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COSG Master's Newsletter

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LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM

**Thursday, January 23
7:00 p.m.**

Who will be participating: Master, Lecturer, Community Service, Family Activities, Membership, Junior and Youth, Secretaries.

To Participate via your computer you'll need to download ZOOM and on the night of the conference log into zoom Join Zoom Meeting at

<https://zoom.us/j/917105403>

Meeting ID: 917 105 403

To participate via you phone you'll need to call the following number +1 669 900 6833 US
Meeting ID: 917 105 403.

We do hope that you will let your officers know and join us.

Join us to learn "WHAT'S NEW"!

National Grange Convention

Delegates and other Grangers met in Minnesota for the annual National Grange convention. Delegates has a choice of receiving resolutions on paper or via a system called Share Point. The Share point system allowed committee secretaries to make adjustments to the resolutions as the committee discussed them which made the process on the session floor go much faster. The committees had completed all their work and the floor action was completed on Friday morning, which is a first in the years that I have been attending. I believe that Share Point helped the process move a lot faster. Some of the committees met via zoom prior to the convention to review the policy statements and make adjustments which meant that delegates didn't have to do all that work at the convention. We didn't have as many late night meetings as usual.

Election of officers was held at this convention. Betsy Huber was re-elected Master. The only other changes were as follows: L.A.S. – Karen Overstreet, TX; Treasurer – Sherry Harriman, ME; and Priestess Annalist – Martha Stefenoni, CA.

There were a number of resolutions passed. The most significant change is that when a Grange sells its property, the Grange may now keep \$5,000.00 instead of \$1,000.00 of the sale, with the remaining being held in a custodial account by the State Grange.

Elizabeth Hiner attended the National convention and conducted some workshops for the Fellows program at the convention. Daniel and Nathen Greer participated in the Evening of Excellence. Billy Greer finished up his year as the National Junior Grange ambassador. Brianna Greer signed "I Can Only Imagine" and wowed the judges. And Nathen Greer also performed a speech with a puppet. Both Nathen and Brianna won their category and performed at the J.G. Breakfast. Jenna and Jacob Greer enjoyed all the other activities at the convention.

Three Colorado Granges were recognized as Granges in Action. Florissant, Mt. Allison and Marvel all submitted reports and were recognized.

Marvel Junior Grange received third place on their community service report.

I would like to welcome the New Masters. If you have any questions please feel free to call and I'll do my best to answer any questions you may have.

The Annual password is enclosed (or *will be sent separately if you receive this in an e-mail*) provided that your Grange has paid it's third quarter dues for 2019. If it's not enclosed you will receive it as soon as I am notified by the State Secretary that dues have been received.

**Great Plains
Leadership
Conference - June 12-
14, 2020**

**Clarion Hotel and
Conference Center,
200 West 48th
Avenue, Denver**

**Room Rates will be
\$103.00 plus tax**
(you'll need to. Make
your own
reservations.)

**Registration fee and
program to be
determined.**

Program will include
guest speaker on
leadership and Water
World.

Room reservation
deadline is May 15,
2020.



This year, we are proud to have worked with RALI Colorado and our fellow partners to help address the opioid crisis in our state and local community. RALI Colorado brings together local leaders committed to finding effective solutions and sharing ideas that will make a difference for individuals, families and communities struggling with substance use disorder.

This holiday season, as we spend time with family and loved ones, we all have an opportunity to help raise awareness and prevent misuse and abuse. You can participate by:

- Taking time to talk to your family and friends about the issue – make sure they understand the dangers related to prescription drug misuse.
- Keeping all prescription medications at home secure and out of the reach of children. When you are finished using a prescription, safely dispose of any medicine left over.
- Learning about the warning signs that someone may be misusing opioids. Early intervention is key to keep misuse from turning into addiction.

You can find helpful information about this issue, safe disposal and warning signs on www.rali-co.org.

