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



Record Setting Session!

The recently held State Session of the California State Grange is one for the history books. With 63% of the eligible Granges sending representatives to the session, it far eclipses any sessions in recent memory.

The session was the 140th Session of the State Grange, and it has been four long years since the 139th session was held due to the revocation of the State Grange Charter. Our host, Orangevale Grange rolled out the red carpet for our members from across the state.

Highlights of the session included three special guests, Ed Luttrell, Master of the National Grange, Michael Martin, Membership Director and Jeff Skin-

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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 Officers, taken by LoRee Lampke, member of Wyandotte Grange No. 495.

President's Message

Ed Komski, State President

This issue I have invited Bill Booth, Past Master of the California State Grange to share a message with us.



Ed Komski,
State President

Have you ever considered what a motto is?

Dictionary.com defines motto as "a maxim adopted as an expression of the guiding principle of a person, organization, city, etc."

Are you familiar with motto of the Grange?

It is: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity."

It would appear that this motto is a derivative of the Latin phrase "In necessariis unitas, in dubiis libertas, in omnibus caritas" This phrase is commonly translated as unity in necessary things; liberty in doubtful thing and charity in all things. This phrase was first used by the Archbishop of Split, Marco Antonio de Dominis (1560-1624) in 1617.

In breaking down the Grange motto, we need to look at five key words; Essentials, Unity, Non-Essentials, Liberty and Charity.

Essentials; It refers to "basic and fundamental".

Unity; a condition of harmony, or oneness of mind, among a number of persons.

So, "In essentials, unity" would mean when we look at things that are basic and fundamental, we do so with a oneness of mind!

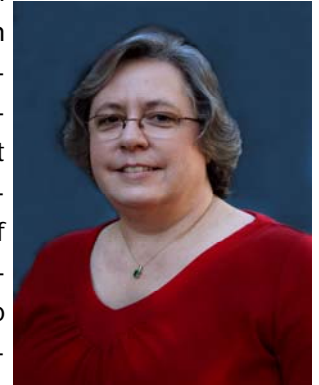
Non-essentials; it means not necessary.

Liberty; it means; freedom from control, interfer-

Secretary's Notes

Lillian Booth, State Secretary

What happens when you submit the Grange Quarterly Reports and dues? The information from your reports are entered into the Grange Information Management System (GIMS). This includes the number of members and any changes to your membership lists. The Grange Secretary is sent an acknowledgement of what was submitted, a new membership list reflecting any changes, the demographics of your Grange and any information that is still missing, i.e. email addresses, phone numbers, etc. There is also a form for the next quarter reflecting the membership balance numbers submitted previously. This is to help all of us maintain correct membership information and updated lists.



Lillian Booth
State Secretary

In addition, we compare the number of members on the quarterly reports with the number of names in the database to verify the totals are the same on both. On the same Detailed Membership List described above, there is a comparison of the two numbers. Please review these numbers and help us verify we have all of the membership information. All of these business processes are designed to help maintain correct membership information.

Do you want help sending dues notices this year? This is an area where the State Secretary's Office can help. This service includes a dues notice to the members with a return envelope which will go directly back to the Subordinate/Community Grange Secretary. The cost of this service to your Grange is \$0.65 per member -- the cost of postage and supplies -- there is no additional cost. If you would help billing your Grange dues, please contact me at LBooth@CASStateGrange.org.

On July 14th, the federal court granted the National Grange's motion for summary judgment in the trademark lawsuit. The National Grange brought the case to prevent the McFarland Group from calling themselves a "Grange," because they have long since left the Order. Judge Shubb found for the National Grange on all counts, and ordered that the McFarland Group "shall be permanently enjoined from using marks containing the word 'Grange.'" In other words, Judge Shubb has ruled that the McFarland Group can no longer call itself a Grange because it is no longer part of The Grange.

The federal court's order also makes clear that several things the McFarland Group has been saying are simply wrong. For instance, although the McFarland Group has been telling the courts in both lawsuits that the California State Grange came into existence when it created a corporation in 1946, Judge Shubb found that the California State Grange became a State Grange on July 15, 1873, when the National Grange issued its Charter. From its very beginnings, then, the California State Grange has been a part of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry and obliged to follow the rules of the Order. Likewise, the McFarland Group claims that the California State Grange was independent of the National Grange after 1873, but Judge Shubb found that the California State Grange held itself out to the public as being part of the National Grange's organization until its Charter was revoked. And while the McFarland Group claims that the discipline of Robert McFarland for his repeated violation of Grange rules was somehow improper, Judge Shubb found that "[r]egardless of the precise ground for revoking [the California State Grange's] charter, it is not genuinely disputed that [the National Grange] was acting within its rights and in accordance with its bylaws when it revoked [the California State Grange's] charter.

