



The Official News Source for the California State Grange

In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.



Dixon Grange #19— Reorganized!

Dixon Grange #19 is newly chartered by the California State Grange. Dixon Grange members have been working with the Grange to become organized in their community. Dixon is a small community of 18,000 citizens situated in the northeastern corner of Solano County, approximately 20 miles from Sacramento.

Bob Clouse, Board member and Past Master of the California State Grange, presided at the meeting, obligating the new members into the Grange. Lillian Booth, National Junior Grange Director, was given the opportunity to perform the obligation for the Junior Grange 1+ members into the Dixon Grange.

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Is It Official?



Official Grange Logo, as shown to the left, should appear on all official Grange communications, be they printed, emailed or on the website.

Cover Photo

Photo of new Dixon Grange members, taken by LoRee Lampke, member of Wyandotte Grange No. 495.

President's Message

Ed Komski, State President

The California State Grange will be meeting at the Orangevale Grange Hall for the 140th Annual Session, June 26-28, 2015. All Granges in good standing are encouraged to have delegate representation at this convention. The decisions the delegates make at this session are important to the direction of the business of the California State Grange.



Ed Komski,
State President

The 2015 Resolution Committees will be: Agriculture, Conservation, Citizenship, Education & Health, Grange Law, Grange Growth & Development, and Labor & Judiciary. If you are interested in serving on a resolution committee at the Annual Session, please contact me.

There is an interest form which may be completed on the California State Grange website www.CAStateGrange.org.

The preliminary schedule for the State Session is also in this edition of the California Granger. The Host Hotel will be the Sacramento Marriott, Rancho Cordova. A negotiated rate of \$89.00 per night (plus room taxes) has been set. Please contact the hotel directly to make your reservations. All events will be held at the Orangevale Grange Hall.

We encourage all members in good standing to attend. There will be workshops about the Grange, how it works, and how to progress, while following the rules of the Order. The Grange Expo, Talent Night, Public Speaking Contest, Sign-A-Song Contest, and other special events will be held during the Session. Granges in the nearby areas are planning the meals. June will be a great time to be in Sacramento County. This is going to be a session to reconnect as Brothers and Sisters in the Grange and, of equal importance, to establish the path of the Grange in California.

**Thank you for
being a Grange
member!**



Secretary's Notes

Lillian Booth, State Secretary

The 140th Annual Session will start in just a few weeks. We are looking forward to seeing our Brothers and Sisters in the Grange.

Resolutions must be received by May 23, 2015 at the office of the Secretary. Any resolutions since 2011 may be submitted for consideration. The Grange is a grass-roots organization. No policy can be made without the consideration and approval of the delegates.

Delegate Certification forms have been sent to those Granges in good standing. To become a Grange in good standing, the March 2015 Quarterly report must be submitted and the appropriate dues remitted. We would also need the current membership list and roster of officers. Only those members who belong to a Grange in good standing will be eligible to attend and participate in the Annual Session.

The Annual Password and membership cards were sent to the Masters and Secretaries of Granges in good standing. There was a problem with the Post Office getting these out. If you did not receive your information, please contact me as soon as possible to let me know, and I will send it on to you right away.

Membership forms, applications, and report forms can be found on the California State Grange website, www.CAStateGrange.org. Please check the website often for updated information and current news.



Lillian Booth
State Secretary

Grange Expo

Katie Squire, State Expo Director

The complete California Grange Expo Handbook with competition descriptions is available on the website www.CAStateGrange.org. Or visit our Facebook page at California Grange Expo. You can also reach us by email at: Expo@CAStategrange.org Please share with your friends!!!

Lecturer's Bulletin

Barbara Geiger, State Lecturer

Here it is already April and there are so many things we had the opportunity to do. Did you have an Easter Hat parade? An Easter Egg Hunt? How about an egg relay? They are so much fun and get everyone involved. Remember—April showers bring May flowers. Well, we will be in May when you get this paper!! Let's just see what there is to do in May.