If you, or someone you know, is struggling with addiction or recovery, there are many local resources available. Visit www.findtreatment.gov or call 800-662-HELP (4357) to find treatment providers near you. Coloradans can also find state treatment resources, including those for opioid use disorder, from the Colorado Department of Human Services: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/opioid-treatment-programs-otps>. As always, if there is a life-threatening emergency call 9-1-1.

Have a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season.

Grange Membership Categories – Colorado State Grange

The dues amount in this explanation does not include any subordinate/community Grange dues, these numbers reflect Colorado State and National Grange Dues ONLY!

1. Individual (Fraternal) Membership National Grange Digest of Laws (NGDL)

4.6.5: Subordinate Granges – Individual Membership – A person fourteen years of age (thirteen years and six months) or more, with an interest in the purposes of the Order may be proposed as a candidate and be elected to membership in a Subordinate Grange. *For each individual Subordinate Grange member \$9.50 quarter or \$38.00 per year.*

2. Family Membership 4.6.6: Subordinate Granges – 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 may be proposed as candidates and elected to membership in a Subordinate Grange

4.6.6 (B): 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. *\$9.50 (quarterly) for each Adult in the family membership.*

3. Affiliate Membership. 4.6.7: Subordinate Grange Affiliate Membership - Fourth Degree members may be elected to membership in one additional Subordinate Grange as an Affiliate Member Dues for affiliate members are the same amount as those for Individual members.

4. Associate Membership. 4.6.13: 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 member are not voting members of the Grange.* For each Associate Grange member - \$10.00 quarterly or \$40.00 per year.

5. E-Membership 4.6.15: E-Membership - Membership in the National Grange and in a State Grange as an E- Member may be attained by individuals who may have an interest in the advancement of agriculture, improvement of rural life, and policies and principles of the organization. Membership is gained by completing the approved on-line form and paying the annual dues for this class of membership.

6. Junior 1+ Membership. 4.6.2: If no Junior Grange is available, an individual between five and fourteen years of age may be proposed as a candidate for membership and elected an individual Junior member of a Subordinate/ Community Grange. *Annual dues for Junior 1+ membership is \$1.00/member/year. Parents do not have to be members.*

7. Golden Sheaf and Silver Star MEMBERSHIP 6.6.1 A member who shall have maintained continuous Grange membership for 25 years may be designated a Silver Star Member. A member who shall have maintained continuous membership for 50 years may be designated a Golden Sheaf Member.

6.6.3 Upon authorization of a State Grange a Subordinate Grange within its jurisdiction may relieve a Golden Sheaf member or members from payment of Subordinate, Pomona, or State dues. Such member must have received their Golden Sheaf award prior to January 1, 2001.

8.6.1 Each State Grange shall pay to the National Grange the following annual membership dues:
(A) Members receiving their Golden Sheaf Award prior to January 1, 2001 need not pay dues to the National Grange. *Golden Sheaf members prior to Jan 1, 2001 dues are \$0.00 (Yes \$0.00). Golden Sheaf*

JUNIOR GRANGE MEMBERSHIP

4.6.1 Junior Granges - Any person over five years and under fourteen years of age may be proposed as a candidate for membership and elected a member of a chartered Junior Grange.

Junior Grange dues are \$1.00/year/member.

POMONA GRANGE MEMBERSHIP

7.0.1 There must be at least two (2) Subordinate Granges to organize a Pomona Grange. If the number of Subordinate Granges included in the jurisdiction of a Pomona Grange falls below two (2), then the State Grange shall readjust the jurisdiction or a new Subordinate Grange should be organized to maintain at least two (2) Subordinate Granges.

7.2.3 Any Fourth Degree member in good standing, on filing an application in due form, shall on being duly elected by majority vote, be entitled to the Degree of Pomona, and membership in the Pomona Grange. (See also 4.6.5(E))

The annual dues for a Pomona member to the State Grange is \$.80/member/year.

The National Grange Digest is available on the National Grange Web Site. www.nationalgrange.org You will have to register or log into the membership section and then go to member resources and the drop down will list the digest. Which can be downloaded in a pdf format.