[The National Grange] even afforded [the California State Grange] procedural due process, giving [the California State Grange] the opportunity to appeal the decision."

Next up on the agenda is the hearing on the motions for summary judgment in the state court lawsuit, currently set for August 7. The trademark lawsuit deals only with the use of the name "Grange," and Judge Shubb has said that the McFarland Group may not use that name. The state court lawsuit is the one that seeks to ensure that Grange property and assets remain within the Grange. The McFarland Group has sent out messages recently claiming that it would prevail in the state court lawsuit. It also claimed it would prevail in the federal trademark lawsuit. The McFarland Group was wrong regarding the trademark action, and we are confident that it is wrong about the state court lawsuit, as well. The rules of the Order – including the National Grange's Digest of Laws and the California State Grange's Constitution and By-Laws – that we all agreed to follow when we joined The Grange are very clear that members may leave The Grange for any reason, but they cannot take Grange property with them. As always, rather than simply listening to the "spin," We encourage you to read the words on the Charters in your Grange Halls, the Digest of Laws, and the California State Grange Constitution and By-Laws, and decide for yourselves what being part of The Grange entails.

Full copy of the ruling is available on our website at: <http://castategrange.org> Navigate to Newsroom > Legal Issues > Court Documents > Federal Court. Both are dated 2015-08-18.

On August 18th, 2015, the California state court handed down its final ruling on the parties' motions for summary judgment.

We are pleased to report that the Court has granted the National Grange's motion for summary judgment in its entirety, declaring that 1) following revocation of the California State Grange's Charter in April 2013, the McFarland Group is not part of The Grange and cannot retain the California State Grange's property; 2) the California State Grange was properly reorganized in July 2014 and is the only Grange entity entitled to use and control that property; and 3) the Grange property in the McFarland Group's possession and/or control should revert to the California State Grange. In reaching these rulings, the Court found numerous factual matters to be undisputed and true, including that the California State Grange has always been subject to and bound by the rules in the National Digest of Laws, as well as the California State Grange Constitution and By-Laws.

The Court rejected all of the McFarland Group's desperate and after-the-fact arguments that there was some conflict between California law and Grange rules. Mr. McFarland and the others could not disregard the rules to which the California State Grange had been bound since its formation in 1873, and that they as individuals had sworn to uphold as a condition of membership and holding office in The Grange.

Simply put, the Court concluded that the McFarland Group is not free to take Grange property acquired through the blood, sweat, and donations of generations of Grangers and use it for their own purposes, in contravention of the rules of The Grange at all levels. The "status quo" means that The Grange's rules have meaning, and no individual is free to disregard those rules to suit his or her own purposes.

The Court denied the McFarland Group's motion for summary judgment. Although it has not yet posted its final ruling as to our motion, the Court's tentative order denied our motion on procedural grounds. Even assuming that decision stands, it is important to note that none of our claims were dismissed; the Court merely held that they must be decided at trial, not by summary judgment.

The rulings as to the National Grange's motion, however, are equally applicable to our claims, and will not be re-litigated. The only issues to be determined at trial are the amount of damages caused by the McFarland Group's misuse of Grange property since revocation, and whether Mr. McFarland, Mr. Luvaas, and the other leaders of the McFarland Group will be personally liable for those damages. Those issues will be resolved at the trial set to begin on January 26, 2016.

There will be much more to come, but for now, we encourage you to pour a cup of coffee, sit back, and read the Court's orders, which are available, on our website at:

http://www.castategrange.org/Legal_CourtDocs.html **Look for documents with date filed of 2015 08 18**

Remembrances

Rougeot, Lester: It is with sadness we are told of the passing of Lester Rougeot just after his 90th birthday in July. Lester, along with his wife, Barbara and mother Thelma were icons of Grange activity in north San Luis Obispo county. Lester served as Master of the Paso Robles and Pomona Granges. Lester was a CA State Deputy Master of long standing.

Frederickson, James Erwin: Brother Frederickson passed on Aug. 3rd at the age of 95. Erwin was a long time Grange member, achieving 80 years of service in June and served as a Deputy State Master from 1965 to 1992. He is survived by his wife of 73 years, June Frederickson.

Insurance Tips

Ryan M. Dudley, President & CEO of Grange Insurance Association.

I hope that all of you had a wonderful summer full of fun family activities. In this article I want to share information regarding three types of home insurance claims caused by water damage. This information was compiled by the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety,* based on water related claims from a multi-company study. Included in this information are some tips on how to prevent or reduce the severity of losses caused by the rupture of piping material, water heater failure and washing machine leaks.

ties lasting longer. Since a major reason for bursting or rupture of the tank is rust and corrosion, one method of reducing losses is to have a plumbing professional inspect the anode rod annually or semi-annually once the manufacturer's warranty expires. These rods can be replaced to increase the life of the appliance. Flushing your tank every six months will also aid in reducing the sediment that can lead to tank failure.