- ◆ Wake up and smell the flowers as they say. The beauty of Spring is in the air.
- ◆ We celebrate Mother's Day
 1. Origin of Mother's Day
 2. Mother's Day Poem
 3. A Mother's Day quiz
 4. Oldest Mother (they may not want to reveal their age)

See if there is anything happening in your neighborhood that has to do with Mothers' Day. If so, talk about it with your members. Make it a fun day for Mothers and members.

State Session:

Don't forget to practice for the talent show. I need to know what Grange you belong to and what you will be doing. For the Junior Grangers, you need to let me know your age too. Email me at Lecturer@CASStateGrange.org

Words From The Chaplain

Bill Compton, State Chaplain

The holiest season on the religious calendar has recently concluded: The observance of the Easter Season for Christians and Passover for the Jewish faith.

Many might feel that Christmas should have the honor of being the holiest season because it represents the birth of our Lord and all that which followed in his life. Christmas, however is the most joyous season of the year because it is full of

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Words From The Chaplain — continued.

promise since God sent his only son to live, teach and die in our midst in fulfillment of his plan for humankind.

We then follow his life and through Easter Sunday we remember his suffering, death and Resurrection. It's quite different and serious from his birth in a manger as a baby because it provides us reason for the belief in our faith based on his future life and teachings.

The specific reason he was born was to lead us to salvation by his passion and death by crucifixion on the cross for our sins and for the atonement of the sin committed by our first parents in the Garden of Eden. As a believer, based on this holy period, we take up our crosses to live out God's plan for our own lives. We also take up our crosses for the love of family, friends and for doing whatever service we can for the unfortunate and the needy in our community.

Community Service

The National Grange has recently appointed Pete Pomper as the National Grange Community Service Coordinator. Lets meet Pete!



Pete Pomper
NG Comm. Service Coordinator

"The first thing I need to do is introduce myself to you for those who do not know me. I am a past Master of the New Jersey State Grange and was elected to the National Grange Executive Committee and then National Grange Lecturer. I am a 40 year member of Fenwick Grange #20 and an affiliate member of Britton's Neck Grange in SC where I reside.

I feel community service work is very important not only for Grange growth but also personal growth. Over the years I have coached youth basketball, served on a Juvenile Conference Committee, been a member of my local Municipal Alliance

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on drug abuse, and served as a trustee of the Salem County Woman’s Services Board.

I have spent many hours as all of you have working in a Grange kitchen cooking, serving and cleaning up after a Grange breakfast or dinner. I’ve been working with my home Grange on our Families in Need project and helping the Junior Grangers with roadside pickups.

I look forward to not only learning new community service ideas from you but more importantly sharing them with you and the Grangers throughout the country.”

You can find more from Pete Pomper on our website. Look under Programs and Community Service.

Meet the Overseer

The Board of Directors has asked and Mike Warner has accepted the Office of Overseer "Protem".

Mike presently lives in San Marcos, CA. He first became a member of Smithfield Grange #1595 (Peterboro, NY) in 1973. He presently belongs to Fairport Grange #467 near Rochester, NY and Rainbow Valley Grange #689 in San Diego County and is a past member of Mt. Hamilton Grange #469 in Santa Clara County. He has held several officer positions including Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, Gatekeeper and Secretary at both the Subordinate and Pomona levels and has served on numerous committees.



Mike Warner
State Overseer Protem

Mike was formerly employed by the New York State Grange as Building Manager, Assistant to the State Secretary and Field Membership Director and has also worked for the National Grange as a Field

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Membership Director in NY and PA. He has previously been employed by the NY Farm Bureau as Field Membership Director, Field Numerator and an Inspector for the U.S. Dept. Of Agriculture. He presently co-owns Monroe Classic, Inc. which is a licensed supplier of Grange promotional items including jewelry, apparel and regalia.

