen years and six months or more) with an interest in the purposes of the Order. A family shall consist of a couple and their dependents, or a single person and their dependents. Dependents are defined as children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, foster, adopted or step-children under the age of 23, who live as a member of the same household or in absence due to illness, education or military service. Legal dependents of any age shall be considered part of their legal guardians' family.

Subordinate Grange Affiliate Membership – A Fourth Degree members may be elected to membership in one additional Subordinate Grange as an *Affiliate Member*. A proposal for *Affiliate Membership*, including proof of the member being in good standing in their original Grange. Such *Affiliate Members* shall pay the applicable membership dues and be entitled to hold office and vote in the additional Subordinate Grange, provided that Affiliate Members are clearly designated as such in reports to the Secretaries of State Granges and the National Grange, and further provided such *Affiliate members* shall not hold the office of Master in two Subordinate Granges at the same time. Additional information is in the national Grange Digest in section 4.6.7

Associate Members - A person or business with an interest in the advancement of agriculture and improvement of rural life may become an *Associate Member*. *Associate Members* shall pay dues be entitled to receive State Grange information publications and participate in State Grange services as provided for by the State Grange having jurisdiction; provided, however, that *Associate Members* shall not be entitled to vote on matters of Grange policy or participate in National Grange sponsored contests that are designed for Grange Members only.

Junior (+1) Members - WHAT IS THE JUNIOR (+1) GRANGE PROGRAM?

Allows for individual Junior Grange membership in any Subordinate/Community Grange. This means any Subordinate/Community Grange can have a Junior Grange Program with as little as one child age 5 to 14 years of age. That is the "1" part of the program. The "+" part of the program is that you don't have to stop at 1, it is just the starting point.

By using the *Junior Grange (+1)* Program, any Subordinate/Community Grange, anyplace in the Nation, can start with a single Junior Grange-age child and build a Junior Grange program from there. The process to start a *Junior Grange (+1)* Program is easy.

The Junior Granger completes an application, submits it to a Community/Subordinate Grange, and receives the Junior Grange Obligation from the Subordinate President. At that point, the Junior member may participate in any and all of the age-appropriate contests and activities open to them.

As your Junior membership grows, make plans to charter a full Junior Grange in the future. All *Junior Grange (+1)* members will automatically become members in the newly chartered Junior Grange.

Golden Sheaf – A member who shall have maintained continuous membership for 50 years may be designated a *Golden Sheaf Member*.

- Those who received their Golden Sheaf **prior to January 1, 2001** are relieved from paying dues, they may pay if they desire to.
- Those who receive their Golden Sheaf **after January 1, 2001** pay due to the National Grange. They are still obligated to pay state and subordinate dues, which amounts to at least ½ of National and State dues.

The subordinate Grange may decide if the Golden Sheaf member is to pay their local dues or not.

Silver Star - A member who shall have maintained continuous Grange membership for 25 years may be designated a Silver Star Member.