Washing machine related water losses were

Type of Water Loss	Ranking of all Water Related Causes of Loss	Average Loss Amount per Incident	Interesting Fact
Unexpected and Sudden rupture of pipes	Highest ranked water damage cause of loss	\$5,092 After Deductibles	65% of rupture was failure of material vs frozen pipes
Water Heating Failure	In the top 5 causes of loss	\$4,444 After Deductibles	The average age of a failed Hot Water heater is 10.7 years
Washing Machine Failure	In the top 10 causes of loss	\$5,308 After Deductibles	Average age of hose that caused loss was 8.7 years.

most commonly caused by leaking or the complete failure of the hoses connecting the appliance to the home water system. Proper installation combined with routine in-

A review of ruptured pipe claims shows that homes 16 to 40 years of age represented the largest proportion of piping material failure. While frozen pipes resulted in more severe losses, failure of the piping material is the most frequent cause of loss. The best prevention for reducing frequency and severity of these losses is closely monitoring water bills for excess usage and visually inspecting wall, ceiling and floor areas for visible signs of moisture. This is especially true in areas such as basements and under sinks. Reduction of frozen pipe losses is best attained by properly insulating exposed pipes and removing hoses from outside faucet bibs.

inspections of supply lines and areas around the appliance are the best ways to deter claims. It is recommended that supply lines be replaced every five years. Hoses with blisters, stress cracks or loose connections that cannot be tightened should be replaced immediately.

Observation and planned maintenance of the water

supply system in your home can prevent insurance claims and the inconvenience that occurs with having costly repairs made. For more information on this topic or other risk hazards of home ownership please visit



www.disastersafety.org

The study on failed water heaters shows that 75% of the claims occurred on appliances that were less than 13 years old. There is a steady rise in the number of claims by age group starting at age 5 with appliances with longer warran-

We, at Grange Insurance Association, are very pleased to serve the needs of all of our policyholders, and we hope that some of this information will be helpful in keeping your property safe and protected from potential loss.

New Leadership Director

The National Grange Welcomes Joseph Stefenoni as the New Membership/Leadership Development Director



Joseph Stefenoni

Joseph Stefenoni is a 5th generation Grange member. He is a member of Bellvue Grange in California. He has held positions at the Subordinate, Pomona and State Grange levels, as well as being an active participant in the National Grange Youth Program.

Joe resides in Santa Rosa, CA and manages a flock of sheep on his family's ranch. He is a graduate of Oklahoma State with a degree in Ag Economics.

"I am excited about the opportunity to work with Granges across the country to find ways of creating growth," says Joe. He plans to work on expanding the Grange in areas where we don't have a significant presence.

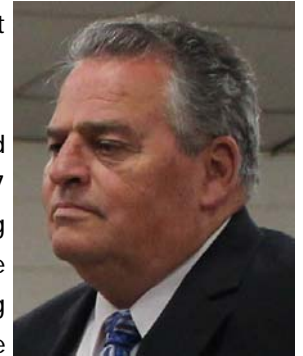
Joe takes over a strong program from previous Director Michael Martin. Joe has been a participant in efforts to recruit members and start Granges.

"We wish Michael success as he moves back to working with 4-H," said Ed Luttrell. "We have great confidence that Joe brings a strong set of talents and skills to continue the Membership program of the National Grange. In addition, Joe will have the challenge of finding ways to aid our Community Granges to recruit young people into our organization."

Joseph can be reached at:
membership@nationalgrange.org

In the Spotlight

This issue we are spotlighting our new State Grange Treasurer, Harold D. "Bud" Hill. So, let's meet Bud!



Bud Hill
CSG Treasurer

I was raised in Indiana and came to California in 1967 with the U.S. Air Force, being stationed at Castle Air Force Base, Merced. The following year I met my future wife (Carolyn) and we were married a year later (I had joined the Grange by that time). I did a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam and after returning home, I finished college and earned a degree in Public Administration. As things happen, I ended up working for, and retiring from, Frito Lay after 30 years. After living in Modesto all that time, we moved to the lovely little town of Hughson to be close to our first grandbaby. (God had blessed us with a son and a daughter, a granddaughter and a grandson.) We started attending our local City Council meetings, and in 2010 I applied for a seat on the City Planning Commission. The following year I applied for a vacancy on the City Council. Fortunately for me, I was appointed, and in this past November's regular election process, I was elected to serve a 4-year term.