Help us welcome Mike as our Overseer; his email is MWarner@CaStateGrange.org

Dixon Grange # 19—Continued from Page 1

Bill Booth, Past Master of the California State Grange, installed the newly elected officers and turned the meeting over to Ed LaRue, Master of Dixon Grange. Members from DeSabra Grange, Bellevue Grange, and Orangevale Grange attended and assisted with the obligation and installation.

Taking advantage of a unique opportunity, Dixon Grange members chose to use the number of the original Dixon Grange assigned June 3, 1873. This choice was made as a tribute to their community and acknowledging their history as one of the original Granges to organize the California State Grange in July of 1873. Tacy Currey, the energy behind the organization of Dixon Grange, found that the church in which the group is currently meeting, was the original location of the Dixon Grange.

Lillian Booth presented a photo of the charter to Dixon Grange #19, on behalf of the National Grange and the California State Grange. The original charter had traveled from Washington, DC to the State Master’s Conference in Illinois. However, with the bad weather in the east, the charter was placed on the wrong flight somewhere between Missouri and California. The Junior Grangers were challenged to guess how many states the Charter may travel before it finally arrives in California. (At publication, it had arrived safe and sound.)

Dixon Grange is already working within the community. One of the projects involved the Youth and Juniors making Valentine’s Day cards for the

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Broadband / Net Neutrality

National Grange wrote an op-ed calling for any new net neutrality regulations to find ways that increase both innovation and investment. High-speed mobile applications and broadband services are playing an increasingly vital role in agriculture, telebusiness, tele-medicine and tele-education. Yet rural Americans are among the most underserved consumers of high-speed Internet. The National Grange has long advocated that facts and evidence should guide the government's decision-making process on any matter. We will stay close to the highly controversial net neutrality issue and strongly advocate for state-of-the-art access for small towns, rural communities and other underserved areas.



Immigration

The lack of definitive solutions to the nation's immigration crisis from Congress is frustrating for agricultural producers, small businesses, processors, law enforcement and local citizens. A Texas judge's recent order delayed some of President Obama's executive actions on immigration. For the time being, this court order will discourage undocumented agricultural workers from leaving agriculture to seek better paying jobs. Employers also report evidence of an enforcement shift away from farms and businesses to the border. Although the court order and enforcement shift may relieve fears of a labor shortage for this growing season, serious concerns remain for agriculture. The House Judiciary Committee has approved H.R. #1147, the Legal Workforce Act which would mandate employers to E-Verify the documentation of prospective employees. Unfortunately, as stand-alone legislation, E-Verify is problematic for agriculture until Congress addresses agricultural worker needs and cre-

ates a new guest worker program for the future. The Grange will continue to advocate for a strong and workable guest worker program that is compatible with E-Verify for agriculture.

Agriculture Export Promotion

National Grange policy supports free and fair trade of agricultural products. The Grange co-signed a letter to Congress urging full funding for Foreign Market Development and Market Access Programs for U.S. agricultural products on the Omnibus appropriations bill funding the Federal Government for 2015. Full funding was approved. The Grange is currently supportive of Congress restoring Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) to the President. This legislation authorizes the President to negotiate trade pacts such as the pending Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), then take it to Congress for approval. Trade Promotion Authority has both bipartisan support and bipartisan opposition.

Highway Trust Fund

Grange members were part of the effort last fall to authorize short term funding for the defunct Highway Trust Fund which allowed the revitalization projects on America's highways and bridges to continue. Those monies run out in May and Congress is already arm wrestling about where to get future revenue to build and maintain the nation's highways and bridges. Gas and diesel taxes, which haven't been increased since 1993, are the traditional source. Additional potential sources being discussed are repatriating U.S. corporate taxes from abroad and increasing and redirecting certain U.S. Customs fees.