In 1981 Carolyn and I attended our first State Grange Convention, as I had been elected Master of our subordinate Grange (Empire #521). I had been asked to serve on the Good of the Order Committee at Convention, and had the pleasure of working with some really great Grangers. Before Convention was over, I had been elected as the Treasurer of the California State Grange. I held that position for 22 years, until my wife's boss told her she needed her at work for a new annual event her office would be holding during State Convention week in October. We have really missed seeing our 'family' at the State Conventions, but lucki-

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Grange Votes to Oppose Fracking!

At the 140th Session, a resolution from Prunedale Grange #388 was debated by the delegates and adopted. Here is the resolution.

Ban Enhanced Fracking and Fracking Waste Disposal in the Salad Bowl of the World

Whereas: America has experienced a boom in hydraulic fracking and acid injection fracking that permanently pollutes huge amounts of potable water with cancer causing chemicals that are disposed of by injecting the waste below or near local aquifers;

Whereas: Last summer, officials of the California Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) admitted that for years they violated federal law by inadvertently allowing oil companies to inject wastewater — from fracking and other oil production operations — into hundreds of disposal wells in “protected aquifers”;

Whereas: The federal Environmental Protection Agency has called the state's errors “shocking” and said California's oil field wastewater injection program does not comply with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act;

Whereas: In March 2015, as reported by the LA Times, California Senators held hearings regarding the failure to comply with federal law by California's Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources and by the state Water Resources Control Board, characterizing longstanding agency management of injected fracking waste as corrupt and inept;

Whereas: The fracking industry is expanding across California's agriculture areas including Fresno, Kern, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Benito counties and is lobbying for conduct unrestricted fracking in Monterey County;

Whereas: The Salinas Valley is the Salad Bowl of the World and a highly productive and profitable

agriculture area in California that relies on a single precious source of water, the Salinas River, to remain productive;

Whereas: If the single source of water for the agriculture and vintner industries in the Salinas Valley was polluted by fracking operations or by fracking waste, that pollution could cause long-term devastating economic impact on the county, on the central coast, and on the California state economy;

Whereas: The Salinas Valley water basin has been over drafted for years, is not now sustainable, and must be returned to a sustainable condition as required by the 2015 California State Groundwater Sustainability Act;

Whereas: The United States Geological Survey has reported that “...injection of fracking wastewater into the subsurface can cause earthquakes that are large enough to be felt and may cause damage. ... Of the case histories, for which there is a scientific consensus that an injection operation induced earthquakes, the largest are magnitude 5. However, there is no conclusive example linking injection operations to triggering of major earthquakes, however we cannot eliminate this possibility.”;

Whereas: On March 4, 2015 the Californian reported that the “San Andreas Fault could deliver wallop in Salinas area” because it is locking up in the Parkfield area of Monterey County by storing almost half an inch of stress per year, enough to cause a magnitude 6 earthquake, according to findings released in the scientific journal Geophysical Research Letters;

Whereas: Monterey County is the most seismically active oil region in America and has the San Andreas Fault running the north-south length of the county. Thus, the likelihood of underground fracking waste leaking into local water sources is more likely in this valley than anywhere else for two reasons. Toxic underground

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Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Rule Opposition Grows

The 197-page regulation from the EPA and Corps of Engineers designed to control practically all waters and land mass in the country has received a barrage of opposition from many quarters. A federal judge in North Dakota blocked the implementation of WOTUS in 13 states. At total of 31 states and a dozen farmer, rancher, land owner and business organizations have filed various legal actions for WOTUS relief. The House of Representatives has approved a bill to block the bill. The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee passed S. 1140 to kill the rule but supporters are still looking for the 60 votes necessary to move it to the floor. The best chance of blocking the rule short term is likely to be an appropriations rider that would bar funding for the rule's implementation during fiscal 2016.



Could the Monarch Butterfly be a Naturally Occurring GMO (Genetically Modified Organism)?

Research with DNA is opening up all kinds of new frontiers. Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) is a molecule which contains the genetic instructions that makes each species unique. DNA samples have become routine in criminal investigations to identify individuals. Genetic markers, called DNA barcodes, are the latest technology used to identify the genetic origin of plants, animals, bacteria and fungi. The food industry is poised to use DNA barcodes to test authenticity of an ingredient or whether a food might be contaminated by microbes or an allergen. A monarch butterfly's genome contains DNA sequences that come from another species of insect. Researchers in Spain and France found that a particular

species of parasitic wasps has the ability to inject viral DNA into the caterpillar and the monarch butterfly that emerges will have its genetic makeup altered by the wasp through a process known as Horizontal Gene Transfer. The GMO monarch's offspring are now better able to build immune defenses against the egg-laying wasp.