Dietary Guidelines

First issued in 1977, Dietary Goals for the United States was intended to give Americans guidance on nutritious and healthy eating habits. Dietary Guidelines, as it has since become known, is reissued every five years and has become the benchmark document for public feeding programs (SNAP, WIC, school lunch, military, etc.). This year, the independent Dietary Guidelines advisory panel con-

vened by USDA and HHS took a paradigm deviation from the traditional role of the panel in years past; they added the environmental sustainability of foods to their agenda and recommendations on human nutrition. Of course that drew a shock wave of reaction from agriculture, the food industry, policy wonks, scientists and politicians. The final official Dietary Guidelines will be drafted by USDA and HHS. Secretary Vilsack has assured Congress he will be personally involved in writing the new dietary guidelines and will keep them narrowly focused on nutrition.

Health Insurance Tax

National Grange cosigned a letter of support to bipartisan sponsors of legislation to repeal the "HIT" tax. This is a punitive and hidden tax on small employers and the self-employed in the Affordable Care Act in the form of higher premiums for private insurance coverage.

Medicare Part D

National Grange cosigned a letter to Congress highlighting the success of the Medicare prescription drug benefit (Medicare Part D) and urging their opposition to proposals that weaken the program for seniors and individuals with disabilities. The Administration has proposed a mandatory Part D rebate which is essentially a tax that goes directly to the U.S. Treasury and would not be used for new drug development or to reduce prescription costs to the patient.

Ensuring Seniors Access to local Pharmacies Act

National Grange cosigned a letter supporting bipartisan H.R. 793 introduced by Griffin (R-VA) and Welch (D-VT). The bill would expand access to seniors in medically underserved communities by allowing any pharmacy willing to accept a plan's terms to participate as a preferred provider.

Rare and High Cost Drugs

National Grange authored an op-ed calling for

an audit and increased oversight of the 340B drug pricing program. Congress created the 340B program to help medically at-risk, vulnerable, low income patients gain access to expensive specialty medicines by requiring drug manufacturers to provide prescription discounts to these individuals. Increasing numbers of hospitals and contract pharmacies are reportedly qualifying for discounted medications but may be selling them to regular patients at full price.

Taxes

National Grange supported House passage of H.R. #636 to make permanent the \$500,000 same-year capital expenditures write-off for agriculture and small business. Favorable Senate action is expected as well. National Grange will also cosign a letter supporting the introduction of the Death Tax Repeal Act of 2015 in both the House and Senate when the cosponsors are ready.

Crop Insurance for Fruits and Vegetables

In response to the 2014 Farm Bill, USDA is proposing changes to crop insurance that would expand crop insurance coverage to many fruits and vegetables. The proposed rule would require the crop insurance board to consider 1) uninsured and underserved commodities, 2) inadequate coverage or low levels of participation under existing insurance, and 3) other relevant considerations.

Farmers Market Growth Slows

A new study by USDA finds that the rate of growth in the number of farmers markets has slowed dramatically in the last five years. There seems to be evidence of market saturation. Shoppers in many parts of the country are able to choose from several farmers markets on any weekend. On the other hand, the study found that sales at so-called "food hubs" grew dramatically. Hubs are independent direct-to-consumer groups and businesses that connect farmers with consumers and include direct sales to restaurants and feeding programs such as hospitals and school systems.

Senior citizen homes in the area. When they presented the cards, the young members talked about their various animal projects they are involved with. They were asked to come back to give a presentation and bring the smaller animals for the residents to see. Other projects include helping clean the local fairgrounds and helping with Ag Day for the

third grade classes in the area.

Some of the members of Dixon Grange have extensive experience in the 4-H program. Their desire to organize as a Grange is based on their desire to be a family organization where all ages can work together, and be involved in all aspects of various programs available within the Grange.