Country of Origin Labeling (COOL)

The World Trade Organization (WTO) has concluded hearing arguments from Canada and Mexico regarding the amounts of retaliatory tariffs to be levied against the United States stemming from the country of origin labeling dispute. Previously, in four separate rulings, WTO confirmed the U.S. law requiring label disclosure of where animals were born, raised and harvested was protectionist and gave less favorable treatment to Canadian and Mexican livestock. Canada and Mexico are seeking combined retaliatory tariffs of about \$3 billion annually. A final ruling on the arbitration is expected in November. The House of Representatives voted in June to repeal COOL. The Senate is considering a separate bill to replace COOL with a voluntary label specifying born and raised in the USA.

Rail Service Improving for 2015 Harvest

The frustration from inconsistent and tardy rail service that plagued the 2013 and 2014 harvests doesn't appear to be a factor for the fall of 2015. Elevator operators are reporting good availability of rail cars and cooperation from the railroads. This is a stark contrast to reports in 2013-14. The seven largest railroads are expected to spend a combined \$29 billion on network improvements this year. That's almost as much as the \$35 billion from the Highway Trust Fund for the federal interstate system.

Laid-Off Workers Shun Ag Jobs

With crude oil prices in the tank and oil field workers out of jobs, one would think AG jobs,

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even at lower pay, would be an attractive alternative to unemployment. Not so say farmers and ranchers in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, Canada. Ag jobs such as livestock handling, equipment operation, truck driving and welding seem to be of little interest to laid-off roughnecks. The workers have been accustomed to wages up to \$25/hour and are drawing Canadian employment insurance benefits until those benefits expire.

If Your Health Insurance is Great, Watch Out for the "Cadillac" Tax

Beginning in 2018, a 40 percent non-deductible excise tax on high cost health plans goes into effect. Under the Affordable Care Act, both fully insured and self-funded employer health plans will be assessed a 40 percent tax on the dollar amount of any employee premium that exceeds the annual limits of \$10,200 for individual coverage and \$27,500 for family coverage. These amounts do include employer and employee contributions to flexible spending accounts or health savings accounts.

Congress to Reauthorize Mandatory Price Reporting

The Senate has approved reauthorization for USDA to continue to require meat packers to report the prices they pay for cattle, hogs and lambs, and the prices they receive for wholesale meat cuts. The Senate also reauthorized grain inspection standards which are necessary for grains entering the export market. The House has already passed similar reauthorization. Previous authorization for both services expires at the end of this fiscal year September 30.

What Else is Your Grange Working On?

Tele Med Act - To allow a Medicare physician

licensed in one state to treat a Medicare patient regardless of location.

Spectrum Reallocation - Legislation to reallocate spectrum (broadband connectivity) from unused government licenses to commercial (and rural) broadband.

Medicare Part D and Part 340B issues.

Patent Reform - To protect patents from infringement and frivolous lawsuits.

Modernizing the Universal Lifeline Program - Continue to guarantee low cost phone service to the nation's most vulnerable and needy citizens.

In The Spotlight — continued from page 7.

ly we have had the opportunity to continue to serve the Grange. Since 1998, Carolyn and I have been members of the National Grange 7th Degree Team. I am the stage manager and Carolyn is the wardrobe mistress. While working with the 7th Degree we have worked with Grange members from all over the United States and it has been wonderful – and we have made many new ‘family’ connections, which we treasure.

Being able to attend the 140th California State Grange Convention this past June was a highlight for us this year! We were so happy to see many of our California Grange family members whom we haven't seen in a LONG time: at the same time, we mourned the loss of many we learned had passed on from this earth. We were also sad to know that many of our friends were not in attendance due to being ‘misled’.

Special Thanks

Special Thanks— To Montana and Washington for the loan of your State Grange sashes. Plus to the Stefenoni Family for the Master's sash belonging to Brother Tom. And for the Master's Sash from New Hampshire.

waste would be subject to naturally occurring earthquakes at a level not seen in other areas. Plus, Injecting fracking waste at high pressure into the Salinas Valley water basin would increase underground pressure gradients that might increase the number or size of earthquakes in the county,

Hence: Allowing industrial-level consumption of water by permitting new enhanced extraction fracking wells within the Salinas Valley water basin would be detrimental to returning the basin to a sustainable condition, would directly compete with existing agriculture/vintner water use, and would likely constrain agriculture operations in the valley.

Additionally, allowing storage of millions of gallons of toxic fracking waste under or near water aquifers in the water basin would unnecessarily create a huge risk of pollution to the single source of water within the valley and create an unacceptable risk to the local, Central Coast, and California economies. Therefore Be it:

Resolved that the California State Grange has determined that enhanced extraction by hydraulic fracking or by acid injection is too dangerous to the local environment and local economy and therefore fracking operations cannot be permitted in Monterey County; And Be it further

Resolved that the California State Grange has determined that storage of enhanced fracking waste in injection wells is too dangerous a risk to the Salinas Valley water basin and cannot be permitted in Monterey County.