Driving Safely

**RYAN M. DUDLEY
PRESIDENT AND
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION**

Greetings to all of our Policyholders and friends in the Fraternal Grange; I hope 2015 is off to a good start for you. As we prepare for another great summer I wanted to share some information with you about Highway Safety. With lower gas prices this year a lot more drivers are going to be on the roads and that leads to more traffic, more congestion and unfortunately more accidents. Because we all drive so much we tend to forget that the average vehicle on the road is around 4,000 lbs. and that much mass moving at speed can cause a lot of damage and unfortunately in some cases fatalities.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Association publishes comprehensive information on traffic fatalities by type of vehicle and by cause of accident. The numbers above come from their 2013 Traffic Safety Performance Measures report. Please see their website www.nhtsa.dot.gov for additional information. I have added statistics regarding the 2013 population for each state to put things more into perspective.

There are things you can do to protect yourself and to avoid doing harm to

others:

- ◆ Avoid speeding as almost one-third of all fatal accidents involve speeds higher than posted.
- ◆ Never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- ◆ Keep your eyes on the road and avoid distractions such as phones. A text message is a poor reason for the loss of a life. This also includes other distractions such as eating, drinking or other activity that diverts your focus from driving.
- ◆ Do preventive maintenance on your vehicle including tire pressure and thread wear.
- ◆ Know if the vehicle you are driving has

State	Total Fatalities	In Rural Areas	Alcohol related	Total Population	Approximate Fatalities / 100,000
California	3000	39%	29%	38,802,500	77
Colorado	481	51%	30%	5,355,866	90
Idaho	214	82%	58%	1,634,464	131
Oregon	313	65%	34%	3,970,239	79
Washington	436	51%	34%	7,061,530	62
Wyoming	87	83%	29%	584,153	149

“blind spots” (almost all vehicles do) and how to check these by changing the angle of view in your mirror (by leaning forward).

- ◆ Use your signals before you begin your lane change giving drivers the chance to recognize your intentions.

In closing I want to extend wishes to everyone for a wonderful and safe summer.

Please remember to drive safely and defensively, and I want to thank all of our Policyholders for choosing to place their insurance with Grange Insurance Association.



What is the LAO?

For more than 70 years, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) has provided fiscal and policy advice to the Legislature. It is known for its fiscal and programmatic expertise and nonpartisan analyses of the state budget. The office serves as the "eyes and ears" for the Legislature to ensure that the executive branch is implementing legislative policy in a cost efficient and effective manner.

Organization

The office is overseen by the Joint Legislative



Budget Committee (JLBC), a 16-member bipartisan committee. Currently, the office has a staff of 43 analysts and approximately 13 support staff. The analytical staff cover several budget and policy areas: Criminal Justice, State Finance, Education (including K-12 and Higher Education), Health and Human Services, Natural Resources and Environment, General Government (including Local Government), Transportation, and Capital Outlay and Infrastructure.

Responsibilities

Historically, one of the most important responsibilities of the LAO has been to analyze the annual Governor's budget. In recent years, the office has presented a series of analyses from the beginning to the end of the budget process on overarching fiscal issues as well as specific departmental budget proposals and offered its recommendations for legislative action. In order to provide the Legislature with timely advice on these matters, the LAO has published its budget comments and advice in the form of separate written reports, handouts for hearings, and entries in an online list. These documents help set the agenda for the work of the Legislature's fiscal committees in developing a state budget. Staff of the office work with these committees throughout the budget process and provide public testimony on the office's recommendations.

More generally, the office is a staff resource to all legislators. The LAO also performs the following

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functions:

Budget "Control." The LAO reviews requests by the administration to make changes to the budget after it is enacted. These reviews are used primarily by members of the JLBC and the fiscal committees.

Special Reports. Throughout the year, the office prepares special reports on the state budget and topics of interest to the Legislature.

Initiatives and Ballot Measures. The office estimates the fiscal effect on state and local government of all proposed initiatives (prior to circulation) and prepares analyses of all measures that qualify for the statewide ballot.

Forecasting. The LAO forecasts the state revenues and expenditures.

If you are involved in legislative affairs for the Grange, and need information, then the LAO's State Budget 101 Video Series is for you. Go to loa.ca.gov and click on the State Budget 101 for more information. More advanced information is also readily available on their website.

SOURCE: <http://www.lao.ca.gov/>

Take The Challenge

Brother Bob Clouse has issued the Distinguished Grange Challenge to all California Granges!



The Distinguished Grange Program honors Subordinate and State Granges that fulfill their responsibilities as part of the National Grange, while excelling in the areas of membership, fundraising, and service to their communities.

You can get applications and more information at our website (www.castategrange.org look under Programs for more information). The deadline to register as a Distinguished Grange is August 14, 2015.

State Convention Schedule

140th Annual Session Orangevale Grange Hall

Friday, June 26, 2015

- 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast
- 9:00-11:30 AM
Registration of Delegates and Visitors
- 9:00-10:30 AM
Expo Entries Received
- 9:30-10:30 AM Workshop:
The Resolution Process by Bill Booth
- 10:40-11:30 AM Workshops:
#1: Corporate Status & Secretary's Workshop
Lillian Booth & Inger Bevans

#2: The Grange Today—Questions & Answers
Ed Kowski, Bob Clouse & Johnny Squire
- 11:30 AM Welcome Luncheon
Registration Closed
- 1:00 PM Opening of the 140th Annual Session in the
Sixth Degree

Roll Call of Officers

Lower to Fourth Degree

Credentials Committee Report

Adopt Convention Rules & Approval of
Convention Program
- 2:00 PM State Master's Annual Address

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Nomination & Election of Officers

Resolutions / Reports
- 5:30 PM CLOSING OF THE GRANGE
- 6:30 PM WELCOME DINNER
- 7:30 PM Talent/Entertainment
Barbara Geiger, CSG Lecturer, Protem

Saturday, June 27, 2015

- 8:30 AM Registration Opens
- 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast
- 8:30-9:15 AM Youth & Junior Grange Activities Workshop
- 8:30-9:30 AM Grange Master's Workshop
Grange Masters please participate.
All members welcome.
Ed Kowski, Bill Booth, Bob Clouse
- 9:45-10:30AM Grange Ritual Workshop
- 10:45 AM Opening of the Session in the Fourth Degree

Roll Call of Officers

Reading of Journal of Yesterday

Invitations for the 2016 Convention Site

Resolutions / Reports
- 12:00 PM Lunch Recess
- 1:00 PM RECONVENE SESSION
- 1:00 PM Introduction and Address of the
National Grange Guest
- 1:45 PM Adoption of the 2015-2015 Annual Budget

Resolutions / Reports
- 5:00 PM Recess
- 5:15 PM State Officers Set up for Degree Night
- 6:30 PM Dinner
- 7:30 PM Degree Night Conferral

Exemplification of the Fifth Degree
(5th Degree Word or Ticket required).
Under the direction of Lillian Booth

Exemplification of the Sixth Degree
(6th Degree Word or Ticket required).
Under the direction of Bob Clouse

Degree Feast

Entertainment / Dancing

Sunday, June 28, 2015

8:30 AM Breakfast

8:30 AM Expo Entries Released

9:00 AM Opening of Session in the Sixth Degree

Roll Call of Officers

Lower to Fourth Degree

Reading of Journal of Yesterday

Memorial Service under the direction of
Bill Compton, CSG Chaplain, Protem

Installation of Officers

Resolution of Appreciation

11:30 AM

CLOSING OF THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

State Convention Deadlines

Sat 5/23/15	Resolutions due to the State Secretary's Office.
Thurs 6/4/15	Hotel Reservations must be completed with the Marriott. Reservations are the responsibility of the individual. No reservations will be made by the State Office. Room block will be released after this date and rate guarantee will not apply.
Fri 6/19/15	Delegate Credential Certification must be received by the State Secretary.
Fri 6/19/15	Registration forms and fees due.