An additional Fracking Resolution was submitted, and the delegate voted to refer it to an interim committee for further study and return it in 2016.

ner, attorney for the State Grange, who spent several days meeting with members and answering questions about the current lawsuit and was a keynote speaker. Another special treat was the special entertainment present on first night by Rusty Richards and son Jason. Rusty was a member of Roy Rogers Sons of the Pioneers. The members were treated to songs, cowboy poetry and stories by Rusty.

When the State Grange was reorganized last year, they elected a State Master, State Secretary and three members of the Executive Committee to be the Board of Directors of the State Grange. The Board appointed pro tem officers, and the delegate elected members to fill these positions in accordance with our By-Laws. The following officers were elected.

Overseer	Mike Warner (San Diego Co)
Lecturer	Barbara Geiger (Monterey Co)
Chaplain	Bill Compton (San Luis Obispo Co)
Steward	Randy Turnquist (Monterey Co)
Asst Steward	Joesph Stefenoni (Sonoma Co)
LA Steward	Suzi Laskowski (Kern Co)
Gatekeeper	Brandon Nebitt (Kern Co)
Treasurer	Bud Hill (Stanislaus Co)
Flora	Nola Martini (Santa Clara Co)
Ceres	LoRee Lampke (Butte Co)
Pomona	Jamie West (San Diego Co)
Musician	Martha Stefenoni (Sonoma Co)

Additional Photos from the session can be found at:

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149th Annual National Grange Convention—Recap



National Delegate Gathered on stairs



California members attending National Session



More California members attending National Session



New National Master Betsy Huber, being installed



California State Grange and Aptos Grange being recognized as Distinguished Granges

Words From The Chaplain Bill Compton, State Chaplain

All Grangers do the best possible to protect that which is valuable and meaningful to them: Crops, livestock, life, health, property,



Bill Compton
State Chaplain

auto and liability protection keeps us solvent from loss, lawsuits and bankruptcy. Generally, we are talking about insurance protection which comes with a price which must be paid--the premium. Recently, perhaps the Grange Hall insurance has not been renewed, or will not be renewed within the coming months...

Big Problem! But what about sustaining and protecting our spirituality for our immortal soul and our loved ones? Money for insurance premium is not involved here, nor should it be, but prayer, mediation, study, sacrifice and fasting assist us in our daily lives as a replacement for a premium payment.

One the first prayers I learned from my mother was in my bedroom as a child under a large and beautiful picture of a Guardian Angel looking over two small barefoot children, a little boy with a not to much older sister who was looking after him as they crossed a rickety old wooden bridge spanning a swollen and overflowing creek bed to safety.

Perhaps you also know it or a variation for the protection of your loved ones:

Angels of God our Guardian Dears

To whom God's love commits us here,

Ever this day be at our side

to guide and to protect us each day of our lives here on this earth

And then to lead us to everlasting life with God almighty in heaven above.

Member Recognition

The following members are hereby recognized for their years of membership in the Grange.

July 2015

30 Yrs - Ancie Griffin (Aptos No. 800)
10 Yrs - Josephina Rubio (San Bernardo No. 506)

August 2015

50 Yrs - Paula Wilson (De Sabla No. 762)
20 Yrs - Frances Modena (Cupertino No. 739)
20 Yrs - Joan Francis (Cupertino No. 739)
20 Yrs - Amanda Thomas (Wyandotte No. 495)
20 Yrs - Amanda Thomas (De Sabla No. 762)
5 Yrs - Tyler Casterson (Aptos No. 800)
5 Yrs - Alicia Villarrueal (Gilroy No. 398)
5 Yrs - Janessa Villarrueal (Gilroy No. 398)

September 2015

50 Yrs - Pete Miller (Empire No. 521)
50 Yrs - Carolyn Hill (Empire No. 521)
45 Yrs - Therese Lambro (Cupertino No. 739)
45 Yrs - Arthur Lambro (Cupertino No. 739)
40 Yrs - Shirley Stormes (Prunedale No. 388)
30 Yrs - Richard Deeney (Cupertino No. 739)
30 Yrs - Barbara Deeney (Cupertino No. 739)
30 Yrs - Shirley Rose (Bellevue No. 374)
20 Yrs - Kevin Herring (Prunedale No. 388)

2015 California Grange Expo Results

ART & CRAFTS

Div. 10 Art

Section A2 – Junior age 8 to 10

Class 1 – Painting

1st Caleb Larson – Raven on Half Dome –
Central Union Grange Guest

Class 2 – Drawing

2nd Caleb Larson – “Ty Cooney” – Central
Union Grange Guest

3rd Leandra Larson – Mission San Luis –
Central Union Grange #559

Section A3 – Junior age 11 to 14

Class 1 – Painting

HM Lauren Larson – untitled – Central Union
Grange Guest

Class 2 – Drawing

1st Lauren Larson – untitled – Central Union
Grange Guest

Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)