Who Can Attend?

Membership has benefits, and one benefit is that only members in Good Standing can attend the Annual Session. How do you determine if you are a member in Good Standing? If your Subordinate Grange has been paying quarterly dues to the California State Grange (NOT THE McFARLAND Group), then you are a member in Good Standing. Names will be verified against membership lists!

State Convention Headquarters Hotel

The Marriott Rancho Cordova has been designated the Headquarters Hotel for this session. A special room rate of \$89.00 plus tax has been negotiated. All members MUST make their own reservations with the hotel. FINAL DATE for reservations is Thursday, June 4, 2015. All activities will be at the Orangevale Grange Hall.

Sacramento Marriott Rancho Cordova
11211 Point West E. Dr., Rancho Cordova, CA
(916) 638-1100

State Convention Pre-Registration

The registration form, found on page 12, can be used to pre-register up to four (4) members. Use Section 1 to record names, addresses etc. for members attending. Be sure to list highest Grange degree held and if indicate whether you are or are not a delegate. If you are a delegate, your Grange must have submitted the Delegate credential form.

Section 2 is used to determine non-meal costs. For example, if 4 members are registered, and the first two are delegates, the second two are not, then check boxes 1 and 2 to the right of Delegate Registration Fee, and check boxes 3 and 4 to the right of Non-Delegate Registration Fee. Enter count of boxes checked in Quantity, times price, and enter into line total box.

Section 3 is for Meal Functions. Follow same procedure for Section 3 that you used in Section 2.

Section 4 is used to determine total final registration cost. Enter totals from Sections 1, 2 and 3 in Section 4, and determine Total Due.

Make checks payable to **California State Grange**. Mail Registration to California State Grange; PO BOX 1442, Paradise, CA 95967.

Deadline is Friday JUNE 19, 2015



2015 Convention Registration

Grange Name & Number

Grange Name:	Grange No.	County:
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Section 1 - Registration

1	Name of member, please print	Member #	Address (Street/City/Zip)		
	Email Address:	Phone #	Degrees Held	<input type="checkbox"/> Delegate <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Delegate	
2	Name of member, please print	Member #	Address (Street/City/Zip)		
	Email Address:	Phone #	Degrees Held	<input type="checkbox"/> Delegate <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Delegate	
3	Name of member, please print	Member #	Address (Street/City/Zip)		
	Email Address:	Phone #	Degrees Held	<input type="checkbox"/> Delegate <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Delegate	
4	Name of member, please print	Member #	Address (Street/City/Zip)		
	Email Address:	Phone #	Degrees Held	<input type="checkbox"/> Delegate <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Delegate	

Section 2 - Degrees, Resolution Packets, Journals

	1	2	3	4	Quantity (boxes checked)	Price (each)	Total
Delegate Registration Fee						\$ 25.00	
Non-Delegate Registration Fee						\$ 10.00	
5th Degree Ticket - if taking degree						\$ 5.00	
6th Degree Ticket - if taking degree						\$ 10.00	
Resolution Packet (for non delegates)						\$ 10.00	
Convention Tote Bag (for non delegates)						\$ 5.00	
2015 Journal of Proceedings (mailed when completed)						\$ 10.00	
Subtotal							

Section 3 - Meal Functions

Date	Day of Week	Meal Function	1	2	3	4	Quantity (boxes checked)	Price (each)	Total
Jun 26th	Friday	Continental Breakfast						\$ 4.00	
Jun 26th	Friday	Lunch						\$ 6.00	
Jun 26th	Friday	Dinner						\$ 10.00	
Jun 27th	Saturday	Continental Breakfast						\$ 4.00	
Jun 27th	Saturday	Lunch						\$ 6.00	
Jun 27th	Saturday	Dinner						\$ 10.00	
Jun 28th	Sunday	Continental Breakfast						\$ 4.00	
Subtotal									

Section 4

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