Class 1 – Painting

1st Ann Larson – California Poppy – Central
Union Grange #559

Class 2 – Drawing

HM Michael Lampke – Pencil Drawing – De
Sabla Grange #762

Class 3 – Any other Media

HM Kaylynn Booth – Under the Sea – DeSabla
Grange #762

Division 20 Artisan Crafts

Section A2 – Junior age 10 to 14 inclusive

Class 1 – Ceramics

HM Caleb Larson – “Hook in Worm” – Central
Union Grange Guest

Division 33 General Crafts

Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)

Class 4 – Any Other Kind

1st Kaylynn Booth – Wind Chime – DeSabla
Grange #762

2nd Kaylynn Booth – Necklace – DeSabla
Grange #762

BEST of SHOW – ART & CRAFTS

Junior: Caleb Larson - Raven on Half Dome –
Central Union Grange Guest

Senior: Ann Larson – California Poppy – Central
Union Grange #559

Division 120 Collections

Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)

Class 1 – Any Kind

1st Katie Squire – Jewels, Tools, & Records:
1873 – Central Union Grange #559

2nd H.F. “Tom” Sawyer – 21 years of Conven-
tion Pins – Morgan Hill Grange #408

FOODS

Division 152 Cookie

Section A – Junior (ages 5-13 inclusive)

Class 1 Bar Cookie

1st Leandra Larson – Lemon Bars – Central
Union Grange #559

Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)

Class 2 Drop Cookie

1st Ann Larson - Oatmeal Raisin – Central
Union Grange #559

Class 4 Rolled Cookie

1st Katie Squire – Sesame Shortbread – Central
Union Grange #559

Division 170 Snacks

Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)

Class 1 Any Kind

1st Dale Baker – Chocolate Covered Walnuts –
Orangevale Grange # 354

Division 185 Jam

Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)

Class 1 – Berry Jam

1st H.F. “Tom” Sawyer – Low Sugar Rasp-
berry Jam – Morgan Hill Grange #408

2nd Katie Squire – Blackberry Jam – Central
Union Grange #559

3rd Katie Squire – Blueberry Jam – Central
Union Grange #559

Class 2 – Strawberry Jam

HM H.F. “Tom” Sawyer – Low Sugar Straw-
berry Jam – Morgan Hill Grange #408

Class 4 – Any Other Kind

3rd Ann Larson – Apricot Jam – Central Union
Grange #559

HM LoRee Lampke – Peach Jam – Wyandotte
Grange #495

Division 186 Jelly

Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)

Class 1 – Berry Jelly

1st John Lose – Wild Mountain Elderberry Jelly
– Central Union Grange Guest

Division 187 Other Soft Spreads

Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)

Class 1 – Marmalade

1st H.F. “Tom” Sawyer – Orange Marmalade –
Morgan Hill Grange #408

Class 4 – Any Other Kind

1st Katie Squire – Strawberry Topping –
Central Union Grange #559

BEST of SHOW – FOODS

Senior: H.F. “Tom” Sawyer –
Low Sugar Raspberry Jam

TEXTILES

Division 210 – Needlework

Section B – Youth (age 14-20 inclusive)

Class 8 – Cap, Hat, or Scarf – yarn

1st Codey Larson – knit cap – Central Union
Grange #559

Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)

- Class 10 – Any other – Yarn
 1st Karen Ruppe – crochet cow – Prunedale Grange #388
 2nd Lillian Booth – crochet potholders – De Sabla Grange #762
 Class 12 – Counted Cross Stitch
 1st Katie Squire – Eagle hand towel – Central Union Grange #559

Division 220 – Quilts & Comforters

- Section A – Junior (ages 5 -13 inclusive)
 Class 4, Quilt, machine quilted
 1st Sydney Weaver – Polka Dot quilt – Dixon Grange #19

Division 225 – National Grange Quilt Block Contest

- Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)
 Class 1 – Block
 1st Barbara Florian – Quilt Block – Rio Linda Grange #403

Division 230 – Weaving, Miscellaneous, or Mixed techniques

- Section B – Youth (age 14 -20 inclusive)
 Class 4 – Any other Kind
 1st Codey Larson – potholder- Central Union Grange #559

Division 240 – Sewing – clothing construction

- Section A – Junior (ages 5 -13 inclusive)
 Class 5, Pants or Shorts
 1st Sydney Weaver – Pajama pants – Dixon Grange #19
 Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)
 Class 1 – Blouse or Shirt
 1st Katie Squire – Number blouse – Central Union Grange #559
 Class 7 – Any other Garment
 1st Katie Squire – Native American War shirt – Central Union Grange #559

Division 250 – Sewing – Household creations

- Section A – Junior (ages 5 -13 inclusive)
 Class 2, Accessories
 1st Sydney Weaver – Denim Tote – Dixon Grange #19
 Class 4, Any other item
 1st Sydney Weaver – Pillow case – Dixon Grange #19
 Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)
 Class 4 – Any other item
 1st Emily Turnquist – Pillowcase – Aptos Grange #800
 2nd Amy Turnquist – Pillowcase – Aptos Grange #800
 3rd Lucy Dutra – Pillowcase – Aptos Grange #800
 HM Barbara Geiger – Pillowcase – Aptos Grange #800
 HM Robin Turnquist – Pillowcase – Aptos Grange #800

BEST of SHOW – TEXTILES

- Junior:** Sydney Weaver – Polka Dot quilt – Dixon Grange #19

- Youth:** Codey Larson – Knit Cap – Central Union Grange #559

- Senior:** Barbara Florian – Quilt Block – Rio Linda Grange #403

Division 300 MISCELLANEOUS

- Section A – Junior (ages 5 -13 inclusive)
 Class 1 Any other - specify
 1st Lauren Larson – Paracord Bracelet – Central Union Grange Guest
 2nd Caleb Larson – Paracord Bracelet – Central Union Grange Guest
 Section B – Youth (ages 14 -20 inclusive)
 Class 1 Any other - specify
 1st Codey Larson – Paracord Bracelet – Central Union Grange #559
 Section C – Senior (Adult 21+)
 Class 1 Any other - specify
 1st Katie Squire – Fruit Headband – Central Union Grange #559

PHOTOGRAPHY

- Section A2 – Junior 10 to 13 inclusive
 Class 4 Animals
 1st Caleb Larson – untitled – Central Union Grange Guest
 Section C Senior (Adult 21+)
 Class 1 Landscape/Seascape
 1st Katie Squire – Red Rock Canyon – Central Union Grange #559
 2nd Leroy Squire – Rim of the World – Central Union Grange #559
 3rd Katie Squire – Crater Lake – Central Union Grange #559
 HM Leroy Squire – Eclipse Begins – Central Union Grange #559
 Class 2 Portrait
 1st LoRee Lampke – Baby Portrait – Wyandotte Grange # 495
 2nd Katie Squire – Love from Jamboree – Central Union Grange #559
 Class 3 Macro (close-up detail)
 1st Katie Squire – Red Columbine – Central Union Grange #559
 2nd Leroy Squire – Pollination Truce – Central Union Grange #559
 Class 4 Animals
 1st Leroy Squire – Where Freedom Roosts – Central Union Grange #559
 2nd Katie Squire – My Hairy Friend – Central Union Grange #559
 3rd Katie Squire – Praying Mantis – Central Union Grange #559

BEST of SHOW – PHOTOGRAPHY

- Junior:** Caleb Larson - untitled – Central Union Grange Guest

- Senior:** Katie Squire – Red Rock Canyon – Central Union Grange #559

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Why the delay?

We have been working on finding a way to save money on printing and mailing of The California Granger. Until we get our determination letter from the IRS, we don't qualify for non-profit rates. We apologize for the delay in getting this issue to you.

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An agreement with Monroe Classics, an official retailer of Grange items, they are selling the "Keep Calm and Let

A Granger Make It" t-shirts. Cost is \$20.00 per shirt, and all proceeds goes to the Expo Program.

The shirt are made of Gildan Ultra pre-shrunk cotton, Available in sizes Small thru 4XL. Royal blue with white imprint on front as shown.

Order from <http://www.promoplace.com/grange/showrooms.htm>

President's Message — continued from page 3.

ence, obligation, restriction, power or right of doing, thinking, speaking, etc., according to choice.

Charity; generous actions

So, in plain English, our motto says;

1 In everything basic and fundamental to our society, to our Order we need to be one!

2 – In everything that is not basic and fundamental, we need our freedom from control and interference!

3 – In all things we need to express ourselves with Charity in all of our actions!

I ask that we all embrace the Grange motto in our halls, in our home and in our communities, for if we do, we make a better world for all of us.

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Yes we have a Facebook page. It can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/CA-State-Grange-505899899548184/timeline/?ref=hl> or just go to our webpage at www.castategrange.org and click the Facebook link on any page.

New On Our Website!

As a service to the Officers and Members of our constituent Granges, we have added additional on line forms. For the Granges, they include the ability to submit articles for publication, submit quarterly report forms, plus you can submit roster changes, new member quick start submission and resolutions for the annual sessions. For our Members, you can submit change of address, change of name, change of phone/email address.

Anything else? Just drop us an email with your suggestions.